

THE PIN RAIL

An e-newsletter from the Tall Ship Education Academy



TSEA TO PARTICIPATE IN CIBC'S MIRACLE DAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

TSEA is always looking for ways to expand our fundraising activities. This year one new avenue we are trying is a program to benefit children's charities run by CIBC World Markets, an investment bank. One day a year, this year it's Dec 6th, CIBC donates 95% of the trading commissions generated with them that day to the charity of their client's choosing. For more information, please visit: http://www.cibcwmiracleday.com/usa_infoclients.html

PLEASE HELP US PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM! If you know anyone that works in the financial world and might trade with CIBC, please give them the information on Miracle Day and encourage them to request their donation go to TSEA. The more traders we have requesting their donation go to TSEA, the more funds that will be generated for our organization. Take a moment to think about friends, relatives, colleagues

and/or alums from business schools that work in this industry and contact them with information on Miracle Day. Thanks for your help.



**CIBC World Markets
Miracle Day**
Wednesday, December 6, 2006

TSSG WINS ASTA AWARD

Each year, the American Sail Training Association (ASTA) honors one sail training program at their national conference with the Sail Training Program of the Year award. The Tall Ship Semester for Girls (TSSG) program was given this prestigious award in 1999, shortly

after the completion of the very first semester program. This year, ASTA again recognized TSSG with the 2006 Sail Training Program of the Year award.

The ASTA conference took place in Charleston, SC in early November.

Although no TSEA staff or alums were there to receive the award, Ken Neal-Boyd, executive director of our partner organization, Call of the Sea, received the award on our behalf. We are very proud to have national recognition for TSSG!

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Special points of interest:

- **December 6, 2007:** TSEA participates in CIBC's Miracle Day
- **December 20, 2006:** Join our shopping night at Sports Basement and receive a 15% discount
- **January 2007:** Girls Summer At Sea application review begins
- **April 19, 2007:** Next Women's Challenge begins

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Shortly after TSEA's terrific party at the Aquarium of the Bay on November 3, I took off for a three week vacation in New Zealand. Although my passport shows lots of exotic travel in the Caribbean, this was my first trip in several years in which I was not accompanied by a crew of teenage girls. It was a nice change of pace to meander through the country at my leisure, but there were times when I missed those girls and their ability to turn me from a tourist to a traveler.

While I was away, you should have received our annual mailing requesting your financial support of the Tall Ship Education Academy. The letter describes several new funds we have started: The Inspirational Women's Circle that allows donors to honor a woman that in-

spired him/her, the New Horizons Giving Circle for multiple year donors willing to pledge their ongoing support and the Alumnae Fund that asks our alums to give back to TSEA. I hope that you will consider supporting TSEA at whatever level makes sense to you. Your financial support ensures that girls from all backgrounds will have access to TSEA and the only extended sail-training program for girls.

In addition, there are several ways that you can support TSEA that won't cost you a cent and in some cases will get you a discount! This issue of the *Pin Rail* has information about a Sports Basement shopping night and details on registering with



other organizations that benefit TSEA. Read on to see how your shopping can help support TSEA!

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season.

Nettie Kelly, Executive Director

TSEA'S BENEFIT RECEPTION A HUGE SUCCESS!

TSEA's annual benefit reception had a new look to it this year. Over 200 people gathered at the Aquarium of the Bay to celebrate the Semester for Girls and the work of TSEA. Celebrants enjoyed wine donated by several local vineyards paired with a delicious array of appetizers. As some attendees roamed through the aquarium, others were kept busy bidding on silent auction items such as sailboat rides, a vacation condo and weekend getaways.

Speakers for the evening included Executive Director, Nettie Kelly, TSSG Alum, Rocio Cisneros and Acting Board Chair, Joanne Fedeyko. In addition, Alice Cochrane made a surprise announcement to present TSEA with the ASTA Sail Training Program of the Year award (see cover story).

This benefit reception was our best yet and raised over \$17,000! TSEA

would like to extend our thanks to:

Our event **sponsors**: Symantec, Trirega, Wells Fargo and Del Monte Foods

Our **beverage donors**: Angove's Red Belly Black, Dry Creek Vineyards, Trincherro Family Vineyards, St. Supery, Domaine Chandon and Spaten

Our **silent auction prize donors**: Bob Stovall, Blue Waters Kayaking, Blackthorne Inn, Caffè Macaroni, Beach Blanket Babylon, Hotel San Remo, Getaway Adventures, San Francisco Fire Department, Paul Kaplan, SF Bay Whale Watching, Boardports School, the San Francisco Giants, Brandon Schneider

Our **raffle prize donors**: Boardports School, Bill Graham Presents, Bay Area Boot Camp, Avanti Health and Fitness, Call of the Sea, Dry Creek Vineyard, Club Quarters, the American

Sail Training Association, the Golden Gate Tall Ship Society, the Coffee Roaster, Swan's Oyster Bar, Warners Home Video and Adventure Cat

Our **venue**: The Aquarium of the Bay and Gourmet Pacific Catering

Our **reception committee**: Marissa Viray, Joanne Fedeyko, Nettie Kelly, Joanne Lesser and Stephanie Joukoff

All of our many **volunteers** before, during and after the event!

All of those who **attended** the event and made the evening a success!!

We will be starting to plan next year's event before you know it so if you are interested in volunteering on the Reception Committee, please let us know!

JOIN US AT A HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE AT SPORTS BASEMENT

Save the Date!

Sports 
Basement

Wednesday, December 20, 2006
6-8pm
16th Street and De Haro
San Francisco

Save the date to shop for a cause!

On December 20, 2006 from 6pm to 8pm, the Sports Basement is hosting a shopping night to benefit TSEA. You will receive 15% anything you purchase during the evening AND Sports Basement will donate 5% of your total purchase to TSEA. Sports Basement will provide wine and munchies to accompany your shopping.

In addition, the evening will be an information session about the Women's 3-day Sailing Challenge.

Alums from the 3-day Women's Sailing Challenge and TSEA staff will be presenting information on the 3-day Challenge. If you are interested in the Challenge, this is a great opportunity to talk with the women who have done it and get questions answered. Even if you don't plan to shop, please come for the information – and bring a friend!

WORDS FROM AN ALUM: CHRISTINA MARQUEZ

The more time that passes the easier it is to see how much I have changed as a result of TSSG. This summer I worked at the Fort Miley Ropes Course, something that I had always aspired to do. Even in my interaction with my coworkers I could see that I was a stronger person. I was independent and confident, something that I had never described myself as being before. I also worked as an unpaid intern at Outward Bound during the summer to help organize their black tie event. This job again demonstrated to me the physical and mental changes that had occurred during the program. I was not ashamed to be a hard worker.

I have sailed a little bit in the city with other TSSG alums. I do that as much as I can. I am also applying for another internship with Outward Bound this summer on the East Coast on a boat.

I am presently attending UC Davis, a school that I never thought I would get into not to mention do well in once I got in! I am definitely staying on top of my work; I never miss a class or homework assignment. I am determined to be successful in school, because I am confident that I can be. I have decided to double major in Chicano Studies and Communications here at Davis with a minor in Spanish. Visiting the different countries really

helped me realize that I want to do something productive with my life. I want to help people in other countries.

If there is anything that I have learned from TSSG it is the fact that I am in complete control over the things that happen in my life. I can do whatever I put my mind to and that feels good to know. This program works wonders and it deserves all the help that it can get so it can continue to change lives.

Christina Marquez is a TSSG '06 alum. This is an excerpt from a letter she recently wrote about her experience in TSSG.

GIRLS SUMMER AT SEA APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Girls Summer at Sea is a pilot course for the summer of 2007. Modeled on our successful Tall Ship Semester for Girls, Girls Summer at Sea offers teenage girls experience-based academic credit during the summer.

Girls Summer at Sea is a six week course that includes a three week sailing expedition along the California coast. The course breaks into three integrated phases: two weeks in classroom-based preparation on

the San Francisco State University campus, three weeks at sea on board the schooner *Seaward* and a final week focused on a community service project.

Girls Summer at Sea will enroll rising 11th and 12th grade girls as well as recent high school graduates. Students completing the course will receive credit for classes they can include on their high school transcript, as well as three units of San Francisco State Uni-

versity credit in Oceanography. They will also receive credit for community service hours. Please visit our website for further details on this new program.

Applications for Girls Summer at Sea are currently available on our website and from the office. Review of applications will begin in January 2007. Please contact us if you have any questions about this exciting new opportunity!

WOMEN'S SAILING CHALLENGE

Join us for TSEA's *sixth* Women's 3-day Sailing Challenge. Here is your chance to get out and explore San Francisco Bay on an 85 foot schooner! Join us at the Sports Basement to learn more about this program or call or email us. The next Challenge sets sail

Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 5:30pm
and returns

Saturday April 21, 2007 at 4:30pm

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

What's your interest? What's your expertise? In this time of growth and development for TSEA, we are in need of support of all kinds. If you like to plan parties, join our events committee, if you are good with numbers, help out on our audit committee, if you have experience writing grants or doing research, join our development committee. And we'll need help stuffing envelopes and distributing flyers. Please check the [volunteer listings](#) on our website and contact us if you are interested in getting involved. Thanks!



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LET YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING BENEFIT TSEA!

Many of you may know that TSEA is a registered charity with Escrip, Albertson's Community Partners and Tricordia. Registering with any or all of these organization's means that as you make purchases throughout the year, a percentage of your purchases are donated to TSEA. It doesn't cost you a cent and in some cases you can receive a discount! Here is how to get started:



Register your Safeway card and credit cards with Escrip and each time you buy groceries or shop at select merchants, Escrip automatically sends a donation to TSEA. To learn more about Escrip and the merchants involved, please visit their website at www.escrip.com. Click the "Sign up" to register with escrip.



Register your Albertsons card with Albertsons Community Partners program and a percentage of your grocery purchases will automatically be donated to TSEA. To register your card, visit: <http://www.albertsons.com/cp/>



Tricordia works with specific merchants that offer a donation when you purchases good from these merchants online with a credit card. Visit www.tricordia.com to see a list of merchants and program information.

We are still recycling cell phones, printer cartridges and toner cartridges. Please drop any items you have to recycle off at the TSEA office at SF State.

Finally, if you would like to make a donation to TSEA online or with a credit card, you may do so using PayPal. Please visit the donate link on our website to make your donation.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!