



Rotary
Club of Susitna Alaska

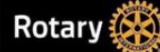


AUGUST IS



"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



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 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
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

Aug 28th: Club Assembly followed by a Board Meeting

CLUB ASSEMBLY
Followed by a board meeting

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 Sheldon
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

The Rotary
Foundation
Fundraiser

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Assembly followed
by a Board Meeting

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Wednesday, August 28, 6:00pm

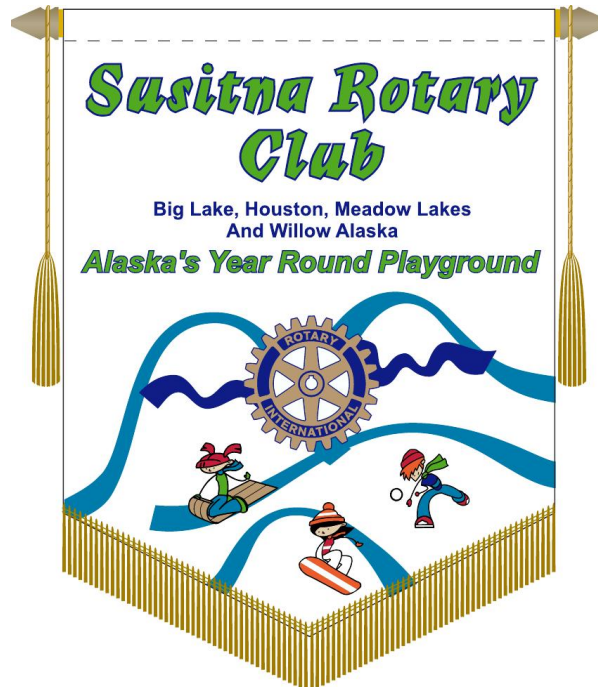
Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

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

Help us give a big Susitna Rotary welcome to our newest members who will be inducted at the meeting: Hally Marshall, Jeff Moore, Mandy Mitchell and Warren Mitchell and a transfer from Anchorage South Rotary, David Stratton!



PRIZES!!! Bring a Guest

EVERYONE

Who comes to the meeting this week receives a ticket for a drawing of one of many cool prizes!



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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

BRING TI FRIEND!

If you bring a friend to Rotary this week, your guest will receive a ticket plus you get an extra ticket for each guest you bring.

If your **guest is between the ages of 12 and 23**, you will get 2 extra tickets as a thank-you for helping Rotary to get more young people involved in the community.

African Safari Lucky winners!





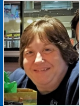



Congratulations to the winners in last week's drawing for the South Africa Safari (hunting or photo) for four!

Grand Prize: Phil Horton!

Second Prize: Jeff Moore

Third Prize: Jack Timm (this was an extra gun donated for the drawing)



	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 Aarhun Club Fundraising Chair
	Jack W. Timm Past Presidents Chair

Birthdays

Naomi Sweetman
August 29th
Lynn Mitchell
September 16th
Dan Phillips
September 18th
Lisa Phillips
September 22nd
Wanetta Lemley
September 23rd
Adam Rein
September 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Jeffrey D Moore
December 2nd
Matthew E Norton
December 6th
Cheryl L. Metiva
December 7th
Thomas John Nelson
December 12th
Jack W. Timm
December 31st
Matthew J Beck
November 20th



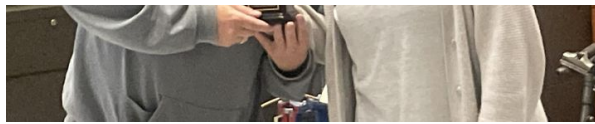
Spirit Award: Josh Waisanen and Sami Aarhun

Congratulations to Josh Waisanen and Sami Aarhun on receiving the Spirit Award for their generosity and hard work for Susitna Rotary. They donated the African Safari raffled off for this year's club fundraiser.

A well deserved honor!



November 20th
Christopher R
McGinty
November 21st
Hally L Marshall
November 24th
Samantha Jo
Aarthun
October 15th
Dan Phillips
October 16th
Lisa Phillips
October 16th
Randi C Madison
August 28th



YE Corner: Leo goes to the Alaska State Fair

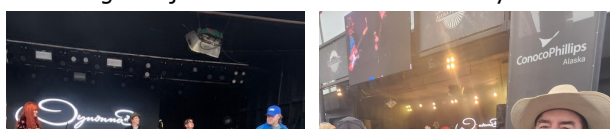
Exchange students from Taiwan, Switzerland, Uganda and Bolivia visited the Alaska State Fair with their current host families! They also were able to meet US senator Dan Sullivan!



Leo was also at the Rotary at the Fair luncheon on opening day



...and he got to join a number of Susitna Rotary club members at the Wynonna Judd concert, too!





Polio Immunization Trips to India

There are two upcoming Polio Immunization trips to India being coordinated by the **Agra Tajmahal Rotary** club. If you have ever wanted to go to India and be involved in a **Mega Polio Campaign**, this is your opportunity!

Please click on secure links below for details:

Trip 1: [October 2024 Polio Trip with Rotary Projects](#)

Trip 2: [January 2-7, 2025 Polio Trip with Rotary Projects](#)



Rotarian's/Volunteer's Purpose

Opportunity to view, in person, Rotary International initiatives in support of polio eradication since 1978 by contributing millions of dollars, in association with WHO , UNICEF and Rotarians Worldwide. Our Indian hosts open arms looking forward to your visit, on a unique and exceptional itinerary specially created for you. In addition to our participation in Polio Routine Immunization, we will participate in

created for you. In addition to our participation in Polio Routine Immunization, we will participate in special Rotary activities and events KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE DRIVE. During the visit, all participants are going to experience all events and official programs, including Polio Rally Day door to door campaign activities and Rotary club and Rotary Foundation projects visits. **If you always wanted to participate in a Polio NID, this may be one of your last chances.**

Sep 4th: Jon Hunt, Frontier Safety & Supply

Wednesday September 4th, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

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

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Life Saving for Amateurs

For Jon Hunt, being prepared for an emergency is quite literally a way of life. He owns and runs [Frontier Safety and Supply](#) in Anchorage, which provides classes in CPR and many other life-saving subjects and also sells the associated equipment. Earlier this year, Jon received the "Adult Good Samaritan" [Real Heroes Award from the American Red Cross Alaska](#).



Sep 11th: Dr. Randy Trani, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wednesday, September 11, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

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

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>

Dr. Randy Trani, born in Denver, Colorado, but raised in Cordova, Alaska, embodies the resilience and determination of what is commonly found in Alaska. Experiences of poverty and childhood homelessness marked his early life, yet it was his unwavering belief in the transformative power of education that set the trajectory for his adventurous career in K-12 education.

After eight years teaching across all grade levels in small Alaskan school districts, Dr. Trani transitioned to larger suburban and urban schools in Oregon, where he taught science courses. In 2004, he assumed the role of principal at Corbett Schools in Corbett, Oregon, later advancing to the position of Superintendent from 2009 to 2019. Under his leadership, Corbett Middle School earned the prestigious designation of the only School to Watch in Oregon, while Corbett High School gained national recognition as one of the top public high schools in the country, acknowledged by Newsweek, The Washington Post, and US News & World Reports.

Dr. Trani's trend for high academic achievement for students continues today in Alaska. In 2020, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (MSBSD) welcomed Dr. Trani as its Superintendent, and assigned a difficult task; to deliver the district to academic excellence during the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Trani's decisive leadership ensured that MSBSD remained primarily open, earning commendation from the Mat-Su Health Foundation for its "monumental service to our community."

Under Dr. Trani's direction, MSBSD achieved its highest three-year combined graduation rate since 2001, a testament to his commitment to student success. Furthermore, the district saw a remarkable increase in

Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings and participation, with MSBSD boasting the most CTE course offerings and students statewide. Additionally, students under Dr. Trani's guidance excelled in advanced coursework, completing the most rigorous academic programs and earning the highest number of college credits through advanced coursework in the district's history. He often reminds staff and board members to continue to set high expectations as "all boats rise and fall on the same tide."

Dr. Randy Trani's journey from humble beginnings to educational leadership demonstrates the profound impact of dedication, perseverance, and a steadfast belief in the life-changing power of education. His commitment to student success and academic excellence continues to shape the future of our community and beyond.



Change Across the Globe



Sat. Oct 12: Rotary Uncorked - Goes Out of This World

Wasilla Rotary club's annual Rotary Uncorked is right around the corner! Wine. Tapas. Auctions. All monies raised by this event go to local service organizations and scholarships. It's that time of year again!!! Wasilla Rotary Club is excited to announce that 2024 Rotary Uncorked theme is "Rotary Uncorked - GOES OUT OF THIS WORLD." Get your best alien, astronaut, or Chewbacca outfits ready! Get your tickets today @ <https://www.wasillarotary.com/>! We blast off at 6pm on October 12th!



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?
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

			& END FUND NOW Fundraiser		WILLOW, AK
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	19th	Wed	Passing of the Gavel	TBD	TBD
Jun	21-25th	Sat- Wed	Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada	Yes - registry in advance



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

