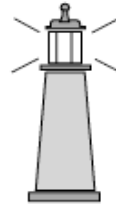


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SITKA, AK

COAST GUARD SPOUSES' & WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

## 2008–2009 WELCOME BRUNCH EDITION

### What is the CGSWA and why should I join?

The Sitka Chapter of the CGSWA is comprised of spouses and woman affiliated with the Coast Guard, both active duty and retired, who make Sitka home. Our chapter promotes fun, fellowship, family and philanthropy within our Coast Guard community and the community at large.

Throughout the year there are a variety of monthly activities for members including meals out, movie nights, craft gatherings, and anything else that happens to pop up and sounds fun.

Quite a few of the larger events we put on are for the pure enjoyment of our families, especially our children. These include the Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt.

We also hold a few fundraising events throughout the year which enable us to raise thousands of dollars which we distribute, in the spring, to many of the various non-profit organizations that serve the community of Sitka.

There are also smaller ongoing programs that go on behind the scenes like the cookie drop at the Senior Center, meals after the birth of a CG baby, or providing assistance to a CG family in need.

This really is a wonderful organization that provides so much to our little community in Sitka. We hope you will want to join and work with us to make this next year a huge success and fun to boot!

[www.sitkacoastguardspouses.org](http://www.sitkacoastguardspouses.org)

[contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org](mailto:contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org)

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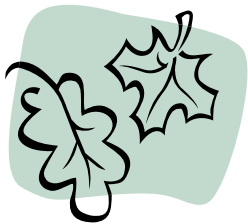
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## CGSWA ANNUAL EVENTS

The following events need volunteers. If you would like to chair or co-chair a specific event or sign up to work on any of the event teams, please email us at [contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org](mailto:contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org)

- Senior Center Cookie Drop — occurs monthly — CGSWA volunteers deliver a couple dozen cookies to the Senior Center once a month
- General Meeting — occurs monthly — more information to follow
- Home Business Showcase — We open up the gazebo to all home-based business of CG-affiliated spouses for a showcase open to the community
- Senior Center Christmas Decorating Party — Come deck the halls of the Senior Center main room in late November
- Children's Christmas Party
- Charity Auction — February
- Rainy Day Bazaar — March/April — An open market for regional artists/vendors at Centennial Hall
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt
- Memorial Day Service
- Scholarship — Selection of a \$500 scholarship recipient from CG-affiliated senior applicants
- Distribution of Funds — Coordinate the distribution of our charitable funds to various community organizations that solicit our support
- CG Day — August — Organize games or activities for the kids at the CG Day Picnic

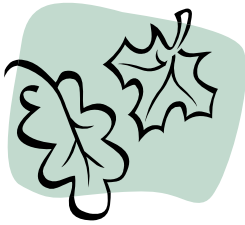


### WAYS & MEANS NEEDS YOUR HELP

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 and apparel stock and organizing volunteers to sell items at various community events.



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Craft Night at the Gazebo — October 9th, 5-8pm — Adults Only
- Air Station Sitka Open House — October 11th, 11am-3pm
- Alaska Day CO's Reception — October 17th, 5-7pm at the Eagle's Nest — Open to all CG members attending the AK Day Ball
- Alaska Day Parade/USCG SAR demo — October 18th, 1:30pm
- 9th Army Band jams at the Eagle's Nest — October 19th, TBA
- Kids' Craft Night at the Gazebo — October 23rd, 5-7pm
- Children's Halloween Party — more info to follow
- Mocha Monday at the Gazebo — October 27th, 9:30-11am
- For additional information on Alaska Day community activities, go to <http://alaskadayfestival.org/events/html>



## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The Coast Guard Foundation has established a "Family Disaster Relief Fund" to provide emergency assistance to the families of the crew of CG6505. Commander Thomas Nelson, Lieutenant Commander Andrew Wischmeier, Aviation Survival Technician First Class David Skimin, and Aviation Maintenance Technician Second Class Joshua Nichols made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country.

Contribution information follows:

- To make a secure donation to the Family Disaster Relief Fund, please go to <http://www.cgfdn.org/contributeform.php>. Select "Disaster Relief Fund" if you would like your gift to be directed to the families. In the "in memory of" box, please note the following: "Family Disaster Relief Fund"
- To make a donation to the Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to children of Coast Guard members who perish in the line of duty, please go to <http://www.cgfdn.org/contributeform.php>. Select, "CGF Scholarships" if you would like your gift to be directed to the Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund. In the "in memory of" box, please note the following: "Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund".
- Mail-in contributions may also be sent to the Coast Guard Foundation Office at 394 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT 06378. Please make reference on the memo line or include a note indicating the fund to which your gift will be directed.

### WEBMASTER NEEDED

CGSWA has a website but needs a webmaster.

If your interested in this position, please email us.

[Contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org](mailto:Contact@sitkacoastguardspouses.org)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHAIR OR CO-CHAIR A SPECIFIC EVENT OR SIGN UP TO WORK ON ANY OF THE EVENT TEAMS, PLEASE EMAIL US AT [CONTACT@SITKACOASTGUARDSPOUSES.ORG](mailto:CONTACT@SITKACOASTGUARDSPOUSES.ORG)

Want to wear a period dress costume to the Alaska Day Ball?

Contact Betty Conklin at

966-2281 or 747-3245

### CLASSIFIEDS

Place a Personal or Business Ad in our Newsletter and Website!

*Rates for Members:*

Personal Ads - Free

Business Ads - \$12/year

*Rates for Non-Members:*

Personal Ads - \$5/month

Business Ads - \$24/year

Email your ad to us!

## PLANNED MONTHLY EVENTS

Here are some of our thoughts for this year's monthly fun events for members. We are always looking for additional good ideas for fun group activities, so please let us know if you have an idea!

- Mocha Mondays — one Monday a month, gather at the gazebo for coffee, social time and let the kiddos play
- Thursday Craft Nights — every other Thursday evening from 5-7ish we gather at the gazebo for craft nights — some specifically for kids, some just for the adults
- Monthly Gatherings — Open to just about anything! Themed based, learn a new craft, or just dinner and a movie
- Hiking Group — Two Saturdays a month
- Walking / Fitness Group
- Large Group Special Outings — Boat cruise, family campout, etc.

