



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

**November 06,
2024**

Diane Fejes
The Rotary
Foundation and
End Polio Now

**December 18,
2024**

Club Holiday Party
& Officer Elections

January 29, 2025

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

**February 26,
2025**

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

March 02, 2025

Iditarod Restart
Party - March 2nd,
2025

Bring your friends
and family to cheer
on the mushers as

Nov 6th: Diane Fejes - The Rotary Foundation and End Polio Now



PDG Diane Fejes
Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator (RRFC)

Wednesday, November 6th 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?
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Past District 5010 Governor (PDG) Diane joined the Anchorage Rotary club in 1989, served as President in 2001, as our District 5010 Governor in 2019, and has served in many other Club and District capacities. Currently, she is a Zone 28 Assistant Foundation Coordinator for Alaska, Canada and the northwestern US.

Diane grew up on a ranch in Idaho and is a 44-year resident of Alaska. She retired in 2011 as a Tax Partner with KPMG after a 33-year career as a CPA. Which means she has all the time in the world for Rotary!

Diane and her husband, Bob, live in Anchorage where they raised their two grown daughters, Anna and Erin. Bob is a lifetime Alaskan whose family homesteaded in 1950 off DeArmour road in Anchorage. Adding marriage for both daughters to the family equation, she LOVES her 3-year-old grandson!

PDG Diane believes that the business-oriented, non-religious, non-political aspect of Rotary allows us to succeed in being the preeminent worldwide organization to bring health, literacy, peace, and prosperity to our world.

Nov 6th: Bring snacks for Big Lake Library Kids' Program

Susitna Rotarian Christian Hartley is collecting donations of prepackaged snack foods (or cash to purchase them) for the Big Lake Public Library's Kids' Program at this week's meeting. Our club has a long history of supporting literacy programs....sometimes the best way to encourage young readers is to make sure they start with a healthy snack!

they start their race to Nome and raise money to help End Polio at the same time!

March 26, 2025
Club Assembly followed by a board meeting

April 23, 2025
Club Assembly followed by a board meeting

May 21, 2025
OFFSITE Service Project
Cleanup the Big Lake Library Grounds

May 28, 2025
Club Assembly followed by a board meeting
Planning for the Lil Su Classic River Cleanup & BBQ

June 18, 2025
Changing of the Guard followed by a board meeting
Aaron Coman passes the gavel onto Kim Erickson

Events

September 10th
Josh The Otter Classroom Presentations 2024-2025

October 17th
Valley Foundation Fundraiser

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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Supplies Needed

BIG LAKE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S KIDS' PROGRAMS NEED YOUR HELP!



We are asking for donations of prepackaged snack foods (enough for 20 kids).

PREPACKAGED FOOD IDEAS:

crackers chips
pretzels fruit cups Jell-o
fruit and grain bars
fruit snacks
apple sauce cookies
yogurt (Gogurts)
cheese sticks
cheese w/ breadsticks
granola bars

OR????

We thank you for helping us help our community's kids

November Foundation Info from Diane Fejes & Peggy Pollen

WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION SUSTAINING MEMBER?

A Sustaining Member is someone who contributes US\$100 or more each year to the Annual Fund. These contributions count toward several different kinds of individual recognition and club recognition banners.

For about US\$10 a month, you can be a Sustaining Member and help provide life-changing opportunities for people on a yearly basis!

WHAT IS A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW?

Paul Harris Fellow recognition is given to anyone who contributes at least US\$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved global grant. This recognition, which consists of a certificate and pin, can also be given on behalf of someone else.

More than 1.85 million people have become Paul Harris Fellows since 1957, including notable figures such as former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, and polio vaccine developer Dr. Jonas Salk.

Are you ready to become a Paul Harris Fellow and support The Rotary Foundation at this level?

Nov 9th: Stars & Stripes Foundation Fundraiser

Rotary Foundation (TRF) Fundraiser
Saturday, November 9, 2024

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
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The Rotary Foundation logo is at the top. Below it is the text "Stars & STRIPES" in a stylized font with two blue stars. A dark blue banner with white stars contains the text "19TH ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION". Below this is a QR code with "SCAN ME" in the center. To the right of the QR code, the event details are listed: "SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH, 2024", "DOORS OPEN @ 5PM W/ DINNER @ 6PM", "LIVE & SILENT AUCTION", "\$75 PER PERSON", "8 TOP TABLE \$700", and "EVANGELO'S BANQUET HALL, 2530 E PARKS HWY, WASILLA, AK 99654". At the bottom, a red banner says "GET TICKETS ON DACDB OR CALL AARON 907-521-3630".

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Club Leaders



[Aaron Coman](#)
President



[Kimberly W. Erickson](#)
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Club Director



[Kathleen M. Timm](#)
Attendance Secretary



[Marty T. Metiva](#)
Club Membership

Nov 9th: Stars & Stripes - Order of Events

ORDER OF EVENTS

5:00PM **DOORS OPEN**
Silent Auction Starts

5:30PM **1 IN 100 GAME OPENS**
Win a live Auction of your choice

6:00PM **BUFFET DINNER**
Silent Auction Closes

6:50PM **WHY PAUL HARRIS**
Guest speaker Peggy Pollen

7:00PM **LIVE AUCTION START**

Check out is 5 Minutes after last live auction item is sold.



Chair
 [Adam Rein](#)
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Club Service Chair

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Club Youth Services Chair

 [Robert Allan Grogan](#)
iPast President

 [Samantha Jo Arthun](#)
Club Fundraising Chair

 [Jack W. Timm](#)
Past Presidents Chair

Birthdays

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

Welcome to our newest members: Kevin and Sommer

Kevin & Sommer Miller...we are glad you have chosen to be part of the Susitna Rotary family!

The Millers were both proposed by Rodger and Catherine Cheadle.



Celebration of Life for Stan Mitchell

Stanley (Stan) Mitchell died of natural causes at home on October 21, 2024. Born on November 20, 1955, in San Francisco, CA, from youth through adulthood, Stan "lived life to the fullest". He was a vivacious person who enjoyed people, service to others, vintage automobiles, antiques and motorcycles. For many years, Stan served on the Mat-SuFood Bank Board of Directors; he was a member and past President of the **Susitna Rotary Club**.

Wedding Anniversaries

Matthew J Beck
November 20th
Christopher R
McGinty
November 21st
Hally L Marshall
November 24th

Stan's careers included seven years of military service in the Army, during which time he served as a parachute jump instructor, and a Czech border guard. He was a police officer in Texas and was also an Alaska State Trooper. After retirement, Stan and his wife, Trudi Mitchell, owned The Estate Sale antique store in Wasilla.



Stan was preceded in death by his parents, Mildred & Victor Serge, and his brother, Herbert Mitchell. He is survived by his wife, Trudi Mitchell; daughter, Allie Reese and granddaughter Penelope Reese; brother and sister-in-law, John & Lynn Mitchell; niece Alica (Joe) Zalanka and grandniece, Savannah Zalanka.

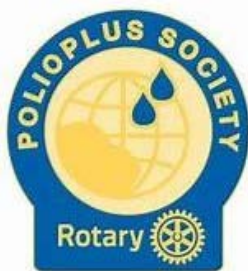
A Celebration of Life will be held at **1:00 PM on November 20, 2024 at VFW Post 9365** located at 301 E. Lake View Ave., Wasilla. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by deposit (via check or cash) in Stan Mitchell's memory by visiting an Alaska USA/Global Credit Union branch.

Former YE student Alex VINTR

Alex VINTR, Susitna Rotary's 2023-2024 youth exchange (YE) student from the Czech Republic, is shown below with the YE student he and his family are hosting in their home this year:



Polio Plus Society



The Polio Plus Society is a pledge to donate \$100 per year to [End Polio Now](#) until Polio is eradicated. You can set it up as a small monthly payment or one-time donation. You can also download the [Polio Plus Society pledge form](#) and send it to kim.erickson@greatlandlaser.com at any time!

The following members of Susitna Rotary are in the Polio Plus Society:

Kim	Erickson
Brenda	Hewitt
Marty	Metiva
Cheryl	Metiva
Dan	Phillips
Lisa	Phillips
Dave	Stratton
Jack	Timm
Kathy	Timm
Thea	Whitehead

There will be an opportunity at the Stars & Stripes fundraiser on November 9th to sign up to become a Polio Plus Society member and get your cool shirt!



D5010 Learning Events

Rotary District 5010 (Alaska clubs) has scheduled a series of short seminars via Zoom to help members learn more about Rotary. The events are free, and all Rotarians are invited to attend.

November 12, 2024, 7:00 PM: Rotary Youth Exchange-Building Peace One Young Person at a Time: A Conversation
Alysha Childs, D5010 Youth Exchange Chair and Amy Mackey-Hornak, Anchorage South

November 19, 2024, 7:00 PM: Polio Plus: The Strength of Rotary Partnerships
Kim Erickson, D5010 Chair



This Zoom Link works for all courses:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4069269120?omn=86045953413>

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?
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
Mar	27-30	Fri-Sun	RYLA	Ketchikan	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

Save the Date

