



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 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

Sep 25th: Club Assembly - Rotary Basics - followed by BOD meeting

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](#)
DG Official Visit

October 16, 2024
[Brenda Sheldon](#)
District Governor
Presentation

October 23, 2024
[Isaac Smolden](#)
My House
Production Team

Events

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Club Leaders

Club Assembly followed by a Board Meeting Rotary Basics Kim Erickson & Brenda Hewitt

Wednesday, September 25, 6:00pm
Meet in Person at
[Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort](#)

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

New Members and Guests:

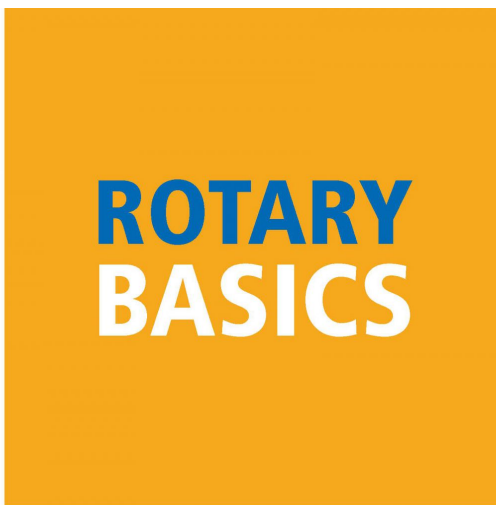
This presentation will give you a quick overview of how Rotary works.

Experienced Members:

Learn about some of the changes in Rotary and refresh your memory on the fundamentals.

Want to have some of this information in writing for future reference?

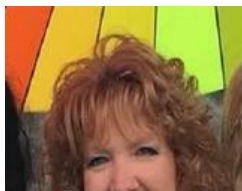
Download [Rotary Basics](#)



a reference
guide for
members



Support Education - Big Lake Elementary Fundraiser



Samantha "Sam" France is a member of Susitna Rotary club and a 5th grade teacher at Big Lake Elementary School. She has spent her career as a teacher and has worked in both Anchorage and the MatSu Valley.

Sam was sponsored into Rotary by Daun Weis two years ago and jumped into the club with both feet. She currently serves as club secretary, which is why you see her off to the side taking attendance on her laptop every week.



Aaron Coman
President



Kimberly W. Erickson
President-Elect



Samantha Shannon
France Secretary



Erin Cruz
Treasurer



Rodger Cheadle
Club Director



Kathleen M. Timm
Attendance Secretary



Marty T. Metiva
Club Membership Chair



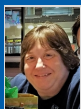
Adam Rein
Club Service Projects Chair



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

Birthdays

Adam Rein



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As many of you know through your own children and grandchildren, funds for classroom supplies are scarce and teachers often end up purchasing many of them out of their own pocket. This year's fundraiser for classroom supplies at Big Lake Elementary is through Charleston Wrap. 40% of the purchase goes to the classroom you choose to support; to support Sam's class, select **5th grade** and "**France**" when you sign up to purchase. There are many options to choose from, including gift wrap, candles, decor, kitchen, gourmet foods and more! DEADLINE: October 9th.



REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP.
SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER
Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,
our online store has something for every occasion - even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID:

26754



1. REGISTER
REGISTER now as a participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!

2. SHARE
INVITE 10+ friends and family to support our cause! Share a link to our sale using the TEXT & EMAIL invitation tools. Don't forget to share on SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

3. SHOP
SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!

Jack & Kathy Timm at the JCMF

Jack and Kathy Timm visited [Josh Collingsworth Memorial Foundation \(Josh the Otter\)](#) world headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska. As a bonus, they were able to visit with founder and board member Blake Collingsworth.

The Josh the Otter books that Susitna Rotary ordered are in their trailer ready to head up to Alaska.

Thank you to Timm's for hauling the books up to Alaska (again!) and saving the club the cost of shipping them.



Adam Rein
September 27th
David Wayne
Cucullu
October 1st
Rodger Cheadle
October 5th
Randi C Madison
October 6th
Warren Mitchell
October 9th
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
Aarthun
October 15th
Dan Phillips
October 16th
Lisa Phillips
October 16th



Leo's Trip with Josh & Sami

Josh Waisanen and Sami Aarthun invited our Rotary Youth Exchange (YE) student, Leo, back to the midwest last week for a family trip and wedding. If you would like to help support these and other adventures for our YE students, please make a donation online using the ez-pay link on the Ignite app.





Khitz 107.1 Best of the Valley

Congratulations to Erin Moore (Erin-She) and Aaron Coman on Khitz 107.1 being awarded "Best in The Valley" three years in a row!!! [KHITZ 107.1 "Your Valley, Your Music, Your Station."](#)



Marty Metiva is raising money for TRF

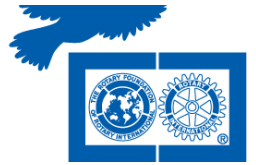
District Governor Elect Marty Metiva is raising money for The Rotary Foundation (TRF) to support **Peace building and Conflict Prevention:**



"Help us train adults and young leaders to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, and illiteracy."

Marty has set a goal of \$1,500 by October 15th. To support him in the effort, go to:

[Create your own - Raise for Rotary](#)



End Polio Now Update - Sep 2024

Would you like to join the PolioPlus Society?
It's easy!

Complete the [Polio Plus Society Pledge Form](#) and turn it into Kim Erickson.

September 2024

PolioPlus Society

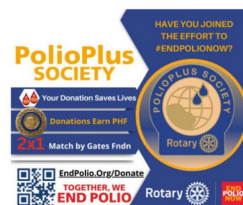
Remembering the child in each polio case

The PolioPlus Society is a program currently being used by the Districts throughout the Rotary World

What is the PolioPlus Society? In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members receive a special PPS pin, an End Polio Now bracelet, and a certificate.

How to donate to PolioPlus thru the PPS:

1. Go to my.rotary.org/donate and click on "Polio Fund".
2. We encourage Rotarians to join *PolioPlus Direct* (the recurring option). Signing up for automatic giving with a credit card, \$10 (or more) per month will qualify them for the society.
3. Of course, they can also donate through their club.



We are doing so much more than Eradicating Polio!

More information at this link:

The plus in PolioPlus





Jackie Hobal
Rotary Club of Edmonton West
End Polio Now Coordinator
Rotary International Zone 28 West
Past Rotary Coordinator, Zone 24
Past Governor D5370 (2010-2011)
780 910-0527

Rotary



Josh the Otter - Fall 2024 School Presentations

Deb Waisanen has organized several Josh the Otter kindergarten presentations over the next few weeks. Volunteers are needed to assist!

Fri September 27th 1:05pm: **Tanaina Elementary**

Thu October 3rd: 2:15pm: **Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School**

Call/text Deb at [907-355-1069](tel:907-355-1069) to volunteer

Sep 28th: Trails Work Party

Saturday, September 28th

12:00pm ~ 3:00pm

Little Su Rotary Park

Work Party

Bring your gloves, shovels, and rakes as we make more progress on the trail expansion to the Little Susitna River trail. Friends and family are welcome to help!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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Saturday September 28, 12PM - 3PM

Susitna Rotary Club needs help putting finishing touches to the Little Susitna River riverside trail. All ages are welcome to help.

**Little Susitna River Pavilion
Mile 57 Parks Highway**

**QUESTIONS?
CALL ADAM AT
907-841-3883**

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FOUNDATION**

Susitna
**Rotary
Club**



Oct 5th: TRF Fundraiser Planning Meeting



Planning meeting for the
Rotary Foundation (TRF) Fundraiser
Saturday, October 5th
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, **October 5th**, to discuss the upcoming event.

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

This year's fundraiser dinner and auction will take place on **Saturday, November 9th**, at Evangelo's restaurant.

Tickets: \$75 each or \$700 for a table of 8 (includes VIP benefits)

Tickets will be available to order online soon

Maximum of 150 tickets sold

Each club is expected to contribute:

- 5 live auction items

- 10 silent auction items

- 1 basket for a "live auction teaser"(value ~\$250) - Susitna's basket theme is **Rotary Bling**

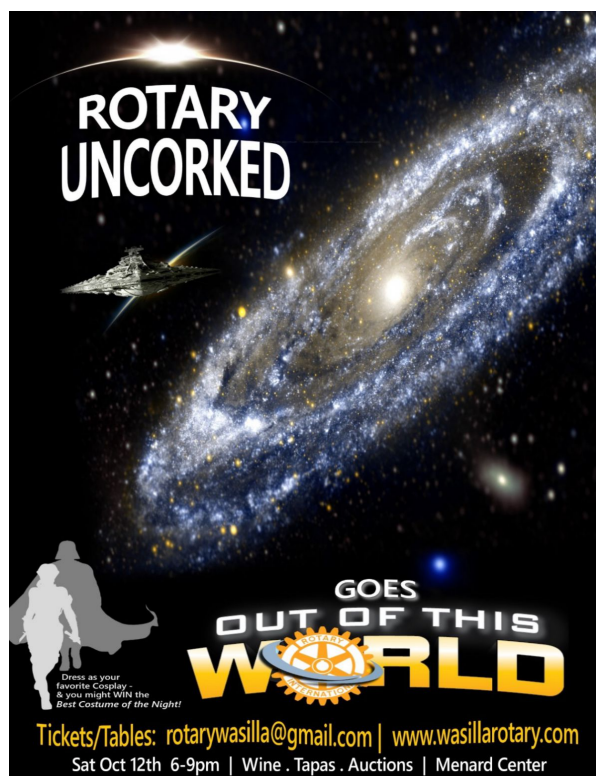
Please consider donating your time, talent or treasure (new items only) to this fun and important fundraiser to support the Rotary Foundation. Stay tuned for sneak previews of some of the auction items!

Questions?

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

Oct 12th: Rotary Uncorked - Goes Out of This World

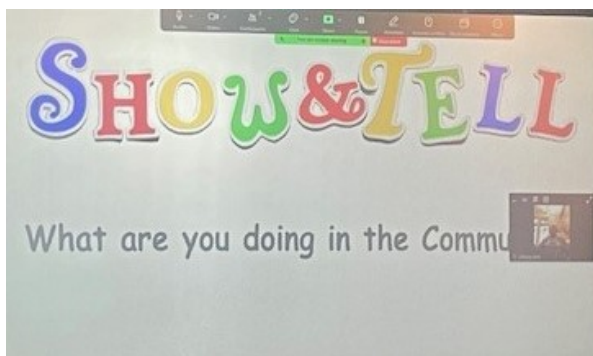
Wasilla Rotary club's annual Rotary Uncorked is right around the corner! Wine. Tapas. Auctions. All monies raised by this event go to local service organizations and scholarships. It's that time of year again!!! Wasilla Rotary Club is excited to announce that 2024 Rotary Uncorked theme is "Rotary Uncorked - 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!



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	Jeremiah OperationIronWarrior@gmail.com
Oct	26th	Sat	KHITZ 107.1 Presents The Matsuvian Monster Bash	Everett's	Erin-she 907-203-9499





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	28th 12:00pm	Sat	Trails Work Party	Lil Su Rotary Park	No - contact Adam Rein for questions
Oct	5th 10:00am	Sat	TRF Fundraiser Committee meeting	570 S. Knik St. Wasilla	No - contact Josh Waisanen 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 - register in advance

