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**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

**May 29, 2024**

Club Assembly  
followed by a board  
meeting

**June 05, 2024**

Kris Shippen  
Cement coming  
through the Port of  
Anchorage

**June 12, 2024**

Jules Tileston  
Icelandic Snippets

**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

June 1st

Lil Su River Float  
Classic & Cleanup,  
Reading Hike,  
BBQ

**May 29th: Club Assembly**

**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

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May 29<sup>th</sup> – no board meeting after the regular club meeting

May 29<sup>th</sup> – club assembly will focus on

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Lil Su Classic & BBQ

July 1<sup>st</sup>: The next Rotary Year

## June 1st: Lil Su Classic River Clean-up, Kids' Reading Hike, and BBQ

Sign-up sheet for our annual

### **LilSu Classic River Float/Cleanup and BBQ**

If any of you are interested in participating this year, please sign up using the link below! There are many ways to participate:


**Saturday, June 1st**  
**2024 Lil Su Cleanup**

We still need volunteers to **purchase the food for the BBQ.**


The club will reimburse food expenses. Adam Rein has signed up to be the pit master and food coordinator this year. Christian Hartley has recruited Hilltop Assembly of God (with city council member Ken Mitchell) to help with BBQ and possibly with shuttling. He actually recently purchased the property immediately to the south of the city park property.

We also need **transportation from the park to the gravel pit** for the start. If you have a van or crew cab pickup, or a big trailer that would be a plus.







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### 2024 Little Su Classic River Cleanup

Sat Jun 1, 2024

Our annual Little Su river clean-up and BBQ is scheduled for Saturday June 1st at 10:00 AM! Everyone should meet at our Little Sustna Rotary Park. Transportation will be available for floaters and their water crafts from park to 3 B's gravel pit. A special BBQ will be offered at end of day. Your favorite side dish to share is a plus! VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! If you are attending please RSVP here <https://fb.me/r/3CK5hKAU>

Share this invite

Hide Full Spots Show My Spots

Sat Jun 1, 2024 9 of 63 Filled

SPOT	TIME	FILLED	PARTICIPANTS	
<a href="#">Cooking Crew</a> Cooking Crew to organize and...	12:00am - 4:00pm	2 of 5	<a href="#">CC</a>	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">BBQ Site Setup Crew</a> Site crew to set up picnic area...	10:00am - 12:00pm	1 of 7	<a href="#">CC</a>	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">Floating Cleanup Crew</a> Float down the Little Sustna ...	10:00am - 2:00pm	4 of 40	<a href="#">FT</a> <a href="#">AB</a> <a href="#">GM</a> <a href="#">RS</a>	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">Food Organizer</a> Purchase and bring necessary...	10:00am - 2:00pm	1 of 4	<a href="#">AB</a>	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">Transport float participants</a> Bring your vehicle to help tra...	10:00am - 11:00am	1 of 7	<a href="#">BC</a>	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>

Help



# June 5th: Kris Shippen, Cement Coming through the Port of Anchorage

Kris Shippen, Alaska Basic Industries

Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

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

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTIVdz09>

Alaska Basic Industries (ABI) supplies cement throughout Alaska. ABI has terminals in Anchorage at 1300 Ocean Dock Road, as well as in Fairbanks at 1501 Well Street. ABI receives shipments of cement at the Port of

## Birthdays

Tonya Gamble  
May 30th  
Erin Cruz  
June 3rd  
Michelle Dawn  
Maynor  
June 3rd  
Josh Waisanen  
June 17th  
Lanissa Grogan  
June 22nd  
Claire Frey Horton  
June 26th

## Wedding Anniversaries

Claire Frey Horton  
June 3rd  
Phillip D. Horton  
June 3rd  
Kimberly W. Erickson  
June 19th

Anchorage by ships on a regular basis throughout the summer and into late fall.

ABI offers two basic products: Type I/ II Portland Cement for general construction and Type III Portland Cement for specialty construction needs. At the Anchorage Port location, we offer Type I and Type III bulk cement:



## Big Lake Library Cleanup Crew

As part of the annual United Way Week of Caring, Susitna Rotary's Big Lake Library cleanup crew came in armed with work gloves, gardening tools, rakes, hoes, and leaf blowers. In about two hours, the grounds were weeded, raked and spruced up for summer. Thanks to everyone who came out and pitched in!





## Lil Su Rotary Park & Trail Gets the first round of spring cleaning

Thanks to Adam Rein, the Lil Su Rotary Park & Trail has had a couple of weekends of cleanup work done already!







## New Banners for Life Jacket Loaner Boards

Water Safety Chair, Jack Timm, and Prez-Elect, Aaron Coman, were out installing the new banners for the life jacket loaner boards.

They also cleaned up the trash and stocked the life jackets.

Thanks to Ashley Spitsnogle for adding Josh the Baby Otter to our banners and thanks to Dave Lambert at Lotto Alaska for the sponsorship!



In addition to the banners, Aaron will be ordering 4" x 4" aluminum color plates to add to the vertical uprights on the loaner boards as well as the Josh the Baby Otter Story Boards. This will give us the ability to add sponsor signs to all of our projects. Spenard Builders Supply has generously given us free shipping on these boards as part of their sponsorship.





## BBQ and Alex's Graduation Party

Shout out to Marty and Cheryl Metiva for hosting a BBQ and graduation party for Alex Vintr after the Big Lake Library Cleanup. The Metiva's have also been Alex's host family this entire year. Alex received several fun gifts and was one happy teen.

We also got to sing Happy Birthday to Erin's dad, Jeff.

It was a perfect, relaxing evening following the cleanup.







## Rotary International Convention in Singapore

If you wondered where Rob and Lanissa Grogan were last week, they are in Singapore attending the 2024 Rotary International Convention!





## June 12th: Jules Tileston, Icelandic Snippets

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Meet in Person at

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

Via Zoom at

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



Join Jules Tileston on a 12-day photo safari to Iceland during late June 2023. Visit Reykjavik, Iceland's 1<sup>st</sup> National Park and highlights along the 830-mile-long Ring Road, a day of Whale Watching and visits to an ice cave and Atlantic Puffin rookeries. One of the reasons for the trip to Iceland was to see if it would be a special place to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last August. The places in Iceland are magical, but walking requirements were more than they both desired. So --- they opted for a family trip to the Canadian Rockies instead.

Jules is a long-time member of the Anchorage International Rotary Club and previously was a member of the Anchorage East and Anchorage Hillside clubs. Jules is married with 3 grown daughters and 2 granddaughters. Jules often refers to himself as "Mr. Peg" since more people know his wife, Peg. The family moved to Anchorage in 1972 when Jules was selected to lead the Wild River Studies in Alaska that were later incorporated into the Alaska Natural Interest Conservation Lands Act (ANILCA). Subsequently, Jules was employed by BLM and the Department of Natural Resources in multidisciplinary management roles. Upon

employed by DMI and the Department of Natural Resources in multidisciplinary management roles. Upon retirement as a government bureaucrat, Jules consulted on environmental permitting for a variety of oil and gas, transportation, and mining projects in Alaska.

Jules has had a love affair with photography, starting with a high school graduation present of an Argus C3 that has progressed to his current mirrorless Canon and iPhone setups. Fortunately, he has been able to sharpen his photographic skills as part of his various jobs with the Department of the Interior throughout the lower 48 States and here in Alaska. Now it is just for "fun". Jules enjoys sharing his images through slide-talks such as the one given to Susitna Rotary Club on "Polar Bears and Wild Horses" on July 6, 2016.

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## June 19th: James Grogan, Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry

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**Wednesday, June 19th, 2024 6:00pm**

Meet in Person at

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



James Grogan (no relation to Rob and Lanissa Grogan) will be giving an overview of Alaska's largest museum. The Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry (MATI) was established to give a home to the transportation and industrial remnants of Alaska's series of booms and busts. It helps to tell the stories of the people and machines that opened Alaska to exploration and growth.

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## Spring 2024 Raffle: Matsuri Safari!

**WELCOME TO MATSURI SAFARI**  
The ultimate African Hunting Safari  
Matsuri Safaris, a premium hunting ranch of  
19,000 acres in Limpopo, South Africa.

**Matsuri Magnum Package**  
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters  
\$19,000 Value  
Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,  
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa

**ACTIVITIES FOR NON-HUNTERS**  
Day trips can be made to Mapungubwe Nature  
Reserve  
1.5-hour drive

**African Safari Raffle  
For Fundraiser**  
Donated by Sami & Josh  
<https://matsurisafaris.co.za/>




### WOW!

Thanks to the generosity of **Josh Waisanen** and **Sami Aarthun**, Susitna Rotary is auctioning off a 7-Day Package for 4 Hunters ....with options available for non-hunters as well...and valued at \$19,000 for a spring fundraiser!

There will only be **100 tickets sold at \$100 each** for a drawing to be held on **June 26th** for a **Matsuri Magnum Package**. Stay tuned for more details and how to get/sell tickets. If you have ever dreamed of an African Safari or have friends that would love the opportunity for a Big Game Hunt, this is a golden opportunity. Learn more about the privately owned, [Matsuri Safaris](https://matsurisafaris.co.za/) 17,500 acres hunting ranch in Limpopo, South Africa.

Basic details are shown below.

100 Tickets  
\$100 each  
June 26



2nd Prize  
A.R. - Value \$1K

**Matsuri Magnum Package**  
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters  
\$19,000 Value  
Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,  
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**Includes:**

- Guided by PH with skinner and hunting vehicle. (includes guide fees)
- Accommodations
- Meals
- All local drinks, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, and bottled water, etc.
- Daily laundry service
- Wi-Fi
- Field prep of trophies
- Transportation to Taxidermist
- \$1000.00 per Hunter Trophy Fees

**Does Not Include:**

- Accommodation & meals for arrival and departure days. (\$200.00 per day per person)
- Transfers to & from Camp.
- Gratuities
- Airfare
- Transportation of Trophies to U.S.

Exp Date



## 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?
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	<b>POSTPONED TO LATE SUMMER</b>
Jun	26th	Wed	Changing of the Guard	TBD	Everyone invited - please RSVP
Oct	12th	Sat	Rotary Uncorked Goes Out of this World	Curtis Menard Sports Center	Purchase tickets in advance
Nov	9th	Sat	The Rotary Foundation Fundaiser	Evangelo's	Purchase tickets in advance

Save  
the  
Date



# Little Su Rotary Park Sign Sponsorship

[Download Flyer](#)



**Rotary**  
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)

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