



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

**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

Sep 4th: Jon Hunt, Frontier Safety & Supply

Wednesday, September 4th, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

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

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](#).



August 2024 - Susitna Rotary's New Members!

Susitna Rotary has brought in many new club members and Rotary transfers in August. All the new members for this month were recognized and celebrated in a ceremony at the August Club Assembly.

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

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[Brenda Sheldon](#)
DG Official Visit

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[Isaac Smolden](#)
My House Production Team

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The Susitna Club's Rotary family is expanding!



Transferring Rotary members:

Elda McCraw (from Palmer Rotary)
David "Dave" Stratton (from Anchorage South Rotary)

New Rotary members:

Hally Marshall
Jeff Moore
Bryan McCraw
Mandy Mitchell
Warren Mitchell

2024-25 Rotary Youth Exchange Student:

Leo Hsin-Liang from Taiwan

Watch for more information on each of these interesting individuals in future bulletins.

August Rotarian of the Month: Elda McCraw

Congratulations to the August Rotarian of the Month: Elda McCraw!!!



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President



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



[Samantha Shannon](#)
Secretary



[Erin Cruz](#)
Treasurer



[Rodger Cheadle](#)
Club Director



[Kathleen M. Timm](#)
Attendance Secretary



[Marty T. Metiva](#)
Club Membership Chair



[Adam Rein](#)
Club Service Projects Chair



YE Corner: Leo gets a flag

What was our Youth Exchange (YE) student up to last week? Leo has started school, is learning to wake up early to be on time to school, he has been hanging out with cool Rotarians, and here he is below exchanging a flag from his home country's Rotary club with Susitna Rotary club president Aaron Coman.

Do you want to be one of those "cool Rotarians" who gets to spend time with Leo? It's easy! Invite him to dinner. Take him to a game/play/family outing/concert. Offer to give him a ride to/from school, Rotary, or an activity.

Rotary Youth Exchange is a cultural exchange program. Our goal is to immerse Leo in all things Alaska.



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
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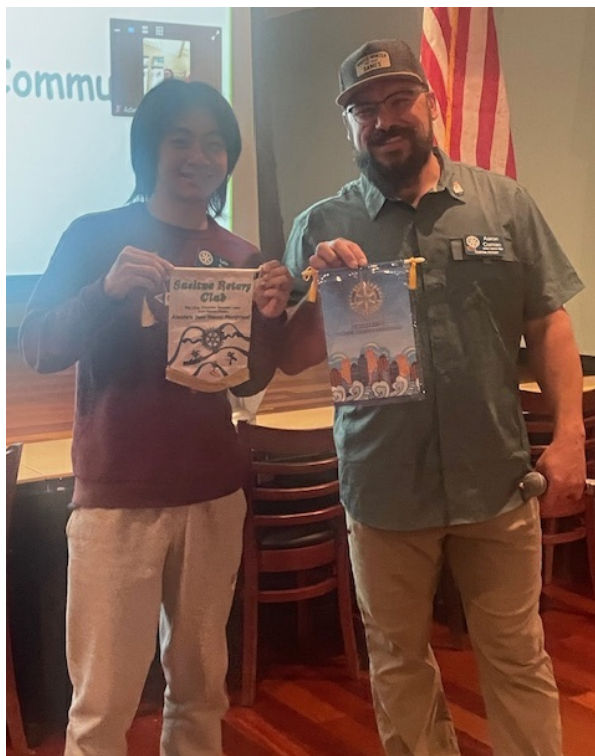
Birthdays

Lynn Mitchell
September 16th
Dan Phillips
September 18th
Lisa Phillips
September 22nd
Wanetta Lemley
September 23rd
Adam Rein
September 27th
David Wayne
Cucullu
October 1st
Rodger Cheadle
October 5th

Randi C Madison
October 6th
Brittany Reed
October 11th
John Norbert
Klapperich
October 16th
George Wichers
October 26th
Deborah M
Waisanen
October 28th
Catherine Cheadle
October 29th

Wedding Anniversaries

Samantha Jo



Liz and Rich have a new home! Liz and Rich will be at Susitna meeting

Liz and Rich Standley are visiting Alaska and will be at Rotary tomorrow night. If you have not had a chance to meet these two dynamic, remote members of the club, now is your chance.



Aarthun
October 15th
Lisa Phillips
October 16th
Dan Phillips
October 16th



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



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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.

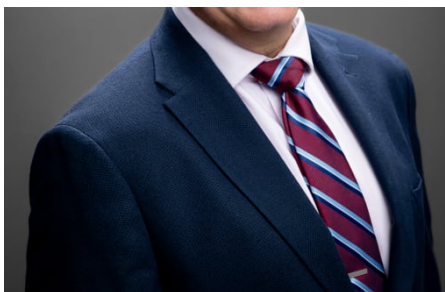
After eight years teaching across all grade levels in small Alaskan school districts, Dr. Trani transitioned to larger suburban and urban schools in Oregon, where he taught science courses. In 2004, he assumed the role of principal at Corbett Schools in Corbett, Oregon, later advancing to the position 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.





Sep 14: TRF Fundraiser Planning Meeting



Planning meeting for the
Rotary Foundation (TRF) Fundraiser
Saturday, September 14th
10:00am

Want to be involved in organizing the Valley Rotary clubs' annual joint TRF fundraiser this fall? Then come to the next Foundation Fundraiser meeting on Saturday, September 14th, to discuss the upcoming event.

The meeting will be held at 570 S. Knik St., Wasilla, AK 99654.

This year's fundraiser will take place on Saturday, November 9th, at Evangelo's restaurant. All Rotarians are encouraged to both donate items for the silent and/or live auction as well as attend this fun event!

Questions?

Josh Waisanen
Susitna Rotary Club Foundation Chair
(425) 350-5729

Sep 21st: Interact - Planning to form a new club



Planning meeting to sponsor a new Interact Club!
Saturday, September 21st
12:00pm

The first committee meeting to form the new MatSu Valley Interact Club will be held at 570 S. Knik St., Wasilla, AK 99654.

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

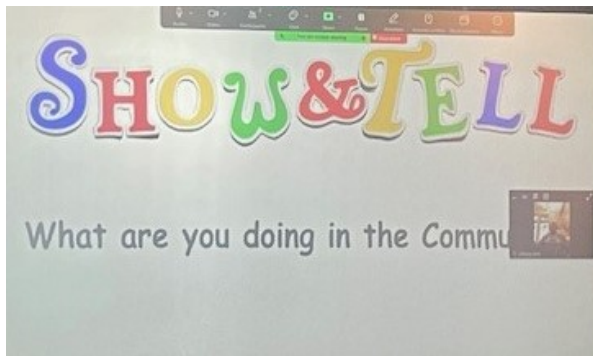
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Aaron Coman or Erin Cruz

Show & Tell

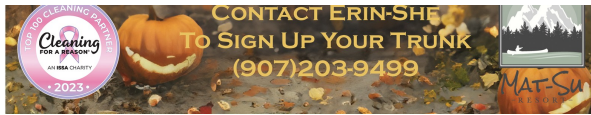
Susitna Rotarians and friends are involved in many community activities. President Aaron has introduced a new effort to showcase some of the many ways our members support the community outside of Rotary.

If you have a community event you would like to promote, please email Erin Cruz and Kim Erickson so that we can publicize it in the weekly slideshow (Erin) and weekly bulletin (Kim).



Date			Event	Location	Contact for more info:
Oct	19th	Sat	Operation Iron Warrior Chili Cook-off	VFW Post 9365	Erin Cruz
Oct	26th	Sat	KHITZ 107.1 Presents The Matsuvian Monster Bash	Everett's	Erin Cruz





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 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.**

Oct 12th: 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?
Sep	14th	Sat	TRF Fundraiser Committee meeting	570 S. Knik St. Wasilla	No - contact Josh Waisanen for questions
Sep	21st	Sat	Interact - sponsoring new club Committee meeting	570 S. Knik St. Wasilla	No - contact Erin Cruz for questions
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	19th	Wed	Passing of the Gavel	TBD	TBD
Jun	21-25th	Sat- Wed	Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada	Yes - registry in advance



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- Etc.....

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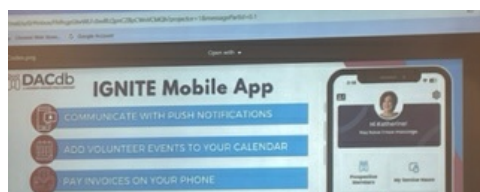
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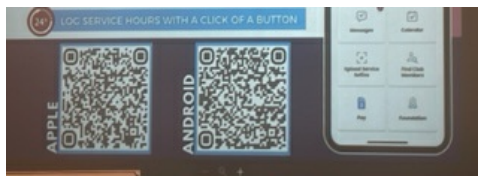
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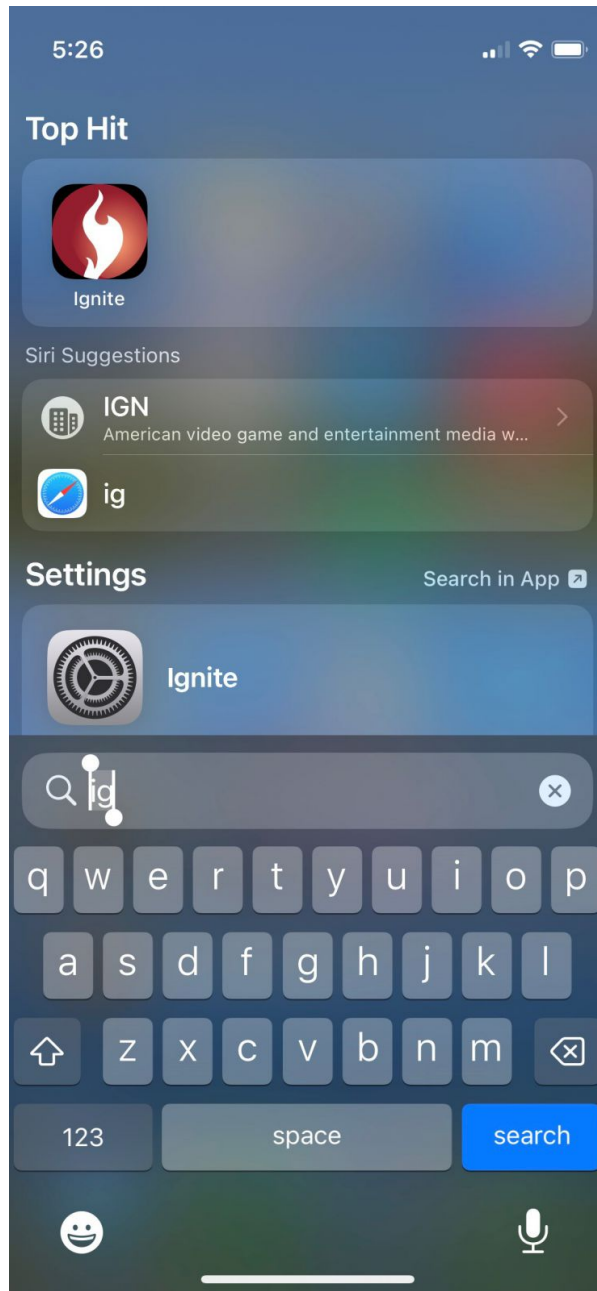
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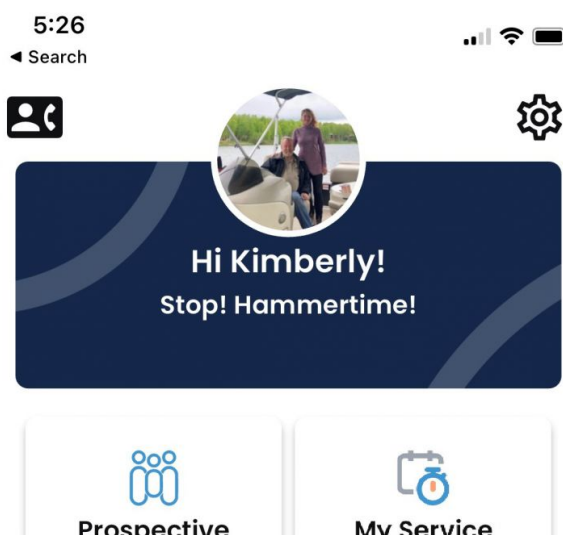


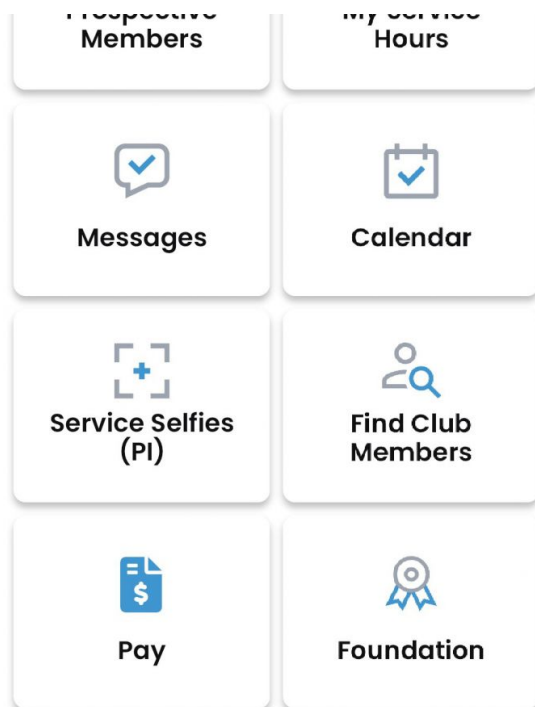


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Youth Exchange Message 2024

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](#)

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