



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 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
Update and signup
for 2025-26
projects

August 06, 2025

Kevin Kehoz,
President
Alaska Wild Sheep
Foundation

Events

No Events found

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Weekly Meeting July 16: Service Project

NO REGULAR MEETING

Club assembly at Wasilla Lake's Newcomb Park Pavilion to hand out free hot dogs to the community. This idea of District Governor Marty Metiva combines our community service network with Susitna Rotary's flair for the fun, and provides ample opportunity for people to learn about Rotary and our members.

Looking forward to seeing everybody there in your shiny yellow shirt!

**ROTARY CLUB OF SUSITNA
INVITES YOU !**

*Alaska Rotary
Dog's Day of Summer*



**July 16, 5:00PM - 7:00PM
Newcomb Park Pavilion
at Wasilla Lake**

ENJOY FREE HOT DOGS & LEARN ABOUT ROTARY



Project Update: Boardwalk!

Most of the Grizzly wood has been delivered. It will be stored nearby at the fire station, after being carefully

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Birthdays

Hally L Marshall

July 23rd

Kathleen Frederick

July 27th

Andrew W

Allredge

July 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Alma Hartley

July 14th

Aaron Coman

July 14th

Erin Cruz

July 14th

Christian M Hartley

July 23rd

Cindy Wellman

July 29th

Eric Wellman

July 29th

Joe Llewellyn

August 11th

Michelle Dawn

Lackey

August 12th

Club Leaders



[Kimberly
W. Erickson](#)
President



[Robert
Allan
Grogan](#)
Club
Service
Projects-
Josh the
Otter Chair



[Samantha
Jo
Waisanen](#)
President-

unloaded by their crew and by Rotarian Rob using Rotarian Phil's skid steer. Many hands make work much lighter. The next phase, which should be within a month, will need a lot more hands. We will keep you all in the loop!



Rotary Fellowship at the Fair

It's time to start talking about Rotary at the Alaska State Fair. The Rotary Club of Palmer is hosting a Rotary meeting in the new Events Hall at the Purple Gate (new building) and everyone is invited!

The meeting starts at 12:00 pm on Friday, August 15th and will have entertainment to kick things off. If you've been to this event in the past, you know it's loads of fun and there will be lots of Rotary fellowship.

After the meeting ends, you can explore the Alaska State Fair and everything it has to offer. Be sure to share this information with your club members and encourage them to attend.

We hope to see you and your club members at our Rotary at the Fair!

Elect



Samantha Shannon
France
Secretary



Erin Cruz
Treasurer



Hally L. Marshall
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



Elinor T. Hanley
Club Admin
- meeting
PowerPoint



Christian M. Hartley
Club Admin
Chair



Brenda L. Hewitt
Club
Service Projects
Chair



Josh Waisanen
Club Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Teresa Blume
Club
Programs
Chair



Catherine Cheadle
Club
Service Projects-

ROTARY
FELLOWSHIP AT
THE FAIR
Friday, August 15th

\$30 Rotary Luncheon ticket includes:

- One (1) Fair admission
- Catered lunch by Turkey Red
- Entertainment
- Note: Parking is free!!

Date: Friday, August 15th
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: Purple Gate
-New Events Hall

RSVP Required



To RSVP and purchase your ticket, call
Rotarian Jan Helfrich: (907)355-9333.

Francesco Arezzo is the new Rotary International President



Trails



[Wendy
Gaynor](#)
Cucullu
Club
Service
Projects -
Literacy



[Lynn
Mitchell](#)
Club Youth
Exchange
Chair



[Aaron
Coman](#)
iPast
President



[Mandy
Mitchell](#)
Club
Fundraising
Chair



District Governor Marty and Lt. Governor Denise stand beside Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo

Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to become Rotary International's president for 2025-26. Arezzo will become president on 1 July.

The Board conducted a special session following the unexpected resignation of [RI President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo on 8 June](#). Guided by the RI code and policies, the Board selected the new president-elect from a pool of candidates who were considered by the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in August 2023.

The 2025-26 presidential message, announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February, will remain [Unite for Good](#), which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background — across races, religions, and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.

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2026 District Conference Update

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3, 2026

District 5010 Conference “Celebration”

“Unite for Good”

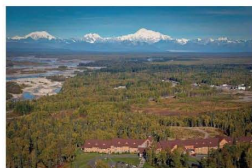
Schedule Highlights:

- Thursday, April 30, 2026, | Assembly
- Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3, 2026, | District Conference
- Saturday, May 2, 2026, | Governor's Banquet Theme: Kentucky Derby – Hats, Horses & High Spirits!

Join Rotarians from across Alaska for an unforgettable weekend of inspiration, fellowship, and celebration in beautiful Talkeetna!

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5010 District Celebration - Talkeetna Lodge Registration

- **\$200 - Conference Special!**

Register between May 3–July 31, 2025.

(Includes plenary sessions & meals)

Don't miss out! Register today for the best savings and secure your spot at this exciting event.

- **\$150 - First-Time D5010 Member Attendance**
(Includes plenary sessions & meals)

- **\$225 - Early Bird Registration**

Register by October 31, 2025.

(Includes plenary sessions & meals)

- **\$250 - Regular Registration**

(Includes plenary sessions & meals)

- **\$225 - Speakers**

(Includes plenary sessions & meals)

- **\$50 - District Assembly**

Held Thursday, April 30, 2026.

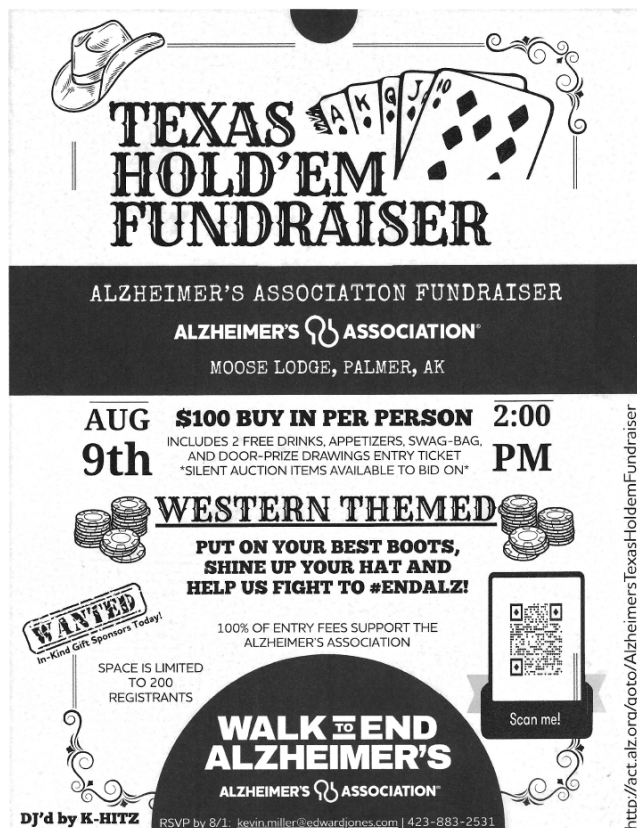
(Includes lunch)

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:
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



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.

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

Jul	16	Wed	Alaska Rotary Dog's Day of Summer Free	Newcomb Park Pavilion Wasilla Lake 5:00 - 7:00pm	Open to the community Passing out free hot dogs Share the flyer
Jul	31	Thu	First Annual Susitna Rotary Ladies' Afternoon Tea \$25	3318 S Charming Valley Loop Palmer, AK, 99645	RSVP to Sommer Miller by 7/24 call/text 423-827-3787 https://evite.me/x2pSt7XaF8
Aug	15	Fri	Rotary Fellowship at the Fair \$30	Alaska State Fair Opening Day	RSVP Jan Helfrich 907-355-9333 Download the flyer
Oct	11	Sat	"Around the World in 80 Days" Wasilla Noon Rotary Fundraiser	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Stay tuned for details!
Nov	8	Sat	The Rotary Foundation Valley Club Fundraiser	Evangelo's	Stay tuned for details!
Nov	12	Wed	DG Marty Metiva presentation Susitna Rotary Update on District 5010	Everett's	Club meeting
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	

Save the Date

