
ADVOCATE ALLEY

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“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” -Elizabeth Andrew

Greeting advocates,

I can't believe we're halfway through February! Hopefully, you have all received an invitation to the annual Advocate Appreciation Party tomorrow. If you have not already responded, please do so at your earliest convenience. Please call the office directly at 455-6800. We hope to see as many of you wonderful people there as possible!

Another newsletter will come out soon (March 1st), so we won't be including our Continuing Education offerings until then. Remember that we always have our library waiting for you if you want to earn your credits by reading books, watching DVDs, etc. Come check it out anytime!

We are excited to say that our kitchen/activity room project is officially underway! Demolition began yesterday and the appliances, cabinetry, etc are expected by the end of the week. By next month, the room should be ready to be filled with CASAs and their kids. We can't wait!

A quick update for those of you who have been asking about Advocate Supervisor, Kylie Kelly... On Sunday, February 13th, she gave birth to an 8 pound 4 ounce baby boy. We don't know anything else yet, other than both mom and baby are happy and healthy. We promise to share when we find out the name and can get our hands on a picture.

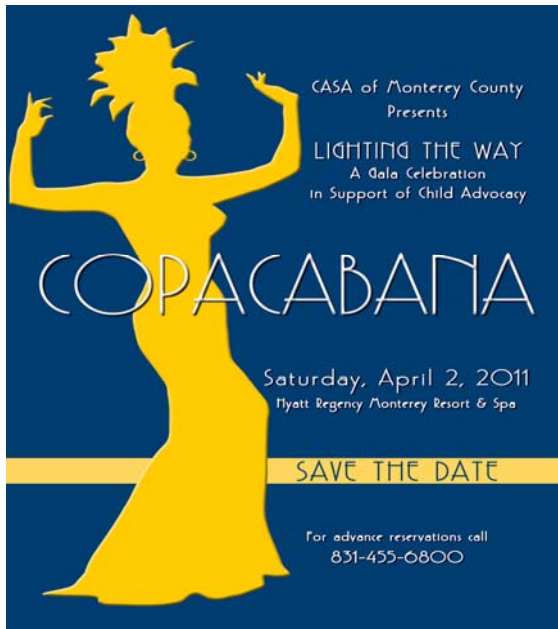
With gratitude,
Michelle Arnold
Program Manager

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CASA Training begins again on February 28th...

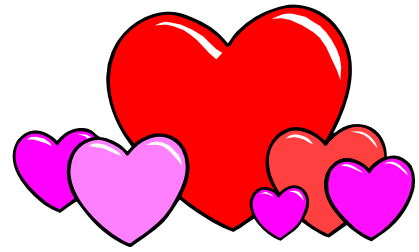
If you know of any interested potential advocates, please send them our way! You can also invite them to our next informational mixer (or attend yourself to help us spread the word to new potential advocates).

**Wednesday, February 23rd
5:30pm to 6:30pm
The Cherry Bean Coffeehouse
332 Main Street in Salinas**

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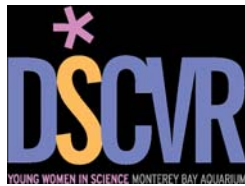


Advocate Avenue



We would like to wish the following advocates a very happy birthday during the month of February...

Betsy Collins	2/12
Eric Paulson	2/19
Jan Ticker	2/21
Ron Scholl	2/27
Christina Courcier	2/29



Young Women in Science (YWS) is a week-long, summer day-camp designed to get young women excited about and involved in science, the ocean and conservation.

Through a variety of hands-on field activities, they strive to increase their knowledge and to spark a personal connection with the natural world that will lead them to become future stewards of the ocean. Participants get the opportunity to explore ocean habitats by joining in activities such as surface scuba diving, boogie boarding and kayaking. They aim to serve young women regardless of primary language or economic background. This summer, they will offer two camps that will be conducted in both English and Spanish. Young women entering grades 6, 7 or 8, who reside in Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties, are eligible to apply.

While this summer we are only offering two first year camps, we currently offer two camp themes: Otter Mystery camp for first-year participants and Ocean Guardians camp for second-year participants. Second-year participants are encouraged to join us as peer mentors when they enter high school through the Teen Conservation Leaders program.

A recruiter's breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 26th. If you or your colleagues work with middle school girls, this is a great event to attend. RSVP required prior to February 21st. For more information, contact Claudia Pineda at 644-7596

Welcome, Rho Class!

Sworn in on Wednesday, February 9th, this small but mighty new group of advocates is ready to hit the ground running. They come to CASA with a myriad of life experiences that will suit them incredibly well in their work.



From left to right:
 Samuel Bendeck
 Crystal Loutzenhiser
 Priscilla Tracy
 Araceli Marquez
 Stephanie Colman
 James Scariot

Not pictured:
 Carol Chatters