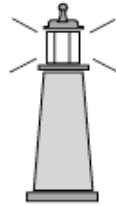


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COAST GUARD SPOUSES' & WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies,

I hope that you all enjoyed the sunshine over the past week. It is such an exciting time..... the onset of spring after our cold and dark winter. I am definitely looking forward to more outdoor activities and warmer weather. If anyone has any ideas of some activities, please let me know.

As you all know, our Annual Charity Auction is on Friday, March 6th at Harrigan Centennial Hall. Much time and effort has gone into planning this event. I am grateful for those who have helped and those of you who will come. There are going to be great items auctioned off from a variety of our local businesses. We will have light hors d' oeuvres (thanks to many of you) and a cash bar available. The proceeds from this auction allow us to give back to our community and helps cover our operating costs for next year. I can tell you from my experience last year that it is a WONDERFUL feeling giving our year end donation back to our community.

Sincerely,

Holly Woodward



contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org

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USCG SPOUSES' AND WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION



**FRIDAY,
MARCH 6th**

**Begins: 6pm
Bidding Starts: 7pm**

Harrigan Centennial Hall

(Adult Only Event)

- **Amazing Auction Items**, generously donated by Local Businesses!
- **Cash Bar Available!**
- **FUN and CASUAL!**
- **Paddle Included with Ticket Price.**
- **Over \$6,000** donated last year

towards local organizations such as:

- *Big Brothers/ Big Sisters
- *Sitka Community Hospital Long Term Care
- *3-5 Preschool
- *Boys and Girls Club
- *TAGS Girl Scouts
- *Several Clubs at Blatchley Middle School



Tickets:

- Pre-purchase at Old Harbor Books or Mac's/Russell's for \$5 per person.
- Purchase at the door for \$7 per person.

(Limited # of Tickets Available)



DO YOU HAVE THE LUCK OF THE IRISH?

ANNUAL EVENTS - THEY DON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU

These annual events need volunteers. All events have binders containing all the information you need for planning and preparation. If you would like to chair or co-chair a specific event or sign up to work on any of the event teams, please call Holly Woodward at 623-0913 or email us.

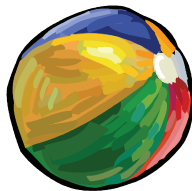
- Rainy Day Bazaar - Angela Cox
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt - VACANT
- Memorial Day Service - VACANT
- Scholarship - VACANT
- Distribution of Funds - VACANT
- CG Day - VACANT

**SIGN UP TO CHAIR OR
HELP OUT AT AN
EVENT**



Do you have any toys at home you want donate to Mocha Monday?

Contact Cynthia at 747-8302



**Have information you want
posted in the newsletter?**

Email it to us!

GET YOUR MUSTACHE READY!

MARCH 14TH @ THE EAGLE'S NEST

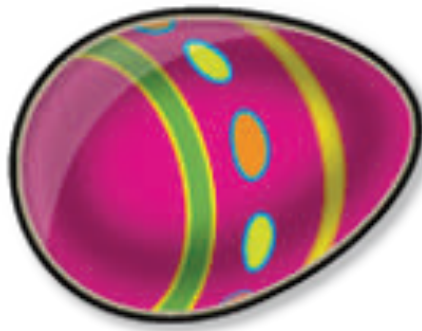
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND MARDI GRAS TO
MAKE:

PATTI-GRAS!!!

MUSIC, FOOD, PRIZES, BEADS
AND THE FAMOUS MUSTACHE CONTEST.

Easter is around the corner
and we need someone to **HOP** up
and volunteer to chair the Children's Easter Egg Hunt



Please contact Holly Woodward
if you can assist or want to chair this event



Get Instant Medical Referral Notification!

Recent vacancies in staffing at the Tricare Service Center have brought an end to the extra special customer service we used to receive. We will no longer receive personal phone calls informing us that our referrals are authorized and appointments will no longer be scheduled for you, unless you are going to a Military Treatment Facility. Don't wait weeks for the letter to find out if your referral has been approved. Just register for an instant alert account at www.triwest.com and receive rapid email notification. These are not family accounts and you will need to set up one for each beneficiary that has a referral pending.

2009 Rainy Day Bazaar

Centennial Hall

April 4th

9 am - 3 pm



Volunteers Needed:

April 3rd - Need 2-3 people to assist the vendors in finding their assigned tables

coverage needed from 4-8pm

April 4th - 5 people to work the pancake breakfast

***Also Need Fabulous Desserts for the
Silent Action***

Contact Angela 747-2939

Each Spring the Sitkans Against Family Violence (SAFV) Organization sponsors a dinner and Art Action Fundraiser to honor and recognizes Sitka women who have improved our community's quality of life through volunteer work, community service, social/cultural involvement, academic contributions or enrichment opportunities.. They ask each of the 5 major female organizations to name a member who exemplifies such a strong woman.

The 2009 Sitka USCGSWA Woman of the Year is Cynthia Coulter.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to meet Cynthia you are missing out. She is a wonderful, thoughtful and delightful woman and has done so much for our club. Cynthia currently serves as our secretary, but secretary extraordinaire would be a more appropriate title. She is has either planned or been highly involved in planning all of our monthly activities and has been a leader in every activity and event put on by our club. Most people don't know all that she does for our organization because she doesn't seek attention or recognition for her work and efforts. She is truly humble and doesn't think that she has done anything special...which is part of what makes her such a wonderful person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- USCGWA Charity Auction - March 6th at Centennial Hall
See page 2 for all the details
- General Meeting at Centennial Hall
– March 11th 6:30-8 pm ALL MEMBERS WELCOME
- Ladies Night Out - March 14th 6pm Dinner and drinks at the Channel Club
RSVP to Cynthia 747-8302
- PATTY-GRAS Party - March 14th at the Eagles Nest, see flier for details
- SAFV 2009 Honoring Women Dinner - March 28th at Centennial Hall
Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, Tickets at Old Harbor Books, White's Pharmacy or the SAFV Office at 207 Seward Street
- Mocha Monday at Gazebo – March 30th 9:30-11am Bring your own mug
More information to follow!

Classifieds

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