



THE WINDJAMMER

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UPCOMING

September 13
Capital Brewfest

September 16
Dr. Jill Geering
Matheson

September 18
Cruise Ship
Luncheon

September 23
Mark Miller, JSD
Superintendent

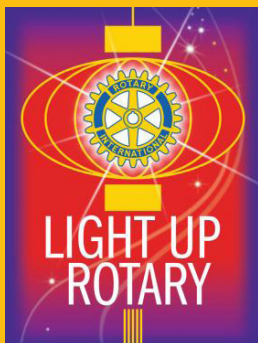
GREETERS

September 9
Millie Ryan
Scott Fischer

September 16
James Alter
Doug Gardner



2014-2015 Rotary
International Theme:



This Week's Program:



Susan Edwardson - Native Language Revitalization

Susie Lee Edwardson is an Economic Development Specialist at Tlingit Haida Central Council.

She graduated from the University of Alaska Southeast in 2014 after studying Alaska Native Studies and Business Administration.

Susan created the Haida Language Learners, a Facebook Community that brings together Haida people and content. This group creates videos, flashcards, online events, and post when and where classes are with the overall goal of connecting as many Haida language learners to the information they need to learn.

Visit *Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council)* online at <http://www.ccthita.org/>

Recap of Last Meeting

Our featured speaker was Senator Mark Begich who gave an overview of what is happening in Congress during the recess and what issues he is addressing in his work in Washington, DC on behalf of Alaskans. He spoke of education and the ESA (No Child Left Behind) and how the uniqueness of Alaska is a challenge with a cookie-cutter approach; health care reform and the effects of the expansion of Medicare; the importance of hydropower interties in Southeast Alaska where there is a surplus of hydropower that could be sold as a commodity if SE were connected to the grid along with Canada and the Lower 48. He spoke of his proposal for IRS reform, closing corporate loopholes and creating a single-page tax return form. He discussed the effects of the Roadless Rule in the Tongass. And he reported on the good work that has been done to help Veterans receive services in Alaska through local healthcare facilities, improving backlogs and speeding services to those in veterans in need.



For more information on Senator Begich's activities or to contact his office go to his congressional page at <http://www.begich.senate.gov/>

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Fabiana in Alaska!



Brush up! On your Portuguese -- Our inbound exchange student, Fabiana from Brazil, has arrived and attended her first day of classes and her first Rotary meeting all on Tuesday. She said she is happy with her classes and we all look forward to spending more time with Fabi. Give her a warm welcome to Juneau: ;Bem-vindo ao Juneau!

Will Blanc in Indonesia!



Rotary Reminders:

September 12 is the Brewer's dinner for Brewfest at the downtown restaurant Salt. There may still be a few seats left and tickets are \$75. Invite a friend and a designated driver and make a night of it! Then our **3rd Annual Capital Brewfest** is September 13 from 1PM to 5PM. Volunteers on the day of the event make it all happen! www.CapBrewFest.com for tickets and the latest event info. Ask John Blasco for details.

Submit! --your nominations, that is. Rotary is about "Service Above Self" and recognizing it in others. Think outside the box (Rotarians in the room) and identify those who make a difference in our community. September 26 is the deadline to submit your nominations for Business, Nonprofit, Public Sector, and Individual awards to Millie, Wayne, Armando, or Sally (Smith).

Service Thumbs Up: Time is running short to get that feel good feeling from nominating others for recognition of their community service. Don't wait until the last minute (Sept. 26); do it now! Your ideas are needed. Nomination forms are on the tables and on the website on the lower right side of the page. Contact Sally Smith <sallysmith@mac.com> or Millie Ryan <mryan@reachak.org>. The committee want to hear from you!

Pay up! Remember it's time to pay your Rotary club dues. Get in touch with Treasurer Armando Deguzman if you owe -- you can also talk with him about a payment plan if you need.

ROTARIAN: Back to Business

If a sense of hope is what you're looking for, most people would tell you to avoid inner-city Detroit in the dead of winter. But here I am, driving through the city's east side on a leaden December day in the wake of the largest municipal bankruptcy in our nation's history, searching for signs of life. Heading down Mt. Elliott Avenue, past the ruins of the old Packard plant, past snow-covered fields where homes once existed, past abandoned storefronts and fences looped with razor wire, hope isn't the word that comes to mind. This was once a vibrant neighborhood. At its center stood that Packard plant, 40 acres of factory filled with 30,000 workers making cars for the luxury market...



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