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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

**June 25, 2025**

Potluck at the  
[Lakeside Pavilion at  
Everett's](#)

Meet your 2025-26  
Leaders and sign  
up for a committee.

**July 02, 2025**

HAPPY 4th of JULY!

**July 09, 2025**

Sierra Young,  
Programs  
Specialist,  
[Anchorage Museum](#)  
Cold War to the  
Cosmos: Distant  
Early Warning  
Systems and the  
Arctic

**July 16, 2025**

Community Service  
Event in lieu of club  
meeting

Pass out Free Hot  
Dogs & Share  
About Rotary

## Jun 25 Weekly Meeting: Club Assembly

**POT LUCK!**

**Wednesday, 6:00pm**

Meet in Person at

[Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort](#)'s **LAKESIDE PAVILION**

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWKT1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>

Bring your family and friends plus a **dish to share** to a **POT LUCK** in the **Lakeside Pavilion** at the Mat-Su Resort (located on the north side of the main building). The club will provide drinks, paper plates, napkins, utensils, and cups.

Committee chairs will have an opportunity to share their plans for the year and members can sign up for committees and service projects.

Our Youth Exchange student, Leo, will also be saying his goodbyes to the club and sharing a few of the highlights from his exchange in Alaska.

[Read More](#)

## AARP Grant to Help at Rotary Park

The City of Houston was notified that they were the recipient of a 2025 AARP Community Challenge Grant! This generous support from AARP will be used in partnership with the Susitna Rotary Club to bring a handicap-accessible parking lot, trailhead, and picnic area to the Little Susitna Day Use Area (this is the lot in front of Little Susitna Rotary Park). This will make the park more accessible for people with mobility restrictions, and encourage more use of the facilities. This project is all about enhancing public access, inclusion, and outdoor enjoyment for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

The [AARP Community Challenge](#) grant program is part of the nationwide [AARP Livable Communities](#) initiative that helps communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages. This grant was funded under the Flagship grants, which provide an opportunity for communities to apply for funding across several categories — and be creative about doing so.

Since its debut in 2017, the AARP Community Challenge has invested \$24.3 million in 2,100 livability projects, with a focus on meeting the needs of adults age 50 or older, in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C.

## Events

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## Club Leaders



[Aaron Coman](#)  
President



[Kimberly W. Erickson](#)  
President-Elect



[Samantha Shannon](#)  
France  
Secretary



[Erin Cruz](#)  
Treasurer



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Club  
Director



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Club  
Bulletin  
Editor



[Kathleen M. Timm](#)  
Attendance  
Secretary

[Lanissa Grogan](#)  
Membership



## AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages

[aarp.org/CommunityChallenge](http://aarp.org/CommunityChallenge)

## The Gavels Has Been Changed!

The gavel is swapped, and with it President-Elect becomes President and President becomes Past President. It also brings a changing of the guard for some officer positions on the Board, but also many people are remaining in positions they held last year under President Aaron.

The meeting was held at Museum of Alaska, where a catered dinner was satisfactorily enjoyed by everyone who could attend. For those members unable to attend, we still missed you and talked about you all the same.



The gavel is passed.



President Aaron honored some Rotarians for their accomplishments on his way to passing the gavel.



Chair



Adam Rein  
Club  
Service  
Projects  
Chair



Josh  
Waisanen  
Club Rotary  
Foundation  
Chair



Cheryl L.  
Metiva  
Club  
Service  
Chair



Lynn  
Mitchell  
Club Youth  
Services  
Chair



Robert  
Allan  
Grogan  
iPast  
President



Samantha  
Jo  
Waisanen  
Club  
Fundraising  
Chair



Jack W.  
Timm  
Past  
Presidents  
Chair

## Birthdays

Lanissa Grogan  
June 22nd

Joe Llewellyn  
June 25th

Claire Frey Horton  
June 26th

Dave Wallace  
June 27th

Cindy Wellman  
July 7th

Mandy Mitchell  
July 7th

Sommer L W Miller  
July 8th

Thea J. Whitehead  
July 12th

## Wedding Anniversaries

William R. Borden  
July 2nd

Lynn Mitchell  
July 4th

David Wayne

## Dog Days of Summer are coming

Susitna Rotary will be having a field trip to Newcomb Park in Wasilla near the lake to hand out free hot dogs on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. This is to commemorate National Hot Dog Day with an informational event for the public to learn about Rotary and meet us. This will be in lieu of the regular club meeting for that day.

Bring your family. Invite your friends. Trick people you don't know to come by so we can interest them by showing off our organization and its members, and reel them in with our mission. This is an opportunity to reach out to the public who have seen our accomplishments but may not know how to join, or may have questions.

This event was the idea of our District Governor, Marty Metiva.



## A Friend Needs our Love

Jack and Kathy Timm could use your support, whether in conversation, thoughts, prayers, or community deeds. Kathy had a medical situation recently, including a very close call except for the quick actions of her, Jack, and a lot of medical professionals. They've since improved her potassium levels enough to get her home where she can rest in Jack's care. She also has some gastrointestinal issues that are being managed by diet in the hopes that it will keep her digesting properly.

They're sorry they missed the changing of the guard as well as the other meetings they have, but hope everyone understands.



Cucullu  
July 8th  
Wendy Gaynor  
Cucullu  
July 8th  
Alma Hartley  
July 14th  
Erin Cruz  
July 14th  
Aaron Coman  
July 14th



*Jack and Kathy at the Flags for Heroes project at Fire Station 7-3*

## 2025-26 Board of Directors

By Kimberly W. Erickson



2025-26 Board Meetings will be held via Zoom on the **third Thursday of each month from 12:00pm - 1:00pm**. A link will be sent out prior to the meetings and all members are welcome to attend!

2025-26 Role	Member Name	Cell Phone	Email
Elected Club Officers:			
President	Erickson, Kim	907-223-8385	kim.erickson@greatlandlaser.com
Immediate Past President	Coman, Aaron	907-521-3630	aaron@khitz1071.com
President - elect	Waisanen, Sami Jo	612-201-6946	samantha@alaskafodco.com
Treasurer	Cruz, Erin-She	907-203-9499	erin-she@khitz1071.com
Secretary	France, Sam	907-315-1537	saharasammy@gmail.com
Standing Committee Chairs:			

Admin Chair	McCraw, Elda	907-354-4544	vmccraw@mtaonline.net
Foundation Chair	Waisanen, Josh	425-350-5729	joshw@collinsconstructionak.com
Membership Chair	Grogan, Lanissa	907-354-4394	thegrogans@me.com
Public Image Chair	Marshall, Hally	507-271-1660	admin@kidskupboard.org
Service Projects Chair	Hewitt, Brenda	907-957-1261	brenda@hewitt.net
Other Committee Chairs:			
Fundraising Chair	Mitchell, Mandy	907-854-2063	homes4alaska@gmail.com
Past President's Comm.	Timm, Jack	907-715-7671	jacktimm@yahoo.com
PDG & Zone Coordinator for PR	Metiva, Cheryl	907-315-9920	rotarypdgcheryl@gmail.com
President - elect nominee	TBD in December		

## 2025-26 Key Roles & Committee Chairs

Administrative Elda McCraw	Membership Lanissa Grogan	Service Projects Brenda Hewitt
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bulletin Editor</b> Christian Hartley</li> <li>• <b>Meeting PowerPoint</b> Elin Hanley</li> <li>• <b>Meeting/AV Set up</b> Amber Glasser</li> <li>• <b>Program Coordinator</b> Teresa Blume</li> <li>• <b>Sgt at Arms</b> Rick Cavens</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attendance Secretary</b> Kathy Timm</li> <li>• <b>Family of Rotary</b> Deb Waisanen</li> <li>• <b>Future Rotarians (youth)</b> Rachel Scott</li> <li>• <b>Learning Leader</b> Roger Cheadle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Josh the Otter /Float 4Life</b> Rob Grogan</li> <li>• <b>Life Jacket Loaner Boards</b> George Wichers</li> <li>• <b>Lil Su River Cleanup</b> Jack Timm</li> <li>• <b>Literacy projects</b> Wendy Cucullu Christian Hartley</li> <li>• <b>Playground project</b> Kim Erickson Brenda Hewitt Jack Timm</li> <li>• <b>Trail Projects</b> Catherine Cheadle</li> <li>• <b>Youth Exchange</b> Lynn Mitchell</li> <li>• <b>Willow Winter Carnival</b> Kim Erickson Jack Timm</li> </ul>

## Susitna Rotary 2025-26 calendar

[Download the 2025-26 Susitna Rotary Calendar](#)

Save the dates! A Google doc has been set up with this year's calendar of events.

[Read More](#)

## Show & Tell

Susitna Rotarians and friends are involved in many community activities.

If you have a community event you would like to promote, please email Erin Cruz and Christian Hartley so that we can publicize it in the weekly slideshow (Erin) and weekly bulletin (Christian).

Date	Event	Location	Contact for more info:
Fri, July 4, 2025	Houston Fire Department Waterworks Show	Fire Station 9-1 Mile 57 Parks Hwy	Christian Hartley
Sat, Aug 9, 2025	Texas Hold'Em Alzheimer's Assoc Fundraiser \$100 Buy-in Per Person	Palmer Moose Lodge	Kevin Miller kevin.miller@edwardjones.com 423-2531
Sat, Aug	Houston Founders Day	Fire Station 9-1	Christian Hartley

16, 2025		Mile 57 Parks Hwy	
Sat, Sep 27, 2025	Mat-Su Safety Fair	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Christian Hartley
<a href="#">Read More</a>			

## 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.

Jun 21-25 Sat-Wed			Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada	Yes - register in advance
Jun	25	Wed	Club Assembly Plans for 2025-26 Goodbye remarks from YE student Leo	Everett's <b>Pavilion by the Lake POT LUCK!</b>	No...bring family and friends
Jul	2	Wed	Happy 4th of July!	<b>NO MEETING</b>	
Jul	16	Wed	Alaska Rotary Hot Dog Day Passing out free hot dogs	Newcomb Park Pavilion Wasilla lake	Open to the community
Aug	15	Fri	Joint Rotary Meeting	Alaska State Fair Opening Day	Stay tuned for details!
Oct	11	Sat	"Around the World in 80 Days" Wasilla Noon Rotary Fundraiser	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Stay tuned for details!
Oct	29	Wed	DG Marty Metiva presentation Susitna Rotary Update on District 5010	Everett's	Club meeting
Nov	8	Sat	The Rotary Foundation Valley Club Fundraiser	Evangelo's	Stay tuned for details!
Nov	26	Wed	Happy Thanksgiving	<b>NO MEETING</b>	
Dec	10	Wed	Club Annual Meeting	Everett's	Election of officers 2026-2027
Dec	17	Wed	Club Holiday Party	TBD	Stay tuned for details!
Dec	24	Wed	Christmas Eve	<b>NO MEETING</b>	
Dec	26	Wed	Kitchen Clean-up Christmas Friendship Dinner	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Many hands make light work!
Dec	31	Wed	New Year's Eve	<b>NO MEETING</b>	

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