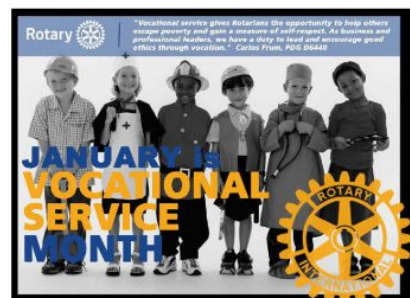




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Rotary
Susitna Alaska

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

January 24, 2024

Aaron Coman, President
Elect followed by a board
meeting

"Planning the next year"

January 31, 2024

Amanda Boger & Spencer
Madden

Burning Man Project

February 07, 2024

Mike Vasser

2024 Iron Dog Race

February 21, 2024

James Grogan

Museum of Alaska
Transportation & Industry

February 28, 2024

Club Assembly followed by a
board meeting

March 03, 2024

Iditarod Restart Party

Bring your friends and family
to cheer on the mushers as
they start their race to Nome
and raise money to help End
Polio at the same time!

March 06, 2024

Jan 24th: Aaron Coman, Planning for 2024-25

Join us this week to help President-elect Aaron Coman identify his priorities and projects for Susitna Rotary in 2024-25. Aaron is looking for input from all members!

Wednesday, January 24th, 2024 6pm

Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWKTlZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>

Jan 24th
Aaron Coman,
President Elect

Club Assembly Followed by a
Board Meeting

Club Assembly
Rotary

BOARD MEETING

Aaron will be working with club members to
plan for his Rotary year beginning July 1,
2024 prior to attending the President Elect
Training Seminar (PETS) in Seattle.

Jan 31st, 2:00pm - 3:15pm: Grants Workshop Series



If you haven't already... please Save the Dates and REGISTER NOW:

[DeeDee Jonrowe](#)

Insider's view of the current Iditarod Sled Dog Race

March 10, 2024

[Mat-Su Arctic Winter Games](#)

Members are encouraged to volunteer as individuals or a club service project for this premier event being held in the Mat-Su Valley March 10 - 16, 2024.

March 13, 2024

[Alaska Volcano Observatory](#)

Volcano Monitoring

March 20, 2024

[Club Assembly followed by a board meeting](#)

March 27, 2024

[Tryg Erickson](#)

March 27, 1964 Great

Alaskan Earthquake

April 03, 2024

[MEA Update and Candidate Forum](#)

Matansuka Electric

Association has two board seats open that represent our area. Meet the candidates prior to the election and hear updates about your cooperative.

April 10, 2024

[Kelsey Anderson](#)

Mat-Su Borough

Comprehensive Plan

Community Survey report

April 24, 2024

[Club Assembly followed by a board meeting](#)

May 29, 2024

[Club Assembly followed by a board meeting](#)

June 12, 2024

[Jules Tileston](#)

Icelandic Snippets

June 26, 2024

[Annual Passing of the Gavel meeting followed by a board meeting](#)

Events

March 3rd

[Iditarod Restart Party and End Polio Now fundraiser](#)

Speaker: Iditarod Restart Party

Subject: Bring your friends and family to cheer on the mushers as they start their race to Nome and raise money to help End Polio at the same time!

March 10th

Mar 10 - 16, 2024 Mat-Su

Zone 28 & 32's Grants Workshop Series

We have had numerous requests to host another series of grant workshops. With this in mind, we have been working with Zone 32's Grant Officer Steve Sundstrom on a series of Global Grant and District Grant workshops to review and revisit grants. The workshops are designed for District Grant Chairs, District Rotary Foundation Chairs, Vocational Training Team Chairs, the District Governor Track and anyone in your District who is involved in grants or wants to learn more about them.

When: Jan 31, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes]

Topic: Overview of Rotary Grants & District Grant Panel and Discussion

Description: An overview of Global Grant and District Grant for those relatively new to the topic, in addition to a basic description of Programs of Scale and Disaster Response grants (30 min).

The second half will be short presentations by selected districts in the Zones, followed by a discussion (30 minutes), with time (15 min) for additional Q&A. Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://rotary->

[org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqcuytqDsvGdGVR7hoNRmwp7uVNOIJvCic](https://rotary-)

When: Feb 1, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Duration: 1 hour]

Topic: DDF Rollover and Spending Plans & Global Grant Calculator Tutorial

Description: Explanation of the five-year DDF rollover ruling by the Trustees, and importance of making a DDF spending plan. Followed by a tutorial on using the Global Grant Calculator to plan funding for a grant. It will be useful for participants to have basic spreadsheet skills.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://rotary-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAoc-6orD8qHdeJTVZe2KTIWgMViEMY7eDI>

When: Feb 5, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

[Duration: 1 hour]

Topic: Rotary Grants and the Areas of Focus

Description: A closer look at the seven areas of focus, and what to plan for when you're part of the international sponsor working with a host sponsor. Register in advance for this meeting:

https://rotary-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkf-CsqDsuH9K_y32VdpZr2v2I5L_fvg-k

If you have any questions, please contact RRFC Eileen Rau at eileen.rau@rotaryzones28-32.org or RRFC Ingrid Neitsch at ingrid.neitsch@rotaryzones28-32.org .

Please make sure to register now save the date on your calendar!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Eileen Rau
Zone 32 Regional Rotary
Foundation Coordinator



Arctic Winter Games

Speaker: Mat-Su Arctic Winter Games

Subject: Members are encouraged to volunteer as individuals or a club service project for this premier event being held in the Mat-Su Valley March 10 - 16, 2024.

March 19th

Susitna Rotary's Learn How To Save Lives 2024!

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Jan 31st: Amanda Boger and Spencer Madden, Burning Man


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Burning Man Project

Amanda Boger and Spencer Madden are multi-year participants of the Burning Man project. They will be talking about the event, its purpose and some of the many activities that take place during this annual week-long gathering in the Nevada desert.

Burning Man is a week-long gathering of art, community, self-expression, and self-reliance held in the Black Rock Desert in Pershing County, Nevada. The festival lies on Lake Lahontan, a large lake that desiccated due to Pleistocene climate change, leaving a dry lake, or playa, in the northwestern Nevada region.

Burning Man attracts tens of thousands of attendees, including artists, musicians, and activists. The event is guided by self-sufficiency: most attendees must bring their own food, water, and supplies in an event similar to wilderness camping with performances. Burning Man features an eponymous burning of a large, wooden effigy known as the "Man". Attendees, known as "burners", create a civilization known as Black Rock City comprising villages, a medical center, and an airport. To enter Burning Man, participants must either use the airport or a section of Nevada State Route 447.



February 2- 4th - Willow Winter Carnival

Thank you to Eric and Cindy Wellman, Rog and Catherine Cheadle, and Brenda Hewitt for volunteering to help with parking on Sunday. The other slots have been filled by volunteers from the Willow community.

Susitna Rotary manages the parking (Saturday and Sunday) and operates three Sno Go events on Sunday and needs volunteers on both days.

1. Vintage Snow Machine Show and Parade
2. Blind Driver Race
3. Radar Run Race

SUNDAY ONLY



Welcome to the 62nd Annual
WILLOW STATE WINTER CARNIVAL
"Year of the Magpie"
Pre-Event: January 27 & Carnival: February 2-4, 2024

Willow Community Center
400 W. Parks Highway
Willow, Alaska 99801
(907) 489-4833

* Events marked with * require registration.
\$ means meal with 3 items & a fee.

Saturday, February 3rd	Location	Sunday, February 4th	Location
8-11 PTA Pancake Breakfast \$	Willow Elem.	8-11 PTA Pancake Breakfast \$	Willow Elem.
10:30 Sven Erickson 25K Tour Bike, Ski, Run *\$	Lakes & Trails	9-4 Kiddie SnoCross *\$	Front Swamp
11:00 Willie Dunt	On Stage	10:00 Bonaldi Dancers	On Stage
11:00 Billy Taylor SK Ski Race *\$	Lake	10-1 Poker Run *\$	Lake & Trails
11-3 Gatochee Adventure	Backyard	10-12 Pick Up Snowshoe Softball Game	Lake
11:30 K&R Sled Dog Races 1,2,3 Dog *\$	Lake	11:00 Alaska Polka Chops	Backyard & Trails
12:00 Rock on Clappers	On Stage	11-3 Vintage Sled Show & Shine	Backyard & Trails
12:00 Homesteader Games Chain Saw, Crosscut Saw, Wood Chop *\$	Backyard	12:00 Alaska Button Bow Gang	On Stage
1:00 Paws and Taws Square Dance	On Stage	12:00 Homesteader Games Ax Throw, Sledge Saw *\$	Backyard
1:00 Kids Mushing Game	Log Cabin	12:00 Snowshoe Scavenger Hunt	Pavilion
1:00 Lead Dog Contest *\$	Lake	12:00 Close Enough	On Stage
1-4 Kids Games	Backyard	1-4 Kids Games	Backyard
2:00 Craig Wall	Lake & Trails	12-2 Radar Run Snow Machine Race *\$	Lake
2:00 Skiing Races *\$	Lake	12-2 Blind Driver Snow Machine Race *\$	Lake
2:30 Stampede Race *\$	Lake	1:00 Cribbage Tournament *\$	Auditorium
3:00 Photo Contest Winners Announced	On Stage	1:00 Outdoors Race *\$	Front Swamp
3:00 Bubble Gum Blowing Contest	On Stage	1:30 Ice Cream Eating Contest	Backyard
3:30 Ice Cream Eating Contest	Backyard	2:00 Fire & Desert Scholarship Auction *\$	On Stage
4:00 Ladies 5m/5dog Twilight Sled Dog Race *\$	Lake	2:00 Last Sales (In-Person) for Major Raffle *\$	WACD Booth
6-9 PM Fire & Ice Family Dance *\$	Auditorium	3:00 Mini Raffle Drawing *\$	WACD Booth
		3:30 Major Raffle Drawing *\$	On Stage
		4:00 Wild Alaska Pike Derby Winners Announced	On Stage

FEBRUARY Sat. 3rd & Sun. 4th - BOTH DAYS

Gates Open: 5:00 AM parking fee \$ 9-3 PM
Carnival Kitchen: (Hot Food from 10 to 2 PM) \$ 10-4 PM
Trade Fair: In the auditorium and backyard \$ 10-4 PM
Information Table: WCC Lobby
USACO Booth: Event Registration, Pins, Raffle Tickets, T-Shirts \$ 9:30 AM
Door Prizes: Announced in the WCC Lobby
Alaska Wild Pike Derby Weigh-In: Front Parking Area
Just Brew Coffee Food Truck: Front Parking Area \$
Photo Contest: Voting & Display in the WCC Lobby

EVENING EVENTS

Saturday, January 27th
Bingo & Pull Tab
6:00 PM Doors Open
6:00 PM Kitchen open by Willow PTA \$
7:00 PM Games Begin \$

Friday, February 2nd
5:00 PM Quick Draw Artists Begin
5:00 PM Silent Art Auction \$
6:00 PM Kick Off Dinner \$
6:30 PM Willow King & Queen
7:15 PM Fireworks Display
*(after dinner) Sponsored by Gorilla Fireworks, MVFCU & Houston Lions

Saturday, February 3rd
9:00 PM Fire & Ice Family Dance
Sponsored by Willow/Caswell Fire Dept. & Auxiliary

Want the chance to win a new 2023 Sportsman 570 ATV? Then see Kim Erickson at the club meetings to get your Willow Winter Carnival Raffle tickets! The carnival lasts all weekend with the raffle drawing at 3:30pm on Sunday, February 4th.

WILLOW WINTER CARNIVAL RAFFLE
FEB. 4, 2024 - 3:30 PM
WILLOW COMMUNITY CENTER
23557 W Parks Hwy, Willow, AK

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January 27th

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- Alaska Fireplace and Accessories Wood Stove \$1,999
- Valley Fuel Gift Certificate \$500
- Willow Equipment Rental Gift Certificate \$500
- David's Jewelers Gift Certificate \$500
- Snowhook Adventure Guides Gift Certificate \$450

**TICKETS \$10 EACH
OR 5 FOR \$45.
ONLY 3,000
AVAILABLE!
NEED NOT BE PRESENT
TO WIN.**

**WILLOW AREA
COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATION
PERMIT # 204**

Feb 3rd, 9:00am - 11:30am Rotary District Team Training Workshop

What's going on in District 5010? Join us for a Zoom on **Saturday, February 3rd at 9:00 am** and find out. District Committee Chairs will update us on what they are up to and the plans they have going forward. Grab a coffee and join us!

I will send the agenda and a reminder email next week.

In Rotary and Friendship,

Brenda Shelden
D5010 District Governor-Elect
(907)841-8942
brendaptatc@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, February 3rd
Time: 9:00 am to 11:30 am
Zoom link:

Topic: District 5010 Team Training
Time: Feb 3, 2024 09:00 AM Alaska

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4069269120?omn=81667111702>

Meeting ID: 406 926 9120

Feb 10th: 2024 TRF Fundraiser planning meeting

January 28th
Richard Standley
February 8th
Kimberly W. Erickson
February 8th
Cody Russell
February 24th

Wedding Anniversaries

Rylee B. Loraene Rudd
February 20th

The first meeting in preparation for the 2024 joint Valley Club Rotary Foundation fundraiser is scheduled for **Saturday, February 10, 2024 9am** at KHITZ/Collins Construction located at 570 S. Knik St, Wasilla.

Josh Waisanen has agreed to be the chair of the event and will share his "Vision" then.

Anyone wishing to work on the committee is encouraged to attend.



Feb 17th: Hearts for Hunger


Hearts for Hunger
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ANNUAL
Dinner & Auction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
 EVANGELOS RESTAURANT
 (LOWER LEVEL BANQUET ROOM)

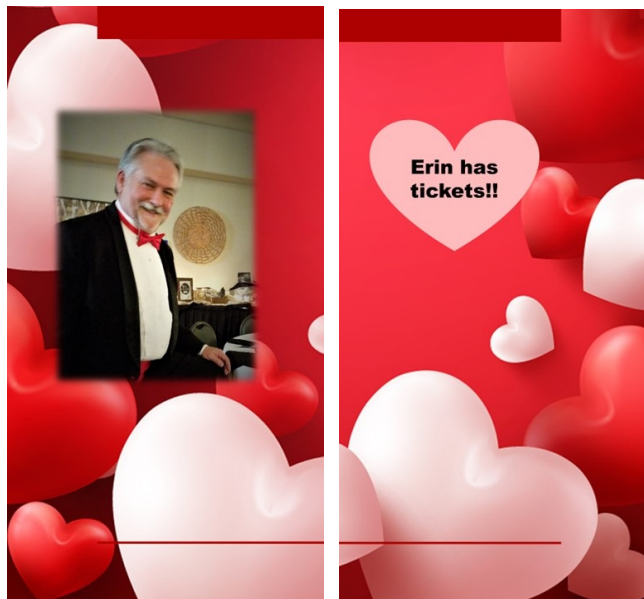
COCKTAILS AT 5:30PM &
 DINNER AT 6:30PM

SILENT AND LIVE AUCTION
 DESSERT, GUN, AND BOOZE AUCTION

TICKETS
 INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$60 PER PERSON
 TABLE OF EIGHT: \$500 PER TABLE

FOR TICKET PURCHASES CALL
 GAYLE AT: 357-3769

All proceeds go to benefit the MatSu Food Bank

YE Corner: Alex visits a glacier

It looks like Alex Vintr gets to checkoff another cool experience on his Alaskan Adventures bucketlist!

background.



Valentine's Day K-Hitz Giveaway

Bring a camp size propane bottle to [Meta & Rose](#) for [Wasilla Homeless-Committee Community Outreach](#) to be entered to win! Dinner, hotel, facial, massage, gift card and roses!! THANK YOU [Mat-Su Resort](#), [The Clock Tower Salon & Spa](#), [Alaska Chicks](#) and [AK Flower Lady KHITZ 107.1 "Your Valley, Your Music, Your Station."](#)

VALENTINE'S DAY ♥
K-HITZ GIVEAWAY

 **MAT-SU**
RESORT

 **the**
CLOCK TOWER
SALON & SPA

ENTER TO WIN
SHOW YOUR COMMUNITY SOME LOVE. BRING IN A SMALL PROPANE TANK FOR WASILLAS HOMELESS COMMITTEE. BRING TO META & ROSE IN THE CLOCK TOWER AND OR MAT-SU RESORT.

PRIZE INCLUDES
DINNER FOR TWO FROM META & ROSE, A FACIAL AND MASSAGE FROM THE CLOCK TOWER SALON, & A ONE NIGHT STAY AT THE MAT-SU RESORT

 **META & ROSE**
RESTAURANT

 **alaska chicks**

WAIT THERES MORE...
\$50 FROM ALASKA CHICK'S & ROSES FROM AK FLOWER LADY

 **AK FLOWER LADY**

TUNE IN FOR THE WINNER
WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED THE MORNING OF MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 ON COFFEE TALK WITH ERIN-SHE BE SURE TO TUNE INTO K-HITZ 107.1

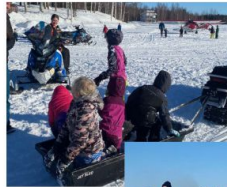
 **K-HITZ**
107.1

Mar 3rd: Iditarod Restart Party

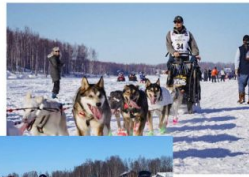
Iditarod Re-start Party

Hosted by Tryg & Kim Erickson

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 to watch the **Iditarod Sled Dog Race**. We're located on the race trail at Long Lake, about 2 ½ miles from the restart. Traffic is heavy and parking in Willow is tight that day so plan to arrive early to enjoy lunch and begin the fun – we suggest getting here about **noon**. The race begins at 2:00pm then mushers come by every two minutes.



*Invite
your
friends
and
family!*



WANT TO BRING SOMETHING?

Consider a donation to help end polio. This will be the 13th year supporting Rotary's End Polio Now campaign with our Iditarod Party... each year brings us closer to a polio free world.



Physical Address *(no mail)*

11832 N. Maxwell Dr., Willow

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Tryg: ericksontj@muni.org cell: 907-242-5590

Kim: kim.erickson@greatlandlaser.com cell: 907-223-8385

(Drop off at the house then park along Maxwell or Sides)

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We Provide:

*Chili, chowder,
hot dogs, snacks,
and desserts
inside.*

*Coffee, apple
cider and hot
chocolate will
keep you warm
as you cheer the
teams outside.*

*BYOB for
anything
stronger....*

Mar 19th: Learn How To Save Lives Event

Learn How To Save Lives 2024!
Tuesday March 19th from 6:00pm -

Tuesday, March 19th from 6:00pm 8:00pm

Evangelo's Restaurant

Please share on your page, friends, businesses and other clubs. We are hoping to expand this message to all and not limit it to schools. Rob is on a mission to get lots of volunteers on board for this year's water safety programs.

Sign up for Learn How to Save Lives 2024

Susitna Rotary welcomes you to our Water Safety Campaign 2024!! This year we will begin our journey starting with our "Josh The Baby Otter" kindergarten classroom presentations. These presentations employ our Josh the Otter mascot and a lively bunch of volunteers who teach young children to be safe around water. We will need the help of our entire community to provide this education to the nearly 2000 kindergartners that are excited about learning our message. This year, and in upcoming years, Susitna Rotary is exploring partnerships with other communities and organizations with a goal of someday being able to provide this vital message to children across the State of Alaska. Join us on March 19th at Evangelo's™ Restaurant in Wasilla and learn how you can help us Save Lives in your community.



Little Su Rotary Park Sign Sponsorship



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ROTARY PARK





ROTARY PARK
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DATE:
FEBRUARY 1ST , 2024 THROUGH JULY 1ST , 2024

Rob Grogan

907-355-4394

SEND YOUR DONATION:

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www.susitnarotary.org



Po box 298068 Wasilla, AK 99629

Pledge for water safety education:
Your business name and logo, personal name
or dedication on a trail sign.

\$500 for a permanent sponsorship.

"Josh the Baby Otter" is a local and
international water safety community service
project. 1400 books are distributed annually in
the Mat-Su to elementary schools.

Susitna Rotary Charter Members

Last week, Jack Timm, gave a very fun and interesting history of the Susitna Rotary Club from it's founding in 2006 and official charter on January 7, 2007, to the present day. He highlighted each of the club's presidents and some of the key projects from each year.

Jack was officially the President-Elect on the date the club was chartered, but quickly

became club president when Scott Norman moved away. The three remaining charter members that are still active in the club are Robert Hall, Jack Timm and Kathy Timm.

Susitna Rotary is only 17 years old and look how much we have already accomplished!

Charter Members:

Scott Norman- ***President***

Dale Adams

Ruth Blanchard

Suzi Bock

Rosemary Burnett

Ralph Buzard

Joe Cassidy

Gladys Chambers

Thom Dowell

Steve Frost

Robert Hall- ***Foundation***

Carla Hendrix

Nora Hull

Jimmy Hull

Mitch Hull

Nola Kurber

Keith Kurber â€” ***Vice***

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