



## 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 Forbes  
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 Snippets

## 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**

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWK1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>



**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](#)  
 June 1st  
[Lil Su River Float  
 Classic & Cleanup,  
 Reading Hike,  
 BBQ](#)  
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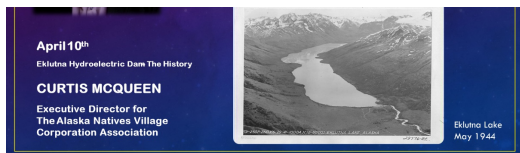
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To restore its namesake river, the Native Village of Eklutna has begun advocating for the complete removal of the dam at Eklutna Lake. The electric utilities that control the dam are backing a much more modest plan to fulfill their contractual obligation 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 Cottenwood Creek (68 kids).

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Wed Apr 17, 2024

3 of 6 Filled

iPOT	TIME	FILLED	PARTICIPANTS	
<div>▼ Denaina Elementary School</div>	9:30am – 10:15am	3 of 6	<div><div><div>🗨️ (0)</div></div><div><div>DJ</div><div>GH</div><div>DH</div></div></div>	<div>SIGN UP</div>
<div>DESCRIPTION</div> <div>Denaina scheduled for April 17 ( 90 kids) from 9:30 - 10:15.</div>				
<div>COMMENTS</div> <div>Sign in to comment</div>				
<div>SIGNED UP?</div> <div><div><div>DJ</div><div>Darlene Johnson</div><div>1 Spot</div></div><div><div>GH</div><div>Ginger Hartman</div><div>1 Spot</div></div><div><div>DH</div><div>David Hartman</div><div>1 Spot</div></div></div>				

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Fri Apr 19, 2024

4 of 6 Filled

iPOT	TIME	FILLED	PARTICIPANTS	
<div>▼ Cottonwood Creek Elementary</div>	3:00pm – 3:45pm	4 of 6	<div><div><div>🗨️ (0)</div></div><div><div>GH</div><div>RG</div><div>DW</div></div></div>	<div>SIGN UP</div>
<div>DESCRIPTION</div> <div>68 Students</div> <div>All in one classroom</div>				
<div>COMMENTS</div> <div>Sign in to comment</div>				
<div>SIGNED UP?</div> <div><div><div>GH</div><div>Ginger Hartman</div><div>2 Spots</div></div><div><div>RG</div><div>Rob Grogan</div><div>1 Spot</div></div></div>				



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**Marty T.**

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**

Meet in Person at

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

Via Zoom at

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## Apr 23rd: Eddie Ezell's Retirement Party



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Past  
President

## Birthdays

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

Samantha Jo  
Aarthun  
May 15th  
Tonya Gamble  
May 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Apr 23rd: Eddie Ezelle's Retirement Party



## World Immunization Week- April 24-30, 2024



World Immunization Week “24-30 April” is a perfect opportunity for Rotary clubs to share the incredible progress we’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](https://www.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 Chamine'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 we’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 wasn’t as fun as it could have been and certainly didn’t lead to better decision making.

Reflecting on this experience, I’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. (I’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?

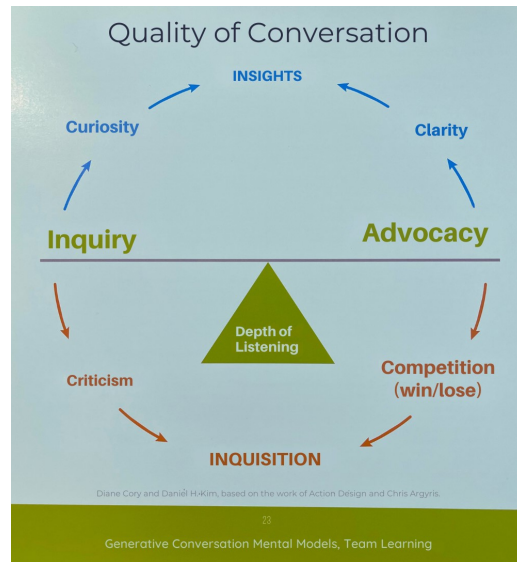
First, fostering genuine curiosity is key. Instead of assuming superiority, approach discussions with an open mind, seeking to understand others’ perspectives.  
Second, clarity in advocacy is crucial. Express your opinions clearly and respectfully, then stop talking. This ensures everyone can comprehend 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](mailto: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

**Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort**

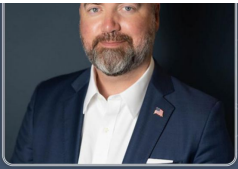
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- Senior Vice President, West Coast Regional Sales Director
- Mr. Teach brings nearly 20 years of working alongside financial advisors. He previously held both Director and Vice President roles at USA Networks, Hartford Funds and Ivy Funds.
- Jared is a graduate of Kansas State University and enjoys watching a variety of sports and cheering on his beloved Royals and Chiefs. On the weekend you will find Jared 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

**Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 6:00pm**

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

Via Zoom at

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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 7<sup>th</sup> (UPDATED)  
09:00 AM  
  
This year we will be hosting an  
18-hole scramble

Teams are only \$300.00 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](#)



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Club of Susitna Alaska



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](http://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

**\$2,500.00 SENDS A MOM, THEIR BABY, CHILDCARE, AND LEADER TO CAMP!**

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

**GIVE NOW!**

Questions? Contact Brittany Read | 907-315-3033  
brittany.younglivesmoms@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

