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Of course, you can always use the traditional method...

- Download (from [www.noscokinawa.com](http://www.noscokinawa.com)) and print your application
- Drop off your completed application at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop on Camp Lester along with a check or cash

**or**

- Mail your application with a check to:  
Louise Tower  
PSC 557 Box 71  
FPO AP 96379

*\*Membership Dues: \$25/yr or \$12.50 if PSCing before March*

*\*\*Please make check payable to NOSCO*



## NOSCO is looking for volunteers

Would you like to be involved? We are looking to fill the following Board positions:

Hospitality Chair  
Chaplains Coffee Rep  
Dental Coffee Rep

Contact Chris Morse:  
[morsechristine@hotmail.com](mailto:morsechristine@hotmail.com)

## Save the date!

## Welcome Aboard Reception

Monday, September 22

9:30 a.m.  
at the Butler O Club

*Free for all eligible members!*

## ...from our president

I can't believe we are already in the last month of summer! Even though it's been a hot one, my family and I have been enjoying the many activities this island has to offer. With September fast approaching, things are heating up for NOSCO as well.



Please mark your calendars for our kick-off event, the Welcome Aboard Reception scheduled for September 22, 2008 at the Butler Officers' Club. This joint event with MOSC is FREE and includes a light brunch, information, door prizes, and a goody bag full of island information and coupons. It is a great way to meet people or become reacquainted with friends who've been gone over the long hot summer. Please be sure to join us, this event is not to be missed.

I am very saddened to report that our longtime fundraising partner, Kanda's Gallery BOQ, is closing its doors by the end of this year. However, they have offered us the option of one more auction before they close their doors. We are currently focusing in on the date of October 25, but this is subject to change depending on the venue. We will make a huge publicity push for the event. I certainly don't think many people will want to miss their last chance to purchase some amazing Japanese art. We will definitely keep you posted on our progress with this event!

Our intrepid Membership Chairperson, Louise Tower, has created a wonderful innovation for filling out, returning, and paying for your application on-line. You can access the application from our website, [www.noscokinawa.com](http://www.noscokinawa.com), and pay for it using the paypal site. You will not even have to leave your computer! Thanks Louise!

I hope you have been noticing the many improvements around the Navy Fleet Gift Shop implemented by our new director, Kelli Dillon. We are still looking for a buyer and an operations supervisor, please spread the word! We are hoping to have many new volunteers after the summer lull. If you have any questions about volunteering, please be sure to contact us at 645-8812 or 643-7841. Finally, Shanghai will be unloading and opening in September, please watch your email for announcements on both. Everybody loves the amazing furniture, gift items and silk bags and accessories in this shipment. All you have to do to be among the first to see the items and purchase them is help us out with the unload and opening week.

I am pleased to report that the Board has decided to add a General NOSCO Coffee Group, which is intended to include all those members that do not already have their spouse's command represented, or those who would like the option of additional activities. We are still thinking about a fun name, so if you have a great idea, let us know. We are thrilled to finally provide this much-needed coffee group.

I am looking to make some improvements with NOSCO this year, particularly in the area of interest groups and monthly events. We will require a few leaders to help us to get the interest groups started. I will be emailing you in the near future about that. Also, I would like to have a few luncheons sprinkled throughout the year. Please watch for announcements.

If you have any suggestions for how to improve NOSCO, please let me know. The organization is what we make of it, and I intend to make it better than ever this year! Contact me at [morsechristine@hotmail.com](mailto:morsechristine@hotmail.com) with any questions or comments.

See you around the island,

Chris

# CTF-76

It has been an eventful summer for the ladies of CTF-76. Patty Nieswiadomy hosted a welcome luncheon for Beth Landholt. We would also like to extend a warm greeting to three new families here on the island. We'd like to welcome the McMahon family, the Haase family and the Holt family.

Additionally, several of the ladies this summer are getting involved with the "layette" program (part of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society) which provides hand-made blankets to military families for their babies.



Members of the CTF-76 Coffee Group enjoyed a luncheon to welcome Beth Landholt (seated).



# 3rd Dental BN

We were sad to say goodbye to our Advisor Ann Leonard in July. We had a great goodbye dinner for her at Peter's Place where everyone enjoyed the wonderful family-style chinese dishes. We hope she enjoyed her time with us and wish her well in her future endeavors.

We have also welcomed our new advisor, Angie Wolfgang. Our first event will be an afternoon tea hosted by Angie on August 24th. We look forward to welcoming the many new spouses who have arrived this summer.



CTF-76 families gathered at the change-of-command ceremony and celebration on June 23 to bid farewell to ADM Carol Pottenger and her husband, Mike.



The members of 3rd DN BN enjoyed a night at Peter's Place to say goodbye to our Advisor Ann Leonard. We will miss her and wish her luck in North Carolina.

# Could it be you?



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- Public Speaker
- Layette Assembler
- Budget for Baby Instructor
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resume, e-mail Kelli Dillon at  
navyfleetgiftshop@hotmail.com  
or call 645-8812



# 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). We are able to fund this through your Navy Gift Shop dollars and your Navy Fleet Gift Shop volunteer hours. Your continued support makes this possible!

Here's how NOSCO pledged our funds from the Navy Fleet Gift Shop April-June 2008 profits. 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:*

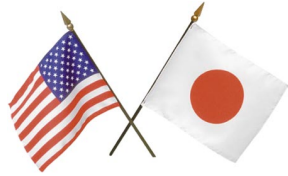
- Haemi En, **\$2450** (industrial washer and dryer)
- Miyako Gakuen, **\$1078** (dough conditioner)

*American:*

- Kubasaki Drama Club, **\$1300** (spring production of Teahouse of the August Moon)
- International Christian Women's Club, **\$300** (childcare for monthly luncheon)
- Okinawa Ice Pilots, **\$550** (youth startup hockey kits and hockey sticks)
- Friends of the Stork's Nest, **\$1000** (cleaning of cottages)
- Kadena Highschool Soccer Club, **\$750** (soccer camp)

*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).*

# Culture Corner



## Gift Giving

If you are invited to a Japanese family's house, always take something with you to give to the hostess. Flowers are ideal, or some nicely presented food.

Do not be offended if your hostess does not open the gift in front of you. It is the height of bad manners to open the gift immediately. It does not mean she doesn't appreciate it; on the contrary she will be highly delighted at your thoughtfulness.



Likewise, if you are given something, you should observe the same convention. Still, as a foreigner, it is quite likely that you will be urged to open it at once. However, unless you are invited to, please don't.

# Happy Birthday

Amy Pettle	Jul 7
Janine Barnes	Jul 10
Angela McCoy	Jul 10
Linda Watson	Jul 14
Christina McGillvery	Jul 16
Angela Feters	Jul 18
Shannon Woodward	Jul 21
Michele Mosteller	Jul 23
Mimi Brenyo	Jul 26
Julia Lockhart	Aug 2
Michael Toone	Aug 7
Pamela Caruso	Aug 15
Steven Emerick	Aug 16
Eileen Scott	Aug 18
Helen Armstrong	Aug 19
Elizabeth Goad	Aug 21
Wendy Hicks	Aug 22
Sharon Parks	Aug 26
Mary Beth Wallace	Aug 30



## MOSC and NOSCO

cordially invite Officers' spouses and civilians on Okinawa to a

## Welcome Aboard Reception



September 22, 2008 • Monday, 9:30am  
Butler Officers' Club



MOSC (Marine Officers' Spouses' Club) and NOSCO (Naval Officers' Spouses' Club of Okinawa) are social and service clubs that offer members the opportunity to meet other spouses and to serve the community.

Please visit [www.noscokinawa.com](http://www.noscokinawa.com) for more details.



Some of the 14 scholarship recipients pause for a photo during the June 4 presentation and celebration. Pictured are, from left, Danielle Nicole Schmidt, Katrina Jaffer, Miguel Mendoza, Linda Wood, Brenda Cook and Faith Barreyro.