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President's Pen



Thank you, Corinne and all of the Navy Spouses, for the warm retreat from the snow during the Aloha atmosphere of the January function! The music and entertainment were just what we needed to remind us of warmer places; and to relax us after the holiday hustle and bustle!

Speaking of bustle... there is a lot going on within the MOSC right now. The annual review of our organizational documents and budgets has been accomplished and are available for your review until you vote on them later this month. The Board of Governors is starting to see vacancies as the PCS season hits unexpectedly early this year. Our fundraising effort, the Far East Bazaar, is also undergoing changes. The Thrift Shop has a few vacancies at the moment on its paid staff, and is always in need of volunteers, now more than ever. Busy, busy, busy!

Shae Eason, our Scholarships Chair, and her family received a short-notice PCS order to Utah. She will be greatly missed for all of her hard work on the MOSC Scholarships Program, but mostly her great smile! It is very rewarding to hand the award notifications to the lucky winners! Please consider giving your time for this very worthy portion of our club.

As you well know from previous articles in the Torii Times, we have experienced much difficulty meeting the requirement of having our audits completed by a CPA. The MOSC has been told a budget must be set up, starting next year, to include enough funds to bring a CPA from the states to perform our audits. The amount of funds to be set aside would eliminate over 75% of the proceeds we gain from the Far East Bazaar. A decision was made to postpone the Far East Bazaar until a plan could be devised where monetary inflow would not adversely affect the mission of the MOSC. Again, let me reiterate the difficulty experienced in coming to this decision. Plans are already in motion for altering the manner in which this highly anticipated community event will continue to bring a myriad of benefits to all involved. If you would like to be involved in this process, please contact Charlotte, Brenda, or me.

The Thrift Shop underwent a few changes in January, too. As you know from your last issue of the Torii Times, Corinne's last day as manager was 31 December. She will be missed at the Thrift Shop! In addition, the bookkeeper position will soon be open, as Cyndy Wong looks toward her family's next PCS. The bookkeeper position must be filled from within the MOSC. Another position recently available, and not just to MOSC members, is the Donations Room Manager. Volunteer positions are always available. Please contact the Thrift Shop to see where you can join in!

January was full of changes, and February offers excitement as resolutions are firmly in place. Please resolve to join us this month for Mardi Gras, Med Group style. The spouses from this great group always put on an exciting event, and I look forward to sharing this first of many experiences with you in 2010!

~Valerie



Thrift Shop News

STORE HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY: 9 AM—1 PM

WEDNESDAY: 4 PM—7 PM

The Thrift Shop welcomes new Manager, Chelsea Fiol!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Thrift Shop will be closed on February 15th for President's Day.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - BOOKKEEPER

The Thrift Shop is looking for a bookkeeper. Applications can be picked up at the Thrift Shop. You must be a member of MOSC to apply. Other paid positions are also available, so please stop by the Thrift Store for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

What better way to get a **sneak peek** at all the new stuff coming in than to **volunteer** at the Thrift Shop? Hours can vary, so please call ahead.

Parliamentarian Ponderings

The following Constitutional and By-Laws changes were voted on by the MOSC board this month. The proposed changes will be up for a vote of our General Membership during the February social. Please direct any questions to Siobhan Kline.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION, JANUARY 2010

Article III:

- Omit second “d” bullet
- 5, A: Change to 2 functions

Article IV:

- B: Change dues to \$5 a month

Article V:

- E, 1: Add “comprised of”

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

Section II:

- B, 3: “as requested”
- C, 3: “as requested”
- F: omit nametags, Holiday Decs, add Reservations co-chair
- G, 7: omit

Section III:

- B, 5: change to Reservations co-chair
- C: omit #2
- E: amounts of money
 - o Change to Welfare Committee approves up to \$250
 - o Board \$251-750
 - o Gen Membership all request over \$751
 - o #5: Change to limit of \$500 per request
- H.: Change to Fundraising Committee
 - o 1: Consist of MOSC members
 - o 3: Include the MOSC President, 1VP and at least one MOSC Advisor.
 - o Omit 2, 4, 5, 6

Sections need to be numbered appropriately

Section V:

- Omit a –c
- Add “as outlined in the Thrift Store By-Laws after” ...will be approved by the Thrift Shop Board and the MOSC board”

We need you! Are you willing to donate your time to the MOSC? It is time to start thinking about elections which will take place in April! If anyone is interested in running for an elected position (President, 1VP, 2VP, Secretary, Admin or Welfare Treasurer), please feel free to contact me for more information and/or the job description.

~Siobhan



Club 411

BRIDGE CLUB

MEETING TIME: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays

LOCATION: Officers' Club and then off to lunch!

Contact [Patty Mayers at 616-1900](#)

BOOK CLUB

MEETING TIME: February date TBD

BOOK: Fallen Leaves by Adeline Yen Mah

HOST: TBD

Contact [Patty Mayers at 616-1900](#)

BUNCO CLUB

MEETING TIME: 7 p.m., 1st Thursday of the month

LOCATION: Officers' Club Bar

COST: \$5 to play

Contact [Janet Aanrud at 616-6784](#)

PAPER CUTS CLUB

MEETING TIME: Please contact Misti Harrelson for Time and Location

Do you enjoy stamping scrapbook pages, cards and crafts?

Contact [Misti Harrelson at 52-5701](#) or thgoldsboro@aol.com

February Events

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 1 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open | 2 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open 9:30 AM Bridge GROUNDHOG DAY | 3 4-7 PM Thrift Shop open | 4 7 PM Bunco | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open | 9 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open 9:30 AM Bridge | 10 4-7 PM Thrift Shop open | 11 9:30 AM Board Meeting | 12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY | 13 |
| 14 VALENTINE'S DAY | 15 THRIFT SHOP CLOSED PRESIDENT'S DAY | 16 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open 9:30 AM Bridge | 17 4-7 PM Thrift Shop open ASH WEDNESDAY | 18 6 PM MOSC "Mardi Gras" Function | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY | 23 9-1 PM Thrift Shop open 9:30 AM Bridge | 24 4-7 PM Thrift Shop open | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | | | | | | |

MOSC Business

PROPOSED WELFARE BUDGET 2010-2011

Passed Budget Committee and Board

| | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| INCOME | Approved | Proposed |
| Spring 09 Bazaar (Changed to Fundraiser) | \$26,682.65 | |
| Thrift Shop | 19,460.00 | \$23,000.00 |
| Other Income/Voided Checks | | |
| RollOver Previous Board Year | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Transfer from Admin Account | | |
| Interest | 200.00 | 36.00 |
| Total Income | \$47,342.65 | \$24,036.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | | |
| Recognition Events | \$ 4,300.00 | \$ 2,800.00 |
| Air Force Ball | 500.00 | |
| Soldier Activity Fund (Army) | 500.00 | |
| Navy Ball | 500.00 | |
| Senior NCO Induction Ceremony | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| 35 FW Awards Ceremonies | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Scholarships | \$25,500.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| Spouse/Dep Children TA Program | 10,000.00 | |
| Online Dependent TA Program | 6,000.00 | |
| Spouse Scholarship | | 2,000.00 |
| Edgren Academic and Vocational Scholarship | 9,500.00 | 8,500.00 |
| Scholarship Reserve | | 1,500.00 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Local Organizations | \$ 4,500.00 | \$ 500.00 |
| Base Library | 1,000.00 | |
| Operation Warm Heart | 2,500.00 | |
| Diamond One Cookie Truck | 500.00 | |
| Red Feather Campaign | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Welfare Requests | \$12,042.65 | \$7,736.00 |
| Reserve | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$47,342.65 | \$24,036.00 |

Welfare Update

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS:

- \$1000 - Annual FW Awards
- \$ 360 - Overstreet Memorial Library
- \$ 300 - USAF Charity Ball
- \$ 30 - AOSHS (American Overseas Schools Historical Society)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations, Spouse Scholarship Recipients!

Emily Ewing, Lesley Fleming, Karen Hoss, and Angela Jones.

GREAT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

The MOSC is looking for a **Scholarships Chair**. If you are interested in taking over the position, please send an email to president@misawaosc.org.

MOSC Business

PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET 2010-2011

| | 2008/2009 | 2009/2010 | 2010/2011 Proposed |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Fundraisers | | | |
| Bazaar Income | \$850,000.00 | | |
| Vendor Payments | (748,000.00) | | |
| Bazaar Credit Card Exp. | (17,000.00) | | |
| Bazaar Expenses | (26,000.00) | | |
| Dues | 3,200.00 | 3,200.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Monthly Social Meal Fees-Deposit | - | | |
| Monthly Social Meal Fees to Club | - | | |
| Rollover from Previous BY | 10,000.00 | 37,701.81 | 13,000.00 |
| Total Income | \$72,200.00 | \$40,901.81 | \$19,000.00 |

EXPENDITURES

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Fall Bazaar Transfer | \$19,200.00 | - | - |
| Spring Bazaar Transfer | 16,200.00 | - | - |
| Welfare Transfers | | 19,200.00 | 19,200.00 |
| Advisor gifts | 200.00 | 200.00 | 75.00 |
| Annual Audits | 1,000.00 | 2,250.00 | 1,000.00 |
| April Bingo | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 500.00 |
| Board Appreciation | 500.00 | 1,000.00 | 100.00 |
| Childcare | 300.00 | 300.00 | - |
| Copier & Printer (Office Supplies) | 750.00 | 1,000.00 | 50.00 |
| CPA For Taxes | | 5,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Expo | 1,250.00 | 910.00 | 100.00 |
| Historian | 250.00 | 250.00 | 20.00 |
| Holiday Decorations | 350.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Holiday Tea | 4,000.00 | 2,200.00 | 1,000.00 |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Membership Directory | 500.00 | 250.00 | 100.00 |
| Monthly Socials (8) | 2,400.00 | 2,400.00 | 800.00 |
| MOSC Operating Exp | 2,120.00 | 5,111.81 | 480.00 |
| Newsletter | 500.00 | 500.00 | 250.00 |
| O' Misawa Wives | 600.00 | 500.00 | 50.00 |
| Presidential Fund | 500.00 | 200.00 | 20.00 |
| Properties | 200.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| Publicity | 300.00 | 300.00 | 75.00 |
| June Farewell | 1,000.00 | 150.00 | 100.00 |
| Hail/Farewell Gifts | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 500.00 |
| Webmaster | 2,580.00 | 2,580.00 | 2,580.00 |
| Projected BY Rollover | 11,000.00 | 11,000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Bazaar Reserve | 1,000.00 | | |
| Reserve | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Total Expenditures | \$60,200.00 | \$40,901.81 | \$19,000.00 |



Birthday Corner

OLDER ... WISER ...

better equipped to have the time of your life!

THE MOSC WISHES YOU ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|------|-------------------------------------|
| 3rd | Emily Marquardt & Christine Youtsey |
| 11th | Julia Bancroft |
| 17th | Sarah Cross |
| 26th | Tawnya Roth |



February Social

35 MDG SPOUSES INVITE YOU TO ENJOY...

“PROJECT MARDIS GRAS”

**FEBRUARY 18, 2010
6PM - SOCIAL HOUR
6:30 PM - DINNER
\$19.00 PER PERSON**

**Menu: Red beans and rice • Louisiana Jambalaya • Chicken Gumbo
Java Slaw • Garlic Bread • King Cake**



PLEASE RSVP VIA EVITE, OR SEND AN EMAIL TO RSVP@MISAWAOSC.ORG BY **10 AM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15**. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING THE EVITES, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESERVATIONS CHAIR AT THE ABOVE EMAIL.

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!
(“Let the good times roll!”)

FROM THE JANUARY “A DAY IN PARADISE” SOCIAL

Hails



Welcome to the MOSC, Alena Duran and Carrie Kempisty!



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