



Rotary Club of Juneau - Downtown

The Windjammer



DECEMBER 17, 2013



This Week's Program:

Captain Douglas Sturm Marine Pilot, South Alaska

After twenty years of service with the Alaska Marine Highway System, Doug Sturm transitioned into his current position as a Marine Pilot with the Southeast Alaska Pilots' Association (also known as SEAPA). As a Marine Pilot, Doug is responsible for piloting foreign flagged vessels throughout the waters of Southeast Alaska.

Captain Sturm started his career as a deckhand for Exxon on the Mississippi River and then moved to Alaska in 1980 to work as tugboat captain on the Yukon River and its tributaries.

Along with his piloting duties, Doug is serving his second term as a SEAPA board member – the governing body of the association.



According to its website, "The Southeast Alaska Pilotage Area covers the waters from Dixon Entrance to Yakutat Bay and is a compulsory pilotage area. Comprehensive marine pilotage in Southeast Alaska is provided by Southeast Alaska Pilots' Association. Pilots are licensed by the State of Alaska and the United States Coast Guard to provide compulsory marine pilotage to all vessels entering the waters of Southeast Alaska except those vessels identified in Alaska Statute 08.62.180."

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 24: HOLIDAY PARTY!!!

December 31: Special New Year's Eve Meeting —



OTHER ACTIVITIES

Bell Ringing in front of First National Bank all week long. Please make sure you sign up with Sandy Williams!



ELVES~FAMILY~FOODRIVE

Today's the last day to vote for our elf (or, possibly, elves). Monies raised will be used to provide our family of six with gifts & a Christmas dinner. We'll also have a mini-food-drive today to provide the family with non-perishables to help them beyond the holiday.



International Update: Mobility to Colima



According to our International Service Chair, there's still a few spots for Club members to join the Glacier Valley Club's Project Amigo trip, which this year will include delivering wheelchairs.

Here's a bit more information to help you make the decision to escape the darkness, cold, ice and wind to do something truly special (in a beautiful place!), With special thanks to the Gastineau Club's *Channeled*:

A year's worth of planning and \$42,000 will result in local Rotarians delivering wheelchairs to the needy in Colima, Mexico, in February. More than a dozen Rotary clubs, from Alaska to Canada to Mexico, raised \$25,000 for the project; the remainder was granted through the Rotary Foundation. Funds will purchase Mexican-made chairs, manufactured in various sizes and adapted to accommodate unpaved areas. The Rotary Club of Colima is identifying who will receive the chairs, which will be distributed by Rotarians Feb. 16-22.

Colima, with about 650,000 residents, is the capital of the small central Pacific coast state of the same name. Around 20 Rotarians can be housed and fed for the week at Project Amigo for \$1,200 each, which includes a donation to that organization. Otherwise, lodging will be arranged in Colima proper.



Project Amigo is a 30-year-old non-profit started by a California couple who decided to dedicate their lives to helping children in Colima after husband, Ted Rose, got lost on a hiking trip and wound up in a poor village there. Rotarians may have time to work on Amigo efforts, as well.) A bus to Colima, about 60 miles inland, will be provided from Manzanillo, served by Alaska Air.

Rotary Club of Juneau Board Update

ROTARY CLUB OF JUNEAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013-14

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Here are (some of) President Brenda notes from last week's board meeting at the Wells Fargo Conference Room. Remember, board meetings not only provide make-ups, but a ton of information, as well:



Karen West reported this year's auction brought in \$10,580, which brought a number of members close to their first or the next Paul Harris level. There are TWO missing 500 point Paul Harris "gift certificates" that have not been claimed! If you purchased a grab bag at the auction but have NOT picked it up, contact Karen or Brenda, as the remaining grab bags may contain the missing certificates; or, check your bag and see if you have it. Redeem it and it gets you (at least) halfway to your next Paul Harris level. We're trying to maintain our 100 percent Paul Harris level and hope to award new or "next levels" at our spring breakfast.

As a result of the Leadership Academy Study-team, the board approved purchasing and printing 4-Way Test Cards to hand out during bell ringing as a way of creating greater visibility for the club. It was noted that we've rang the bell for years, but many probably don't realize that! If they're printed in time, we'll be handing one to each person who makes a donation to the kettle.

Lt. Lance Walters name was approved to go to the membership for approval. Lance is the head of the Salvation Army, replacing former member, Captain Don Warriner.

Rotaract needs a regular meeting location on Wednesday evenings. It's a small but dedicated group that we'd like to help get new members, include in our activities, and provide some programs. Contact Jeff Rogers, 723-6907 or jeffrogersak@gmail.com or 723-6907.

Youth Services is looking for two more host families for next year's exchange student and there are plans for Keishan's going away party in the works. Stay tuned for a date and location.

Among the other items discussed: Wheelchairs in Mexico (see page 1), the Tri-Club Food Drive later this winter, putting together a "how to" resource for future committee chairs so each year's repeat undertaking/activity is a smooth one, and the possibility of a creating a tennis tournament as a new fundraiser. More in the new year, but perhaps we'll have the "Wimbelton of the North."

We were asked to make sure people use the microphone when they are addressing the group. Even people who think their voices carry, should use

Here are a few things to remember for the party: please bring a gift for the children (or grown-ups) you'll be bringing — wrapped and with the recipient name clearly noted. Bring your appetites for the "kid friendly" menu. The Christmas party is an annual family event — don't forget to come with yours next week! Ho-Ho-Ho!!! See Bruce for more info!

