



UNITE FOR GOOD

Rotary

Susitna



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

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

July 23, 2025
[Rachel Pugh and](#)
[Mary Yanagawa](#)
Midwifery Care and
Out of Hospital
Birth in Alaska

July 30, 2025
[Club Assembly](#)
Our 2025-26
outbound Youth
Exchange student,
Almaira Mitchell,
will be giving us

July 2 Weekly Meeting: NONE!

Just a reminder to everyone that there is no club meeting this week. We encourage everybody to spend time with family and friends, and to plan your Independence Day festivities or activities if you so choose.



Two fun facts about Independence Day:

1. John Hancock's signature is the largest since he was the presiding officer of the Second Continental Congress.
2. Signatures on the document are in geographical order from south to north, which is why Georgia delegates' signatures appear first on the left side of the parchment.

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 16th, 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.

her presentation before flying to Tawain for her exchange.

Events

No Events found

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Birthdays

Cindy Wellman
July 7th

Mandy Mitchell
July 7th

Sommer L W Miller
July 8th

Thea J. Whitehead
July 12th

Hally L Marshall
July 23rd

Kathleen Frederick
July 27th

Andrew W
Aldredge
July 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

William R. Borden
July 2nd

Lynn Mitchell
July 4th

David Wayne
Cucullu
July 8th

Wendy Gaynor
Cucullu
July 8th

Alma Hartley
July 14th

Aaron Coman
July 14th



District Conference Planning needs your help

Past District Governor (and Celebration Co-Chair) Cheryl Metiva had an important message for us last week, and this is a reminder of that message:

We are excited to begin the next stage of planning for the annual District Conference/Celebration! Moving forward, you will see the emphasis on Celebration...as this is our opportunity to celebrate club achievements, fellowship and the spirit of our Alaska Rotary Family. Let's face it, the word 'conference' implies a rather formal session. We're going to have FUN & CELEBRATE at the Talkeetna Lodge next April 30-May 3, 2026!

Behind the scenes, dynamic speakers have been secured, we've reserved the entire Lodge for our event, and the Ken Peltier Band will entertain on Friday evening.

Here's where YOU come in...we are asking one or two people from each club in our region to participate on the Conference/Celebration Committee. This committee will shine a light on our clubs: Eagle River, Wasilla, Palmer, Wasilla Sunrise & Susitna.

JOIN US for the first committee meeting this Wednesday, July 2, at Everetts restaurant, 5:30 pm. We should be finished in an hour. At this meeting we will outline details and how you may wish to help. Future committee meeting dates and locations will also be discussed, so you may plan accordingly.

If you can't make the meeting on Wednesday but wish to serve on the committee, please let us know so we will include you in all future communications.

In friendship & service,

Marty Metiva, District Governor (907-355-7934)
Cheryl Metiva, Celebration Co-Chair (907-3125-9920)
Denise Kipke, Celebration Co-Chair (907-239-4902)
Teresa Blume, Speaker Chair (907-355-7036)

July is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month

July is Rotary's Maternal and Child Health Month: History, Impact, and the Path Forward

Each July, Rotary International spotlights Maternal and Child Health Month, reaffirming its commitment to

Erin Cruz
July 14th
Christian M Hartley
July 23rd
Cindy Wellman
July 29th
Eric Wellman
July 29th

Club Leaders



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President



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Service
Projects-
Josh the
Otter Chair



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President-
Elect



Samantha Shannon
France
Secretary



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Treasurer



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Bulletin
Editor



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Club Public
Image
Chair



Cheryl L. Metiva
Club
Director



Jack W. Timm
Past
Presidents
Chair
Club
Director



Kathleen M. Timm
Attendance
Secretary



Richard A. Cavens
Sergeant-
at-Arms



Lanissa Grogan
Club
Membership
Chair

safeguarding the lives and well-being of mothers and children around the world. This focus stems from Rotary's long-standing recognition of the critical challenges faced by women and children because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation—factors that claim the lives of millions of children under five every year, most from preventable causes.



History of Maternal and Child Health in Rotary

Maternal and Child Health Care is one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus. Rotary has made this area a priority for decades, supporting clubs in developing projects and leveraging Global Grants to help communities address root causes of maternal and child mortality. Rotary's systematic approach includes immunizations, nutrition education, access to antibiotics, and the promotion of safe childbirth practices. During July, clubs worldwide reinforce these initiatives by highlighting the ongoing need for sustainable, life-saving interventions.

Impact: Making Lasting Change

Rotary's impact on maternal and child health is tangible and wide-reaching. Here are just a few highlights:

- **Life-Saving Access:** Rotary funds mobile health clinics, distributes birthing kits, and provides telemedicine services to reach remote and underserved populations.
- **Education & Prevention:** The organization supports training for health workers, promotes breastfeeding, and empowers women with knowledge to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission.
- **Sustainable Programs:** In countries like Haiti and Nigeria, Rotary has equipped medical teams to conduct prenatal visits, cancer screenings, and outreach to reduce maternal and infant mortality. Globally, projects have included campaigns for reproductive health, family planning, and regular immunizations for children.
- **Community Empowerment:** Rotary's approach focuses on building local capacity, ensuring that communities have the tools and training to sustain health improvements themselves.



The Future: Empowering Communities for Generational Change

Rotary envisions a world where no mother or child dies from preventable causes. Its strategies continue to evolve with advances in medical technology, telemedicine, and community mobilization. By collaborating with local clubs, leveraging global partnerships, and supporting education and infrastructure, Rotary aims to close the gap in health disparities, especially in regions with high maternal and child mortality.

Rotary encourages every club and member to get involved—whether by spearheading local awareness campaigns, supporting immunization drives, or developing sustainable projects that uplift mothers and their children. By championing Maternal and Child Health Month each July, Rotary keeps the needs of the world's most vulnerable in the global spotlight, paving the way for healthier futures everywhere.



Elinor T. Hanley
Club Admin
- meeting
PowerPoint



Brenda L. Hewitt
Club
Service
Projects
Chair



Elda McCraw
Club Admin
Chair



Josh Waisanen
Club Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Teresa Blume
Club
Programs
Chair



Catherine Cheadle
Club
Service
Projects -
Trails



Wendy Gaynor
Cucullu
Club
Service
Projects -
Literacy



Rodger Cheadle
Club
Learning
Facilitator



Lynn Mitchell
Club Youth
Exchange
Chair



Aaron Coman
iPast
President



Mandy Mitchell
Club
Fundraising
Chair

Playset acquired

The playground equipment is disassembled and being stored in Jack Timm's trailer until we get the approval to place it. It will be placed at Little Susitna Rotary Park along the grass area for kids to play at, safely entertaining them away from the river and its hazards. Many thanks to everyone that made this happen, from the people who petitioned the District for a grant to make this happen to the members and their friends who drove into Anchorage to assess the equipment, negotiate a good price, and transport it for preparation of installation.



Runaway Tent

Has anybody seen this 10x10 pop-up tent? It was used at the Little Su Classic and was toted out with others accidentally. Jack Timm is trying to get it back. Just bring it to the next meeting or send him a message.



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 16, 2025	Houston Founders Day	Fire Station 9-1 Mile 57 Parks Hwy	Christian Hartley
Sat, Sep 27, 2025	Mat-Su Safety Fair	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Christian Hartley

WATER FUN TO ENJOY THE SUN

Fire Station 9-1, Mile 57 Parks Highway, Houston

FREE WATER
FREE PARKING
FREE SNACKS

JULY 4TH

1PM TO 3PM

- Squirtn guns available on site!
- Fire truck demonstration!
- Water slides!
- Ice-cold water!
- Kid's snack bar!

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TEXAS HOLD'EM FUNDRAISER

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
MOOSE LODGE, PALMER, AK

AUG 9th **\$100 BUY IN PER PERSON** **2:00 PM**
INCLUDES 2 FREE DRINKS, APPETIZERS, SWAG-BAG, AND DOOR-PRIZE DRAWINGS ENTRY TICKET
SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AVAILABLE TO BID ON

WESTERN THEMED

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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.

Jul	2	Wed	Happy 4th of July!	NO MEETING	
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 "Around the World in 80 Days"	Alaska State Fair Opening Day	Stay tuned for details!
Oct	11	Sat	Wasilla Noon Rotary Fundraiser DG Marty Metiva presentation	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Stay tuned for details!
Oct	29	Wed	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	NO MEETING	
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	NO MEETING	
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	NO MEETING	

