



Rotary Club of Juneau - Downtown

The Windjammer



March 19, '13

MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

March 26: DNR Commissioner Dan Sullivan- Update on Oil and Gas Tax Legislation

April 2: Thomas Barrett, President, Aleyeksa Pipeline "Increasing the Flow of Oil through TAPS"

April 9: **NO MEETING**

The Tuesday meeting is replaced with Rose Sale deliveries on Thursday. Sign up today for your shift.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

February 18-April 11: The Rose Sale

March 18: Board Meeting 5:30pm/Brewery

March 22: Rotaract's Chili Feed, Twisted Fish, 6-8pm

April 30 -May 5: GSE Team from Brazil

July 2: "Changing of the Guard Banquet" The Baranof

GREETERS

Today: Keni Campbell & Armando DeGuzman

March 26: Marian Clough & Denny DeWitt

April 2: Aaron Morrison & Sandy Fortier

This Week's Program: Mac Metcalfe

Celebrating the 1963 JDHS Basketball State Champions

On Saturday night, March 16, 1963, fifty years ago today, the Juneau Douglas High School Crimson Bears men's basketball team beat Eielson Air Force base team for the second time in three days to win the state championship title — not a small feat for the team from Juneau, who several weeks before, had bested Mt. Edgecumbe for the Southeast crown.



Journalist Mac Metcalfe recently interviewed the coach and several players on the team, with the idea of writing a story about the 50th anniversary of that championship series. In poring through old scrapbooks belonging to his cousin Jeff Prather, a junior on the team, he found a *Windjammer*, dated March 19, 1963, which listed the guests for that day: Coach John Borbridge, Jr., Manager Jim Alter, John Bertholl, Jan Dabney, Richard "Doc" Eide, Pat Gullufsen, Capt. Wayne Matheny, Dick Olsen, Jeff Prather, Sasha Soboleff, John Stringer, and Mike Triplette. Hence this program!

Mac was born and raised in Juneau, eldest of Vern and Pat Metcalfe's nine. Mac is retired from teaching and the National Guard, and is currently working on several research projects on events in Juneau's past. He has published numerous articles in the Empire on the topic, and an article in Adventure Cycling magazine about bicycling with children. He's an avid hiker, and keeps close track on Mt. Juneau's goat population through the year. He's married to President Ann, and has three grown children living in Juneau, Luke, Lynn, and Nellie.



"This school year will be the 50th anniversary of the 1963 Juneau-Douglas Crimson Bears winning the state basketball championship at Eielson Air Force Base outside of Fairbanks. That team is, standing left-to-right: John Stringer, Jan Dabney, Jeff Prather, John Borbridge, Dick Olsen, Wayne Matheny. Kneeling left-to-right: Mike Triplette, Sasha Soboleff, Pat Gullufsen, John Bertholl, and Doc Eide. According to photo contributor Gil Eide, this was several years after the consolidation of the Juneau and Douglas

school districts but there was still some rivalry out there. At the conclusion of the championship game, Mike Pusich, owner of Mike's Place in Douglas, announced in his restaurant that "Douglas had just won the state championship".... even though there were no Douglas players on the team." (Doc Eide / Courtesy Photo — from the JUNEAU EMPIRE, October 5, 2012.



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Hey Hot Stuff! It's time for Rotaract's 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off March 22, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Twisted Fish. Whether you're interested in entering your personal epicurean delight or merely want to taste (and judge!) the entries, this Shelter Box Fundraiser is definitely something to get on the calendar. Tickets are \$10 at the door — but contact Angela Gowdy for more information: juneaurotaractors@gmail.com.

And while you're marking those calendars, be sure to include the Group Study Exchange's visit (from Brazil, District 4470) in late April/early May. One of the highlights of this year's visit will be a Rotary fellowship whale watching trip on May 2nd. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased from Treasurer Karen.



Speaking of calendars, be sure to sign up for Kickin It with Keishan, He's been having a grand time in the short time he's been with us... but there are oh so many weeks ahead. He'll be Bowling for Kids Sake (don't forget your pledges for both "Show Me Your Flag" (the youth exchange team) and the Rotarian keglers, coordinated by Sergeant-at-Arms, Scott.



The shelves at the SE Alaska Food Bank are a little fuller due to the efforts of Juneau's three Rotary Clubs and Rotaract. We may not have won the coveted competition win, but there's a few folks in the community who are more than happy with our contribution of more than half a ton on non-perishables. Here's the way the 2-1/2 tons broke down:

Juneau Downtown Club (Fred Meyer): 1110
Gastineau Club & Rotaract (Foodland IGA): 2390
Glacier Valley Club (Super Bear): 1514

Said coordinator Luke Fanning, "(These) are the preliminary results ...We collected less than half of what we did last year, which really surprised me because we were only one entrance away from last year's location. Next year I think we'll need to schedule a date that does not overlap with the Girl Scouts' annual cookie campaign..."



Rose Update From PE Brenda — The Reliable Transfer warehouse will be available on the morning of the 10th for Martha's Flowers (who works with COSTCO, procurer for this year's roses), to go in and start setting up the roses for delivery on the 11th. We are purchasing the little plastic fork inserts to hold the "to-from cards", which can be gently inserted in the bouquets prior to delivery.

The roses will be cut and placed in buckets of water inside of a box. Each box holds 10 dozen bouquets. We will have plastic floral bags to put the bouquets in prior to delivery.

She continues, "There are 1000 red dozens coming and 500 "not-red" ... I'm excited ... we may have the best quality roses we've had in awhile! It should be terrific! It's looking good... (we) just need to sell sell sell..."

