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Reporting-In Day Monday, June 27 / 7AM - Noon

The Ways & Means and Cadet Cakes Committees need volunteers for Reporting-In Day on June 27 from 7:00AM to 12:00PM. We will be taking orders for Cadet Cakes and selling our Ways & Means merchandise. It is a terrific time to meet the parents of incoming swabs and portray a professional image of the Coast Guard Spouses Association.

If you are able to help, please contact: Meredith Novak at (507) 271-1730/meredith.e.novak@gmail.com to schedule a time slot to assist. This is a fun event – any volunteer time will be greatly appreciated!

If you have little ones, don't be discouraged; we are working on making it easy and convenient for you to bring them with you! Just let us know.

Lunch Bunch June 14 & July 14

Join this summer for yummy lunches at two of our favorite places! Lunch Bunch is a nice, informal get together for the CGSA where you will get to know other members.

June 14 at 11:30AM at **Olio's**, 33 Kings Highway, Groton

July 14 at 11:30AM at **Costello's**, 145 Pearl Street, Noank

RSVP to Sharnel Duarte at (860) 326-5405/sharchar5@yahoo.com.
Children are welcome!

CGSA's Annual Welcome Aboard Picnic Saturday, August 20 / 11AM-2PM

Save the date for our annual Welcome Aboard Picnic! It will be on Saturday, August 20, from 11AM-2PM. Join us at the Stonington Lodge for food, fun, and prizes!

RSVPs are appreciated by August 13 to Dory Heesch at doryheesch@yahoo.com or (860) 885-0799.

If you know of any prospective new members, please pass their names along to Jennifer Calhoun at (202) 309-5480 or jennifer.calhoun35@gmail.com so we can welcome as many newcomers as possible!

Directions to Stonington Lodge, 396 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT, can be found on our website at <http://cgspouses-sect.org/directions.html>.

President's Corner

Summer has officially come to Connecticut and it's beautiful! What a great time of year for incoming families to be introduced to the state.

I'm thrilled that the CG has decided it needs Christopher to stay in the Nutmeg State so that our family can continue to take advantage of all the wonderful things the area has to offer (and being so close to Boston and NYC doesn't hurt!).

As the new CGSA year starts to take shape, looking ahead I can guarantee that we have a lot of great things planned. I anticipate continuing with events and activities that long-time members have come to rely on as well as welcome new ideas from all.

I gently ask you all to consider participating in at least one event or fundraising activity this year. This is your club and you and your predecessors have helped make it one of the strongest and longest enduring in the country. In short, the Executive Board and Chairs cannot cover all the volunteer needs all the time and I can't ask them to so in good faith.

So when you receive an email or phone call asking for help please consider helping. I can't stress enough that most of our volunteer efforts – and events

for that matter – take only a couple of hours. If you have little ones to consider, let us know and we can look into childcare (did you know that we have a line item in the budget for this?).

Our first big event is Reporting In Day (see page 1) and it's a lot of fun to see the families of the Swabs on the day they report to the academy. Cadet Cakes has historically done great on this day as the parents feel that sending their cadet a cake is something that will help ease those first few weeks and months away from home.

Speaking of cakes and volunteering...

This club has such a great tradition of having wonderful members who step up and take on a role (or two or three) and keep it for the length of their tour in CT. Megan Bennett, Allison McSorley, and Christy Newell personify that. I can't thank these ladies enough for all they did for the CGSA. I will miss them all as they depart for their new homes, but am sure that others will see the CGSA's needs and help where it is needed.

Now get out there and enjoy this gorgeous weather! See you soon!

Best regards,
Jill Billiau

Coast Guard Admiral Becomes First Woman To Lead A U.S. Service Academy

Today is a significant waypoint not only in Coast Guard history, but in American history. This morning Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz assumed command as the United States Coast Guard Academy's first woman superintendent. This also makes her the first woman to command any U.S. service academy.

A 1982 Coast Guard Academy graduate and a surface operations officer with 12 years of sea duty, Admiral Stosz has plotted a course that includes many firsts for women in the military. Her performance in previous assignments as commanding officer for recruit training at Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, N.J., the Director of Reserve and Leadership, and the commanding officer of two cutters, has demonstrated a commitment to building a diverse workforce without boundaries.

With this appointment, Admiral Stosz opens what I hope is one of the few remaining doors to women in uniform. This is a tribute not only to our country's rich history of dynamic leaders and trailblazers but also our Service's ongoing commitment to providing limitless opportunities for every man and woman who wears the uniform.

Admiral Stosz takes over a world class institution of higher learning and leadership development that continues to see increases in minority admissions. On June 27, the class of 2015 reports aboard and will be the most diverse class in history. Of the 290 offered appointments, 33 percent will be from underrepresented minority groups and 32 percent will be women.

I have every confidence that Admiral Stosz's watch will continue in the finest traditions of Captain John Henriques—the first superintendent, and 38 others, including outgoing superintendent Rear Admiral Scott Burhoe. She will increase the prestige, quality of education and, most importantly, the character of the leaders who as commissioned Coast Guard officers will ultimately lead our Service while protecting the Nation from threats on the sea, protecting people who use the sea, and protecting the sea itself.

Always Ready — Semper Paratus,

Adm. Bob Papp Commandant of the Coast Guard *Reprinted via the Coast Guard Compass, <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil>*

Happy Birthday!

CGSA sends good wishes and cheer to the following members on their birthday:



Felicitas Rendon June 6

General Membership Meeting Thursday, June 16 / 7PM

This month's General Membership Meeting will be held at Jill Billiau's house, 126 Ingham Hill Road, Old Saybrook, at 7pm on Thursday, June 16.

We will have a bit of business to discuss before jumping in and talking about plans for the CGSA's fall events. All input is appreciated!

Please RSVP to Jill Billiau at (860) 391-5601 or jill@billiau.com.

Volunteer Positions & Vacancies

There are many ways in which you can get the most of your CGSA membership and we hope that you'll consider volunteering for a position is one of them. Most positions just take a couple of hours each month and all are fun and rewarding.

Recording Secretary: Record minutes at meetings and type them for distribution in newsletter.

Ways & Means Co-Chair: Prepare an annual inventory of CGSA items to be sold at events to benefit the association.

Newsletter Editor: Compile and edit newsletter; distribute via mail and email by first week of each month. All expenses incurred (photocopying and stamps) are reimbursable through the club.

Sunshine Chair: Coordinate with members via email or phone to provide meals for any member in need due to, but not limited to, birth, death or illness.

There are other volunteer needs throughout the year where we could really use members' help. It can't be stressed enough that this is your club and your participation in things from helping at the Welcome Picnic to being a Chair of a committee will only serve to make the club stronger and inviting to others.

Thank you for your consideration! For more information, please contact Jill Billiau at (860) 391-5601 or jill@billiau.com.

Newsletter Submissions August Edition Deadline: July 20

You are invited to submit something you think your fellow members would be interested in learning/reading.

Ideas: recipes, blogs, crafts, reviews of local places of interest, and more!

Additionally, we are looking for a member who would be interested in being our News & Views editor. This job entails compiling articles submitted by the club and distributing finished newsletter via mail and email.

Interested in learning more? Contact Jill Billiau at (860) 391-5601/jill@billiau.com.

USCGC EAGLE Crew Reunion Fort Trumbull State Park, New London 26-28 August 2011



Have you or your spouse been a crewmember of EAGLE? Plans are coming together for a reunion of the crew the last weekend in August. There will activities for adults and children.

Learn more here: <http://www.eagle-reunion.com>. Live in the area and want to get involved in the planning? Be sure to submit your information on the "Contact Us" page.

Side note: EAGLE is currently in Europe and early this month the crew visited the shipyard in Hamburg, Germany where was constructed in 1936!

Club Notes

Coast Guard Spouses Association of Southeastern Connecticut General Membership Meeting – May 23, 2011 – Jill Billiau’s Home

Present: Allison McSorley, Dory Heesch, Meredith Novak, Jill Billiau

Call to Order: Jill called the meeting to order at 10:28am

Board Members: **President** – Jill Billiau **Vice President** – Meredith Novak

Corresponding Secretary – Jennifer Calhoun **Treasurer** – Dory Heesch **Recording Secretary** – vacant position

Report of the Recording Secretary: vacant position, briefly discussed the minutes from the budget meeting. Meredith took notes and will type minutes for meeting.

Report of the Treasurer: Dory proposed that the budget for 2011-2012 be approved. Meredith seconded the motion and the budget was approved. Allison noted an error in the cadet cake donations. The actual amount received this year was \$281. Jill and Dory will meet to discuss the PayPal account for cadet cakes.

Report of the Vice President: Meredith reported that the Project Officers for Reporting In Day, Homecoming, Parents Weekend and New Faculty School were contacted. The Club will have a Ways and Means and a Cadet Cake table at Reporting In Day. Volunteers needed to man the tables on June 27th from 7am-1pm. Meredith will start making phone calls for volunteers and she will make a volunteer sign up sheet to be emailed to all members. Dory will volunteer from 10am-1pm. Jill will contact Marion about having a babysitter at her house for Rday volunteers to use if needed.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary: Jennifer Calhoun was unable to attend. Jill will check mailbox until Jen is able to do so.

Report of Standing Committees:

Hospitality, Luncheons and Socials: Dory volunteered to lead the Hospitality Committee.

Sunshine: Vacant, nothing to report

Lunch Bunch: Sharnel was unable to attend. Next lunch bunch is June 14th 11:30am at Olio’s in Groton.

Fundraising:

Ways and Means: Pat Simpson was unable to attend. She needs volunteers for Reporting In Day on June 27th. She also needs a co-chair.

Cadet Cakes: Allison reported that cake boxes and rounds are now purchase(very inexpensively) from The Cake Lady. Kim would like to purchase the freezer. Profits from freezer’s sale will be put into cake donations.

Club Operations:

Membership: Jennifer Calhoun volunteered to lead this committee. Five new members have joined so far for the new year.

MWR: Pat was unable to attend. It was discussed that Paula Springer may need Volunteers for MWR events this year.

Retirees: Sue Branagan was unable to attend.

Newsletter: Position Vacant.

Website: Jill is in charge of website. Nothing to report.

Philanthropy:

Awards and Scholarships: Nothing to report.

Care Packages: Volunteers needed in order to continue with this project. Continuation of Care Packages tabled until enough volunteers are found. If not enough volunteers, care packages will not be sent this year.

Family Support Fund: Jill needs to get in touch with the other groups that are a part of this fund to get approval to revise the by laws to make donations easier with this fund.

Old Business: Betsy Burhoe suggested Jill consider inviting couples to the Future Spouses Tea instead of just inviting the non-cadet fiancé.

New Business:

Audit Committee: Will form soon. VP will check Treasurer.

By-laws: By laws need to be reviewed and updated.

Babysitting: Babysitters will now be found on an as needed basis for each event.

Historian: Position vacant. Volunteer needed.

Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian: Jill suggested combining the positions.

Business/Club Cards: Jill will have VISTA club cards printed to hand out to potential new members.

Cadet Cupcakes: Discussed the idea of having cadet cupcakes as well as cakes. It is a possibility but further discussion is needed.

Submitted by Meredith Novak, 24 May 2011

2011-2012 Leadership Roster

	Honorary President		Sunshine	Volunteer Needed
	Betsy Burhoe		Ways & Means	Pat Simpson (860) 739-4033
				Volunteer Needed
	Executive Board			
President	Jill Billiau	(860) 391-5601		
Vice President	Meredith Novak	(507) 271-1730	Babysitting	Volunteer Needed
Treasurer	Dory Heesch	(713) 494-9747	Bowling	Janice Norton (860) 437-3671
Corresponding Secretary	Jennifer Calhoun	(202) 309-5480	Care Packages	Meredith Novak (507) 271-1730
Recording Secretary	Volunteer Needed		Family Support Fund	Jill Billiau (860) 391-5601
			Historian/Publicity	Volunteer Needed
	Standing Committees		Lunch Bunch	Sharnel Duarte (860) 326-5405
Awards & Scholarships	Jill Billiau	(860) 391-5601	MWR Representative	Pat Simpson (860) 739-4033
Cadet Cakes	Andrea Krautler	(860) 961-3600	OCS Representative	Elizabeth Flynn
	Amy Crowther	(916) 295-2187	Retiree Representative	Sue Branagan (860) 691-1285
Luncheons/Socials	Dory Heesch		Secret Pals	Nova Seals (860) 235-8072
Membership	Jennifer Calhoun		Website/Facebook	Jill Billiau (860) 391-5601
News & Views	Volunteer Needed			Meredith Novak (507) 271-1730
Parliamentarian	Volunteer Needed			

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Be sure to add info@cgspouses-sect.org to your email address book to ensure that all CGSA emails and newsletters always go straight to your inbox.

Mark Your Calendar!



June 14	Lunch Bunch: Oleo's
June 27	Reporting In Day
July 14	Lunch Bunch: Costello's
August 5	Coast Guard Day, Lake Compounce, Bristol
August 20	Welcome Aboard Picnic, Stonington Lodge, Stonington
September	Wine & Cheese Social
September 23-24	Homecoming Weekend
October 1	Membership Form Due
October 14-15	Parents' Weekend

Want to hear about last-minute additions or changes to our schedule, or give your input on our event planning? "Like" our page on Facebook for more info! Just sign in to **Facebook** (or visit www.facebook.com and create a free account) and search **CGSACT**.