



Silent Service Charities Auction

Greetings!

The Submarine Officers' Spouses' Association – Charitable Association (SOSACA) in conjunction with the Chief Petty Officers' Wives will be hosting the “Divin’ Into the 80’s” Silent Service Charities Auction on Saturday, February 27, 2010. This annual event, which last year raised over \$25,000, primarily benefits the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation. The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation was founded over forty years ago to provide financial assistance for college education to the sons and daughters of members of the submarine service. A local charity is also selected by SOSACA to receive a portion of the auction’s proceeds. Last year the charity that was selected was the Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society. We warmly welcome any suggestions for other local charitable organizations that would benefit from our event.

The success of our event significantly depends on donations received from local businesses and individual donors. We humbly ask for your support of our event. We are in great need of items to offer during the silent and verbal auctions. All businesses and individual donors contributing items will be listed in the evening’s program. In addition, donations with a retail value over \$200 will receive a business card sized advertisement at no additional cost in our program. Previously, this charity event has drawn over 400 people, so you can see that this could be a great opportunity to advertise your business while helping to support worthy charities. The generosity of donors like you is critical to the success of this charity endeavor.

Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Submarine Officers' Spouses' Association – Charitable Association (SOSACA) is a public charity exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our Federal Tax ID Number will be provided with your donation confirmation letter or upon request.

In order for us to continue our tradition of success, we need your support in any way. We hope you will be able to participate in this worthwhile charitable cause, and we thank you in advance for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (860) 381-5061 or at silentauction2010@gmail.com.

We would like to receive donations no later than February 19, 2010. Please mail completed forms and donations to:

Silent Service Charities Auction
c/o Karen Lancaster
919 Colonel Ledyard Hwy.
Ledyard, CT 06339

Sincerely,

Karen Lancaster, Silent Auction Chair

Silent Service Charities Auction
www.dolphinscholarship.org

Sponsored by SOSA, SOSACA, and CPO Wives, New London, CT



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2010 Silent Auction Donation Form

Please submit one form for each donation given. This form may be copied. Please return the completed form *no later than* February 19, 2010 to ensure a place in the program to:

Silent Service Charities Auction
c/o Karen Lancaster
919 Colonel Ledyard Hwy.
Ledyard, CT 06339
(860) 381-5061 or silentauction2010@gmail.com

Name of Donor Business or Individual as it will appear in the program: _____

Point of Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Donation: _____

Desired description for program: _____

Specific stipulations (such as advance notice, combining items, weather, expiration date): _____

Approximate Value: _____

With an additional \$25, you will receive advertising in our Special Contributors Program. Donations with a retail value over \$200 will receive an advertisement at no extra cost. *Enclose a business card or equivalent sized advertisement along with this form. Please DO NOT staple. Larger advertising is available. Please contact us at silentauction2010@gmail.com.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- _____ Contribution Enclosed
- _____ Contribution to be mailed on _____ (date)
- _____ Contribution to be picked up on _____ (date) before February 19, 2010
- _____ Other _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This contribution becomes the property of the Silent Service Charities Auction/Submarine Officers' Spouses' Association, Charitable Association (SOSACA). It is offered to benefit the 2010 Silent Service Charities Auction. The majority of proceeds go to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation, a non-profit organization headquartered in Norfolk, VA, with the remaining proceeds going to local charities.

SOSACA Use Only:

Received: _____ Logged: _____ Other: _____

HISTORY OF THE DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP

The Submarine Officers Wives' Club established the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation in 1960. The Foundation awarded a single scholarship that year to John L Haines, Jr. in the amount of \$350. Initially the scholarship was open only to children of active duty submarine officers; however, in 1962 the program was extended to include the children of all active duty submariners, enlisted and officer. Five grants were awarded that year. In 1963, the grants increased to \$500 per year and eligibility was extended to include dependents of active duty support personnel who had served on a Submarine Base, Submarine Tender or Submarine Rescue Vessel. By 1969, the Foundation had increased the yearly grant to \$800 per student, and the charter was amended to provide management of the Scorpion Memorial Fund with the first of the Scorpion dependents entering college in 1970. In the spring of 1992, the last Scorpion Scholar completed his eligibility. Since inception, the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation has continued to grow to its current award of \$3,400 per year for 137 students. Each recipient may receive a total of \$13,600 for up to four years of undergraduate study. The number of new awards granted each year is determined by graduation and attrition of current Dolphin Scholars. The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation is proud to have awarded in excess of 8 million dollars to over 1000 students attending universities and colleges across the United States.

The **1000th Dolphin Scholar** was selected in April 2009. Gavin Matthews was selected from over 200 applicants, and has been designated as "*The Holland Scholar*," to honor John Holland, the inventor of the first submarine purchased by the U.S. Navy in 1900.

FUNDING FOR THE DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP

A primary source of funds for the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation comes from the various Spouses' associations who donate over \$100,000.00 each year. The associations raise funds each year through calendar sales, the Dolphin Store, and the Dolphin Scholarship Auctions. The auctions are planned and conducted entirely by volunteers. The majority of the proceeds from the 2009 Silent Service Charities Auction and other Submarine Officers' Spouses' Association fundraising activities go directly to the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation in Norfolk, Virginia and are used *solely* to fund the Dolphin Scholarships.

WHY THE DOLPHIN SCHOLARSHIP?

We know that teens are faced with many new challenges every day. The children of military families are also faced with an extra set of unique challenges. For these students hoping to get into college, building a strong application is crucial. This process can be made especially difficult for high schoolers of military families who are moved during this important time in their education, interrupting both studies and community involvement. Trying to keep grades up while building a community resume, even through widespread organizations such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and 4H, can be negatively impacted when a child's efforts are stopped short in one location and must be started anew in another. The largest scholarship offered specifically for children of submarine force members, the Dolphin Scholarship, gives these kids an extra chance to offset some of their unique challenges.