

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 24, 2024

Patrick Simpson,
Founder
Alaska Plastic
Recovery and
Grizzly Wood

July 31, 2024

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting
Committee signup

August 07, 2024

Inbound Youth
Exchange Students
Meet and welcome
ALL of Rotary
District 5010's
inbound Youth
Exchange students
as they kick off
their Alaskan
exchange
experience.

August 14, 2024

Jeff Curtis, CEO
2024 Alaska State
Fair

August 21, 2024

James Grogan
Museum of Alaska
Transportation &
Industry

August 28, 2024

Jul 24 program: Patrick Simpson, Alaska Plastic Recovery

Patrick "Pat" Simpson and Alaska Plastic Recovery were featured in a front page news story in Monday's [Anchorage Daily News](#). Join us July 24th to hear first hand how this former Alaska fisherman is turning trash into plastic.

Wednesday, July 24, 6:00pm

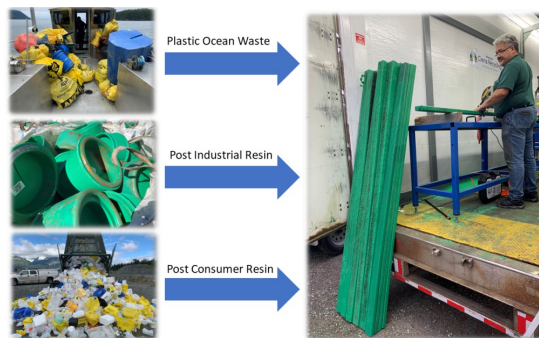
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[Alaska Plastic Recovery](#)'s mission is to create useful construction products from recycled plastics. The source material is derived from Plastic Ocean Waste provided by various marine debris clean-up efforts, from residential recycling programs, and from industry. APR's processing facility is entirely mobile, allowing it to move from community to community where recycled plastics are stored, convert this plastic into useful construction products (e.g. Recycled Plastic Lumber, Recycled Plastic Bricks), and sell the resulting products through local sales channels. This [distributed recycling model](#) is ideal for the rural coastal communities common to Alaska.



Jul 31st: Club Assembly - Sign up for a Committee!

Club Assembly followed by a Board meeting

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

September 04, 2024

[Jon Hunt, Frontier Safety & Supply](#)
Life Saving for Amateurs

September 11, 2024

[Dr. Randy Trani](#)
Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

September 18, 2024

[Isaac Smolden, MY House](#)
Production and Promotion project at MY House

September 25, 2024

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

October 09, 2024

[Louisa Branchflower,](#)
Onward & Upward
Onward and Upward offers a variety of programs that educate and engage participants to step outside of their comfort zones to discover their strengths.

October 30, 2024

[Club Assembly followed by a board meeting](#)
TRF - upcoming fundraiser

December 18, 2024

[Club Holiday Party & Officer Elections](#)

January 29, 2025

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

February 26, 2025

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

March 02, 2025

[Iditarod Restart Party - March 2nd, 2025](#)

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 26, 2025

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

April 23, 2025

The last meeting of each month is typically a Club Assembly followed by a board meeting. All members are welcome to stay after the regular meeting to sit in on the board meeting. July's Club Assembly will include an introduction to this year's board members and committee chairs.

President Aaron is asking all members to sign up for at least one club committee online through DACdb. By signing up online, you will get automated notifications for all committee meetings, activities, and other important news. If you have a chance, please sign up for committees before the meeting. Otherwise, there will be multiple laptops available to assist anyone that needs help to log in and sign up in DACdb.

It is simple and quick to sign up:

1. Log into DACdb
2. Select "My CLUB" from top menu
3. Navigate to "Committee Signup"

COMMITTEE NAVIGATION: **Susitna Committee SignUp:** Erickson, Kimberly W. ▼

⚙ District & Club Committees: Please check off your club committee preferences. If you are already a member of a committee, we will assume you want to keep it as is. You may update this form online or print this form and provide it to the club Secretary or other appropriate individual. Committees marked with:

⚙ My Club Committees: ⚙ allows you to automatically sign up; otherwise your request to join will need the approval from existing or incoming committee chairs, president or secretary.

⚙ Sign Up: ⚙ are committees specifically requesting help and volunteers. Please consider joining!

⚙ Committee Sign-Up: ⚙ are full and reached the maximum number of members that can join.

4. Put a check mark next to your committee preferences. The list of Susitna Rotary's committees for 2024-2025 is as follows:

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COMMITTEE NAVIGATION: **Susitna Committee Listing, OrgYear:** 2024-25 ▼

⚙ District & Club Committees: Club Committees are shown below. Use the Display Options below to filter the results.

⚙ Special District Committees: ⚙ My Club Committees: ⚙ Sign Up: ⚙ Committee Sign-Up: ⚙ Sign-Up Admin: ⚙ Help: ⚙ Sign-Up Help: My CLUB Shortcuts: DISTRICT Shortcuts

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Club Committees

| Action | Committee Name | Committee Type |
|--------|--|----------------|
| ⚙ | Susitna | |
| ⚙ | Club Service Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Foundation Event Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Fundraising Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Gaming Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Membership Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Past Presidents Advisory Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Projects and Programs | |
| ⚙ | Josh The Otter School Presentations / Pool Sessions | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Little Su Classic Float/Kids Don't Float Boards | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Little Susitna Parks and Trail Planning Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Little Susitna Parks and Trail WORKER Committee | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Youth Services | CLUB Committee |
| ⚙ | Board of Directors | CLUB Committee |

No Club Committees: 13

TRF Auction - Monster Hunting Trip in Illiamna

The annual Rotary Foundation Auction each fall always features an array of unique Alaskan experiences. What could be more Alaskan than a **"Monster Hunting Trip in Illiamna"**? Jack Timm and Dr. Joe Llewellyn did just that last week when they visited Mark and Stacy Stigar at their cabin on Lake Illiamna. While they may not have found the infamous Illiamna Lake monster, the nice weather, great company and spectacular views made up for it.

By the way - in case you missed it - Mark Stigar had previously given a fascinating presentation at Susitna Rotary about his ongoing search for the "monster" and his theories as to what type of species it might be. You never know what interesting topics you might catch at a Rotary Club meeting.

Thank you to Mark and Stacy Stigar for donating this interesting trip and to Jack and Joe for purchasing it to support The Rotary Foundation.



April 23, 2025
Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

May 21, 2025
OFFSITE Service
Project
Cleanup the Big
Lake Library
Grounds

May 28, 2025
Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting
Planning for the Lil
Su Classic River
Cleanup & BBQ

June 18, 2025
Changing of the
Guard followed by
a board meeting
Aaron Coman
passes the gavel
onto Kim Erickson

Events

November 9th
**The Rotary
Foundation
Fundraiser**

March 2nd
**Iditarod Restart
Party and End
Polio Now
fundraiser**

Speaker: Iditarod
Restart Party -
March 2nd, 2025
Subject: Bring
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Club Leaders



[Aaron Coman](#)
President



[Kimberly W. Erickson](#)
President-Elect



[Samantha Shannon](#)
France Secretary



[Erin Cruz](#)
Treasurer



[Rodger Cheadle](#)
Club Director



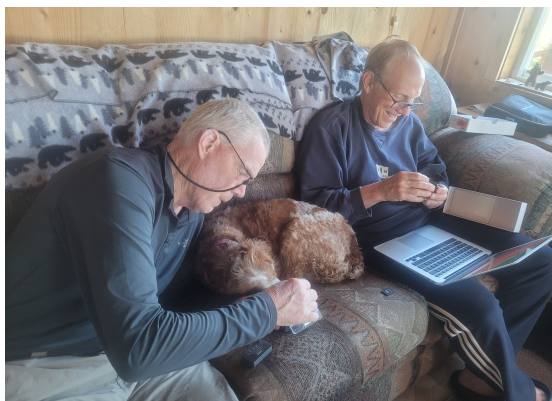
[Kathleen M. Timm](#)
Attendance Secretary



[Ginger Hartman](#)
Club Membership Chair



[Adam Rein](#)



TRF Auction- Play on the Lake in Willow

Another experience auctioned off at last year's Rotary Foundation (TRF) Auction was a "Play on the Lake" day hosted by Tryg and Kim Erickson. Catherine Cheadle, Rog Cheadle, Tom Inman, Joe Llewellyn, Brittany Reed, Matt, and Adam Rein all drove to Willow to enjoy a BBQ lunch, boat rides, jet skiing, swimming, fellowship and perfect weather. Philip and Claire Horton even flew in to enjoy some of the festivities.

Unfortunately, not all the "cartel" that purchased the auction item were able to show up that day, but special thanks still go out to everyone in the group that purchased the experience for their support of TRF: Rog and Catherine Cheadle, Tom Inman, Joe Llewellyn, Eric and Cindy Wellman, and Rylee Rudd.

This year's TRF Auction and Dinner will be held **November 9th at Evangelo's**. What time, talent or treasure do you have to donate?





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Projects
Chair



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Waisanen
Club Rotary
Foundation
Chair



Cheryl L.
Metiva
Club
Service
Chair



Lynn
Mitchell
Club Youth
Services
Chair



Robert
Allan
Grogan
iPast
President



Samantha
Jo Aarthun
Club
Fundraising
Chair



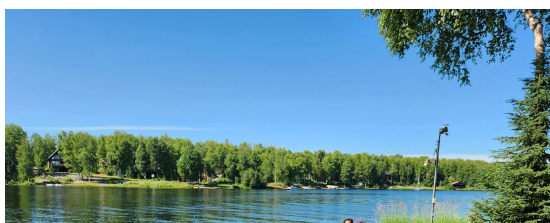
Jack W.
Timm
Past
Presidents
Chair

Birthdays

Chuck E. Foster Jr.
July 25th
Thad Scholl
July 28th
Rylee B. Loraene
Rudd
August 7th
Bradley J Gamble
August 12th
Robert Allan
Grogan
August 17th
Eric Wellman
August 24th
Naomi Sweetman
August 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Cindy Wellman
July 29th
Eric Wellman
July 29th
Michelle Dawn
Maynor
August 12th
Adam Rein
August 17th
Samantha Shannon
France
August 26th
Randi C Madison
August 28th





Aug 7th: Meet the Inbound Youth Exchange Students

Meet and welcome ALL of Rotary District 5010's inbound Youth Exchange students as they kick off their Alaskan exchange experience.

Wednesday, August 7, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

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rotary youth exchange



The following D5010 club's are hosting inbound YE students in 2024-2025:

Anchorage Hillside
Anchorage South
Fairbanks Golden Heart Rotary
Homer-Kachemak Bay
Juneau
Juneau 58° Innovators Rotary
Juneau-Gastineau
Juneau-Glacier Valley
Ketchikan(The 1st City)
Palmer
Petersburg
Seward
Sitka
Soldotna
Susitna

Meet Leo...Susitna Rotary's 2024-2025 YE Student!



Meet Leo from Taiwan

Leo will be arriving in Alaska on August 3rd. From August 6th through the 11th he will be attending the **D5010 Fall Orientation** for all inbound youth exchange (YE) students. Everyone will have a chance to meet him along with the other inbound YE students at the club's meeting on August 7th.

Leo will be attending Houston High School and his first host family will be Marty and Cheryl Metiva. This will be the 10th youth exchange student they have hosted! Leo will be with the Metiva's through Thanksgiving. The club is seeking two more families to host him for the remainder of the year. If you are interested in hosting or simply want to take Leo for an outing, please contact Lynn Mitchell (tedyberly@hotmail.com or cell [907-715-4992](tel:907-715-4992)), the club's YE Officer.

A little about Leo...

- English is not his native language, but he has been studying it for 11 years and is comfortable communicating in English.
- He loves dogs and has a dog at home.
- He says he is "not good at playing sports, but would like to try as many sports as he can, especially skiing and skating." FYI: Houston High offers soccer, football, basketball, cross-country running, hockey, baseball and track.
- He likes to climb mountains and outdoor activities close to nature, relaxing, taking photos with his SLR camera, or riding a bike around.
- Leo plays both the trombone and piano.
- He likes to eat seafood, beef, hamburgers, pizza, fried chicken, salad, and pasta... he is not a picky eater.

Best of all, Leo says, "I'm really looking forward to go to Alaska!"





Aug 14th: Jeff Curtis, CEO of the Alaska State Fair

Wednesday, August 14, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

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Aug 16th (Friday): All Club Rotary Meeting at the Fair

Please spread the word at your Rotary meetings and invite friends to our *Rotary Fellowship at the Fair*.

Date: Friday, August 16th

Location: Alaska State Fair, Purple Gate, White Tent

Time: 12:00 pm

Cost: \$30

Parking is Free!

RSVP is required, so **call Jan Helfrich at (907)355-9333**.

There will be live entertainment, a presentation from Representative DeLena Johnson and lunch from Turkey Red. This year, the **white tent** will be located just inside the **Purple Gate** (where the slingshot was located). We hope you will join us for this Rotary Fellowship and then enjoy our Alaska State Fair!





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Aug 21st: OFFSITE meeting at the Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry

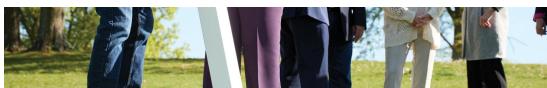
James Grogan
OFFSITE MEETING to be held at
Museum of Alaska Transportation & Industry
Wednesday, August 21st, 2024 6:00pm



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.

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick's





Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick's leadership journey began with a dream to see the world. Today, she combines her love for sports and international relations to foster peace and community building. Hear the story from her: on.rotary.org/3Sd3cJq

**Rotary is currently in over 220 countries and geographical areas.
There are 1.4 million members (and counting) and over 46,000 clubs!**

Monthly Themes - November is Maternal and Child Health

| Monthly Themes for 2024-2025 | |
|---|---|
| July - Maternal and Child Health |  |
| August - Membership & New Club Development | |
| September - Basic Education & Literacy |  |
| October - Community Economic & Development | |
| November - Rotary Foundation | |
| December - Disease Prevention & Treatment | |
| January - Vocational Service | |
| February - Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution | |
| March - Water & Sanitation | |
| April - Environmental | |
| May - Youth Service | |
| June - Rotary Fellowships | |

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation – all of which can be prevented.

HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.

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? |
|------|---------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| Aug | 16th | Fri | Rotary at the Fair | Purple Gate/White Tent | Yes - Jan Helfrich (907)355-9333 \$30 includes lunch, parking, entertainment |
| Oct | 12th | Sat | Rotary Uncorked Goes Out of this World | Curtis Menard Sports Center | Purchase tickets in advance |
| Nov | 9th | Sat | The Rotary Foundation Fundraiser | Evangelo's | Purchase tickets in advance |
| Dec | 18th | Wed | Club Holiday Party & Officer Elections | TBD | |
| Mar | 2nd | Sun | Iditarod Restart Party & End Polio Now Fundraiser | Tryg & Kim Erickson Willow, AK | No ... bring family and friends |
| Apr | | | RYLA | | Yes - volunteer to chaperone |
| May | 1st | Thu | District Assembly | Juneau | Yes - register through DACdb |
| May | 2nd-4th | Fri-Sun | District Conference | Juneau | Yes - register through DACdb |
| May | 21st | Wed | Big Lake Library Cleanup | Big Lake Library | No ... bring family and friends |
| Jun | 7th | Sat | Lil Su Classic River Cleanup | Lil Su River Pavilion | No ... bring family and friends |
| Jun | 21-25th | Sat- Wed | Rotary International Convention | Calgary, Canada | Yes - registry in advance |
| Jun | 25th? | Wed | Passing of the Gavel | TBD | |



Youth Exchange Message 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024



Would you like to embark on an adventure as a **Rotary Exchange Student** and transform your world perspective? Now is the time to contact us as we start recruiting for the 2025/2026 school year! Interviews will be conducted in **September & October**.

Check out additional information on the [Youth Exchange Page](#)

Message from DG Brenda Shelden



**District 5010 Governor
2024- 2025
BRENDA SHELLEN**

RYLA Link Page



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