



The Seagull

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

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...from
our
president



Happy summer!

Happy Summer NOSCO Members! It's that time of year again. The moving vans are constantly in and out of the neighborhood and the goodbye parties are all lined up. To those of you moving on to the next duty station, I wish you fair winds and following seas. To those of you staying in Okinawa, let's make this year the best one yet for NOSCO and the Navy Fleet Gift Shop!

Congratulations to our Ways and Means Chairperson, Rachel Broom, on the most successful Art Auction in recent history. We more than doubled our profit from last year and we could not be prouder of the flawless execution of the event. I have had many people comment on how well it was organized and smoothly operated. Thank you very much to all of the volunteers who helped make this such a great event. We could not have done it without you. Thanks to all of those who attended the event and purchased the beautiful art and Persian rugs. Thanks to the staff of Butler Officer's Club for all of their assistance. Finally, thanks to Rachel Broom, we are lucky to have you on our Board.

I also have to thank our Second Vice, Mike Toone, for our wonderful End of the Year Party. We had great barbecue from Nap's, a great location at Kenny Park, and a fun and relaxing day for everyone. We were so happy to see many of our NOSCO members who are not on the Board. Thankfully, it did not start raining until we were driving away. A special thanks to Nap's for such great food and service, and particularly Sherri Vizcarra for your assistance.

Our next big event is our Scholarship Reception scheduled for June 4, 2008 at 4:00 at the Navy Fleet Home Store. We are proud to be providing 14 individuals with scholarships this year. They are a terrific group of deserving students. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with them. All NOSCO members are invited, no RSVP necessary.

I know many of you have been anxiously awaiting our China Shipment at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop. We anticipate it leaving port on May 31 and arriving June 9. We will definitely need all of our volunteers' help for that unload as it will be a one-day turnaround. Please watch your email for further announcements. On the subject of volunteers, WE NEED YOU! The summer is always a hard time with the PCS season and this year is no exception. If you can spare even an hour here and there, please come in. There are always customers to help, shelves to organize and decorating to do. If you've never volunteered before, come on in and we'll show you the ropes.

I am looking at ways to improve NOSCO as a whole in the next year. I am really hoping for more events with more participation. I also am hoping that we can get our interest groups operational. Please email me if you have any suggestions, comments or complaints. The more people we reach on this island, the more we connect, the more like home it is for all of us.

Lastly, we still have a few open positions, please contact me for further information on what is available.

Warmest regards,
Chris
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NOSCO Art Auction a Great Success

By Rachel Broom

NOSCO's annual art auction was held on May 10, 2008 at the Butler Officers' Club. It was a special evening of fine art, unique rugs, good food and great friends. It was a night where friends of NOSCO came together to celebrate and raise much needed funds to provide scholarships for Navy families and to support American and Japanese charities on Okinawa. In this respect, it was a big success as we were able to raise more than double the profits of previous years.

We were proud to partner with Kanda's Art Gallery B.O.Q. and Carpet House Co. so that we could bring you, our members, a one-of-a-kind opportunity to buy beautiful artwork and rugs for your home. Many of you enjoyed getting to pick out your Mother's Day gift and finding art pieces to remind you of your stay here on Okinawa. Most of all, it was a fun evening where we were able to come together and purchase these special items while also making a difference through NOSCO's charities.

We want to extend a sincere "thank you" to our members, volunteers and everyone that attended the art auction in order to make it a huge success. We are extremely grateful for everyone's support and dedication to NOSCO's mission. We hope to see you again at next year's event!

Special thanks to the following families for sponsoring the art auction:

CDR Kenneth and Laina Bell

LCDR John and Shari Biery

The Broom Family

The Cox Family

CAPT Dawson and CDR Carla Thorson

The Emerick Family

The Hunter Family

The Lane Family

The Leonard Family

The McCue Family

The Morse Family

The Schmidle Family

The Toone Family

Special thanks to the following individuals for volunteering their time and talents:

Ansar

Laina and Ken Bell

Elizabeth Biddle

Shari Biery

Paula Blivin

Stephanie Brooks

Rachel Broom

Pam Caruso

Britt and Justin Clark

Kelli Dillon

Steve Emerick

Alex Fisak

Tanja Groesbeck

Melanie Hardy

Staci Hawley-Praske

Jill Hunter

Vicki Lane and CAPT David Lane

Kathleen Lennard

Ann Leonard

Mindy Manuel

Karen MacDonald

Debbie McCue

Margy Metzler

Chris and Kevin Morse

Beth Olmo

Cat Pate

Amy Pettle

Gale and Jim Rodgers

Suzanne Secrest

CDR Carla Thorson and CAPT

Dawson

Mike Toone

Sherri Vizcarra

Salley Westcott

Thank You!!

Reading 'Round the Ryukyus

Available at your local library, Reading 'Round the Ryukyus kits allow individuals to check out the materials needed for a book club meeting. In every book club bag are 10 copies of the selected book and an accompanying guide that includes forms and information to assist the discussion leader.

For established group, Reading 'Round the Ryukyus offers an easy way to branch out of your comfort zone. Stick strictly to classics? Maybe a discussion about the fate-bound couple in Jennifer Crusie's *Bet Me* will give your group a lighthearted break before diving back into *War and Peace*. Or, take a respite from romance and tackle the grotesquely engaging *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*.

In addition to providing options to expand title selections, Reading 'Round the Ryukyus is a springboard for those starting a book club. The readers' guide includes suggestions about organizing a book club, selecting titles, and maintaining effective discussions.

Reading 'Round the Ryukyus kits may be checked out for six weeks, but they cannot be renewed. Groups can reserve kits in person or by phone. Please remember that if another group has a kit, the wait may be a little longer than for other library items.

Titles of Reading 'Round the Ryukyus kits (please call Foster Library for availability, 645-7178)

Tsunami Scuba's 2nd annual underwater photo contest

Entry Deadline: July 06

First, Second and Third place winners will be selected in the following categories: **Macro, Creatures, People and Abstract**

Grand prize will be awarded to the Best Overall winner!

\$25 entry fee includes an awards banquet at the Butler Officers Club (fee is per person, not entry) on Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m.

Entries must meet the following specific requirements:

- 8 x 10 print (matted & mounted)
- Black 3" matte (finished size: 11 ½ x 13 ½)
Set window size (7 ½ x 9 ½)
- Foster Framing & Fine Arts has partnered with Tsunami SCUBA to offer a special rate of \$15 per entry. Stop by Foster Framing for more details.

All entries must be submitted to the Camp Foster SCUBA center. All entrants will be required to sign a letter of authenticity indicating that they took the submitted photos. M CCS reserves the right to use all submissions in future publications, advertisements, and public displays. First place winners will be published in a future issue of *Okinawa Living* magazine.

For more details, please call 645-4206.

Friendship Festivals

The M CCS friendship festivals are open to everyone island-wide. They feature rides, games, a Kiddie land, prize giveaways, FREE live entertainment and enough cultural and American cuisine to satisfy the heartiest of appetites.

**July – Camp Hansen
August – MCAS Futenma**

Kadena ITT Tours

Tsuken Island Day Tour - We R Here 4 U*

20 June • 8 am - 4 pm

\$40 • Adults

\$32 • Children ages 6 -11

\$5 • Infants ages 0 - 5

Enjoy a day at the beach on Tsuken Island! Join us on a 15 minute ferry ride to this beautiful southeast island. The ferry ride, shower room and locker fee is included.

Zamami Island Day Tour

28 June • 7:30 am - 7:30 pm

\$91 • Adults

\$57 • Children ages 6 -11

\$5 • Infants ages 0 - 5

Enjoy the beautiful island of Zamami with its clear water and tranquil beaches. Zamami is one of the first islands involved in the Okinawa Campaign. We will travel on a relaxing 90 minute ferry ride followed by a short tour of this southern island before enjoying the remainder of the day at the beach.

***We R Here 4 U** - This program offers a special discount for families of deployed personnel. Please bring a copy of spouse's orders. Discount will be given at time of purchase.

Recipe Round-Up



Grilled Summer Fruit

Nonstick spray

3 firm but ripe nectarines, halved, pitted

3 firm but ripe purple/black plums, halved, pitted

3 firm but ripe red plums, halved, pitted

6 metal skewers or thick wooden skewers soaked in water 30 minutes

3 tablespoons sugar

*Other fruit substitutions can be apricots and peaches

Spray the grill rack with nonstick spray and prepare the barbecue (medium-high heat). Thread 1 piece of each fruit on each of 6 skewers so that the cut sides line up and lay flat. Sprinkle the sugar over the cut sides of the fruit. Let stand until the sugar dissolves, about 10 minutes.

Place the fruit skewers on the grill cut side down. Grill the fruit until it is heated through and caramelized, about 5 minutes. Transfer 1 fruit skewer to each plate and serve.

WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE

that NOSCO is donating \$750 to the Corpsmen's Ball, lowering the ticket prices for 50 attendees.

These E-1s and E-2s will only have to pay \$10 each.



Happy Birthday

June 2 - Amanda Harrington

June 5 - Stephanie Brooks

June 8 - Shari Bajus

June 10 - Colleen Cooney

June 14 - Nobue Lowrey

June 17 - Kimberly Trogdon

June 20 - Jennifer Graham

June 21 - Pamela Schwartz

June 22 - Dorinda Guzman-Williams

June 22 - Sandra Kreh

June 22 - Deborah McCue

June 26 - Salley Westcott

June 28 - Kristalen Hollensbe

June 28 - Angela Pinkerton

June 29 - Carmen Hoyt

*Comments, complaints and
newsletter submissions should be
emailed to:*

poofy77@hotmail.com

Navy Fleet Gift Shop

*Operations Supervisor
Position Available*

This is a **30 hours a week, salary paid position** that involves supervision of overall day-to-day functions and sales in both gift shops, as well as daily volunteer operations to include volunteer recruiting, staffing, training and retention. The position is also responsible for the marketing aspects of the Navy Fleet Gift Shop. The Operations Supervisor needs to possess **organizational ability, communication skills, initiative, and excellent interpersonal skills.**

Applicant must be a self-starter with experience in computers and **Microsoft Excel**. Experience with retail, marketing, customer service and volunteers are preferred. Applicants must have **SOFA status** and at least 14 months remaining on island, but willing to work with this. Position does require some evening and weekend work. **Qualified applicants will be interviewed.**

Interested individuals should fax, mail, or email a cover letter and resume to:

Navy Fleet Gift Shop
PSC 482 Box 2862
FPO AP 96362-2862
Fax: 645-8891

Email: navynfgs@oasis.mediatti.net
or
kdlad@hotmail.com

**Application deadline
is June 6th, 2008!**

Please plan to attend the

NOSCO

Scholarship Awards Reception

Wednesday, June 4, 2008
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

At the Navy Fleet Gift Shop

COFFEE TALK



~CTF-76~
by Staci Hawley-Praske

May has been an eventful month for the ladies of CTF-76. Nosco's annual Art Auction featuring the artists of Kanda's Gallery was a successful evening. I was amazed at the Japanese woodblock prints. They were so beautiful. If you didn't get a chance to go to the auction- visit the gallery. The lives of the artists and the techniques involved in the process are fascinating. A true taste of Japanese culture and tradition.

We also enjoyed Nosco's end of the year party at Kenny Park on Kadena. In addition to all these events, we would also like to give a warm welcome to the Castillo family. Additionally, we would like to

extend a warm welcome to The Landholt's. He will be replacing ADM Pottenger in June.

~Dental~
by Suzanne Secrest

Thank you Julie Hengehold and Rachel Veit for hosting a fabulous Cinco de Mayo themed May Bunko. The food was delicious and the bunko prizes we so much fun. We said goodbye to our members moving home this summer at a fantastic dinner at Arin Krin. Goodbye, we will miss you! We will say goodbye to Ann Leonard at a special dinner in June. Details will be sent via email.