



**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

April 10, 2024

Curtis McQueen and
Brenda Hewitt
Eklutna Hydroelectric
Dam - the history
and current
opportunity.

April 17, 2024

Maggie Forbess
Global Credit Union

April 24, 2024

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

May 01, 2024

Jonas Schumaker
Pacific Northwest
Teen Challenge

May 08, 2024

Jared Teach
STRIVE Asset
Management

May 15, 2024

Ms. Sam Norman
Become your Own
Healer

May 22, 2024

Regular Meeting
Cancelled
Annual Big Lake
Library Cleanup Day

May 29, 2024

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

June 12, 2024

Jules Tileston
Icelandic Spinnetts

Apr 10th: Curtis McQueen and Brenda Hewitt, Eklutna Hydroelectric Dam

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

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

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Icelandic Shippeas

June 19, 2024

James Grogan

Museum of Alaska

Transportation &

Industry

June 26, 2024

Annual Passing of

the Gavel meeting

followed by a board

meeting

Events

April 27th

Susitna Rotary

Luau

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Lil Su River Float

Classic & Cleanup,

Reading Hike,

BBQ

June 7th

3rd Annual

Susitna Rotary

Cup Scramble

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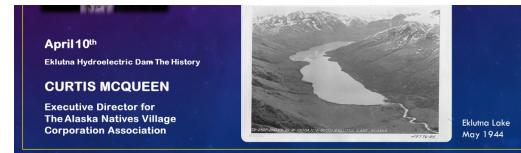
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2024

Save the Dates!

Sept 2024



To restore its namesake river, the Native Village of Eklutna has begun advocating for the complete removal of the dam at Eklutna Lake. The electric utilities that control the dam are backing a much more modest plan to fulfill their contractual obligation to repair a river system where salmon used to be abundant.

The Eklutna Dam, located in the Chugach Mountains about 24 miles northeast of the Anchorage Bowl, has enabled the generation of cheap, renewable electricity in the Anchorage and Mat-Su Borough for decades.

What will happen to the dam and river is still up for debate.

Brenda Hewitt is the Tribal Administrator/Acting Health Director of the Native Village of Eklutna.

Curtis J. McQueen is a current Board Member of the Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska's largest philanthropic foundation. Additionally, he serves as the Chairperson of the advisory board overseeing the University of Alaska Anchorage Distinguished Rasmuson Chair of Economics. From 2013 to 2019, Curtis served as an Honorary Commander for Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, the forward command for the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army located in Anchorage, Alaska. Since September 2023, he has held the position of the Executive Director of the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) representing 200 Alaska Native for-profit corporations. On September 15, 2024, Curtis became the Executive Director of The Alaska Natives Village Corporation Association (ANVCA).

2024 Josh the Otter - Volunteer Signup

Help Needed!

It's time for volunteers to begin [SIGNING UP](#) for the Josh the Otter school presentations. If you have not done so already, please sign up for one or more school presentations.

Screenshot from the sign-up for next week's presentations. While we have the minimum needed to do the presentations, it would be helpful to have one or more volunteers at both Denaina (90 kids) and Cottonwood Creek (68 kids).

| Wed Apr 17, 2024 | 3 of 6 Filled | | |
|--|------------------|--------|------------------------|
| IPOT | TIME | FILLED | PARTICIPANTS |
| Denaina Elementary School | 9:30am – 10:15am | 3 of 6 | (0) |
| SIGN UP | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | | | |
| Denaina scheduled for April 17 (90 kids) from 9:30 - 10:15. | | | |
| COMMENTS | | | SIGNED UP? |
| Sign in to comment | | | Darlene Johnson 1 Spot |
| | | | Ginger Hartman 1 Spot |
| | | | David Hartman 1 Spot |
| Fri Apr 19, 2024 | 4 of 6 Filled | | |
| IPOT | TIME | FILLED | PARTICIPANTS |
| Cottonwood Creek Elementary | 3:00pm – 3:45pm | 4 of 6 | (0) |
| SIGN UP | | | |
| DESCRIPTION | | | |
| 68 Students | | | |
| All in one classroom | | | |
| COMMENTS | | | SIGNED UP? |
| Sign in to comment | | | Ginger Hartman 2 Spots |
| | | | Rob Grogan 1 Spot |

Club Leaders

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|  | Brenda L. Hewitt Vocational Service Chair |
|  | Lynn Mitchell Youth Services Chair |



Deborah Waisanen

1 Spot

Josh the Otter will once again be visiting all the kindergartners in the Mat-Su Valley to teach water safety. In order to reach all these students, we need everyone's help. Please sign up for a presentation at:

<https://signup.com/go/zOfcyYd>

You can also scan the bar code below to go directly to the sign-up sheet. Share the invite with your friends and family so that they can help, too.



Rotary bling - How to order

You may have seen some of your fellow members wearing Rotary logo apparel or displaying cool bling in their businesses. It's a fun way to promote Rotary and can be a great gift to show your appreciation for a fellow member.

Vendors producing Rotary themed items must be approved by Rotary International. One of the largest suppliers of Rotary paraphernalia is [Russell-Hampton](#):



Apr 17th: Maggie Forbess, Global Credit Union

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:00pm

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Apr 23rd: Eddie Ezell's Retirement Party


**Marty L.
Metiva**
Immediate
Past
President

Birthdays

Wendy Gaynor
Cucullu
April 19th
Matthew J Beck
April 23rd
Charlene Niclos
May 7th
Ginger Hartman
May 12th

Samantha Jo
Aarhun
May 15th

Tonya Gamble
May 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Tonya Gamble
April 16th
Bradley J Gamble
April 16th
Chuck E. Foster Jr.
May 10th

APR 2024 Eddie Ezelle's Retirement Party



World Immunization Week- April 24-30, 2024



World Immunization Week â€“ 24-30 April â€“ is a perfect opportunity for Rotary clubs to share the incredible progress weâ€™ve made toward eradicating polio.

This year features significant anniversaries to celebrate:

- 10 years since the World Health Organization (WHO) South-East Asia Region was certified free of polio
- 30 years since the WHO Americas Region was certified as polio-free
- 50 years since the launch of the Expanded Programme on Immunization, which ensures equitable access to vaccines (including polio vaccines)

Visit endpolio.org

Inquiry and Advocacy

Editor's Note: The following was reprinted with permission from [Terry Horton Coaching](#). Terry Horton is a life coach, former member of Anchorage International Rotary, and longtime friend of Kim Erickson. She is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the [International Coach Federation](#), a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach (CPCC) with the [Co-Active Training Institute](#), and a PQ Pioneer with [Shirzad Chamineâ€™s Positive Intelligence operating system](#) who was raised in Alaska and currently lives in Tucson, Arizona.

I have been volunteering on a committee to select nonprofits to receive grants. This is my favorite thing to do, so I thought I would love it. While the experience was enriching overall, one aspect stood out: the challenge of maintaining above-the-line inquiry and advocacy amidst differing opinions and personalities.

One person consistently asserted their expertise and shared their point of view in a manner weâ€™ll call vigorous. The funny thing is that once they started communicating like that, we all started asserting our opinions with greater energy. The questions asked also had a less-than-lovely tone. This work wasnâ€™t as fun as it could have been and certainly didnâ€™t lead to better decision making.

Reflecting on this experience, Iâ€™ve been thinking about the concept of above-the-line inquiry and advocacy and below-the-line inquiry and advocacy. Above-the-line behaviors involve curiosity in inquiry and clarity in advocacy, fostering mutual understanding and respect. Conversely, below-the-line behaviors come off as condescending inquiries and exhausting and competitive advocacy. No good comes from this. (Iâ€™ve included one image that describes this, attributed to Diane Cory and Daniel H. Kim, based on the work of Action Design and Chris Argyris.)

So, how can we maintain a healthy balance of advocacy and inquiry and ensure that both stay above the line?

First, fostering genuine curiosity is key. Instead of assuming superiority, approach discussions with an open mind, seeking to understand othersâ€™ perspectives.

Second, clarity in advocacy is crucial. Express your opinions clearly and respectfully, then stop talking. This ensures everyone can comprehend your viewpoint without feeling belittled or shut down.

Third, embrace humility. Recognize that everyone can bring valuable insights, regardless of credentials or expertise. Encourage diverse voices and actively listen to differing viewpoints.

Finally, be mindful of tone and demeanor. Strive to engage in discussions with empathy and kindness, avoiding behaviors that may be alienating or exhausting.

By fostering curiosity, clarity, humility, and empathy, you can help to create an environment conducive to collaboration, respect, and mutual understanding. Now, that sounds like fun.

Let me know what you think! Feel free to email me at terry@coachterryhorton.com.

Cheers,
Terry



May 1st: Jonas Schumacher, Pacific Northwest Teen Challenge

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:00pm
 Meet in Person at
[Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort](#)

Via Zoom at
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May 8th: Jared Teach, STRIVE Asset Management

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:00pm
 Meet in Person at
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- Senior Vice President, West Coast Regional Sales Director
- Mr. Teach brings nearly 20 years of working alongside financial advisors. He previously held both Director and Vice President roles at FLX Networks, Hartford Funds and Ivy Funds.
- Jared is a graduate of Kansas State University and enjoys watching a variety of sports and cheering on his beloved Kansas City Chiefs. In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his family in Carlsbad, CA enjoying campouts, playing golf, cooking meat on the smoker and relaxing at the beach.





May 15th: Ms. Sam Norman, Become Your Own Healer

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May 15th
Ms. Sam Norman
Become your Own Healer

- Ms. Sam Norman is a registered nurse, ayurvedic health counselor, and a certified psychedelic plant medicine integration specialist. Her goal is to help you reclaim your physical, mental, and spiritual health by reacquainting you to the healer within.





May 22nd: Big Lake Library Cleanup (instead of reg meeting)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:00pm
REGULAR MEETING IS REPLACED WITH
Big Lake Library Cleanup

May 22nd
Annual Big Lake Library Cleanup 05:30 PM - 07:00 PM



Regular Meeting Cancelled

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

Friday, June 7th: 3rd Annual Susitna Rotary Cup Scramble

Everyone is encouraged to help out with our club's big annual fundraiser. There are many ways to contribute...you can put together a team, be a sponsor, contribute prizes and other golf goodies, or volunteer the day of the event.

3rd Annual
Susitna Rotary Cup
Scramble
Friday, June 7th (UPDATED)
09:00 AM

This year we will be hosting an
18-hole scramble

Teams are only \$350.00 or \$150.00 per
individual player and tentatively include:

- Bloody Mary Bar (2 drink coupons)
- Breakfast Burrito
- Use of Driving Range before tourney
- "Golf Goodies"
- Lunch Banquet
- Putting Contest
- Chipping Contest
- Prizes Galore!!




Little Su Rotary Park Sign Sponsorship

[Download Flyer](#)



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

YoungLives Camp 2024

Brittany Reed is fundraising to take 24 teen moms from all across Alaska - and their babies - to Antelope, Oregon for the June 2024 YoungLives Camp.

**YOUNGLIVES CAMP
2024**



younglife CAMP

\$2,500.00 SENDS A MOM, THEIR BABY, CHILD CARE, AND LEADER TO CAMP!

GIVE NOW!

Will you help us get **FOUR** young moms to camp?

Questions? Contact Brittany Reed | 907-315-3033
brittany.younglivesmatsu@gmail.com



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? |
|---------------|------------|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Apr 18-21st | Fri - Sun | RYLA | | Fairbanks | RYLA students & chaperones |
| May 4th | Sat | Palmer Pool | | Float for Life pool session | Everyone invited - please RSVP |
| May 11th | Sat | Wasilla Pool | | Float for Life pool session | Everyone invited - please RSVP |
| May 16th | Thu | Rotary District 5010 Assembly | | Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks | Registration required |
| May 17th-19th | Fri - Sun | Rotary District 5010 Conference | | Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks | Registration required |
| May 22nd | Wed | Annual Big Lake Library Cleanup | | Big Lake Library | Everyone invited! |
| 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 | Registration -to play golf |
| Jun 26th | Wed | Changing of the Guard | | TBD | Everyone invited - please RSVP |

*Save
the
Date*

