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## TODAY'S PROGRAM:

# PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT AND TOP SCAMS

FEATURING MICHELLE TABLER, ALASKA REGIONAL MANAGER,  
BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Michelle Tabler has been the Alaska Regional Manager for the Better Business Bureau Northwest

since February 2013. Michelle grew up in Anchorage, obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the University of Santa Clara in Calif., and returned home to start her career. Michelle has more than 30 years' experience in insurance, business development and research-based consulting on a wide range of Alaska projects.



On behalf of BBB, Michelle is working throughout the State of Alaska to continue building relationships with business owners, community organizations and consumers. Michelle does presentations state-wide to business groups and associations, seniors citizens, military personnel and families as well as high school students. Michelle also provides public relations and communica-

tion support to all Alaska media outlets on current topics and scams.

Michelle has been involved in several community organizations including Anchorage East Rotary, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the Alaska World Affairs Council.

## UAF ALUMNI NEEDED FOR HAMBURGER BOOTH

By Brenda Riley

Hello Rotarian Alumni! It's your favorite time of the year... Hamburger flipping time! The Hamburger Booth is the Fairbanks Chapter's annual fundraiser for student scholarships. The Fairbanks Chapter has endowed and annually awards the Blue & Gold Scholarship, the Doogan Memorial Scholarship, the Hammond Memorial Scholarship, and the Chapter Legacy Scholarship. Grab your team and sign up for a shift (or two or three)!

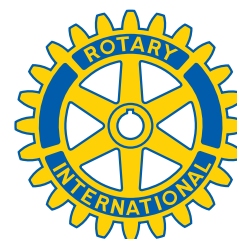
When you volunteer at the Hamburger Booth, you receive a free ticket to the fair (good for the entire day you volunteer) and a delicious hamburger meal, not to mention the satisfaction of helping to send students to school with as little debt as possible. What could be better?

We have two easy options for fair pass pickup (available after 7/25):

On campus: the Alumni Office, 201 Constitution Hall on the UAF campus, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Downtown: at the Fairbanks Children's Museum, Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11-5 p.m.

If you have questions, want to split a day-shift supervisor slot with friend, have a great idea, or just want to chat about hamburgers... give me a call at 907-322-7558 or email at [brendariley81@gmail.com](mailto:brendariley81@gmail.com).



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 26**

Program: Preventing Identity Theft and Top Scams with Michelle Tabler

**July 29**

Suzi Waugaman's birthday  
National Chicken Wing Day

**July 30**

Helen Renfrew's birthday

**August 1**

Brenda Riley's birthday

**August 2**

Program: May the Fair Be With You! Tanana Valley State Fair

**August 6**

Peggy Pollen's birthday

**August 8**

Betty Everts' birthday

**August 9**

Program: Mechanics of Memory; How It Breaks Down and How to Fix It, featuring Dr. Scott Luper

**August 10**

Merritt Helfferich's birthday

**August 12**

Jim Johnsen's birthday

**August 13**

Kathryn Dodge's birthday  
Jonathan Shambare's birthday

**August 16**

Program: UAF Arctic Innovation Competition

## ROTARY SPOTLIGHT ON MIKE (MICK) BRAUN

Each week the Rotarctic will be spotlighting a different member of the Rotary Club of Fairbanks. For Rotarians who are chosen, it is their responsibility to choose the Rotarian for the following week.



"My name is Mike (Mick) Braun. I am a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and will be retiring this fall after 25+ years of service. I arrived in Fairbanks in January 2011 for an 18-month deployment, which turned, into more than seven years of being stationed at Fort Wainwright. My family and I love the community and the many friends we have made here. We also greatly appreciate the support Fairbanks has for the military and everything the community does for the service members and their families. My wife Lisa is a nurse case manager at Behavioral Health on Fort Wainwright. Our son James graduated Hutchison High School this past spring and will be a freshman at UAF in the fall. I am currently completing my transition and have started the process of finding employment post-military."

**1. How long have you been a member of Rotary? Who was your sponsor, and what made you make the decision to join?**

I have been a member of Rotary for three years. I came in to a Rotary meeting as a guest speaker and left with an application to become a member!! I was so impressed after hearing about everything Rotary does not only in Fairbanks but also across the entire world that I definitely wanted to be a member. The wonderful Peggy Pollen was my sponsor and both her and Mike Pollen have become our adopted family here in Alaska.

**2. What is your favorite part of being a member of Rotary?**

My favorite part about Rotary is the interaction with the other members at our weekly meetings. It is such an honor to be able to associate with so many esteemed members of our community and to see so many people working together for our town. I also really enjoy the guest speakers and the variety of topics presented – everything from Alaskan dinosaurs, how to make beer and hearing from the Governor.

**3. What advice would you give to new members on how to become more engaged with the club?**

Volunteer to help with different projects and try to meet as many people as you can at the luncheons.

## HOST FAMILY STILL NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT

Olek, our exchange student from Poland, will be arriving in Fairbanks on the evening of August 12th. He's being driven up from Anchorage following fall orientation - so an exact time has not been determined yet. Our Youth Exchange Officer, Alysha Childs, is concerned that we have still not lined up host families to house Olek. If you have any interest at all in hosting our exchange student, please reach out to Alysha at (907) 978-0482. She can answer any of your questions.

## ROTARCTIC CORNER

Do you have things you'd like to share? Rotary articles, incriminating photos of President Bill, upcoming events, etc.? Send them to [rotarctic@gmail.com](mailto:rotarctic@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



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