



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**



Rotary
Club of Susitna Alaska

Club Meeting

Susitna
Meets at Everett's
Restaurant at the Mat-
Su Resort
1850 East Bogard
Road
Wasilla, AK 99654
Time: Wednesday at
06:00 PM

Speakers

May 22, 2024

Regular Meeting

Cancelled

Annual Big Lake
Library Cleanup Day

May 29, 2024

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

June 05, 2024

Kris Shippen

Cement coming
through the Port of
Anchorage

June 12, 2024

Jules Tileston

Icelandic Snippets

June 19, 2024

James Grogan

Museum of Alaska
Transportation &
Industry

June 26, 2024

Annual Passing of
the Gavel meeting
followed by a board
meeting

May 22nd: Big Lake Library Cleanup & BBQ/Graduation Party for Alex

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Volunteers begin arriving at 5:30pm
REGULAR MEETING IS REPLACED WITH
Big Lake Library Cleanup



Bring gloves, brooms, garden and lawn tools and dress appropriately for the weather!

The Metiva's have graciously offered once again to host a BBQ and **GRADUATION PARTY FOR ALEX** at their house in Big Lake immediately following the clean-up.

You may bring cards or simple gifts for Alex if you wish...but not required! The Metiva's will provide hot dogs, brats & burgers, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish or bag of chips to share.

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE

Coolers and ice will be provided

Memorial Day Events



Events

June 1st

**Lil Su River Float
Classic & Cleanup,
Reading Hike,
BBQ**

June 7th

**3rd Annual
Susitna Rotary
Cup Scramble**

In This Issue

May 22nd: Big Lake
Library Cleanup &
BBQ/Graduation Party
for Alex

Memorial Day Events

June 1st: Lil Su
Classic River Clean-
up, Kids' Reading
Hike, and BBQ

David Lambert is now
an honorary member
of Susitna Rotary!

District Conference
2024

Kids Don't Float
Poster Contest- - The
Winners!

Spring 2024 Raffle:
Matsuri Safari!

Little Su Rotary Park
Sign Sponsorship

Susitna Golf
Tournament -
Postponed until later
this summer

Save the Dates!

Club Leaders



Robert Allan
Grogan
President



Aaron
Coman
President-
Elect



Kimberly W.
Erickson
Club Bulletin
Editor
Club
Webmaster
President-
Elect



Samantha
Shannon
France

















June 1st: Lil Su Classic River Clean-up, Kids' Reading Hike, and BBQ

Sign-up sheet for our annual

LilSu Classic River Float/Cleanup and BBQ

If any of you are interested in participating this year, please sign up using the link below! There are many ways to participate:

**Saturday, June 1st
2024 Lil Su Cleanup**

	Secretary Erin Cruz Treasurer
	Samantha Jo Aarthur Public Relations Chair
	Cathy Kochendorfer Bulletin Editor Webmaster
	Kathleen M. Timm Attendance Secretary
	Josh Waisanen Public Relations Chair
	Cindy Wellman Bulletin Editor
	Richard A. Cavens Sergeant-at-Arms
	Lanissa Grogan Membership Chair
	Adam Rein Sergeant-at-Arms
	Jack W. Timm Rotary Foundation Chair
	Rylee B. Loraene Rudd Club Programs Chair
	Brenda L. Hewitt Vocational Service Chair Youth Services Chair
	Lynn Mitchell Youth Services Chair
	Marty T. Metiva Immediate Past President

We still need volunteers to **purchase the food for the BBQ**. The club will reimburse food expenses. Adam Rein has signed up to be the pit master and food coordinator this year. Christian Hartley has recruited Hilltop Assembly of God (with city council member Ken Mitchell) to help with BBQ and possibly with shuttling. He actually recently purchased the property immediately to the south of the city park property.

We also need **transportation from the park to the gravel pit** for the start. If you have a van or crew cab pickup, or a big trailer that would be a plus.



David Lambert is now an honorary member of Susitna Rotary!

David Lambert, operator of Lotto Alaska, is now an honorary member of Susitna Rotary. Lotto Alaska is a statewide lottery that offers a fun and potentially lucrative gaming experience to Alaska residents while also supporting local non-profit organizations and charities.

Susitna Rotary received \$71,197 in April as one of their designated charities for 2024. The funds will be used to support Susitna Rotary service projects during the 2024-2025 Rotary year.

Thank you [Lotto Alaska](#).

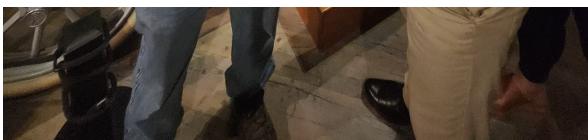


Birthdays

Tonya Gamble
May 30th
Erin Cruz
June 3rd
Michelle Dawn
Maynor
June 3rd
Josh Waisanen
June 17th
Lanissa Grogan
June 22nd
Claire Frey Horton
June 26th

Wedding Anniversaries

Claire Frey Horton
June 3rd
Phillip D. Horton
June 3rd
Kimberly W. Erickson
June 19th



District Conference 2024

Susitna Rotary had a big turnout at the 2024 District 5010 Conference in Fairbanks. The weekend was filled with interesting programs, great food, lots of fun and fellowship.

Past District Governor (PDG) Cheryl Metiva received a District Service Award for her leadership of the District 5010 Finance Committee.







Conference attendees had the option to sign up for "Dinner in the Home" on Friday night. These dinners are hosted by local Rotarians and you don't know ahead of time where you will be going or who will be hosting. It's a fun way to meet Rotarians from other clubs and the meal is always a treat.

Several members of the Susitna Club were lucky enough to be assigned to dinner in the home hosted by Tommy Grant - owner of Tommy G's Meat and Sausage Market - along with Ed and Tammy Randolph. It turned out to be the best steak dinner any of the participants had ever had, with the added bonus of a personalized tour of Tommy G's facility.





Stay tuned for details on how to register for incoming Rotary District Governor Brenda Sheldon's District 5010 Conference in Juneau, May 2nd - 4th, 2025



Kids Don't Float Poster Contest- - The Winners!

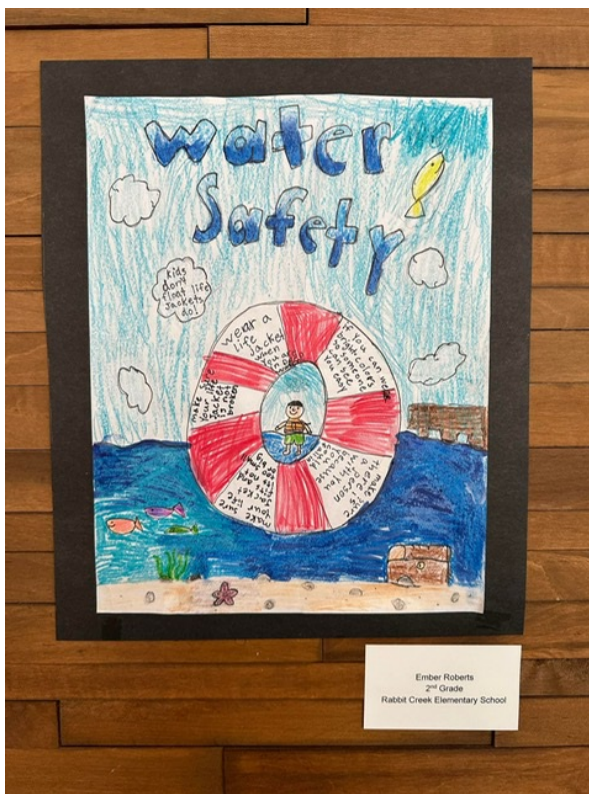
Susitna Rotary sponsored this year's **Kid's Don't Float Poster Contest**. The winners receive a new life jacket.

This year's WINNERS:





Katissa Castillo
3rd Grade
Northern Lights ABC School



Ember Roberts
2nd Grade
Rabbit Creek Elementary School

Spring 2024 Raffle: Matsuri Safari!

WELCOME TO MATSURI SAFARI


The ultimate African Hunting Safari
Matsuri Safaris, a premium hunting ranch of
19,000 acres in Limpopo, South Africa.

Matsuri Magnum Package
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters
\$19,000 Value

Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa

ACTIVITIES FOR NON-HUNTERS
Day trips can be made to Mapungubwe Nature
Reserve
1.5-hour drive

**African Safari Raffle
For Fundraiser**
Donated by Sami & Josh
<https://matsurisafaris.co.za/>




WOW!

Thanks to the generosity of **Josh Waisanen** and **Sami Aarthun**, Susitna Rotary is auctioning off a 7-Day Package for 4 Hunterswith options available for non-hunters as well...and valued at \$19,000 for a spring fundraiser!

There will only be **100 tickets sold at \$100 each** for a drawing to be held on **June 26th** for a **Matsuri Magnum Package**. Stay tuned for more details and how to get/sell tickets. If you have ever dreamed of an African Safari or have friends that would love the opportunity for a Big Game Hunt, this is a golden opportunity. Learn more about the privately owned, [Matsuri Safaris](https://matsurisafaris.co.za/) 17,500 acres hunting ranch in Limpopo, South Africa.

Basic details are shown below.

100 Tickets
\$100 each
June 26




2nd Prize
A.R. - Value \$1K

Matsuri Magnum Package
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters
\$19,000 Value

Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa

Includes:

- Guided by PH with skinner and hunting vehicle. (includes guide fees)
- Accommodations
- Meals
- All local drinks, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, and bottled water, etc.
- Daily laundry service
- Wi-Fi
- Field prep of trophies
- Transportation to Taxidermist
- \$1000.00 per Hunter Trophy Fees



Does Not Include:

- Accommodation & meals for non-hunters and domestic duties

- Accommodation & meals for arrival and departure days. (\$200.00 per day per person)
- Transfers to & from Camp.
- Gratuities
- Airfare
- Transportation of Trophies to U.S.

Exp Date



Little Su Rotary Park Sign Sponsorship

[Download Flyer](#)



Rotary
Club of Susitna Alaska



CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK TRAIL SIGN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Sponsorship Details

- Cost: \$500 for a permanent sponsorship
- Contact: Rob Grogan 907-355-4394
- Location: Little Su River Bridge Houston, Alaska
- Estimated Trail Completion: Fall 2024
- Donation portal can be found on our website

www.susitnarotary.org

Po box 298068 Wasilla, AK 99629

Susitna Golf Tournament - Postponed until later this summer





Save the Dates!

Susitna Rotarians have lots of opportunities in the upcoming months to serve the community and have some fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned each week for more details as the various events unfold.

Date			Event	Location	RSVP required?
May	22nd	Wed	Annual Big Lake Library Cleanup	Big Lake Library 3140 S. Big Lake Rd Big Lake, AK 99623	Everyone invited! Bring work gloves and tools
			BBQ & Grad Party for Alex following cleanup	Marty & Cheryl Metiva 1822 S Birch Dr Big Lake, AK 99623	Everyone invited! Bring a side dish and drink
Jun	1st	Sat	Lil Su Classic River Clean-up, Kids' Reading Hike, and BBQ	Little Susitna River Rotary Pavilion	Everyone invited - please RSVP
Jun	7th	Fri	3rd Annual Susitna Rotary Cup Scramble Golf Tournament	Settlers Bay Golf Course	POSTPONED TO LATE SUMMER
Jun	26th	Wed	Changing of the Guard	TBD	Everyone invited - please RSVP
Oct	12th	Sat	Rotary Uncorked Goes Out of this World	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Purchase tickets in advance
Nov	9th	Sat	The Rotary Foundation Fundaiser	Evangelo's	Purchase tickets in advance

Save
the
Date

