

Greeter: Brad Erickson
Invocation: Jess Gutzwiler

Introductions: Erik Sobolik
Flag Salute: Cheyenne Alabanzas

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Happy Bucks:

- The Rotarian of the Year plaque went into auction since the recipient apparently forgot to bring it home last week. 😊 😊
- President Mike wanted to make a small correction. Sam Bourgeois is this year's 2nd inductee, not the first. Ralph Carney was inducted while he was gone.
- Martin Childers finally graduated from his red badge, and introduced a visiting Rotarian from Vancouver, BC.
- Jess Gutzwiler was in Fairbanks for Making Strides last week.
- Scott McMurren was also in Fairbanks the same time Jess was, and flew over the Tanana River for 20 minutes on a helicopter. He had to do it twice because he didn't know his camera was off while he was taking a video the first time.
- Brad Erickson is happy to be back from a drama-free visit to his family in Minnesota. He was just also in Vegas and got a new sound system for his concerts.
- Kevin Bennett went to Chicago for business. He also saw his mom and played some golf!
- Erik Sobolik gave happy bucks to announce that our president's new moniker is President Magic Mike.
- Dan Johnson is happy to be celebrating his birthday this week! He spent all of last week fishing in Kenai. No one in the club guessed his real age. Some people thought he was 32, while others said 34. It's his 33rd birthday!
- Carl Reed introduced two former Rotary members.
- Jack Harris is happy to be back in chilly weather after being spending time in Vegas.
- Dave Stratton drove to Fairbanks and got a speeding ticket on the way back to Anchorage. He is leaving for Missoula next week where he will spread his dad's ashes and play golf.
- Paul Michaelson went fishing in Kenai. It was a perfect combination of sun, whiskey and beer. During the meeting, he was sitting next to the visiting Rotarians from NH, and realized that one of them lived next to him during his time in NH. They even have a common friend! Small world!
- Mary Fairbanks is going to be a grandmother for the fifth time in January! Congratulations!
- Sam Lazenby thanked Paul Michaelson for the great renovation job he did for their church.
- Carolyn Lambrecht went fishing last week in Kenai. She thanked Jay Hanson for taking her place at the table during her absence.
- Amy Mackey-Hornak introduced her guest Dawn Adams who is a realtor for Keller Williams and is also with the Abolish Slavery Coalition.
- President Magic Mike caught 30,000 salmon between June and July. He also got a letter from the district governor regarding the verbiage for a recent gun auction and would like to remind everyone to ensure that we keep things appropriate for Rotary.
- ASR exchanged flags with our guests from Hollis Brookline and Dixie Sunrise Rotary Clubs of NH and UT respectively.
- Jay Hanson, publisher and editor-in-chief of the Scoop, is under fire for the errors made in last week's newsletter, which incorrectly

identified several members of the Board of Directors. He might have to pay an apology fine on his next meeting... A fine he will gladly pay to anyone who has helped with this newsletter. All the rest of you can help yourselves to a “sit down and be quiet sandwich!”

- No Fine Button: Jess Gutzwiler is the Senior Market Manager for the American Cancer Society. She is inviting everyone to come to the Cocktails Kickoff in Anchorage next week, August 6th at Williwaw. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.makingstrideswalk.org/anchorageak for more info or contact Jess.

Program:

Ed Rasmuson of the Rasmuson Foundation

Mr. Rasmuson discussed the fiscal situation of Alaska and how the state’s dependence on oil dollars makes it vulnerable to volatile oil prices. A long-term fiscal plan is therefore needed to ensure that the state can maintain funds to pay for public services. He had 5 key recommendations to address Alaska’s fiscal deficit:

- 1) Cut overall spending
- 2) Use constitutional budget
- 3) Enact taxes like sales and/or state taxes
- 4) Tighten oil tax credits
- 5) Cap the PFD

Mr. Rasmuson, along with his colleague, Wyatt Perry, presented a computer model that simulates how the state fiscal plan would look like in the next few years if any or all of these five factors are changed.

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Friendships

Will It be BENEFICIAL to ALL Concerned

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