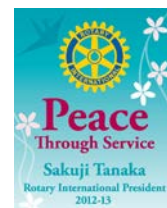


Anchorage South Rotary



Scoop



January 3, 2013

HAPPY BUCK\$

Ross Johnston has a happy \$5 for his new track pants that he claims need to be worn until he sheds his newly acquired holiday poundage (Kevin Taylor claims this is a lame excuse the not knowing how to dress). He is also happy to introduce his guest Dan with Channel 2, and Andy with the Teacher's Union.

Jan Henderson is happy to share that she had a great visit with both her kids and her grandkids over the holidays in Texas. Unfortunately, she was unable to escape the snow.

Michael Archer is happy to introduce his guest and daughter Katy. He is also happy to announce that after 18 years he has finally purchased a new car.

Jess Hinker is happy to share that she will be celebrating the BIG 30 this coming Monday. She also thinks that Dan Newman had an awesome pub crawl.

Terri Hall is happy for Jess's pending Birthday. She also confesses that she has sweaters in her possession that are older than Jess – LOL.

Mary Olszewski is happy to share that she secured a screaming deal on her 11th hour airline ticket purchase. Initially her ticket was for \$1100 and she was able to reduce it down to \$445.

Walt Murphy is happy to announce that he takes his granddaughter swimming each week, and he is especially boastful of the fact that someone asked him how old his "daughter" was.

Julia Tucker is happy to introduce her guest, Daryl, our Municipal Ombudsman.

Lyn Whitley is happy to announce that she is an expectant Grandma and that she is also celebrating her 32nd year of marriage.

Jerry Beaver has a happy buck for his recent trip to Texas. He said that the kids really believe that cow tipping is a sanctioned sport.

Chuck Szopa is happy to announce that his son Joe finally arrived for the holidays after experiencing many airline mechanical issues along the way.

Bob Brodie is happy to announce that he received the best Christmas gift 53 years ago when he got married to his wife.

Keith Silver is happy and lucky to be at our Rotary meeting today as he successfully dodged the hood of a truck bed that flew off the vehicle in front of him. The hood flew about five stories high and missed hitting his vehicle.

Kevin Van Nortwick is happy to announce the first family; his wife Jeana, his son Nate, his daughters, Sarah and Abigail, Sarah's boyfriend, Forest.

Mark Eliason is happy to pay a fine for the nice write up that was done in the Alaska Business Monthly. "What article?" he says. Kevin Taylor is happy to remind us that Rotary is like the IRS...ignorance is no excuse! Pay Up!

Speaker: John MacKinnon, Executive Director of the Associated General Contractors.

The Associated General Contractors is a trade association with approximately 666 members. The membership consists of both building contractors as well as associate members who service the building trades. The association represents both union and non-union members.

According to John, the construction forecast for the state of Alaska is positive compared to many other states:

- ~We have \$16 billion in budget reserves
- ~We have \$43 billion in the permanent fund
- ~We have a triple A Bond rating, and
- ~We have a pro-growth government

Additionally, we have a new legislature with 11 new house members and 6 new senators, the majority is a Bi-Partisan coalition, and there is a shift to the right.

In 2013 we can expect to see a revision in the petroleum production tax, progress on a gas line, a healthy capital budget and more social legislation.

Margins on many projects, as indicated by bid outcome reports, are razor thin. Spending across many sectors is significantly lower than prior periods; however, spending is still occurring.

The mining industry on the other hand has huge potential.



Mark Your Calendar:

1/10/13 - Classification Talks

1/17/13 - Eric Gillam, Alaska Magician

1/24/13 - Darrin E. Jones, Asst. Special Agent, FBI

1/24/13 - Children's School Lunchbox Collection Day

Comings and Goings....

Proposed for Membership:

Ingrid P. Larson-Alexander, Trust Officer

Leave of Absence:

Resignations from club:



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Rabah Chettfour	1/2
Rob Morris	1/10
Jess Hinker	1/17
Kirk McGovern	1/24
Scott McMurren	1/24
Charles Becker	1/28

JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!

Sam Lazenby	1/1/82
Allen Bingham	1/1/85
Josh Jennett	1/7/88
Rabah Chettfour	1/10/08
Michael Morrison	1/28/88

How many cranes have you made?



Many cranes are needed for the Fur Rondy float, Feb 23, 2013..

<http://www.origami-instructions.com/origami-crane.html>

Kevin's Korner:

He who gives what he would as readily throw away, gives without generosity; for the essence of generosity is in self sacrifice.

Sir Henry Taylor

Thank you all for your self-sacrificing generosity throughout the fall and Christmas season – including Josh's fundraiser, Clitheroe Center Christmas party, the clothing drive, the Children's lunchbox donations, Dan Lowell Memorial fundraiser

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our next food drive for the **Children's School Lunch Program** will be on Thursday, January 24. Please visit <http://thechildrenslunchbox.org/> for a complete listing of food items that can be accepted. A few suggestions are.... *Canned goods*; chili, chicken, ravioli, tuna, vegetables and soup. *Miscellaneous items*; oatmeal, fruit cups, granola bars and instant mashed potatoes (the small size).

Karl Berglund (Exchange Student)

Not sure how to reach Karl? He can be reached at 907-717-6444, home: 907-349-8868, or via email: karlberglund@gmail.com The best way to reach Karl is by sending a text message.

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