

THE WINDJAMMER

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UPCOMING

October 20 Vocational Service Awards Day

November 3 Happy Birthday Juneau Rotary- 80 years old

GREETERS

October 6 Doug Gardner Ruth Kostik

October 13 Drew Green Heather Mitchell

October 20 Mary Becker Crystal Bourland



2015-2016 Rotary International Theme:



This Week's Program: Wayne Jensen, Seward - The First Cruise Ship Tourist

Quick facts about our speaker, Wayne Jensen:

Member of the Alaska Historical Commission, appointed by Gov.
Parnell. The Commission is in the Office of History and Archaeology in the Department of Natural Resources.
The 9 member Commission is chaired by the Lt. Governor. It advises the Gov. and Legislature on programs concerning history and prehistory, historic sites and buildings and on geographic names.

• Member of the Treadwell Historic Preservation and Restoration Society, Inc. that was established to stabilize, preserve and restore the site and buildings of the Treadwell Mine in Douglas and to preserve the rich history of the people and the operation of the world class mine.



 $\cdot\,$ Co-Chair of the Juneau committee to install a statue of William H. Seward in the foreground of the Alaska Capitol in Juneau for the 150th Anniversary of the treaty of cession with Russia for Alaska

 $\cdot\,$ Chair of the Alaska Committee, which has a mission of "enhancing Juneau as the State Capital"

- · Professional architectural career includes:
- · Multiple restoration projects at the Alaska Governors House in Juneau

 $\cdot\,$ Multiple projects at the Alaska Capitol including the current Seismic Retrofit and Exterior Renovation of the building

- · Juneau Rotary "Rotarian of the Year 2013"
- · Juneau Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year 2014"

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RECENT ROTARY EVENTS IN PHOTOS



President Johnny recognized Rotary Brewfest volunteers with a Brewfest glass at the Sept 29, 2015 meeting. (photo by MaryLou Gerbi)

ROTARIAN: WHY MENTORS MATTER



We Americans like to think of ourselves as "rugged individualists" – in the image of the lone cowboy riding toward the setting sun, opening the frontier. But at least as accurate a symbol of our national story is the wagon train, with its mutual aid among a community of pioneers. Throughout our history, a pendulum has slowly swung between the poles of individualism and community, both in our public philosophy and in our daily lives. In the past half century we have witnessed,

for better or worse, a giant swing toward the individualist pole in our culture, society, and politics. At the same time, researchers have steadily piled up evidence of how important social context, social institutions, and social networks – in short, our communities – remain for our well-being and our kids' opportunities.

Social scientists often use the term social capital to describe social connectedness – that is, informal ties to family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances; involvement in civic associations, religious institutions, athletic teams, volunteer activities; and so on. Social capital has repeatedly been shown to be a strong predictor of well-being both for individuals and for communities. Community bonds and social networks have powerful effects on health, happiness, educational success, economic success, public safety, and (especially) child welfare. However, like financial capital and human capital, social capital is distributed unevenly, and differences in social connections contribute to the youth opportunity gap.

Many studies have shown that better-educated Americans have wider and deeper social networks, both within their closest circle of family and friends and in the wider society. By contrast, less-educated Americans have sparser, more redundant social networks, concentrated within their own family. (By "redundant," I mean that their friends tend to know the same people they do, so they lack the "friend of a friend" reach available to upper-class Americans.) In short, college-educated parents have both more close friends and more nodding acquaintances than less-educated parents.

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