



The Windjammer

Today's speaker

The future of Sheldon Jackson College

Sam Skaggs received a bachelor's degree in environmental studies in 1975 from Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass. He then promptly moved to Fairbanks to manage a musk ox farm for the University of Alaska and the Musk Ox Development Corp. The mission supports Alaska Native knitters with qiviut underwool so they can sell knitted products through a marketing co-operative. Since then, Skaggs has built super-insulated homes in Fairbanks; started a manufacturing company with



Sam Skaggs is seen here during a recent rowing trip in Sitka.

Juneau inventor John Ingalls that made built-to-last child carriers out of welded aluminum; and, for more than 25 years he has been an independent registered investment advisor. Along with Amy

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A 'thank you' to Rotarians from ShelterBox

[Editor's note: The following message was originally posted to shelterbox.org on Nov. 20.]

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, a call for Rotarians to help ShelterBox in the Philippines has gone out from the United States, where Rotary International President Ron Burton is urging 1.2 million members and 34,000

clubs worldwide to contribute to the charity's relief program.

With ShelterBox and Rotary International being global project partners, it is no surprise that Rotary Clubs across the world have risen to the

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Calendar

December:
Family Month

- **Dec. 3:** Club meeting. Speaker: Sam Skaggs.
- **Dec. 7:** Interact Ugly Christmas Sweater Run.
- **Dec. 11:** Board meeting.
- **Dec. 24:** Kids' Christmas Lunch
- **Dec. 31:** Auld Lang Syne

Greeters

- **Today:** Sharon Gaipman and Thyese Shaub.
- **Next week:** Wallace Williams and Scott Fischer.

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call since Haiyan struck the Philippines. Within days of the greatest storm to make landfall ever, ShelterBox experienced a huge surge in fundraising donations, and Rotary Clubs worldwide were lead players in this response.

“This disaster is exactly why we entered into our partnership with ShelterBox,” Burton said. “It gives concerned Rotary members the opportunity to respond immediately and in a very meaningful way to life-threatening conditions faced by the people of the Philippines.

Becky Maynard, ShelterBox’s director of fundraising and communications, said “it has been

astounding to see Rotary clubs and Rotarians around the world mobilizing so quickly to support the people of the Philippines.

has now had an official commendation from the Philippines Government via its embassy in the United Kingdom.

Gladys Corbett, honorary consul to the Philippines, was visiting the Rotary Club of Braids last Saturday to help out with a collection for ShelterBox in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland. Clubs in this district have already raised enough for 30 ShelterBoxes.

From everyone at ShelterBox, a huge thank you to every Rotarian around the world who is supporting our disaster relief work in the Philippines. Together we are making a difference.

RCOJ funds 2 Boxes

The Rotary Club of Juneau answered the call from ShelterBox with a donation of \$2,000, enough to provide two built-to-last tents and other survival supplies.

If you’d like to contribute to another ShelterBox, see our inbound, Keishan Pillay. He is working to raise \$1,000 in order to buy another survival kit.

Every ShelterBox tent displays the Rotary Roundel to highlight the global project partnership between both organizations.

And, to top all the overwhelming fundraising activity and work in the field, ShelterBox

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Volz, Skaggs Investments designs financial plans and manages assets for individuals and foundations using ecological concepts of resiliency.

Skaggs has also been president of his family’s small foundation since 1986 and has granted over \$2.5 million to mainly Alaskan non-profits in order to promote conservation, natural history education, the arts, and programs

for individuals challenged with disabilities. Skaggs has been a director of several boards including The Nature Conservancy of Alaska, Musk Ox Development Corp., Alaska Conservation Foundation, Pacific GIS (and early program of Ecotrust), and helped found the Juneau Sailing Foundation. He currently serves on the board of Alaska Arts Southeast, Inc., which

is restoring the historic Sheldon Jackson Campus in Sitka and using the arts and sciences as an economic engine for the Southeast.

An avid skier, hiker, and boater, Skaggs for many years skipped week-long natural history tours aboard his 54-foot ketch, *Arcturus*, with the mission of introducing other individuals to Southeast’s magnificent place and people.