

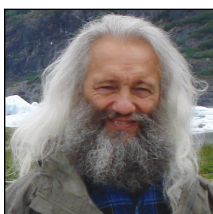


# The Windjammer

Today's speaker

## A little bit about brown bears

LaVern Beier is a Wildlife Research Technician for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Division of Wildlife Conservation. His work with Alaska Department of Fish and Game started in 1973 in Petersburg.



In this time period he has participated in a variety of wildlife research projects on many of the major islands and mainland of Southeast Alaska. These

wildlife research projects have included the safe live capture, immobilizing and radio collaring and tracking of Sitka black-tailed deer, wolf, mountain goats, wolverine, elk, black and brown bears.

In addition to his knowledge and experience with a variety of wildlife species, from 1981 to the present, Beier has evolved primarily as a brown bear expert having captured, immobilized, radio-collared and tracked and participated in population estimates of

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## Rotary Rose Sale is in full bloom

There are less than six weeks left to get orders in for this year's Rotary Rose Sale.

If you're having trouble finding buyers, consider signing up to sell at the upcoming Home Show (March 7-9), at BaconFest (March 15) or at one of the other Juneau clubs, Glacier Valley at noon on Wednesdays or Gastineau at 7 a.m. on Thursdays.

Contact Karen Morgan to chip in or ask questions.

## Saying 'hi' to our senator



President Brenda Hewitt welcomes Alaska's senior U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski to our Feb. 18 meeting.

## Calendar

**February:**  
*World Understanding Month*

• **Feb. 25:** Club meeting. Speaker: Laverne Beier.

**March:**  
*Literacy Month*

• **March 1:** Satellite Club organizational meeting, 10 a.m. Elgee Rehfeld Mertz

• **March 4:** Club meeting. Reading day.

• **March 11:** Club meeting.

## Greeters

• **Today:** Louis Bandirola and Mary Becker.

• **Next week:** Mary Lou Gerbi and M'Iva Rickey.

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## Update from the Board

## Literacy Project lifted up, satellite club in sight

The Rotary Club of Juneau's Board of Directors met Wednesday at Wells Fargo Bank. Here are some highlights from that meeting:

- **Opening Doors Through Literacy:** Juneau's Capital Idea got a nice boost from U. S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski and coverage by the Juneau Empire. Radio spots started this last week on both KTOO and the Juneau Radio Center Stations. If you would like to put a project poster one up at your business, please grab one at the next meeting.

- **The Satellite Club formation group** will meet Saturday, March 1 at Elgee Rehfeld Mertz to discuss what a Satellite Club of Rotary Club of Juneau could look like. Right now it is focused on parents with young children that can't meet at our normal Tuesday lunchtime and want to include their children in Rotarian service project and ideals. Mindy Kissner is leading this group.

- **The Rotary Club of Juneau** is helping to sponsor a ribbon cutting for the Robert Boochever United States Courthouse at 3 p.m. on

Monday, March 3 at 709 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Juneau.

Besides being an active Rotarian, Boochever served as Alaska's Chief Justice for three years before becoming the first Alaskan appointed to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals.

Remember to bring your identification to get through security.

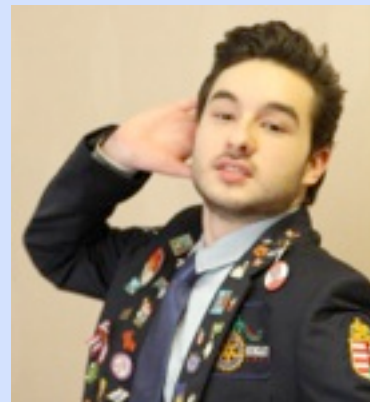
- **Membership:** Two new members were proposed and voted on: Millie Ryan from REACH and Dru Fenster from Spectrum Communications.

- **President-elect's report:** Karen Morgan said PETS training was awesome. She got our theme pins for next year and we have an opportunity to pick up a second youth exchange student if we can find more host families. Morgan will review with Caitlyn McLaughlin and the Youth Service Committee.

- **Youth Services Report:** Youth Services is looking for more host families for next year's female exchange student.

- A new Rotaract liaison is needed.

## Toe tappin' times with Tomi



Our inbound, Tomi Katona, shows off his good side. To see all of Tomi's facets, make sure to plan some awesome events for your time with him.

- **Week of Mar. 3:** Robert Rehfeld and Dennis Egan.

- **Week of Mar. 10:** Richard Knapp and David Wetzel.

- **Week of Mar. 17:** Rich Stone and Cori Mills.

- **Week of Mar. 24:** Peter Jurasz and Clark Gruening.

- **Week of Mar. 31:** Pam Halloran and Charles Ward.

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brown bears in study areas on Admiralty and Chichagof Islands and on the mainland from Misty Fiords National Monument to the south and up to Yakutat and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park Preserve to the north. In his career Beier has amassed nearly

1,000 bear captures in the rainforests of Southeast Alaska.

Beier also has a keen interest in the history of the fish and wildlife resources in Southeast Alaska. Because of this he is recognized among his peers as a wildlife historian.

To compliment his interest in Alaska's fish and wildlife history he owns and has restored the retired Bristol Bay cannery tender Sultana. Built in 1937 by the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, he believes the Sultana is the last existing Bristol Bay Monkey Boat.