



Rotary Club of Juneau - Downtown

# The Windjammer

JULY 31, 2012

## Today's Program:

### LIBBY RIDDLES —



The first month of the Rotary year ends with today's meeting. August is

Membership Month. Start thinking about someone you might like to introduce to Rotary!

#### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 7: Lisa Weissler speaking on behalf of the Sea Party and the Coastal Zone Management Initiative

August 14: Larry Johansen, author, Alexander Eighteen

August 21: Kurt Fredriksson, speaking in opposition to the Coastal Zone Management Initiative.

August 29: Roger Grummett, The Empty Chairs Project

SAFE THE DATE(S): Greenhouse Build, LCCC, 9AM (unless otherwise notified)

July 31: Brewfest Planning Committee, 5:15PM Prospector

August 18: Rowdy Rotary Reunion — Cope Park — noon to 4pm

August 26: Jerusalem Rotarians in Capital City for the day. More information forthcoming.

September 15: First-ever Capital City Brewfest

September 30: New Generations International Potluck

#### GREETERS

July 31: Holly Cox, Armando "I'm a new Dad" DeGuzman

August 7: Denny DeWitt and Bob Didier

#### LIBBY DID IT!"

This was the headline plastered across the front page of the *Anchorage Times*.

On Wednesday, March 20, 1985, Libby Riddles made history. She became the first woman to win the grueling 1,049-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race, after a daring move across Norton Sound in a deadly blizzard.

The feat captured the attention of the nation. She soon appeared in magazines of all kinds - from **Sports Illustrated** to **Vogue**, as well as numerous newspapers around the world.

In addition to her victory, she was named the "1985 Sports-woman of the Year" by the Women's Sports Foundation and honored by the Iditarod veterinarians with the 1985 Leonhard Seppala Humanitarian Award for her humane treatment of her dogs.

Today, Riddles continues to breed and train sled dogs and when she's not training, she's promoting her favorite sport, inspiring others at speaking engagements, or writing. Riddles now has three books out, "Race Across Alaska", "Danger the Dog Yard Cat", and "Storm Run."

In the spring of 1993, she was hired as the Sled Dog Coordinator for the Steven Segal movie, "On Deadly Ground" which was filmed in Alaska. This added to her already extensive television and film experiences which has involved working with ABC, HBO, ESPN, NFL films and the local Alaska television stations.

Riddles was born in Madison Wisconsin. She grew up in Washington State and Minnesota, and moved to Alaska at age 16. She homesteaded in a remote area of western Alaska, and lived for six years in an Inupiat village in Northern Alaska.

Her love of animals evolved into a recreational interest in sled dogs, and later, a passion for sled dog racing and a monumental victory in the Iditarod, the "Last Great Race On Earth."

Libby currently lives in Homer, Alaska, and has a kennel of 28 sled dogs. After three summers in Juneau developing the number one rated heli-mushing tour she is now one of the main lecturers for Princess Cruises, spreading the word about Dog Mushing.



## COMMITTEE UPDATES

**A reminder from project coordinator Wayne Jensen:** The Greenhouse Build at Lemon Creek will take place every Saturday morning at 9AM until further notice. (Weather cancellations will be sent out on Friday afternoons.) Be a part of this special project... and remember, it's a make-up!

**From Andy Mills:** Brewfest's next planning meeting is Tuesday, July 31 at T.K. Maguire's in the Prospector Hotel. Not able to attend? Let Andy Mills know you'd still like to be a part of the committee.

And **Sandy Fortier's** gentle reminder regarding August greeters:

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**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**

It'll be softball and sodas... barbecued burgers, dogs and beer...friendly competition and fellowship when Rotarians and Rotaractors gather for the Rowdy Rotary Reunion on Saturday, August 18th. The annual gathering of Juneau's Rotaract and three Rotary clubs will be held at Cope Park from noon to 4pm, with each club contributing a softball team, food & drink. The Gastineau Club will bring the burgers and hot dogs, the Valley Club salads and sides, and our club will be responsible for desserts -- and beer!



Contact John Blasco, who is organizing the softball team for our club, if you're interested in playing ball. You can also get ahold of Vice President Brenda Hewitt, who is our club's picnic coordinator.

**SAY CHEESE...**

Have you joined the "Build Team" yet? Every Saturday at 9am at LCCC — until it's done!



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