







### **JULY 2, 2014**

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UPCOMING **PROGRAMS GATHER-**

July 2 **Board Meeting** 5pm

Wells Fargo (Downtown)

**July 8** Weekly Meeting Assembly

July 15: Weekly Meeting **DG Dick Sutliff** 

July 17 **Shelter Box Presentation** Nancy Dodge **Noon/The Baranof** 

July 19 **ROWDY ROTARY** REUNION **Noon/Sandy Beach** 





This Week's Program:

## **Ben Cort SAM: Smart Approach to Marijuana**

Aside from frequent speaking engagements in the community, Ben Cort built his career outside of the substance abuse industry. Until 2007 he was a HR Director at an S&P 500 firm, which he left to help start the Colorado-based nonprofit, Phoenix Multisport (PM).

PM, as its website notes, "...fosters a supportive, physically active community for individuals who are recovering from alcohol and substance abuse and those who choose to live a sober life. Through pursuits such as climbing, hiking, running, strength training, yoga, road/ mountain biking, socials and other activities, ... our members develop and maintain the emotional strength they need to stay sober." As an original board member and then its first full time employee, Mr. Cort was instrumental in building the organization which receives frequent national recognition for innovative approaches to building sober communities around sports and healthy activities. While with PM, Mr. Cort worked extensively with the treatment and therapy communities as an advisor, a member of clinical teams, frequent speaker, liaison, etc.

Mr. Cort left PM in 2012 to work against Colorado's Amendment 64, the ballot initiative for the legalization of recreational marijuana use. A frequent presenter and debater on the subject, Ben was well-respected by both sides because of his fair, patient and informed approach.

Following the campaign, he joined the drug policy conversation at the national level. He is currently a junior fellow at the University of Florida's Drug Policy Institute, and serves on the boards of both the Denver-based Stout Street Foundation and Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana). He also leads the business development team for CeDAR, a residential addiction and co-occurring disorders treatment center located in Aurora, CO and is part of the University of Colorado Health System.





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# Rotary Club of Juneau Club News

### ROTARY CLUB OF JUNEAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014-15

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The Glacier Valley Club will kick-off its annual **Rubber Duck Fundraiser** this month for the August 16th "floating of the ducks" at Twin Lakes. The Big Duck himself (herself?) will be part of the GVC's parade entry, which we've been invited to join. Ask President Karen for more information.

Speaking of "kick-offs," President Karen will be kicking off her Rotary year today. Note the new theme, **Light Up Rotary** and learn more about it and all things Rotary on rotary.org (or just google *Rotary Themes*...)

Tomorrow will also be the **first board meeting** of the year. On the agenda will be reports from each committee, as well as various actions and updates. If you want to learn more, why not

come to the Wells Fargo Boardroom (downtown) at 5pm tomorrow evening? Not only is it a make-up, but there's usually great conversations, great ideas... and great snacks!

**DG Dick Sutliff** is coming to Juneau! Among the many things on his "to do" list while he's here are speaking to our club at our weekly meeting on the 15th and joining in the fun and fellowship of the Rowdy Rotary Reunion. (DG Dick holds the highest office in our district, 5010.)

Two more important items — Alaska's ShelterBox Ambassador Nancy Dodge and the Rowdy Rotary Reunion. You'll learn more about ShelterBox and Nancy's commitment to the program by coming to hear her speak at the Baranof at noon on July 17th (\$18/person, includes tip). She is passionate about ShelterBox. In just the first six months of her ambassadorship, which began in March of 2013, she held more than 19 fundraisers and events, seven of which were in Alaska.)



Two days later, join your fellow Rotarians, families and friends for this year's **Rowdy Rotary Reunion** beginning at noon on July 19th. his year's is being coordinated for our club by Millie Ryan who is handling this for our club and can give you all the particulars! Special thanks to J Allan, for this photo of Rowdy Rotary Revilers and all the others on the preceding page. [Savikko Park/Shelter #2)



**District Leadership Academy Dean Diane Fejes** is looking for a few more students for this year's Leadership Academy. Ask President Karen or the other graduates (Warren, Ann, Sharon) about it, if you'd like to know more... or just visit: district5010leadershipacademy.org for more information.

Finally, mark your calendars now for the third annual CAPITAL BREWFEST on September 13th at the JACC.

