



# THE WINDJAMMER

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## UPCOMING

**September 2**  
U.S. Senator Begich:  
What is (or is not)  
going in in DC

**September 13**  
Capital Brewfest

**September 18**  
Cruise Ship  
Luncheon

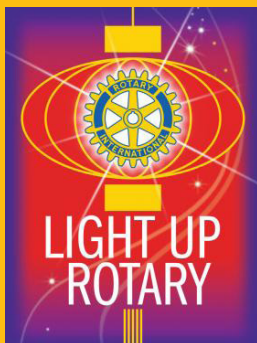
## GREETERS

**August 26**  
Mary Becker  
Luke Fanning

**September 2**  
Dru Fenster  
Warren Russell



2014-2015 Rotary  
International Theme:



## This Week's Program:

# Rebecca Parks (JEDC) - STEM Program

Born in September 1979, Rebecca Parks was raised in Princeton, New Jersey.

Becca has a passion for community involvement in education that creates real-world opportunities for students to engage in learning. She regularly teaches Juneau Girl Scouts, coordinates science camps, organized "Girls Rock Science!" and leads other community science events designed to introduce STEM programs and careers to students. Her primary role at JEDC is directing Alaska's FIRST Robotics program where she has built the statewide program to include over 200 teams and 400 volunteers.



Becca earned her MA in Secondary Science Education and BA in Environmental Science from Columbia University and went on to teach middle-school science at an inner-city public school and work for a variety of nonprofit organizations.

She is now an integral part of JEDC's STEM AK programming on the local, regional and statewide level. Beyond FIRST Robotics, she develops and executes enrichment activities, professional development opportunities, helps facilitate Technology Transfer partnerships and is an enthusiastic advocate for STEM education.

Visit the Juneau Economic Development Council online at <http://www.jedc.org/>

## Recap of Last Meeting



Cathy Connor, retired Geology Professor from the University of Alaska Southeast, presented on her studies on emerging wood from the Mendenhall Glacier.

We also took a moment of silence to remember our recently departed friend, Lloyd Johnson, who passed on August 16 at his home from a long battle with ALS.

Rotarians and friends joined the Johnson family in the ALS Ice Water Challenge Saturday to remember Lloyd and raise funds for a cure.

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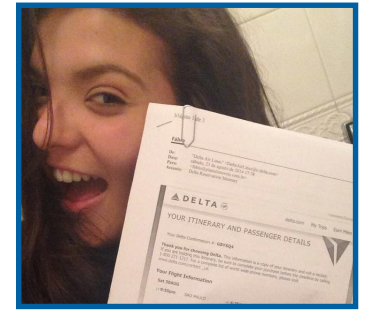
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Caitlyn McLaughlin  
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**Vocational Service**  
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## Get Ready for Fabiana!

Fabiana Ferraz, our new inbound exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil, is coming to Juneau this Sunday, August 31 at 2:25pm (Delta flight #8994). Join the welcome party at the airport! Contact Caitlyn McLaughlin if you have any questions



## Rotary Reminders:

### Capital Brewfest is September 13

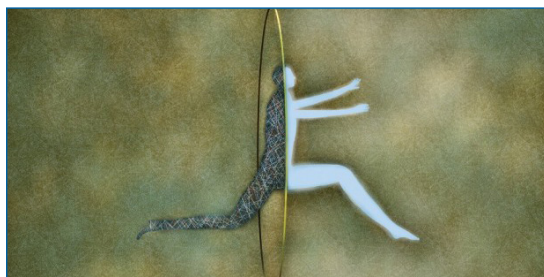
Buy your tickets to day, sign up for an activity at the event and get ready for the 3rd Annual Capital Brewfest this coming September 13 from 1PM to 5PM. Volunteers on the day of the event make it all happen! We have live music ready for the event, we have food vendors (someone new this year too), and we have more brewers than previous years. Visit [www.CapBrewFest.com](http://www.CapBrewFest.com) for tickets and info.

### Nominations for Vocational Service Awards are open.

Please consider nominating someone in the Juneau community (not a member of our club or a close relative) who is making a difference in the spirit of Service Above Self. There are four award categories: Public Sector Programs; Non Profit Programs; Business/Employer Contributions; Individual Contributions. Nominate as many as you think are deserving of recognition. Information, forms, and a list of past recipients are at [www.juneaurotary.org](http://www.juneaurotary.org) Submit nominations to [sallysmith@mac.com](mailto:sallysmith@mac.com) by Friday, September 26.

## Spotlight - Culture: Beyond Borders

*Exchange programs make the world more peaceful, one student at a time.*



Mara Egherman, a college librarian, was sitting at her desk when she saw an email pop up: Ryan Ahmad, a Muslim exchange student in Iowa from the Philippines, needed a place to stay. There had been trouble at his school, and he'd been beaten up by a fellow exchange student.

Egherman flashed back to her 16-year-old self, alone in a foreign country. "I knew I had to take this kid in," she says. As a high school student, Egherman had applied for an exchange program in South Africa. But after arriving in Johannesburg in 1982, she discovered that her host family had racial notions that dovetailed with those of the apartheid regime. Egherman was forbidden from speaking to the help. The family considered Nelson Mandela (then still in prison) a terrorist. And they kept a cache of weapons in a closet for protection. For a teenager from the Midwest, this was disorienting – and eye-opening. Egherman saw people being treated in ways she'd never imagined.

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Read the full story in *Rotarian Magazine* online at <http://therotarianmagazine.com/culture-beyond-borders/>

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