

# News & Views

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## Congratulations to the Newest Chip Boswell Scholarship Winners

The Awards and Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the winners for the 2008-2009 Chip Boswell Scholarships. Since there were no applicants for the CGSA Member Scholarship, two students were awarded the Coast Guard Member/Family Member Scholarship.

This year's SA Scholarship Selection board reviewed five applicants. Each of the applicants was highly qualified and very involved in their schools and communities. After serious review, the committee unanimously selected **Alyssa Boehm** and **Carrie Kroll**.

Alyssa Boehm is the daughter of retired Coast Guard Officer Mark Boehm and his wife Gail. Alyssa is pursuing her undergraduate degree at Dartmouth College in the field of Psychology. In addition to maintaining a B+ average, a large portion of her time is committed to playing on Dartmouth's nationally ranked Division I Women's Ice Hockey Team. Alyssa also received a Writing Citation Report which indicates a student's work is sufficiently distinguished to merit special recognition. Alyssa plans to use the scholarship while studying abroad in Berlin, Germany, in an intensive language immersion program.

Carrie Kroll is the wife of Petty Officer Scott A. Kroll and is currently attending the American Public University through their on-line learning program. Maintaining a 3.8 GPA, Carrie schedules her full time school responsibilities around raising two small children. She is very passionate about the environment and is working towards a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies. Her ultimate goal is to be instrumental in creating change concerning our current climate crisis.

Congratulations to Alyssa and Carrie on their selection! They will be notified formally, and receive their awards at that time.



## Activities & Events

### Food, Friends & Fun! CGSA's Annual Welcome Aboard Picnic at Stonington Lodge Sunday, August 17 / 1-4PM

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 17, from 1-4PM, and join the CGSA at Stonington Lodge for the Annual Welcome Aboard Picnic.

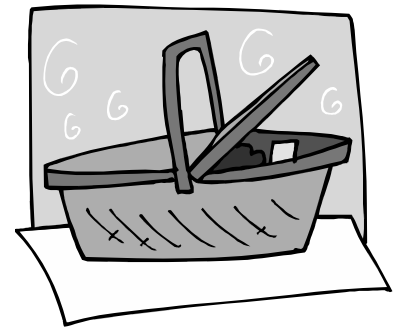
To make this event a great success we need to spread the word that the CGSA welcomes everyone! Please help us by passing on the names and phone numbers of prospective members to Jill Billiau or Takako Dolan so that we can welcome as many new families as possible.

We have plenty of fun activities planned for the entire family including a moon bouncer, games, door prizes, lots of yummy food, and more! We ask that current members bring food to share. If your last name begins with A to L, please bring a side dish, and members M to Z please bring a dessert.

RSVP's are greatly appreciated by August 10 to Jill Billiau at (860) 395-2001 or [jill@billiau.com](mailto:jill@billiau.com) so we can buy enough hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks for everyone.

This picnic has proven to be a lot of fun for members to reconnect and share Coastie stories and make new friends after a long, hot summer. We hope to see you all there!

Go to our website (<http://cgspouses-sect.org/directions.html>) for directions to Stonington Lodge, 396 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT.



## The CGSA needs YOU! Committee Openings

We need your help to make our upcoming year successful. Our club is based on the spirit of volunteerism and the club needs YOU! Many of our committee chairs have transferred and we hope you'll consider filling a role within the organization. Please consider yourself asked to help make our next year successful.

Have a friend you could share the job with? A co-chair situation would be wonderful! I have personally worked as Vice-President, Membership Chair and Website Coordinator and would be happy to help make a new chairperson feel at ease with the job requirements. Please contact me for more information on any of the positions: Jill Billiau at (860) 395-2001 or [jill@billiau.com](mailto:jill@billiau.com).

The 2008-2009 membership year has the following committee chair vacancies:

- § **Cadet Cakes (co-chair needed)**
- § **Luncheons & Socials**
- § **Website Coordinator**

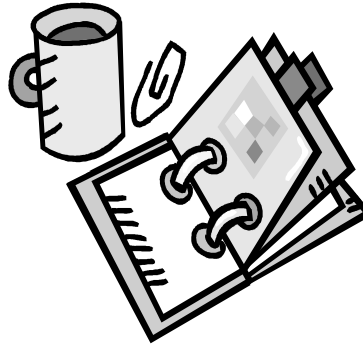
**Thank you** to those of you who have already offered to take a committee chair position: Melissa Brown (Secret Pals), Kim Davis (Crafts), Sarah Ferguson (Cadet Cakes co-chair), Becky Noreen (Lunch Bunch) and Takako Dolan (Membership Chair and Historian).

## President's Corner

It's so hard to believe that our year has ended – but what a year it was! We hosted numerous socials; got together many times for lunch or dinner; raised thousands of dollars and gave back to our local and Coast Guard communities in wonderful ways! I've never been so proud to a part of this group!

I'm thrilled to welcome the new members of the Executive Board and look forward to working with them as well as our new committee chairs (its your lucky day—positions are still available!). This club continues to be shaped by you and it's an amazing thing to watch transpire.

We have done a great job publicizing our club and we'll continue doing that this summer as we do our best to get information packets to all area commands. If your spouse has a new co-worker or a new family has moved to your neighborhood, please mention us to them! Then please pass along their information to us so that we may send them a welcoming packet directly. Our packet includes a membership application, recent newsletter, and other helpful information about the CGSA.



As quickly as our current year ended, our next one is beginning. Our fundraising efforts begin in earnest on **Monday, June 30**, with **Reporting In Day**. I hope you'll consider helping at this exciting event. Reporting In Day is the day when the Fourth Class cadets report, say good-bye to their families, and hello to Coast Guard life. Last year we raised over \$3,000 between our sales of Ways & Means items and Cadet Cakes.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual **Welcome Aboard Picnic** set for **Sunday, August 17**, from 1-4PM, at Stonington Lodge. It's an opportunity to say hello to returning members and welcome prospective members.

This fun event is open to the whole family. The grills will be hot, the games will be fun and the bounce-house will be...bouncy!

Wishing you a safe and wonderful summer,

*Jill Billiau*  
President

### June General Membership Meeting Thursday, June 12 / 7PM

Please join us for our next General Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 12, at 7PM in Munro Hall's "Living Room." All members are invited to these meetings. If you are a new- or out-going board or committee member, it is appreciated if every effort is made to attend.

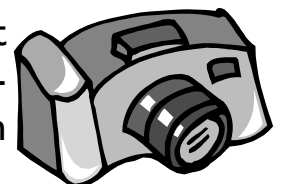
Contact Jill Billiau at (860) 395-2001 or [jill@billiau.com](mailto:jill@billiau.com) to reserve a seat.

*Note: General Membership Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month (except July and August).*

### History In The Making... Our Captured Memories

Have you taken photos at any-CGSA events this year? Please send any photos of club members and activities to the Historian/Publicity Chair, Takako Dolan at [takako@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:takako@ct.metrocast.net).

A "scrapbook" will be created and put on display at the Welcome Aboard Picnic in August.



## Activities & Events

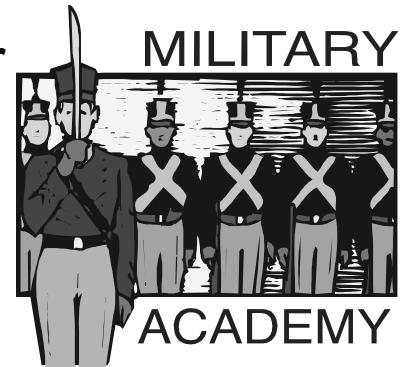
### The Coast Guard Academy is looking for Sponsor Families for the Class of 2012 cadets!

During the cadets' first year at the Academy, they will experience a drastic transition from a civilian to a military way of life. Some cadets adjust well, while others have a more difficult time. The Sponsor Program provides cadets with families who can help provide some relief, advice, and guidance. It is also an important means of support, friendship, and learning beyond the Academy environment, and helps to make the cadets' integration into the military community easier and more effective.

To be eligible for the Sponsor Program, applicants, both military and civilian, must be at least 28 years old and live within 25 miles of the Coast Guard Academy (exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis). Active duty military must have a rank/rate of E-7 or O-3 and above to be considered. All potential sponsors will undergo a background security check and provide two references with their application.

If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor family or have any questions about the program, go online to our website at [www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu), (click on Cadet Life, then click on Cadet Resources and the Sponsor Program link is in the sidebar at the right) Or, go directly to [www.uscga.edu/display.aspx?id=465](http://www.uscga.edu/display.aspx?id=465) You can print off an application and send it in via mail or email.

If you have additional questions, contact the Sponsor Program Assistant at (860) 701-6119 or e-mail: [Erika.L.Lund@uscg.mil](mailto:Erika.L.Lund@uscg.mil).



Congratulations to  
first time Grandma,  
**Lee Snyderman!**

Her grand-daughter  
*Emily Quinn Miller*  
was born on  
May 12, 2008

6lbs. 14oz.  
19.5 inches long

### Volunteers: Report In For Duty!

We're in need of several volunteers to help sell Cadet Cakes and Ways & Means items at Reporting-In Day, **Monday, June 30**. Please consider donating a two-hour block of time (or more!) between **7AM and 12PM** to support CGSA fundraising. Volunteers will receive 10% off of any our items and a pack of cocktail napkins.

Sign-up sheets will be available at our End of the Year Dinner or contact Takako Dolan at (860) 437-0042 or [takako@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:takako@ct.metrocast.net) to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your support! Last year, with your help, we raised over \$3,000!

# Activities & Events

## The CGSA “Big Give”

At our May General Membership Meeting we had a lively discussion regarding our annual charitable donations. In this economy, state of affairs, and state of the world, there are so many deserving and needy organizations so it is difficult to come up with just one or two.

This year the CGSA voted to allocate funds to four organizations: (1) the CGSA will sponsor activities at MWR events; (2) care packages for four Coast Guard Cutters currently serving in the Persian Gulf; (3) the CGA’s Cadet Activities Fund; and (4) the Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood Foundation (a rare neurological disorder affecting the children of a CGSA member’s co-worker).

We plan to get our packages together for the Cutters this summer. If you have items you’d like to contribute or if you’d like to help us organize this effort, please help us “give big” to these Coast Guard members to let them know that they’re on our minds and in our hearts. For more information, to volunteer and to donate, contact Jill Billiau at (860) 395-2001 or [jill@billiau.com](mailto:jill@billiau.com).

## “YUM-MO” with the IDC

**International Dinner Club (IDC)** is getting a jump on membership for next year! We’d like to start IDC in October 2008 and want to get as many members on board right away!

What is IDC, you ask? IDC is fun club if you like good food...a great club if you like great people...and a can't go wrong club if you like eating good food with great people!

Here's how it works: Once you sign up, we divide into four groups of four couples each (so you never have more than eight people to cook for, including yourself, and you will dine with each couple at least once—hopefully!). Then, over the course of eight months, you host one dinner corresponding to the theme for that month (main course and beverage) and bring accompaniments to three other dinners that you attend as a guest. Hosts are also responsible for setting the date and time of the dinner, and providing any essential side dish or starch needed to complete the entree.

Its great fun to meet new people and enjoy a wonderful meal...often times, something you've never tried before. But don't worry- there is no experience required. Contact Erika Lund at (401) 348-0370 or [noahthedog@aol.com](mailto:noahthedog@aol.com) if you are interested or know of someone who is! *Bon Appetit!*



**Happy Birthday! CGSA sends good wishes and cheer to the following**

Jane Smith	June 13
Sheila Welling	July 2
Jenny Coffey	July 5
Jessica James-Carnes	July 7
Christine O'Connor	July 9
Kathy Sinnett	July 31

## Lunch Bunch at the Cove Clam Shack and Cafe Tuesday, July 1 at 12 noon

What could be better for summer in New England than dining outside at a picnic table eating a lobster roll or award winning clam chowder? Or maybe a Fried Cod Sandwich? The Cove Clam Shack and Cafe is considered one of the “finest meals on sliced bread” by Esquire magazine! The Cove buys local seafood every morning from the Stonington dock. If the weather isn’t conducive for dining “in the rough,” the cafe offers indoor seating. The restaurant is located at 20 Old Stonington Road in Mystic. Depending on your schedule and appetite, The Sea Swirl is right down the street for a delicious ice cream dessert! Check out The Cove’s menu at [www.covefish.com](http://www.covefish.com). Please RSVP to Melissa Brown at (860) 495-5500 or [jmbrown0806@hotmail.com](mailto:jmbrown0806@hotmail.com).

Becky Noreen will be planning our Lunch Bunch gatherings for the coming year. I look forward to all of the great places she will find for us to share food and fun!

# Club Notes

## Coast Guard Spouses' Association of Southeastern Connecticut General Membership Meeting \* May 8, 2008 \* Munro Hall \* CGA

**Present:** Jill Billiau, Erika Lund, Rachel Benin, Loren Hammond, Melissa Hudspeth, Liz Herman, Pat Simpson, Takako Dolan, Sarah Ferguson, Joan Korale

**Call to Order:** Jill Billiau called the meeting to order at 1920.

**Report of the Recording Secretary:** Rachel requested to have April 08 minutes approved and accepted. After making minor grammar corrections, Erika moved to accept and Liz seconded the motion.

**Report of the Treasurer:** Melissa provided a summary of the current CGSA Treasurer's Report. Each committee was made aware of the available funds. A call was made for all withstanding receipts. This is necessary to balance the books before they are closed for the fiscal year (June 1<sup>st</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>) and the position of Treasurer is relieved by Christy. Reimbursement for Retiree Luncheon stamps was made. Ways and Means is to dip into the earmarked residual funds to cover restocking needs. A draft budget is to be circulated among the Executive Board for approval by June meeting.

**Report of the Corresponding Secretary:** Loren read a Thank-You card from the Smith family. Cards will be sent to the James-Carnes and Godfrey Families.

**Report of the Vice President:** Erika Lund reported on the activities calendar. June's meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>; Time: 1900. There will be no meeting in July.

**May 10:** CGSA High Tea, Somerset House, Pawcatuck, 1000, RSVP Tiffani

**May 13:** Mystic Seaport, RSVP Jill

**May 19:** Future Spouses Tea, Quarters One, CGA, 0930, RSVP Liz

**May 23:** Lunch Bunch, Prime Time Café, Pawcatuck, 1200, Kids welcome, RSVP Melissa

**May 28:** End of the Year Party, Seamen's Inne, Mystic, 1830, RSVP Jill, details in newsletter

**June 7:** Broadway Trip, Coordinated by Jill, *Chorus Line* tickets will be purchased.

**June 30:** Reporting In Day, Cakes and W & M items will be sold, volunteers to man table needed.

**August 1:** CG Day, Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT

**August 17:** Welcome Aboard Picnic, date announced and planning to begin. Moon bounce deposit has been made.

### Report of Standing Committees:

Cadet Cakes- Welcome Sarah Ferguson to the committee; Co-Chair is needed. Loren is to order cake boxes and rounds. New labels will be used next year. Sarah is to take freezer from Kim. Volunteers for Ways and Means will also cover the cake table during Reporting-In Day. Delivery of cakes is to resume August 25<sup>th</sup>. August 24<sup>th</sup> is the proposed frosting party.

Hospitality/Luncheons and Socials- Liz reported. The Future Spouses Tea is up-coming. A babysitter is no longer needed.

Membership- Takako is to head committee next year. Two newly transferred spouses are interested in club membership.

Newsletter- Tiffani Kaminski was unable to attend. It was noted that May 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the June/July newsletter. Any events to take place over the summer and announcements of early fall activities needed to be published within this issue.

Ways and Means- Takako and Pat reported. OCS graduation sales made approx. \$300. Everyone present expressed gratitude in CGSA support. Planning for RID (6/30), Parents Weekend (9/19-21), & Homecoming (10/3-5) began. Takako will take RSVPs and organize schedule for RID volunteers. Closet key has been returned and a new closet is needed for better access to storage.

Awards and Scholarships- Solicitations for the High School Book Awards should be made. The Chip Boswell deadline is near.

Sunshine- Christy Newell's meals will be organized by Claire. The James-Carnes and Edwards Families should also be contacted.

### Report of Special Committees:

Family Support Fund- A scholarship for the Godfrey Family was voted on and approved. The check was cut during the meeting.

Crafts- Liz Herman reported. A Paint-Your-Own-Pottery Night or Scrapbook Night may be planned during the summer.

### Old Business:

Embroidery Shops within the Area- Discussion continued on changing embroidery shops used to customize Ways and Means items. Copyright laws on Eagle logo play a vital role. Pat and Jill are to further investigate a shop in Niantic.

### New Business:

Charity Donations- Joan petitioned the club for donations to the Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood research fund. A vote was taken on all suggested organizations and/or charitable causes. The results were as follows: \$500 each to; Cadet Activity Fund, Coast Guard Academy MWR, Bahrain Carepackage Big Give, and the Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood foundation.

Committee Chair transitions and Vacancies- The current roster was reviewed. Takako volunteered as Historian. Vacancies exist.

Wine and Cheese- The traditional beginning -of- year event is to be held at Quarters One. Tentative date is September 10<sup>th</sup>

**Announcements:** Carepackages to CG serving in Bahrain are to be organized and assembled in the fall. Sponsorship & business donation-match is to be solicited.

**Adjournment:** Jill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2020. Erika Lund seconded the motion.

*Respectfully Submitted May 18, 2008  
Rachel Benin, Recording Secretary*

## June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Broadway
8	9	10	11	12 GMM 7PM	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Report In Day					

## July 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Lunch Bunch	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### 2007-2008 Leadership Roster

#### *Honorary President*

Betsy Burhoe

Parliamentarian  
Sunshine  
Ways & Means

Kim Davis 434-7047  
Claire Tyson 319-1558  
Takako Dolan 437-0042  
Pat Simpson 739-4033

#### *Executive Board*

President Jill Billiau 395-2001  
Vice President Erika Lund (401) 348-0370  
Treasurer Christy Newell 381-5807  
Recording Secretary Rachel Benin 691-0876  
Corresponding Secretary Melissa Brown 495-5500

#### *Standing Committees*

Awards & Scholarships Gail Boehm 447-9232  
Cadet Cakes Sarah Ferguson 514-6823

#### *Co-Chair Needed*

Luncheons/Socials/  
Hospitality **Volunteer Needed**  
Membership Takako Dolan 437-0042  
News & Views Tiffani Kaminski (401) 348-8789

Babysitting  
Bowling  
Crafts  
Co-Op  
Family Support Fund  
Historian/Publicity  
Lunch Bunch  
MWR Representative  
OCS Representative  
Retiree Rep.  
Secret Pals

#### *Special Committees*

#### **Volunteer Needed**

Janice Norton 437-3671  
Kim Davis 434-7047  
Rachel Benin 691-0876  
Erika Lund (401) 348-0370  
Takako Dolan 437-0042  
Becky Noreen 572-9627  
Christy Newell 381-5807  
Christine O'Connor (401) 823-8707  
Sue Branagan 691-1285  
Melissa Brown 495-5500

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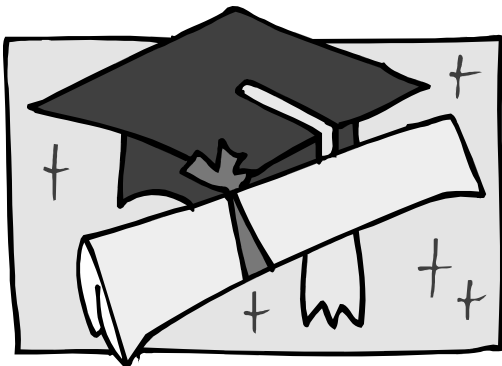
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New London, CT 06320

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**2008 Coast Guard Day Picnic**

Mark your calendar....the 2008 CG Day Picnic will take place at  
Lake Compounce Amusement Park on Friday, 1 August! Call (860) 444-8476 for more information!

# *Mark Your Calendar!*



NYC Broadway Trip	June 7
June General Membership Meeting	June 12
CGA Reporting In Day	June 30
Lunch Bunch	July 1
CG Day Picnic—Lake Compounce	August 1
Welcome Aboard Picnic	August 17