



Rotary
Club of Susitna Alaska



AUGUST IS

**MEMBERSHIP
AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT
MONTH**

"Just as Rotary itself can never keep its place unless it is constantly growing, so each individual Rotary club cannot afford to stand still while the stream of life moves onward." Past RI President 1940-41 Armando de Arruda Pereira

The National Rotarians World

Rotary



TAKE ACTION:
Join Rotary, Be a People of Action

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

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

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting
Logan Rein will be
presenting on his
experience as a
Youth Exchange
student in
Switzerland during
the 2023-34 Rotary

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

year. Patrick Logano, DACdb CEO, will also be participating in the Assembly.

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

[Todd Smolden](#)
Governor Dunlevy Education Plan

September 25, 2024

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

October 02, 2024

[Mat-Su Candidates](#)
Joint meeting with the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce for a candidate forum ahead of the November elections.

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 16, 2024

[Brenda Sheldon](#)
District Governor Presentation

October 16, 2024

[Brenda Shelden](#)
DG Official Visit

October 23, 2024

[Isaac Smolden](#)
My House Production Team

October 30, 2024

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

TRF - upcoming fundraiser

December 18, 2024

[Club Holiday Party & Officer Elections](#)

Events

November 9th



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

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

July 2024 Rotarian of the Month: Lynn Mitchell

Congratulations to Lynn Mitchell for receiving the **Rotarian of the Month** award for July 2024!

Lynn was recognized by club president Aaron Coman for her work as the club's Youth Services Chair and willingness to coordinate the logistics when the club decided at the last minute to host an inbound youth exchange student for the 2024-25 Rotary year.

Lynn has been a member of Susitna Rotary since June 2012 and was sponsored into the club by Trudi Mitchell. Her Rotary passion is Youth Exchange, and she has served for many years as the club's Youth Exchange Officer.



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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

July 2024 inductions - Welcome to our new members

Last week we welcomed Elda and Bryant McCraw into the Susitna Rotary club. Elda and Bryant have been attending meetings on a regular basis for the last few months and you can find them each week at their favorite table when you first enter the room.



Bryant McCraw is a dedicated volunteer with the Lions Club, Palmer Moose Club, Palmer Senior Center, and has been an honorary member of Palmer Rotary Club. He also enjoys setting up voting stations every year at Mat-Su College with his mother, Elda.

Elda McCraw is a retiree who eloped to Alaska in 1974 then went on to spend over 40 years working in project management in the Alaskan oil industry. She holds a Bachelor's of Organizational Behavior from APU and a Master of Global Logistics from UAA, as well as various certificates from the Institute of Supply Chain Management and the Project Management Institute. Her skills and experience include managing delivery of services, materials and projects, performing tracking, documenting and other support activities.

Elda and Bryant are both passionate volunteers committed to making life better for the community. They currently volunteer at the Palmer Senior Center about 20 hours a week, with the Palmer Lions Club for 2-3 hours a week, and then serve on the boards of these two organizations plus the Palmer Moose Club. They are also members of MatSu Food Security and actively participate in both Palmer Rotary and Susitna Rotary, United Way, Kids Kupboard, and various special events around the MatSu Valley.

Welcome to Susitna Rotary, Elda and Bryant!

Grant for Baja Cervical Cancer Equipment

In support of the new **Loreto Magico Rotary Club** sponsored by Susitna Rotary in Loreto, BSC, Mexico, the Susitna board of directors approved a \$1,000 matching grant donation for the **Baja HPV DNA PCR Screening Rotary Global Grant to eliminate cervical cancer.**

Project Overview:

Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women globally with an estimated 604 000 new cases and 342 000 deaths in 2020. The highest rates of cervical cancer incidence and mortality are in low- and middle-income countries. This reflects major inequities driven by lack of access to national HPV vaccination, cervical screening and treatment services, and social and economic determinants. Cervical cancer is caused by persistent infection with the human papillomavirus (HPV). Screening and treatment of HPV pre-cancerous lesions are highly effective ways to prevent cervical cancer; these approaches are very cost-effective. Cervical cancer can be prevented and/or cured if diagnosed at an early stage and treated promptly.

Our main objectives are 1) to enhance/upgrade the infrastructure of the cooperating medical organizations, and 2) to improve the capacity of the health care professionals. These objectives will be met by donating DNA HPV PCR Screening state-of-the-art equipment, as recommended by WHO (World Health Organization), as well as a treatment tool that is highly effective, less painful, and easy to learn and use, as well as training for these medical providers.

The beneficiaries of this project will be the medical professionals whose skills will be enhanced by use of the DNA machine and treatment tool, and consequently the population of women in Baja, many of whom have poor access to health care and who are economically disadvantaged, plus the family members of those women, as well as society at large, residing in Baja, Mexico, which falls in RI D4100.

Membership
Chair



Adam Rein
Club
Service
Projects
Chair

Josh
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

August: Membership and New Club Development Month

How to propose a new member

Birthdays

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

Michelle Dawn
Maynor
August 12th
Adam Rein
August 17th
Samantha Shannon
France
August 26th
Randi C Madison
August 28th

August is Membership Month!

One of the privileges - and responsibilities - of being a Rotarian is to introduce others to Rotary. This could be as simple as bringing them to a club meeting, inviting them to a Rotary event, or encouraging participation in a service project. Once the person has gotten to know more about the organization, if you feel they would be a good fit with Susitna Rotary Club and they are interested in joining Rotary, the club's ByLaws delineate the process:



Article 10 Electing Members of the Club

Section 1 â€” Proposed Membership: A member shall propose a person for membership to the Board. A transferring or former member of another club may be proposed for membership by the losing or most recent former club.

Section 2 â€” Confidential Phase: The proposal is kept confidential until the Board ensures the candidate meets Rotaryâ€™s membership requirements.

Section 3 â€” Board Action: The Board shall approve or reject the candidateâ€™s membership within 30 days and shall notify the proposer of the decision.

Section 4 â€” Invitation to Apply: If the decision of the Board is favorable, the prospective member is invited to join the club, educated about Rotary and membership requirements, and asked to sign the membership proposal form.

Section 5 â€” Announcement of Proposed Member: The president, or other member designated by the president, announces the name and proposed classification of the proposed member to the club.

Section 6. Presumed Election: If no member of the club submits a written objection, including reasons for the objection, to a director within seven calendar days after the club is notified of the prospective member, the proposed member, upon payment of required fees / dues, is considered to be elected to membership.

Section 7. Objection to Membership: If a written objection has been filed with a director, the club shall vote on the matter at its next meeting. This vote may be postponed to a later meeting by decision of the membership. If approved by the club, the proposed member is elected to membership after admission fee payment. If not approved by the club, the president, or other member designated by the president, shall inform the proposed member of the clubâ€™s decision. Such rejected members may be reconsidered after a minimum of twelve months

of three members.

Section 8 – Honorary Members: The club may elect honorary members proposed by the Board.

Section 9 – Corporate Members: The club may admit corporate members as provided in Article 12.

Questions? See **Membership Chair Marty Metiva!**

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

Wednesday, August 14, 6:00pm

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Aug 16th: 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!



Please spread the word at your Rotary meetings and invite friends to our *Rotary Fellowship at the Fair*. There is a flier attached to share with your Rotary club members.

Aug 21st: OFFSITE meeting at 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.

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 Fundaiser	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](#)

RYLA Link Page



Click image for upcoming RYLA Events

