



BUNCO Rocks 2008

When: NOVEMBER 14, AT 6 P.M.

Where: TENGAN CASTLE, CAMP COURTNEY

Who: NOSCO MEMBERS (APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT NFGS OR ONLINE AT WWW.NOSCOKINAWA.COM PAYABLE VIA PAYPAL)

Why: TO HAVE FUN ROLLING THE DICE AND WINNING JEWELRY!

Cost: \$20 PER PERSON (INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES AND TWO RAFFLE TICKETS)



**Everything's in place,
except you...**

Generous donations made by over 20 local jewelry vendors with over 120 pieces to give away as Bunco and raffle prizes!!



**Diamonds, Pearls, Jade,
Onyx, Crystals, Beads,
Charms, Gold, Silver,
Bracelets, Rings,
Necklaces, Earrings...
Oh, my!**

Everyone will go home a winner!!



**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN
NOVEMBER 10, 2008!!**

*Limited seating available –
so reserve your place today*

*Sign up here at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop
on Camp Lester*

**QUESTIONS? CALL AMY DAHLIN:
622-8111 / AMYLYDAHLIN@AOL.COM**

**• Additional raffle tickets will be
available for sale at the event!**

- **Cash Bar!**
- **Door Prizes!**

...from our president

Thanksgiving Greetings NOSCO Members!



Our final art auction with Kanda's was a smashing success. We had a great turnout and it really came together well at Zukeran Elementary. Of course, we could not have done it without many amazing volunteers. Many, many thanks to everyone who came out to set-up, work that evening and even just to shop. We are still working on the final numbers, we'll let you know next month exactly how well we did. I could not be prouder of how we came together to make the event happen as well as the end result. Unfortunately, this means we have to come up with a new fundraiser for the future, if you have any suggestions, please forward them to me at morsechristine@hotmail.com.

Our next fabulous event is, of course, Bunco Rocks. The event is open to NOSCO members and is not yet sold out. Do not miss your chance at the \$5000 worth of jewelry that will be given away the evening of November 14. The event will be at Tengen Castle starting at 6:00 pm. Please see the ad in this Seagull for further information. You can sign up either at the Navy Fleet Gift Shop or online at ww.noscokinawa.com. You do not want to miss this event!

Lucky us, we have two events in November! The other event is a morning at Southeast Botanical Gardens. This event will include an amazing lunch buffet, deployment information, as well as an ikebana demonstration and you'll be making your own arrangement to take home! The cost is \$20 when you sign up at the Gift Shop. You can also sign up through www.noscokinawa.com. If you sign up online, the cost is \$21 to cover the paypal fee. We hope you can join us for a lovely day at Southeast Botanical Gardens!

The Navy Fleet Gift Shop has been busy, busy, busy! Thanks to all of the terrific volunteers who helped us prepare the Shanghai shipment in record time. We have also just opened up Thailand. So stop by the store and see what's new. Coming next, the Philippines Christmas shipment. We need your help to process all of the new items, so join us for the unload on November 4. Earn funny money and the right to pre-buy when you volunteer four hours of the unload and four hours of opening week. We need your help to make the Gift Shop a success! Please contact the Gift Shop at 643-7841 or 645-8812 for further information.

Unfortunately we will soon be saying goodbye to Mike Toone, who has been an invaluable member of our Board and Gift Shop staff. Therefore, we will have two positions open: Second Vice President (essentially a party planning position) and Website. We also have Hospitality chair open. If you are interested in serving our wonderful organization, please contact me and I would be happy to give you further information.

Please continue to watch your email about club announcements, Gift Shop unloads, and openings! On behalf of the NOSCO Board, I wish everyone a peaceful and happy Thanksgiving!

Warmest Regards,
Chris

Naval Hospital

By Lori Tramont

We had our Welcome Coffee at the home of our advisor, Carla Thorson on October 6th. She had a variety of delicious cakes, and we made our social plans for the upcoming year. Our next event is dinner with our spouses on November 6th at the restaurant Sauce. We are looking forward to a fun year!



3rd Dental BN

By Angela Patangan

October was a spooktacular month with a ghoulish good time had by all at our monthly Bunco get together. Chris Morse hosted a wonderful evening filled with wonderful Thai food and a great evening of fun. We look forward to our next get together in November.

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By Colleen Cooney

We said a sad farewell to Melody Howard and Mary Beth Wallace during a dinner at Stacks on October 11th. The food was great, and the company was even better! November will be very busy, starting with a baby shower on the 7th for Beth Landolt and baby Josh. The 14th marks the much-anticipated Bunco Rocks event, hosted by our coffee group. A number of members are also planning a snorkeling excursion on Ikei Island before the chilly weather sets in.



3rd Medical BN

By Kelly Kaup

The 3rd Med Coffee Group had a great time at Tonneau enjoying sushi and pizza. We missed our members here weren't able to come but look forward to seeing you in November at the Tree House Restaurant.



On behalf of **NOSCO,**
I present our
Art Auction

Thank You **list:**

If I missed anyone, I sincerely apologize. Our volunteers were amazing as always and I can't thank everyone enough!

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| <i>Captain Dawson</i> | <i>Cat Pate</i> |
| <i>Carla Thorson</i> | <i>Susan LaBanc</i> |
| <i>Danny Jaffer</i> | <i>Linda Pole</i> |
| <i>Renee Jaffer</i> | <i>Alex Fisak</i> |
| <i>Caroline Hutto</i> | <i>Maria Barefield</i> |
| <i>Mike Toone</i> | <i>Stephanie Clapper</i> |
| <i>Rachel Broom</i> | <i>Margie Metzler</i> |
| <i>Susan Bossert</i> | <i>Amy Pettle</i> |
| <i>Angela Patangan</i> | <i>Salley Westcott</i> |
| <i>Meredith Bolton</i> | <i>The Tramont</i> |
| <i>Rene Pashuta</i> | <i>Family</i> |
| <i>Kelly Kaup</i> | <i>And last but not</i> |
| <i>Angie Wolfgang</i> | <i>least, Kevin Morse</i> |



NOSCO

Interest Groups

Now inviting members interested in joining, starting, or leading a special interest group.

- **MAH JONGG** (Chinese Tile Game)
Group Leader: Lori Tramont
jltramont@msn.com
Every Thursday 9:00 am
Location: Tee House Restaurant, Kadena Golf Course
- **BIBLE STUDY**
Group Leader: Dianna Andrews
dianna5365@yahoo.com
- **BOOK CLUB**
Group Leader: Michele Mosteller
michelemosteller@msn.com
Cell: 090-6865-1970
- **GOLF**
Group Leader: Rene Pachuta
pachutas@msn.com
- **SCRAPBOOKING**
Group Leader: Louise Thompson
lhthompson2001@yahoo.com
- **QUILTING**
Group Leader: Stacy Suhre
suhre95@yahoo.com

We are still in need of leaders for the following groups:

PLAYGROUP

COOKING

HIKING

TRAVELING

SNORKELING and/or DIVING

NOSCO and MOSC cordially invite you to our November joint event.

A Morning at Southeast Botanical Gardens



November 19, 2008
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Buffet Luncheon

Please join us for an amazing buffet luncheon, information for deploying spouses and a fabulous ikebana demonstration. You'll be taking home a flower arrangement you made yourself!

We also will have donation door prizes.

You can sign up at the Marine Gift Shop, the Navy Fleet Gift Shop, or go to www.noscokinawa.com for further information. The cost is \$20 when you sign up at the Gift Shop, or \$21 when using paypal.

Navy Fleet Gift Shop

Thailand Shipment has arrived at Navy Fleet Gift Shop!!

Opens THURSDAY, October 30th at 10:00am
The Home Store will be open until 6pm on
Thursday & 5pm on Friday!

Check out our amazing items! Reclaimed teak furniture, rice baskets, fun handbags, jewelry, pottery, pillows, clothing, pumpkin lanterns, pagodas... and so much more!



Thailand Items at the Kids Cottage!

Find a great selection of teak rockers,
table sets, desks & bookshelves!

Nightlights, inflatable seats,
wooden toys, and much more!

Open Thursday and Friday
from 10am-3pm.





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

Important Dates and Services

Budget for Baby free sessions: November 5th and 19th (contact us for times)

Attendees will receive Baby's First Sea Bag filled with over \$100-worth of free Gerber Baby Products and a handmade knitted item from one of our volunteers. This is open to all ranks and does not have to be your first child. This is also open to spouses or a significant other. Call to sign up: 645-7808.

STAP application dates for 2008-2009 school year: 17 Nov - 20 March for Terms III and IV

Budget Counseling: Call to make an appointment for this free consultation

Volunteer Opportunities: Great way to make a difference and develop professional experience, plus mileage and childcare are reimbursed. We're looking for caseworker volunteers, receptionists, knitters, coupon clippers and Budget for Baby instructors.



Call us to learn more!

Don't forget to send in your 2008 membership dues!

Here's how:

- Download application from www.nosco-kinawa.com and type your info into the spaces provided
- Save as a new file, as "NOSCO(your name)" - ie, NOSCOLouiseTower.doc
- E-mail the completed application to noscomembership@yahoo.com
- Go to www.paypal.com to pay your membership dues, using the above email address
- 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

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

- Download (from www.nosco-kinawa.com) and print your application

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

**Please make check payable to NOSCO

Thank you!

AWWA Corner

By Amy Pettle, AWWA Chairperson

Through profit earned at the Navy Fleet Gift Shops, NOSCO is able to donate money to various American and Japanese charities through AWWA (American Women's Welfare Association).

Due to delayed shipments and the current economic situation, profits have been down at the gift shops. Because of this, we were unable to donate money to charity this month.

The good news is that things are looking up with two new shipments. So, help us raise money for charity by shopping at the Navy Fleet Home Store and Kid's Cottage. Your Navy Fleet Gift Shop dollars and volunteer hours make these donations possible!

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. Please contact me directly with any questions concerning AWWA at ampettle@yahoo.com.



Site visit inspiring and humbling

By Chris Morse

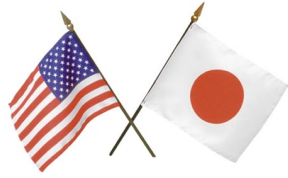
On October 20, 2008, Angie Wolfgang and I had the pleasure of attending the AWWA On-Island visit to two facilities on Okinawa that AWWA supports. First, we went to Network Sousei, a facility that provides services to handicapped adults during the day and children after school. This facility was a former firehouse that AWWA provided \$80,000 to convert to the current facility. The building is a work in progress, but the facility provides invaluable services to those in need. NOSCO happily provided Halloween sweets as our presento to the organization.

Next, we visited the Naha Welfare Facility. This is another day facility for rehabilitation and related services for the elderly. This was a very entertaining visit with a spirited sanshin musical demonstration provided by some of the adults who use the facility. We also had a tour of the building and viewed some of the medical items our donated funds had provided.

As always, the site visit was an inspiring and humbling experience that only makes me want to do and give more. If you ever have the opportunity to go on a site visit, I highly recommend attending!



Culture Corner



Maneki-neko

excerpt from NOSCOkinawa.com

These felines, now usually ceramic, are called Maneki-neko, which means “beckoning cat.” They are thought to bring good luck or attract customers to the shop. There is a famous story about an extremely poor temple whose cat beckoned to a traveler who was sitting under a tree outside its gates. He decided to come in and just as he moved away from the tree, it was struck by lightning. The stranger turned out to be extremely rich and he became the temple’s patron, making it extremely wealthy.

There are several different varieties of Maneki-neko and they all have different meanings. Cats with the right paw raised are beckoning in money or good fortune and cats with the left paw raised are beckoning in customers. Most Maneki-neko are white, but if you see a black one, it is warding off evil, and the even rarer red ones are to prevent sickness.



Happy Birthday

Jadel Phillips	Nov 1
Rebecca Kimball	Nov 5
Karen MacDonald	Nov 9
JulieAnn Ellis	Nov 18
Carrie Wood	Nov 18
Trudy Hutto	Nov 19
Rachel Broom	Nov 25
Annette Switzer	Nov 27

Any comments or suggestions about The Seagull can be submitted to Editor Colleen Cooney at cmcooney77@gmail.com or 098-979-7415.

**White Beach
Festival 2008**
November 7 - 9

Navy MWR is looking for vendors! To reserve your booth, call 634-6950 or (from off-base) 961-6950.