

# the Seagull



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Newsletter of Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa (NOSCO)

October 2009

## Welcome Brunch a great success!

With more than 300 attendees, last month's NOSCO/MOSC Welcome brunch was the perfect kick-off to a new year! Dozens of prizes were raffled off, and \$3000 was raised for the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society!

Thanks to everyone who donated prizes and centerpieces, those who helped with setup, and to everyone that attended!



## ...from our president

Fall Greetings to Everyone,



All though the leaves won't be changing in Okinawa, we are all starting to feel that fall is in the air. We each do our own special things to make it feel like home. Again, to all of the new members of NOSCO a very warm "Welcome Home!"

September was a fabulous month! The Welcome Aboard was a HUGE success. A very special "Thank You" goes out to Amy Oxner and all of the wonderful women who helped make it the best one yet! Thank you also to all of you who donated wonderful prizes for it as well. We had over 300 people join us for the Welcome Aboard and it was great to meet so many new people and re-connect with old friends.

The coffee groups are all getting off to a fabulous start with their welcome events. Just a few more to go. If you haven't joined a coffee group or aren't sure which one you are a part of, please get in touch with a NOSCO board member so we can help you find out. We also have several special interest groups that are starting up so please let us know if you are interested in joining any of those.

The Navy Fleet Gift Shop has the Philippines unload coming up on October 5th. Please come and join us for that event. You get to have fun, be the first to see what wonderful things the new shipment holds, possibly pre-buy and help the NFGS out! Although we have a wonderful staff, the store couldn't run without the volunteers as well. We also need help on October 3rd as well from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Watch your emails for the upcoming date of the South East Botanical Garden Luncheon hosted by CFAO & CTF – 76 coffee groups. It is a fun event and you leave with some great goodies! It is also a great way to meet people if you are new to the island.

Have a safe and wonderful October and I look forward to seeing you through out the month.

Angela Pantangan

# Dental

By Angela Pantangan

Angie Wolfgang hosted the Welcome Tea for our Dental group in September. We had a great turn out and enjoyed catching up with old friends and meeting some fabulous new ladies. We look forward to having our Bunco party in October.

# CTF-76/CFAO

By Colleen Cooney

We enjoyed a lovely brunch at Susan Bossert's home for our annual Welcome gathering. Everyone had a great time playing games and getting to know more about each other while munching on potluck brunch goodies! We also had a fabulous time at the NOSCO/MOSC brunch and we're looking forward to our next get-together at Marco Polo cafe in Awase on October 6.



# 3rd Med

By Kelly Kaup

The 3rd Med wives had a great time at Satto's getting to know all our newbies! Thanks Amy for the introduction to a great restaurant. Next month we'll meet at Jennifer's pick on October 26th.



# Chaplains

By Carrie Stuart

The Chaplain Corps Ball is Friday, October 30th at 1800 at the Butler Officers' Club. The theme this year is "From One Generation to Another". The 1st MAW Chaplains are running the show this year, and the point of contact for tickets is Chaplain Ken Espinosa. He can be reached at 646-4916. Ticket price is \$45.



# The Navy Fleet Gift Shop

is excited to announce the upcoming arrival of  
our PHILIPPINES shipment!

## Christmas Items

Quilts, Stockings, Advent Calendars, International Santas, Ornaments, Nativity Sets, Table Runners, Wine Covers, Holiday Jewelry, Baby's 1st Christmas Sets, Christmas Cards & so much more...

### At the Home Store...

Rattan Storage Units, Tin Items,  
Bamboo Ladders, Monkey Pod,  
Leaning Shelves, Pashminas,  
Beach Mats, Okinawa Aprons,  
Handbags, Jewelry & more!

### At the Kids Cottage...

Quilts, Dolls, Rain Sticks, Soft  
Toys, Responsibility Charts,  
Growth Charts, Dresses, Baby  
Blankets, Diaper Bags, Bibs,  
Stuffed Animals & more!

**SPECIAL OPENING!!**

**TUESDAY, OCT 6th**

**5pm-7pm**

**Wed 10am-6pm**

**Thurs, Fri, Sat 10am-3pm**



# Navy Fleet Gift Shop

**Home Store Hours:**

**Wednesday - Saturday**  
**10 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

*Volunteers are always needed!!!*

**Kids Cottage Hours:**

**Wednesday - Friday**  
**10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Saturday**  
**12 p.m. - 2 p.m.**

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## **Fabulous volunteers rewarded for their time**



Rene Pachuta and Laura Seng explore China this August. Rene qualified to go on the China Buy Trip through her numerous hours of volunteering at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop!



Angela Patangan and Laura Seng pause for a photo during a trip to Thailand this summer. All of her hours volunteering at the Gift Shop qualified her to go on the Thailand Buy Trip.

# AWWA Corner

By Amy Pettle, AWWA Chairperson

Each month, NOSCO donates money to various American and Japanese charities through AWWA (American Women's Welfare Association). Your Navy Fleet Gift Shop dollars and volunteer hours make these donations possible!

With gift shop profits from May, June, and July, NOSCO was able to pledge funds to several organizations at the September AWWA meeting. Please keep in mind that the Japanese percentages may be higher since half our allotted American funds go toward our Navy families college scholarships.

## Recent Grants:

### Japanese

- Social Welfare Corporation Sekiseikai-Haemien, **\$2,628** (replacement of 30 beds)

### American

- Friends of the Stork's Nest, **\$300** (quarterly cleaning contract)
- Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team, **\$363** (airfare for 2010 Winter International Age-Group Championship)
- Kubasaki High School Model United Nations, **\$363** (lodging for 2010 Model United Nations Far East activity)
- Kubasaki Dragons Football, **\$363** (airfare to Off-Island football game in Yokosuka)
- KDHS Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis, **\$363** (airfare and transportation for Tokyo tennis tournament)

*If your organization would like to apply for a grant through AWWA, applications can be obtained by emailing our AWWA Board at [awwaokinawa@yahoo.com](mailto:awwaokinawa@yahoo.com). Please contact me directly with any questions concerning AWWA at [ampettle@yahoo.com](mailto:ampettle@yahoo.com).*

# Happy Birthday

Alex Fisak	Oct 3
Marit Fechner	Oct 6
Amy Oxner	Oct 9
Kathleen Hewitt	Oct 10
Douglas Cox	Oct 14
Britt Clark	Oct 15
Caroline Hutto	Oct 16
Debra Bola	Oct 18
Amy Colaianni	Oct 19
Heidi Robinson	Oct 24
Julie Stinespring	Oct 25
Angie Wolfgang	Oct 31

Any comments or submissions for *The Seagull* can be submitted to Editor Colleen Cooney at [poofy77@hotmail.com](mailto:poofy77@hotmail.com)

*Private Dale M. Hansen Medal of Honor*

"What you don't know,  
your Marines don't know."



**Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**  
**Camp Foster: Bldg. 5674, 645-7808, M-Fri 0830-1600**  
**Camp Hansen: Bldg. 2339, 623-5043, M-Fri 1000-1400**

*Did you know that . . .*

**When the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society says "No" to your request for financial assistance, that doesn't have to be the final response?** Sometimes, a client's request for financial assistance falls outside the policy guidelines of our organization and our local staff must submit your case to Headquarters for review and to possibly provide an exception to policy. At the time your case is submitted for review, the local Director submits a recommendation to authorize or deny an exception to policy. Even if the Society's leadership at Headquarters denies the exception, the client has the right to take the case to his commanding officer. This is known as Command Appeal. Often, but not always, a commanding officer's telephone call to the Society's senior leadership will result in the client receiving financial help.

*Did you know that . . .*

The Budget for Baby program is an informative class and at its conclusion parents are presented with a Volunteer-assembled layette? The layette includes terry sleepers, handmade blankets, sheets, towels, and more. In 2008 there were 6,230 families that participated in the Budget for Baby program.

Let the Society help you welcome the newest member of your family. Get a spending plan review which helps you understand the sometimes hidden costs associated with a growing family and receive a layette for your new baby. This class is open to active duty, spouses and significant others! Call **645-7808** or **623-5043** for more information.

Upcoming classes:

- Oct 1st Camp Kinser 0930-1130
- Oct 8th Camp Courtney 0930-1130
- Oct 15th Camp Lester 1730-1930
- Oct 22nd Camp Foster 0930-1130

# Recipe exchange

## Cranberry-Pumpkin Cookies

### Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter, softened	2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup white sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg	1 cup fresh cranberries
1 cup solid pack pumpkin puree	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour	1 tablespoon orange zest
	1/2 cup chopped walnuts

### Directions:

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease cookie sheets.
- In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in vanilla, egg and pumpkin. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon; stir into mixture until well blended. Cut the cranberries in half and stir into mixture along with the orange zest and walnuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto cookie sheets.
- Bake for 10 to 12 minutes.

To share your favorite recipe, please submit by email to [poofy77@hotmail.com](mailto:poofy77@hotmail.com).  
Recipe can be printed and cut out to fit a 4x6 recipe box.

## Chaplain Corps Ball

*"From One Generation  
to Another"*

Friday, October 30

1800

Butler O Club

\$45

contact Chaplain Ken Espinosa for tickets at 646-4916

# Happy Halloween!

