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Hello Michelle! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Editor Michelle Drew
If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.

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[Thank You For Your Generosity - Boom's Christmas](#)

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 31, 2013

Thanks to the generosity of AER members, Boom had quite a Christmas.

Sandra writes: "What I did to spread out the cards, tickets, etc., for Boom was to give him one card at the International Service committee meeting at his host house the Thursday before Christmas. Then I gave him another card with the ticket to SFO on Christmas Eve. Finally, I gave him the third card with money and the return ticket from Las Vegas (thanks to Alan Clark) at Christmas dinner. AER members donated so much money for Boom's Christmas that not only does he have airline tickets both directions for the West Coast Tour, but he also has all of his deposit money."

Thank you !



[Christmas Traditions - Baking with Boom](#)

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 31, 2013

I spent a day cooking and baking with Boom the day before Christmas Eve, then he came for Christmas Eve dinner with us and we went to Duff Pfanner and Kathy Atkinson's (Boom's current host parents') house for Christmas dinner with Boom and them and their kids.





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Family Photo

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 31, 2013

With special thanks to Duff and his family for hosting our exchange student!

Note that the ENTIRE FAMILY are wearing Thai Traditional Pants which Boom gave as gifts.



Merry Christmas from New Zealand

Posted by Heather Flynn on Dec 31, 2013

From: Grant Cossey <gcosssey@costech.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 10:53 PM

Subject: Merry Christmas from New Zealand

Hello Alaskan friends

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas and great New Year

All is good down under in New Zealand. The GSE team are well and having fun lives. S-J is happily married, Donna is happily engaged, Laura is excited about motherhood and Kerri is enjoying time with her children.

I am well and happy . Our son and daughter-in-law are expecting another baby – due in April, a little girl, so they will have one of each.

They have moved to two and a half acres in Kumeu, a lovely property. I love being a Nana, but am also still enjoying my job at Middlemore hospital. Husband Grant has been busy designing and building a rowing skiff- has been building it with his nephew who has been living with us since he came back from Australia in July. They hope to get orders in January and go into full production in February.

Our daughter arrives from Canada on 28 December and stays until 9 January – first time we have had both children at home for Christmas – all good. She is enjoying life in British Columbia, is well and truly settled in Revelstoke and talking of marriage and children.

Trust you are all well and enjoying life – judging by some of your Facebook pages , life in Alaska is still the best!. I love seeing the beautiful photos and plan to get back there someday.

Take care

Love, Gill



Boom's trip to Sitka

Posted by Kathleen Madden on Dec 31, 2013

Image



The weekend before Christmas, Boom and Greg Solomon were treated to a special surprise Christmas present in the form of a trip

to Sitka, Alaska. Kathleen Madden set it up and the "kidnapping" went as planned with ne'er a glitch. The weather even cooperated in Sitka with sun and a warm escape from the single digits in Anchorage. Boom got to experience seeing Totem Park full of totem poles, an amazing Holiday Brass concert with professional musicians from the "lower 48", great Christmas lights, the Raptor Center for rehabilitating eagles and even saw bears.

A highlight was a new friend, the Rotary YE Student, Larella from Mexico! She is a kick and they had a great time together.

Boom and Larella spent 1 hour on the local public radio station being interviewed as Spanish Christmas carols were featured. He did a great job speaking in his 2nd language, English!!

Upon return to Anchorage, a big breakfast at Gwennies was in order and Boom went back to his host family to "hibernate" as he called it.

Image



English Camp

Posted by Kathleen Madden on Dec 26, 2013



Thank you again to everyone who participated on Saturday (December 14). It was a very fun event and once again our club members step up to the plate.

Today I went over to ALP to return the key to the building and had very positive response from the teachers there who had heard from their students about the camp. The students would like it to be more than once a year.

So here is my question: what if we did an abbreviated camp (no food) maybe once a quarter for a few hours to do conversation, learn songs, have fellowship with the students in a friendly environment for them to practice all aspects of their English language learning .????

Who is game for that? Maybe the next one could be March?

Kathleen

Christmas Photos by Clark Mishler

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 26, 2013

Especially those of you who brought children to our Christmas party will want to click on the link and look at Clark's images, but Dave and Mary and Paul should definitely look, too

Here is Clark's message to me, along with his e-mail address:

Sandra: Here is a link to the Christmas Party at our Wednesday meeting:

www.gallery.mishlerphotos.com/santa

Please send this to whoever might be interested. I would be happy to send larger files to anyone who may be interested in printing any of these. Thanks, -Clark

Mobile Food Pantry Photos by Clark Mishler

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 26, 2013

Our fabulous photographer, Clark Mishler, who chronicles so many of our club's activities, was out in the snow last Saturday with our members at the Mobile Food Pantry, and he captured some fantastic images. Below is the message he sent to me to pass on to you.

BE SURE TO CLICK ON THE LINK AND THEN ON EACH IMAGE.
THERE ARE SOME GREAT CLOSE-UPS OF MEMBERS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

Sandra: Saturday's Food Pantry distribution was just about the best ever as the snow fall made it fun as well as visually interesting. I thought that our members might like to see these images:

www.gallery.mishlerphotos.com/pantry

Please feel free to pass this link along to whoever might be interested. - Clark

New Member Proposed - Doris McCoy

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 26, 2013



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A Mother, A Sister, A Grandmother, An Aunt, An Entrepreneur, An active community member

The list above best describes Doris. She has been a part of the Anchorage community all of her life. She was a product of the Anchorage School District and studied Business at the University of Oregon and UAA. As a young mother she could be found on the Little League field coaching, taking on team mom and official score keeping responsibilities. She also was a certified YABA youth bowling coach, Pop Warner cheerleading coach, board secretary and executive board member. In addition to serving on the Pop Warner Board she held the position of varsity cheerleading coach at East High School during the early 2000's; if that wasn't enough Doris and her niece opened up their own all-star cheerleading and tumbling gym. This business provided a safe place for kids to go and participate in a team sport under peer and adult supervision.

Doris has had a successful career in telecommunications and facilities management. Currently she is the Property Manager and Vice President

for the First National Bank Alaska. She is responsible for all of the banks facilities, centralized procurement and warehouse, as well as the Banks contracting and leasing functions. Prior to employment with First National Bank, she was employed by Control Contractors Inc. and held the position of Facility's manager. During her tenure with CCI she successfully managed First National Bank, Alaska and the Alaska Railroad's facilities. She was also employed for ATU/ACS Communications for 18 years where she earned the MOA work group of the year in 1989 as Collections Supervisor. She was instrumental in establishing the back office policies that supported and facilitated the deregulation of local phone service in the Anchorage Telephone Utility's serving area. She also implemented many programs that benefited both customers and employees alike.

Rotary seems like a good fit for someone like Doris. She is enthusiastic about community and wants to be a part of the folks that make the world a better place for all that live in it. Her motto is life is; *"There is more to life than just existing, it is living with a purpose to help others improve their life experience through sharing one's self."*

Rotary will give her that opportunity.

New Member Proposed - Keith Hackett

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 26, 2013

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Keith Hackett came to the University of Alaska Anchorage as Director of Athletics in the Fall of 2013 after serving as Sr. Associate Athletic Director at the University of Nevada since 2004. Hackett was involved in a wide range of duties at Nevada that included oversight of the very successful Nevada Wolf Pack Football Program as well as Baseball and Women's Track & Field and Cross Country. He was also a member of the Nevada Faculty Senate and had external responsibilities as well. Jeff Hurd, Commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference upon learning of Keith's joining UAA said, "I've worked with Keith for several years and I can truly say that he is a class act. He is intelligent, outgoing, and a quality individual. There is nobody more deserving to be an athletic director – at any level – than Keith. He's worked his whole career to get an opportunity like this and we couldn't be more excited for him."

Professionally, Keith has worked in higher education for nearly four decades in a number of leadership roles from coaching college football and baseball to serving as Provost and Dean of Admission at several institutions. "The most important job I have is to be the best teacher, mentor, coach, guide and role model I can be" and to make a difference in the lives of those I serve. Working in Athletics you certainly have the opportunity to make an impact on young people's lives.

Becoming a member of Rotary allows me another opportunity to make a difference to others and our community.

Keith and his wife Pat have been married for 38 years and have two grown children (Katie / Jay) and are also the proud grandparents of four (4) grandsons ranging in ages from 15 months to five years. Family has always been the highest priority for Keith and Pat.



New Member Proposed - Jeff Thon

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 17, 2013

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AER is pleased to propose AER past-president Jeff Thon. Jeff was AER president from 2008-2009 and served the club with distinction! After a short hiatus from membership, Jeff is ready to come back to our awesome club!



Another Scholarship for PVR - THANK YOU SUE LIINFORD

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 17, 2013

Just when we had received enough scholarships to cover the high school seniors in the Puerto Vallarta Sur Rotary club's scholarship program who weren't going to get a scholarship this year, the administrator sent me the following information about a high school junior. Below is her message to me in Spanish followed by my translation.

Hay una estudiante de 2 grado de preparatoria ella se llama #467 Daniela Anali Cerda Paul, ella ha estado en contacto conmigo por whatsapp y me dice que su mamá no tiene dinero para ayudarla con sus estudios, ella no tiene papá y que a ella aún no la aceptan en los trabajos ya ha solicitado y le dicen que se tiene que esperar a los 17 años.

Translation (more or less). There is a student in the second year of high school (junior) whose name is Daniela Anali Cerda Paul (student #467). She got in touch with me to see what was happening (*I presume she wondered if any scholarships had become available*). She told me that her mother has no money to help her with her studies, she doesn't have a father, and no one will hire her to work, although she has applied, because they say she has to wait until she is 17 to work legally.

Thanks to Sue Linford's donation, Daniela will get a scholarship this year so she can stay in school. Thanks Sue. And thanks, Clark for the picture of Sue so Daniela can see who is helping her continue her education.



New Member Proposed - Emily Rohrabough

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 17, 2013

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Emily was born in Washington and skipped around to Portland, OR and Minneapolis, MN before settling in Anchorage. She came to Alaska Dispatch after she saw the benefit and potential for online marketing for Alaskan businesses. She studied art history as both an undergraduate at Reed College and as a graduate student at the University of Minnesota and has a background in arts marketing from her work at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis and Alaska Junior Theater in Anchorage.



Interact Needs Volunteers - Still Looking for Volunteers

Posted by Tam Agosti-Gisler on Dec 17, 2013

I'm looking for a Rotary volunteer to speak at an Interact Global Lunch at West High School Friday, January 10th from 10:30 to 11:00 am on deforestation and fuel scarcity as well as pizza box solar cookers. These are incredible students!! Any takers?? Call Tam 240-2345

See links for background info: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deforestation>
<http://www.al-solar.org/newsletters/2009-03/Making%20a%20Pizza%20Box%20Solar%20Oven.pdf>
INTERACT GLOBATHEME THREE- ISSUE: Deforestation & fuel scarcity

Friday, January 10 - Solar cookers/Fuel efficient stove presentation by East Anchorage Rotarians

Tuesday, January 14 - Make Solar pizza box cookers

Tuesday, January 21 - Make Solar pizza box cookers

Tuesday, January 28 - Test solar pizza box cookers to make s'mores.



Monthly Club Events - 2013-2014

Posted by Michelle Drew on Aug 07, 2013

Weekly Anchorage East Rotary Club Meeting

The weekly Anchorage East Rotary Meeting is held at the Anchorage Downtown Hilton. The food line opens at 11:30 am and the meeting starts at noon. Lunch is \$21 and coffee with dessert is \$8.

Mobile Food Pantry

Mobile Food Pantry distribution is the second Saturday of each month at 1:30pm at the Fairview Recreational Center. Contact Dave Kester d.kester@alaskausainurance.com for more information.

AERIE Meetings (Anchorage East Rotary Information & Education)

All members are welcome to join the monthly AERIE meetings and learn more about Rotary International and our club. For 2013-2014 AERIE will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 am at the Alaska Bagel Restaurant located on Northern Lights at C Street. Red badge members come with an update of your blue badge status. Blue badge members, come for a makeup. Contact Jeff Blake if any questions: jeffb@fidelityak.com or jcblake@gmail.com

AER Board Meetings

Regularly monthly board meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **4:30 PM** in the **first floor board room of the UBS Financial at 3000 A Street**. Board meetings occasionally move or are changed so check the "Events" section of the bulletin or the the club runner website. All are invited to attend. It counts towards getting your blue badge

and as a meeting make-up.



Rotary Foundation Thought

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 17, 2013

Week of December 17 - This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about: **Supporting the Foundation**

"I believe in donating annually to The Rotary Foundation because it's my foundation. If I don't do it, then how can I convince others to give?"
-District Governor Atmaram "Ram" Gawande



Solomon's groaner of the week!

Posted by Gregory Solomon

A dentist and a manicurist married . . . They fought tooth and nail.



Advertise with Rotary!

Posted by Michelle Drew on Sep 10, 2013

CLUBRUNNER is our website and newsletter program, but it is not free. In order to pay our annual dues we have to sell advertisements. Consider advertising your business on clubrunner and in the Eastwind.

Ads are only \$50 for four weeks and the online ads link directly to your website.

OR, consider advertising on our in-meeting half-sheet program - ads are \$50 for four weeks there as well. These items are rarely left on the tables.

Want to place an ad? Contact Michelle Drew.

mdrew@bdo.com

Got some news!?

Posted by Michelle Drew

If you have news you want to share with the club, please let us know!
Contact Michelle Drew at mdrew@bdo.com

Have some interesting news about yourself? Your family? Anchorage East is one big, happy family and wants to hear about our members! But remember, just like in meetings, announcements must be limited to personal/family news, news related to you, your family or another club member. Thanks!

Michelle's Commitments

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