

## The Windjammer

## Today's speaker: Wayne Jensen

Wayne Jensen's experience as an architect involved with more than 30 projects at and near Alaska's Capitol makes him the perfect choice to speak about that building's history, which he will do today.



Jensen was born in Nebraska and lived on a small farm in that state's northeast near the Missouri River, not far from one of the campsites used by Lewis and Clark on their voyage of discovery in 1804. He attended a one-room country school with a total of 13 students in kindergarten through eighth grades. The building did not have indoor plumbing and he had the same teacher from the first through the eighth grade; the same one who had taught his mother in the same school.

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## Dining with an international flair



From left, Inbounds Keishan Pillay, Tomi Katona and New Generations Director Caitlyn McLaughlin pose for a pic before lunch on Sept. 24. To learn more about their dining experiences this week, please see page 2.



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#### Calendar

October: Vocational Service Month

- Oct: 5: Wetlands viewing stand work party, 9-11 a.m., off Egan Drive.
- Oct. 5: Rotaract
  Fest for Breasts.
  Hangar on the Wharf
  Ballroom.
  - Oct. 8: Club meeting. Speakers: Brenda Hewitt and Heather Mitchell, Literacy project.
- Oct. 15: Club meeting. Speaker: John Venables, Alaska Day.
  - Oct. 22: Lunch in various Rotarians' offices

#### **Greeters**

- **Today**: Fred Koken and Holly Cox.
- Next week: Jim Strader and John Sandor.

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### In Memoriam

As many of you know, fellow Rotarian and Rotary Club of Juneau member Larry Spencer passed away on Sept. 12. Messages of condolence may be sent to his wife, Carola at 336 Highland Drive, Juneau, AK 99801.

A celebration of his life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the JACC. Friends are asked to bring photographs or stories to share with the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to Perseverance Theatre.

# Potluck brings tastes of the world to Juneau's Rotary family

On Sunday, about 50 members of Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, along with youth exchange

Inbounds, Rebounds, host families (past and present), and a number of interested community members, enjoyed an evening of fine international dining. No one went home hungry — and the end of New Generations Month was celebrated in style.

A slideshow showing our youth exchange participants — including the Rotarians who help make that program happen — both on the

local and district level, set the stage for those there getting to hear from our club's Inbound, Keishan Pillay

from South Africa, along with a Juneau Inbound and a Rebound, along with Doug Eckland from the Gastineau Club and Caitlyn M c L a u g h l i n speaking about the recruitment that will be taking place over

the next few weeks. Eventually, all the Rotary Inbounds stepped up to the mic, including our Tomi Katona, who briefly introduced himself.



### Capitol

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After elementary school he attended high school in the small town of Homer, Neb., where he met his future wife, Rita.

He attended the University of Nebraska graduating with a Bachelor's of Architecture. Shortly thereafter, he and Rita headed west. While in the Spokane, Wash. area looking for a job he saw an ad at the local office of the American Institute of Architects for a three-month temporary job in Juneau for someone with five years of experience. He figured that five months of experience was close enough, so he applied and was

hired. They moved to Juneau in the spring of 1973. The three-month job with the George Filler architecture firm lasted 4½ years until he joined Ackley and Associates where he became a partner in 1978. Today, the firm is Jensen Yorba Lott, Inc. and his partners are Tony Yorba, Joann Lott, Charlene Steinmann and Dan Fabrello.

Wayne is a past president of the Juneau Rotary Club and former Assistant District Governor. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Alaska Committee since 2009 and as chair since 2011.

During the past 40 years, his work has included the remodeling of the Capital School into the Terry Miller Legislative Office Building, the remodeling of the Scottish Rite Temple into the Thomas Steward Legislative Office Building and the recent remodeling of the church building at the corner of Fifth and Main Streets for the Division of Legislative Finance. In addition, he has been involved in multiple renovation projects at the Governor's House during the past 20 years and has conducted research into the history of the Treadwell Mine complex.