



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 09, 2024

Isaac Smolden
My House
Production Team

October 16, 2024

Brenda Sheldon
DG Official Visit

October 16, 2024

Brenda Sheldon
District Governor
Presentation

October 23, 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 30, 2024

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting
TRF - upcoming

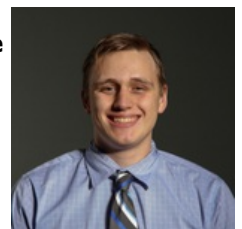
Oct 9th: My House Production Team (meet in the downstairs at Everett's)



Isaac Smolden

Youth Representative on the **My House**
Board of Directors
My House Production Team

Wednesday, October 9th, 6:00pm



Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

The meeting will be held inside the restaurant in the **downstairs room**.
Dinner and drinks will be available to order as usual off the menu

Via Zoom at

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

My House has a vision to end homelessness...

with a mission for all youth experiencing homelessness, and youth at risk of becoming homeless, are empowered to be contributing, self-supporting members of their community. We provide safe shelter and wrap-around services for youth with a hand-up not a hand-out philosophy.

Isaac Smolden is a life-long Alaskan who grew up in Anchorage before his family moved to Willow ahead of his freshmen year of high school. Isaac graduated from Houston High as valedictorian with a 4.036 GPA, before attending the University of Alaska Anchorage to pursue a degree in Journalism and Public Communications. While attending University, Isaac spent three years in Bozeman Montana, the first two years playing junior hockey for the Bozeman Icedogs in the NA3HL, and the third completing his internship and senior capstone by working as a broadcaster and media production manager for his former team. Upon returning to Alaska, Isaac graduated from UAA with a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Public Communications, and minors in Business Administration and History. He began working at MY House in January of 2022 as the production manager in charge of the MY House Recording Studio. He edits and produces four different podcasts for MY House as well as various radio PSA's, and directs other community outreach efforts using both classical and new age media. He serves on the Mat-Su Youth Action Board in addition to the MY House Board of Directors. Isaac is a strong supporter of MY House's mission statement, and has had knowledge of the work done by the organization for years, due to his parents being long-time donors. He is excited to be working for an organization that he believes is making a major impact in the community, and hopes to help support and promote My House's various efforts both by serving on the Board and working for the agency.

Nov 9th: Foundation Auction

Rotary Foundation
(TRF) Fundraiser



fundraiser

**November 06,
2024**

[Diane Fejes](#)
The Rotary
Foundation and End
Polio Now

**December 18,
2024**

[Club Holiday Party
& Officer Elections](#)

Events

September 10th
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October 26th
[Matsuvian](#)
[Monster Bash](#)
[tear down](#)

November 9th
[The Rotary](#)
[Foundation](#)
[Fundraiser](#)

March 2nd
[Iditarod Restart](#)
[Party and End](#)
[Polio Now](#)
[fundraiser](#)

Speaker: Iditarod
Restart Party -
March 2nd, 2025
Subject: Bring
your friends and
family to cheer on
the mushers as they
start their race to
Nome and raise
money to help End
Polio at the same
time!

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(TRF) Fundraiser
Saturday, November
9, 2024

We are only one month
away from our BIG
fundraiser for The
Rotary Foundation.
Rotarians are **PEOPLE**
OF ACTION and now
is the time for
everyone to take
action!

1. [Buy your tickets!](#)

\$75 each or \$700
for a table of 8
(includes VIP
benefits)
Maximum of 150
tickets sold

Available by logging into your [DACdb](#) account

If you don't have a DACdb account, simply register as a guest.

Trouble buying tickets? Call Aaron Coman at 907-521-3630

2. [Donate an auction item](#)

Each club is expected to contribute:

5 live auction items

10 silent auction items

Please consider donating your time, talent or treasure (new/like-new or homemade...not garage sale quality) to this fun and important fundraiser to support the Rotary Foundation.

Download and complete the [donation form](#) then drop off items for the auction at Collins Construction located at:

570 S. Knik St., Wasilla, AK 99654

Questions?

Josh Waisanen
Susitna Rotary Club Foundation Chair
joshw@collinsconstructionak.com
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EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

Polio Global Eradication Initiative

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Club Service Projects Chair



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Club Rotary Foundation Chair



[Cheryl L. Metiva](#)
Club Service Chair



[Lynn Mitchell](#)
Club Youth Services Chair



[Robert Allan Grogan](#)
iPast President

Who We Are

The Global Polio Eradication Initiative is a public-private partnership led by national governments with six partners – the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Gates Foundation and Gavi, the vaccine alliance. Its goal is to eradicate polio worldwide.

Rotary International's role as one of the 6 Partners:

Rotary International is the world's first and largest humanitarian service organization with a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 170 countries. Through its PolioPlus program, established in 1985, Rotary was the first to have the vision of a polio-free world.

Rotary's primary responsibilities include fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment. More than one million Rotary members have volunteered their time and personal resources to polio eradication. Rotary members also provide valuable field support during National Immunization Days through social mobilization and by administering the oral polio vaccine to children.

Rotary is the **main private sector donor to polio eradication** as Rotary members have contributed more than **\$2.7 billion dollars and countless volunteer hours** to the fight to end polio. In November 2007, Rotary International entered into a unique partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



WORLD POLIO DAY
IS 24 OCTOBER



One Day. One Focus: Ending Polio

World Polio Day is a time for Rotary members, public health advocates, and all who want a world free from polio to come together, recognize our progress in the fight to end polio, and talk about the actions we need to take in order to end polio for good.

Rotary Magazine - October 2024



Across the United States, hundreds of thousands of children have been married over the past two decades – each one lawfully. Up until 2018, child marriage – considered a human rights violation by the U.N. – remained legal in every state. The survivor of an abusive arranged marriage, Fraidy Reiss wants to ensure other girls don't suffer the same ordeal. In this issue of *Rotary* magazine, we go to the frontlines of that fight.

[Click here](#) to read your digital copy of the October 2024 issue.

Fall means football in the U.S., and if you're a fan you may be wondering who will win this year's Lombardi Award. But did you know the prize is presented each year by the Rotary Club of Houston and benefits cancer research? In another of this month's features, we look at the lesser-known origins of one of college football's



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[Samantha Jo Aarthun](#)
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Birthdays

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
Christopher R
McGinty
November 9th
Jack W. Timm
November 13th

Wedding Anniversaries

Lisa Phillips
October 16th
Dan Phillips
October 16th
Matthew J Beck
November 20th
Christopher R
McGinty
November 21st
Hally L Marshall
November 24th

most prestigious honors.

And finally, October is when we celebrate milestones on the road to eradicating polio. Photographer Jean-Marc Giboux has documented that progress for years. Join us on a photographic journey through his most memorable images. Then, help celebrate [World Polio Day](#) on 24 October.

Have a story tip? Drop us a note at magazine@rotary.org. When you see an article that you would like to share with a friend or colleague, use the Share feature to send them access. And don't forget, the magazine's website offers select stories and exclusive content in a format that's also easy to share.

Prefer to listen? Check out the [Rotary Voices podcast](#) for audio versions of the magazine's best storytelling, along with full episodes featuring bonus interviews. Please subscribe, and, if you enjoy what you hear, give us a positive rating or review.

Sincerely,
Your *Rotary* magazine editorial team

Candidate Forum brings Rotary and Chamber members together

The room was full and lively at last week's joint meeting of Susitna Rotary Club and the Greater Wasilla Area Chamber of Commerce. David Wilson and Stephen Wright, two of the Senate candidates for District N, started off the evening with 1 minute introductions, 1 minute responses to questions and a 1 minute wrap-up. We then heard platform



statements from two incumbent candidates (Cathy Tilton and Delena Johnson) who are running unopposed, and their response to the question, "How do you feel you've made a difference as a legislator?"



Then it got lively as the seven candidates that were present that are facing opposition (David Eastman, Doyle Holmes, Kevin McCabe, Steve Menard, Jessica Wright, and Stephen Wright) were invited to have a seat at the center stage for an opportunity to provide a 1-minute introduction followed by a series of questions with a final wrap-up statement.

The forum was moderated by Marty Metiva and Jackie Kenshalo, who both did a fine job of keeping the event moving along and giving each candidate the opportunity to present their positions/answers in a nonpartisan setting.

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](#)

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."

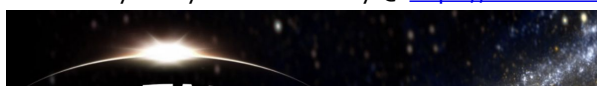
Marty has set a goal of \$1,500 by October 15th. To support him in the effort, go to:

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



Oct 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	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

Save





the Date

