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The Economic Impact of Meetings in Fairbanks

Presented by Rotarian Helen Renfrew



ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

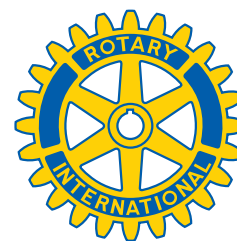
For the last 9 years, Helen Renfrew has been the Director of Meetings & Conventions for Explore Fairbanks. She graduated from North Pole High School and got her BA in Communication from UAF. Helen's career in the visitor industry began as a front desk clerk and cashier at the Totem Inn in Valdez just after the Exxon Valdez oil spill. She worked her way up from front desk and night audit to sales, with a focus on meetings, for Westmark, River's Edge Resort, and Princess. Helen has 3

grown children, 1 grandchild, a geriatric dog, and a very naughty cat. She's a self-identified meeting nerd and has been a member of this club for 15 years.

ABOUT THE MEETINGS & CONVENTIONS DEPARTMENT AT EXPLORE FAIRBANKS:

Fairbanks is a perfect destination for planners and attendees from around the state, the region and the world. Excellent infrastructure with more than 2,800 guest rooms, 175,000 square feet of meeting and event space, and professional conference services make Fairbanks an outstanding choice for your next conference or meeting. In a community of just under 100,000 people, the area offers amenities comparable to most urban destinations. Impress your attendees with a location that combines professional venues with extraordinary activities like aurora viewing, late night events under the midnight sun, cultural experiences and artistic offerings - all surrounded by the grandeur of Interior Alaska.

Book your meeting and see why Fairbanks, on the banks of the Chena River, has been a gathering place for over one hundred years.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18

Jen Smith's birthday
Program: Convention planning and
AFN tease

July 20

Nicole Stewart's birthday

July 24

Amanda Kurdziolek's birthday

July 25

Jeremy Pletnikoff's birthday
Program: 2019 Tanana Valley State
Fair

July 29

Suzi Waugaman's birthday

July 30

Helen Renfrew's birthday

August 1

Program: Highlights of the Interna-
tional Rotary Convention

Potential New Member

Name: Bonni Brooks

Sponsor: Kathleen Hook

Classification: Lodging

Rotary and ShelterBox celebrate the power of partnership

Rotary International announced on 3 June a three-year partnership renewal with its disaster relief project partner, ShelterBox. For almost 20 years, this unique humanitarian alliance has supported families with a place to call home after disaster.

Rotary is a global network whose members take action to make a lasting difference in their communities – and worldwide. ShelterBox provides emergency shelters and other essential items to support families who have lost their homes in disaster.

What began as a local connection with one Cornish Rotary Club has led to an international movement that's provided 140,000 ShelterBox family tents or 390,000 ShelterKits worldwide to date.

First adopted as a millennium project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in 2000, the support of Rotary members and clubs around the world saw ShelterBox become Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief in 2012. Since then, the partnership has helped transform ShelterBox into an internationally recognized disaster relief charity, supporting families with emergency shelter after disaster.

The partnership extends far beyond financial support. Around 1,000 Rotary members are involved in ShelterBox as volunteers, staff or response team members. And clubs worldwide offer valuable, practical assistance to help ShelterBox reach more families fleeing disaster or conflict.

This has recently included support for families in Malawi flooded from their homes by Cyclone Idai and communities in Lombok devastated by the 2018 earthquake and tsunami.

"ShelterBox has been Rotary's Project Partner in Disaster Relief since 2012, and we are excited to renew the partnership for another three years," says Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko.

"Through this project partnership, Rotary members around the globe can collaborate with ShelterBox to support communities in desperate need of emergency temporary shelter and vital supplies following natural disasters," adds Hewko. "Additionally, Rotary and ShelterBox will continue to expand cooperation efforts through preparedness training and stockpiles of prepositioned aid in disaster-prone regions."

Caroline White, interim Chief Executive at ShelterBox, said: "Whenever disaster strikes, Rotary is beside us. From the earliest planning stages to final evaluations, Rotary members help ShelterBox make community contacts, organize logistics, and reach disaster-affected families in remote areas who might otherwise go without.

ROTARCTIC CORNER

Do you have things you'd like to share? Rotary articles, photos of Rotarians in action, etc. Send them to Rotarctic Editor Scott McCrea at scmccrea@gmail.com

WEEKLY AREA MEETINGS

College Club
Fairbanks Golden Heart
Fairbanks Sunrises
North Pole Club

Rotaract

Raven Landing; Mondays, 12PM
Westmark Hotel, Tuesdays, 5:30pm
Carlson Center; Fridays, 7AM
Mt. McKinley Bank (NP);
Wednesdays, 12PM
UAF Library Kayak Room;
Mondays, 7PM

