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UPCOMING

August 5
Weekly Meeting:
Andrea Hirsh -
Juneau Votes

September 18
Cruise Ship
Luncheon

GREETERS

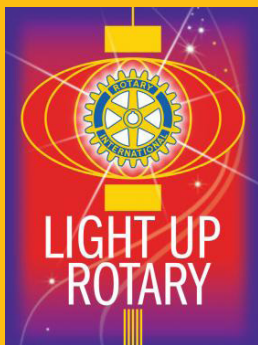
July 29
Mary Lou Gerbi
Aaron Morrison

August 5
Mary Siroky
Marsha Smith

August 12
Barbara Propes
Barbara Sheinberg



2014-2015 Rotary
International Theme:



This Week's Program: Kara Nelson - Haven House



Kara Nelson is a life long Alaskan resident, born in Ketchikan in 1974. She grew up in various logging camps all over Southeast Alaska until returning to Ketchikan during her high school years. Over the next 20 years, the disease of addiction started unraveling and completely derailed her life when eventually getting 2 Felony drug charges at 32 years old. Kara has spent several years in Alaska's prisons, institutions, years on felony probation and various state programs. By the Grace of God, today she is thriving in the solution and sharing her gift of recovery with others.

Kara served on the board of Haven House for two years prior to being hired as co-director last year. Haven House has been a natural fit for her; she described it as "where purpose and passion collided". In 2013, twenty

years after she started, she earned her Associate's of Arts degree at UAS. She serves on the Executive Committee for the Juneau Reentry Coalition and is the Chairperson for the Peer Support Committee. She is a founding member of the Juneau Recovery Community Organization (JRCO), a grassroots movement focusing on the solution, Recovery. Some key priorities of the JRCO is speaking out as voices and faces of recovery and reentry, providing public education and awareness, essential to change the entrenched societal stigmas placed on people in recovery and reentry for far too long. Peers provide lived experience to advocate and change policy during legislative session and are dedicated in creating peer based recovery/reentry supports and activities. Kara is a proud mother of three teenagers, loves to pursue fitness and is committed to giving back to her community.

More information on Haven House online at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Haven-House-Juneau/618969851463649>

Recap of Last Meeting

July 22 we learned a great deal about our Juneau Police force, its work within our community, their recruitment needs and the practical realities of serving as the front line of safety across our vast city and borough. Thanks to JPD for all they do every day (think of the officers working holidays) and special thanks to Chief Johnson for coming to speak before our club...



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Rotary Spotlight - Polio's Retreat



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The Swat Valley of northern Pakistan, in the highlands between Kashmir and the Khyber Pass, was once a lush, peaceful place. It was ruled by Miangul Abdul Haq Jahanzeb – the Wali, or absolute monarch, of Swat. A modernizer, the Wali built schools for his subjects – girls as well as boys – and toured remote regions where no one had ever seen an automobile. On one trip, the villagers tried to feed hay to his Cadillac. Zebu Jilani recalls the land of her childhood: “A beautiful, pristine place where mountains climbed to the clouds. People called it the real Shangri-La.” The Wali was her grandfather. Princess Zebu, as Swatis still refer to her, recalls playing with shiny rocks that resembled chunks of green glass. “They were emeralds from my family’s mines.” Then, in 1969, Swat relinquished its sovereignty to the government of Pakistan. So began a 40-year period of decline that led to the rise of the Taliban in 2008. For two years, the people of Swat endured a reign of terror as the Taliban imposed their brutal version of Islamic law. They rounded up political opponents, beheaded some and flogged others. They held public executions, beat women, blew up schools.

As photojournalist Allison Kwesell walks through the narrow streets of an Indian village, familiarity sets in. She visited here four years ago, when she first met Samir and his family. He was two years old then and had recently contracted polio.

Meet some of the last children in India who will ever know what it's like to have polio. Southeast Asia has been certified polio-free.

Kwesell approaches the front porch of a home when she hears an older woman yelling, “Samir! Samir!” She runs toward the voice, wondering if she’ll recognize the boy. She sees six children playing chase on the dry earth, the dirt forming clouds around their feet. From afar she notices a young boy, not unlike the other barefoot children in the backyard overlooking patches of farmland, except for his slight limp. She moves closer and the children pause, half encircled around the boy. Kwesell recognizes him by his eyes. Samir is six years old now, and with the help of physical therapy, he can run and play with the rest of the kids in his village on the outskirts of Moradabad.

Samir is one of the last children in India to contract polio. In March, the World Health Organization announced that its Southeast Asia region is officially polio-free. The certification came on the heels of India’s successful fight against the disease: It celebrated three years without polio in January.

Read the rest of the story online at <http://therotarianmagazine.com/polios-retreat/>

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