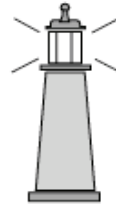


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

I hope you all are managing to stay warm and keep your spirits high as fall starts to feel more like winter. This past month was filled with so many fun, new activities for us and our families. November will be no different. We plan to continue our craft activity nights for adults and kids. You won't want to miss the Home Business Showcase on November 22nd. Some of our favorite products from Pampered Chef and Mary Kay will be available, plus some exciting new personal businesses will be there to make this year special. We have great things planned, so be sure to look over the upcoming events and mark your calendars.

The Welcome Brunch was so much fun! It was great to meet our newcomers and see familiar friends. I particularly enjoyed the ice breaker questions....don't worry "what's said in the Eagles Nest stays in the Eagles Nest"! The spread was beautiful and delicious. I appreciate all of the help that made it a special occasion.

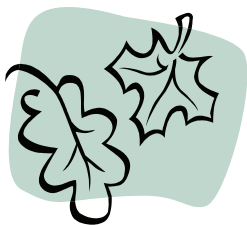
I wanted to thank everyone who participated in the parade and float. A special thanks to Carol Wulff who pulled everything together for us and Therese Guza and Stacy Borel who help decorate. Great job Ladies! It was fun!

As most of you are aware, in order to make each event successful, we depend on the support of our members for the planning and implementation of all that we do throughout the year. This is the time of the year where we would like to find those willing to chair or help out for our annual events. Please take this opportunity to share your skills, time and heart for a worthwhile cause. Detailed information will be provided as a guideline to help you plan the event. So, even those new to the organization should feel capable. Ideally, we function best when everyone contributes in whatever way they can. This helps to spread the load and make what we do more pleasurable and rewarding. I would truly appreciate it if you could look over the list of events and consider where you could contribute. If you would like to chair, start a group or club (like book club, hiking, etc.), or help out in some way, please let me know. All help is valued and much appreciated.

Keep warm and I look forward to seeing you all at some of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Holly Woodward



WAYS & MEANS NEEDS YOUR HELP

After many years of heading up our Ways & Means, Rose would like to pass the torch.

Anyone interested in Chairing or Co-chairing this position, please let us know.

The position involves management of our souvenir & apparel stock and organizing volunteers to sell items at various community events.

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.

- Senior Center Cookie Drop - Diana Cloud, Chair
- Home Business Showcase– VACANT
- Senior Center Christmas Decorating Party - Diana Cloud, Chair
- Galley Decorating Party - Susan Bourassa
- Children’s Christmas Party - VACANT
- Charity Auction - VACANT
- Rainy Day Bazaar - VACANT
- Children’s Easter Egg Hunt - VACANT
- Memorial Day Service - VACANT
- Scholarship - VACANT
- Distribution of Funds– VACANT

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



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Rates for Non-Members:

Personal Ads - \$5/month

Business Ads - \$24/year

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Don't Miss
Out on the
Fun!**

- Whalefest Weekend in Sitka - November 8th
- Boat Safety Course by CG Auxiliary at West Marine - November 8th 8:30am–12:30
\$15/person, if interested contact Mike Morris 747-8039
- Kid's Craft Night at the Gazebo - November 10th 5-7pm
- General Meeting at Centennial Hall – November 12th 6:30-8 pm
- Family Hike - November 15th 11am – 1pm, Thimbleberry to Heart Lake Trail
Rain or Shine ! Pack a lunch to eat at Heart Lake
- Mocha Monday at Gazebo- November 17th 9:30-11am
- Home Business Showcase - November 22nd ****New Date****
- Adult Craft Night at the Gazebo November 24th 6:30-9pm for Thanksgiving Floral
Center Pieces
- Senior Center Decorating Party - November 28th 6:30pm–8 (Snacks & drinks
provided)
- Kid's Christmas Party - December 6th
- Galley Decorating Party - December 7th
- Adult Air Station Christmas Party - December 19th

FREE EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Coast Guard families now have access to SOAR, an on-line program that helps parents assess where their school-age children need help. It is a tool intended to help military families transfer from one school to another because it will help you and your children know what areas they need to work on.

To find out more, check out www.soarathome.org

Sign in, and then sign in your kids. Your kids will be directed to take: TPR Interim Assessment Program Reading Benchmark I and TPR Interim Assessment Program Math Benchmark I. The results are found in Completed Assignments.

Once you've done these assessments, you can then target weak areas through an on-line tutoring program.

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