



# THE WINDJAMMER

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## UPCOMING

**August 19**

Cathy Connor:  
UAS - Ancient  
Wood emerging  
from Mendenhall  
Glacier

**August 26**

Rebecca Parks:  
JEDC - STEM  
program.

**September 2**

U.S. Senator Begich:  
What is (or is not)  
going in in DC

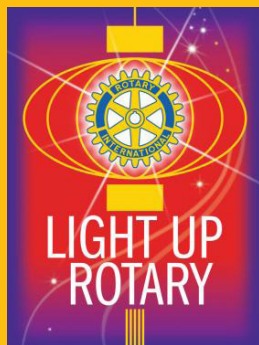
## GREETERS

**August 12**

Barbara Propes  
Barbara Sheinberg



2014-2015 Rotary  
International Theme:



## This Week's Program:

# Mary Willson - Ecological Connections at the Mendenhall Glacier

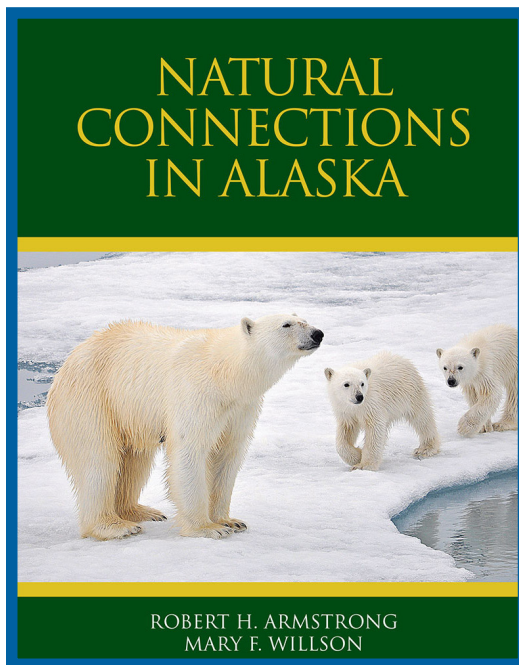


Mary graduated from Grinnell College with a B. A.; then University of Washington where she earned her PhD. She taught for 25 years at University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (natural history, ecology, evolution, behavior, population biology etc.)

Mary has lived in Juneau 25 years, doing research on bear/salmon interactions, nesting bird biology, ecology of some understory plants, American Dippers, and endangered Chilean forest birds.

She has over 200 scientific publications and several amazing books - excerpts from which she will be covering today in her presentation "Connections at the Mendenhall Glacier."

*You can find a list of Mary's books available locally at Hearthside by visiting:*  
<https://www.hearthsidebooks.com/localauthors/323151>



## Recap of Last Meeting

Robert Barr and Teri Tibbett from Juneau Votes gave us a great presentation on the declining trend of voters getting to the polls on election days. Be engaged on the issues, and where your candidates for elected office stand on the issues that are important to you. Most importantly, encourage the folks in your friends and family to VOTE!



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## TOP to TOP: GLOBAL CLIMATE EXPEDITION ARRIVES IN JUNEAU

The Swiss family Schworer are in Juneau and will be hosted by the Juneau Yacht Club for a presentation on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 PM. Soft drinks and snacks will be available.

The family of six includes four children under the age of 10 years, all of whom were born on the expedition which has circled the Earth. Dario Schworer has recently climbed Mt. McKinley and has also climbed Mt. Everest in Nepal, Mt. Chimborazzo in Ecuador, and Mauna Kea in Hawaii. The expedition will achieve a world record by being the first to travel all climate zones—over the seven seas to the seven summits- using only Nature's power.

Top to Top Global Climate Expedition began in 2002, and is a non-profit organization of volunteers from 47 nations, based in Switzerland, under the patronage of the United Nations Environment Program and the Swiss Government. The family will discuss their sailing experiences of the past 12 years and the challenges of sailing around the world on their yacht, Pachamama (Incan word for "Mother Earth").

*More information on the Schworer family online at <http://www.toptotop.org/>*

## Rotary Spotlight - Mobility for All

*Ayuba Burki Gufwan, a polio survivor and member of Rotary, founded Beautiful Gate, an organization that makes wheelchairs for Nigerian polio survivors.*



In Africa, every name has a meaning. So when polio paralyzed a young Ayuba Gufwan, a friend of his father gave him the nickname "Burki," which means "to apply the brakes." It signified the impact his family thought the disease would have on his life: "They said, 'This boy would have been a great child, but this polio has put a brake on his success,'" Gufwan recalls. But they were wrong. The turning point came at age 19, when his uncle built him a tricycle wheelchair. "It restored my hope, my dignity, and put me on the path of progress once again," he says. Gufwan – whose father had pulled him out of primary school because he considered education to be a waste of resources for a child with a disability – returned to school and went on to pursue a law degree. Some of his classes were on upper floors, and he had to crawl up the stairs. Recognizing that mobility is a top priority for people with disabilities, he began making wheelchairs. With the help of a retired American pastor, Gufwan, a member of the Rotary Club of Naraguta, Nigeria, launched the Beautiful Gate Handicapped People Center in 1999. Ten years later, after Rotarian volunteers visited his shop on a National Immunization Day, a pair of grants from The Rotary Foundation involving 24 clubs on five continents helped the organization build and distribute more than 6,000 wheelchairs in Nigeria and neighboring countries.

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*Video of Gufwan on online: <http://therotarianmagazine.com/mobility-for-all/>*

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