



Rotary 
Club of Susitna Alaska

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

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
DG Official Visit

October 16, 2024

Brenda Sheldon

**Oct 2nd: Susitna Rotary Club & Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
Joint Meeting**

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

October 30, 2024
[Club Assembly](#)
[followed by a board](#)
[meeting](#)
TRF - upcoming
fundraiser

November 06,
2024
[Diane Fejes](#)
The Rotary
Foundation and End
Polio Now

December 18,
2024
[Club Holiday Party](#)
[& Officer Elections](#)

Events

October 5th
[Matsuvian](#)
[Monster Bash set](#)
[up](#)

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[Matsuvian](#)
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[tear down](#)

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[The Rotary](#)
[Foundation](#)
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Joint meeting with the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce for a candidate forum.

Wednesday, October 2nd, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

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

Via Zoom at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFWK1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09)

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6:00 PM - Opening Remarks â€™ Jackie/Aaron Coman

- Introduction of hosts, sponsors, procedure, moderator

6:10 PM â€™ Senate Candidates. Moderator: Marty Metiva

- Invite Senate Candidates to the Stage. 1 minute introductions; 1 minute responses to questions; 1 minute wrap-up.
 - Confirmed: Wilson, Wright (S), Yundt

6:45 PM â€™ Platform Statements from Unopposed Candidates. Moderator: Jackie Kenshalo

- Invite Candidates to the Stage. 5 minutes each for platform statements + response to question: How do you feel youâ€™ve made a difference as a legislator?
 - Confirmed: Tilton, Johnson
 - Unconfirmed: Rauscher

7:05 PM â€™ House Candidates. Moderator: Marty Metiva

- Invite House Candidates to the Stage. 1 minute introductions; 1 minute responses to questions; 1 minute wrap-up.
 - Confirmed: Eastman, Holmes, Menard, Moore, Wright (J)
 - Unconfirmed: McCabe
 - Unable to attend: Underwood

7:45 PM - Closing Remarks - Jessica

- Acknowledgments and thanks to participants, speakers, and sponsors.

Hurricane Helene - Help through Rotary in Ashville, NC

Rotary clubs can play a crucial role in assisting the affected areas. By leveraging their extensive network and resources, Rotary clubs can mobilize quickly to provide immediate humanitarian aid, including food, clean water, and medical supplies. Additionally, Rotary members can volunteer their skills for rebuilding efforts, help coordinate disaster response activities, and support long-term recovery projects.

However, during the initial phase of any disaster recovery, the most important way to assist an impacted area is through cash donations.

Hurricane Helene (September 2024)

[Click Here To Support Hurricane Helene Relief](#)

Hurricane Helene caused widespread devastation in Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas, leaving countless families in need of urgent assistance. Rotary Zones 33/34 are responding swiftly, and your support is crucial in helping the hardest-hit areas. Please use the donation link to contribute to recovery efforts.

Rotary Zones 33-34 Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Donations may be tax-deductible for U.S. residents, in accordance with IRS regulations.

[Click Here To Support Hurricane Helene Relief](#)



Oct 3rd: Josh the Otter - Fall 2024 School Presentation

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

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

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[Erin Cruz](#)
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Club
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Chair



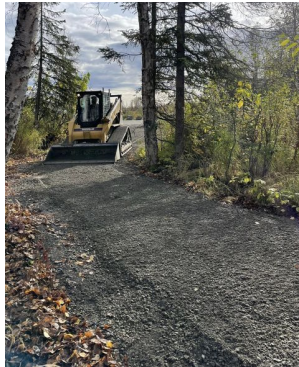
[Lynn
Mitchell](#)
Club Youth
Services
Chair

Little Su Rotary Trail - Fall work completed!



Work continues on the trails at the Little Su Rotary Park. Shout out to Matt Norton and for bringing his skid steer and making very quick work on the project. The trail looks great and is set for winter.

Next spring we will add the boardwalk portion. Meanwhile, we laid fabric and gravel over the low, muddy section that will be under the boardwalk. It will make it easier to walk over and construct the boardwalk, plus it's visually nice, too.



New Course: The Importance of Eradicating Polio

New course in Learning Center - [The Importance of Eradicating Polio](#)

Course description:

Eradicating polio is Rotary's top humanitarian priority. Since Rotary and our partners formed the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988, the incidence of wild polio cases has decreased by 99.9%. But polio anywhere in the world puts children everywhere at risk. Learn about why it's so important that we maintain our efforts to end polio and how you can take action.



Sam Jones (former YE) starts Mat-Su Shrink Wraps

Chair



**Robert
Allan
Grogan**

iPast

President



**Samantha
Jo Aarthun**
Club
Fundraising
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**Jack W.
Timm**

Past

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Birthdays

David Wayne

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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



Sam Jones, Susitna Rotary's outbound Youth Exchange (YE) student in 2018-2019, has started a new company called Mat-Su Shrink Wraps. They provide shrink wraps and winterization for vehicles (land, air, and sea) along with patio furniture or any other outdoor equipment. They service from Denali to Anchorage.

Contact them at 907-203-0987 for more information.



Congratulations to K-HITZ Partner of the Year

Congratulations to K-HITZ 1.1 FM for receiving the Set Free Alaska's Mat-Su Valley Partner of the Year for 2024!



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.

5th graders traditionally take an overnight field trip at the end of the school year. It is an opportunity for students - many of whom have never been out of the Matanuska Valley or even driven to Anchorage - to learn through travel outside their immediate community. It is also a significant award for good behavior and meeting expectations prior to going on to middle school. The 2025 trip is to Homer and is expected to involve about 50 students (10 and 11-year-olds) and cost approximately \$18,000.

This year's fundraiser for the 5th grade trip is through Charleston Wrap. 40% of the purchase goes to the fundraiser; 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.

Big Lake Elementary





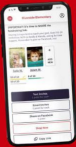
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Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
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|  <p>REGISTER now as a participant at www.registercw.com to access our handy invitation tools in the Participant Portal. Very important!</p> | <p>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!</p> | <p>SHOP online and help us reach our GOAL today! With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone, including you!</p> |



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](#)



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**

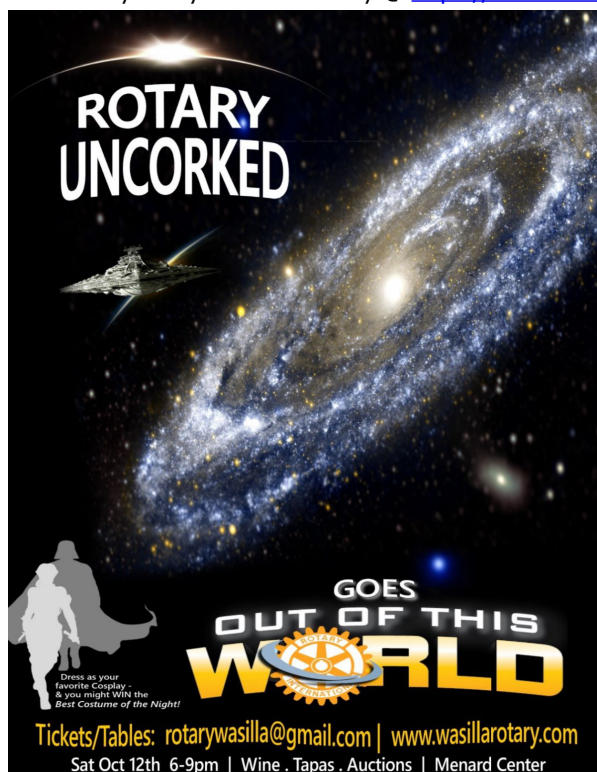
Please consider donating your time, talent or treasure (new items only) to this fun and important fundraiser to support the Rotary Foundation. Stay tuned for sneak previews of some of the auction items!

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).

Erin will need assistance on October 5th to unload and begin setting up the Halloween display!

| 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? |
|------|---------|----------|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Oct | 5th | 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 |



