



# THE WINDJAMMER

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FUTURE MEETING  
DETAILS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED BY  
PRESIDENT AT  
MEETING (TBA)

## GREETERS

**March 22**

Ruth Hamilton Heese  
Warren Russell

**March 29**

Sally Smith  
Courtney Nelson

**April 5**

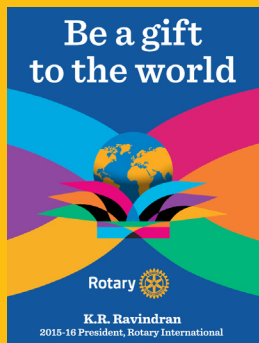
Fred Koken  
Ann Metcalfe

**April 12**

Barbara Sheinberg  
Win Gruening



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## This Week's Program: Representatives Muñoz and Kito - Legislative Update



Email: [Representative.Cathy.Munoz@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Cathy.Munoz@akleg.gov)  
District: 34

Catherine Nora "Cathy" Muñoz (née Engstrom; born June 23, 1964) is a Republican member of the Alaska House of Representatives, who has since 2008 represented the 4th District. She is currently serving as Co-Chair of the Community & Regional Affairs Committee, Vice-Chair of the Education Committee, and is a member of the Transportation Committee and the Fisheries Special Committee. She also serves on the Corrections, Law, Transportation & Public Facilities Finance Subcommittees, for the 26th Legislature. Muñoz has also been a small business owner since 1988. Muñoz is unopposed for re-election in 2010. Muñoz, along with Nome representative Neal Foster, are both third-generation members of the Alaska Legislature. Her father, grandfather and grandmother all served in either the territorial or state legislatures.



Email: [Representative.Sam.Kito.III@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Sam.Kito.III@akleg.gov)  
District: 33

Sam Kito III (born 1964) is an American politician from Alaska. A Democrat, he has served in the Alaska House of Representatives as one of two representatives from Juneau since his appointment in 2014.

A lobbyist and civil engineer by trade, Kito was appointed to serve out the term of Beth Kerttula in House District 32 after she resigned in early 2014. Governor Sean Parnell selected him in February from among three nominees forwarded by the Tongass Democrats, passing over Juneau Assemblyman Jesse Kiehl and Juneau School District budget committeewoman Catherine Reardon. He was sworn in on February 26, 2014, and joined the Democratic-led minority caucus. After his appointment, Kito ran for election to a full term in House District 33 (due to redistricting) and won in a landslide over Republican Peter Dukowitz.

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## RECENT ROTARY PHOTOS



*Kimberly Kiefer (outgoing city manager) and Rorie Watt (incoming city manager) spoke at Juneau Rotary on March 8, 2016 (Photo by J Allan MacKinnon)*

## ROTARIAN MAGAZINE: A WAVE OF COMPASSION

What Kerstin Jeska-Thorwart remembers is the silence. No birds chirping, no dogs barking, no car engines revving. Nothing. "I've never heard such a silence before, and never since," she says. "I knew something must have happened."

It was 9:35 the morning after Christmas 2004, and in Sri Lanka, it was a Poya Day, a Buddhist public holiday held every full moon. Jeska-Thorwart, a lawyer from Germany, was on vacation in Hikkaduwa, on the island's southwestern coast. Any other morning of her holiday she and her husband would have been on the beach, but today they stayed back at their vacation home, up a small hill about a half-mile from the water's edge, to clean and prepare for guests.

After a few minutes, sound returned, as though it had been switched on. Now she heard people running, crying. She went down the main road to see what had happened. She saw people in swimming suits, shoeless, covered in blood.

They told her there was a big wave.

The tsunami, as she later learned, was caused when an earthquake with the estimated force of 23,000 atomic bombs rattled the floor of the Indian Ocean. The seabed rose 10 feet, displacing 7 cubic miles of water. A wall of water, in some places up to 100 feet high, slammed into countries throughout Southeast Asia and as far away as Africa. All told, more than 230,000 people died in 14 countries, and 1.7 million were left homeless. More than half of the dead were in Indonesia, followed by Sri Lanka, where 35,000 people were killed.

*FULL STORY @ <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/wave-compassion>*

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