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From the President's Desk:



Merry Christmas to all of our members, employees, family and friends!

I will continue to occupy the President's chair for another one year term, with the great hope of moving out of it a year from now.

In the meantime, I am grateful to have a great Board of Directors and Executive Committee members at your service along

with me!

Denise has been working hard on the gathering of information and pictures for the 2009 Island Guide. Look for an update in this edition.

We gained 17 new members but lost more due to a variety of circumstances. We suffer a net loss of 12 from a comparable time last year.

There are a great many activities on the December calendars of all the communities. Be sure to check the Chamber website calendar, and give Denise any dates and information that could be added there to make it more complete.

Denise will be heading for Colorado and a meeting with her new granddaughter. She will be gone from the 13th of December to mid January. Please contact her before she leaves if you need anything. Board members will check the mail, pay the bills and return calls while she is out of the office. You have all of our email contacts on this page, so please contact any of us if a need arises during that time. Denise will take the laptop with her and keep the website updated with any changes that the membership needs.

Want to save some money on your car insurance? AARP is putting on a driver's safety class on December 6th from 10 to 4PM. Cost is \$10 and the insurance savings could be tenfold. Consult the Chamber calendar for more information. Just click on the event on the 6th of December to bring up the pertinent details.

Remember to share your news with me so I can pass it along in these pages!



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1. Website factoids for the month of **NOVEMBER**

NOVEMBER's web hits through NOVEMBER 28TH were **341,522!** NOVEMBER'S total visits were **10,660.** Behind the **USA, Russian Federation, Germany and Japan** were the countries with the most visitors. **Monday** was the most active day, and **11 to noon** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with about 82 percent!

2. Chamber POWer Sponsors for DECEMBER Edition—*The following businesses have paid for advertising in this spot and help the Chamber cover the costs of mailing and maintaining our email account and website. The editor shuffles the ad locations each month at random. To become a sponsor and have your information appear here each month or for certain months of the year, call the Chamber office. All 10 of this year's current sponsors are located here this month. We thank them for their support of this newsletter.*

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www.clearycomputerservices.com / P.O. Box 109, Klawock AK 99925-- Repairs, installations, Internet, networks and servers, Windows XP & Vista, navigation software. Security software and most replacement parts in stock. Pick-up, drop-off, or on-site service available. 25 years' experience; work guaranteed.

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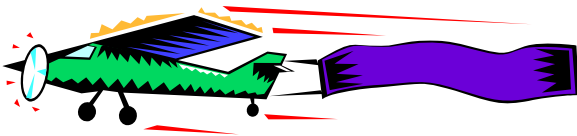
First Bank – Craig / 907-826-3254 / fax 907-826-3910 / www.firstbankak.com / Lynnette Logan, manager. A full service community bank offering checking, savings and time deposit accounts; consumer, commercial, construction, and home loans; and online banking services. ATMs located at First Bank and at West Wind Plaza in Craig.



Arrowhead Transfer, Inc—Craig/ 826-3419/Mike Zellhuber, manager/www.shipaml.com/Local and Long distance hauling and moving. Agent for Alaska Marine Lines weekly barge, heated mini storage. Packing cartons for sale

Black Bear Store—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Sandra and Elvin Scott, Owners/otis@aptalaska.net / Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

Diversified Investments & Insurance – Ketchikan/ 907-225-9805 / Angela C Salazar, CFP & Associates / Health & Life Insurance and Financial Advisory Services – Securities sold through KMS Financial Services, Inc. We have been serving Alaskan's needs since 1980.



The Healing Touch Massage Craig and Klawock / 907-530-7080 / cell 775-842-7758 Therapeutic, Swedish, hot stone, chair massage. Paraffin foot & hand therapeutic treatment. Trigger point/ deep tissue, sports massage. By appointment. Outcall to local lodges is available with notice.

Coffman Cove Charters Coffman Cove / 907-329-2044 / 503-377-2505 /lee@coffmancovecharters.com / www.coffmancovecharters.com Fish halibut, salmon and bottomfish with Capt. Lee Harper. Walk-ons are welcome, but reservations are encouraged. Call now to reserve your place in the boat. We'll see you in Coffman Cove this summer

Birds Eye View Bed & Breakfast Craig / 907-826-5987 / Cell 907-401-0383 / P.O. Box 383, Craig, AK 99921 Located in downtown Craig. Situated on a hill, one can take in the ocean's activity from the panoramic view. It is presently set up for singles or a couple. Alaskan decor, quiet atmosphere, non-smoking. Private bathroom, TV. Ample parking. Breakfast included. Sack lunch available on request.

3. Chamber Elections

The current list of Board members on the front page will let you know the results of our general election as well as our Executive Committee that was voted in at our November meeting. We already lost a board member so we are still one short. We are looking for any interested member to serve for a one year or two year term. We would especially like to add a Board representative from our members in Thorne Bay, Coffman Cove, Naukati or Whale Pass. Please let the office know if you are interested. The president will make an appointment with Board approval. Both the pay and the experience are priceless!

4. DECEMBER 2008 BOARD WORK SESSION

The Board will have an annual work session on Sunday, December 14th. New board members will have an opportunity to review the program of work and meet in an informal setting to decide what the 2009 Calendar of events might look like. New officers will familiarize themselves with the duties and responsibilities of their positions. Committee work will be reviewed and goals set.

If you would like to pass along any suggestions, please contact any of the board members with your ideas and they can be discussed at this meeting.



5. ISLAND GRIND ON DECEMBER 6TH: POLAR EXPRESS

Saturday, December 6th is the day, 7PM is the time, and the Craig High School auditorium is the place. Performers include the Bear Mountain Bluegrass Band, the River People Band, and the open mic and jam session!

Bring a Children's Christmas gift for the Moose Christmas Drive and get in free. Or enter the Homemade Dessert Contest and get in free.

Buy tickets in advance at the Voyageur Bookstore or at the door! Admission cost is Adults \$5, Students \$3, Children ages 6 & under \$1, and Seniors \$3 (ages 60+). Remember that your ticket proceeds will help fund scholarships to send local youth to next summer's Fine Arts Camp in Sitka.

Volunteers to support the show are welcome. Entertainers interested in performing should call John Bruns or Sally Burch at 755-8899 for more information.

6. BUSINESS HAPPENINGS AND TIDBITS

- The Silver Bay Seafood plant in Craig is under construction, with the steel to arrive during the first half of December.
- First Bank will begin the construction of their new facility in early 2009. Craig Branch Manager Lynnette Logan reports that the building will feature a drive up window.
- The Coffman Cove School is scheduled for completion within the next couple months, with a move in slated during the month of February.
- The Craig Clinic is out to bid, with the bid opening scheduled for December 18th.
- The Hatchery had a successful egg take to help keep healthy runs of salmon alive for our benefit. A better than normal Cost Recovery will help the Hatchery meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal period.
- The Klawock Senior Housing facility held its Grand Opening on November 18th and the residents are moving back into their newly refurbished or brand new rooms. Seniors are still being served lunch at St. John's Catholic Church until the kitchen is ready.
- Santa Claus will be visiting the Village Marketplace from 12 to 2PM on Saturday, December 20th. It is located in the Thibodeau Mall in Craig. A photo opportunity with the kids!
- The Hollis Heliport is nearing completion.
- Chamber member Jan Stevens has now taken over the duties as the Postmaster of the Klawock station! Welcome home, Jan!

7. Welcome to our New Members.

The Chamber welcomes our 17 new members. Thank you for your valuable support of our island community. You can get all the information about these and all our members by reviewing the Business Directory section of the 2009 Island Guide, coming your way soon.

Taat's Art/Designs
Welchman Longbow Cabin
Thorne Bay Boat Works
Mia Bella's Gourmet Candles
Gregg's Hunting and Fishing
Room With A View

Edna Bay Community

Alaska Laser Maid
Beachcomber B & B
Craig School District
Sunnahae Arts Council
POWCAC
Inside Passage Integrated
Control Systems
Prince of Wales Redy Mix

8. Island Guide Update

The Chamber office is receiving the first of many drafts to begin the process of proofreading the entire 2009 publication before it is put to bed. The Business Directory listings will be the first section to be gone over several times with several pairs of eyes. Once we weed out the obvious errors, the directory section will be emailed as a PDF document to all our members so that you can personally check for your listings and alert us to any errors in your information. This period of time in the production cycle of this publication is all about accuracy, and your help and attention to the details is appreciated.

The Chamber will accept a bid from Journal Graphics in Portland, Oregon for the printing of the 20,000 copies of the 2009 Guide. Our members will be able to request boxes to be shipped UPS to any lower 48 destinations. The Chamber will invoice for the shipping costs. If you want boxes shipped for you out of Portland, please email your name and physical address to Jan Bush at belle@aptalaska.net. At this time we don't have the quantity of Guides per box. That information will be available shortly. (Last year this quantity=100)

9. POWCAC meeting report

The Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council held a meeting at the Klawock City Council Chambers on Tuesday, November 18th. It was a well attended meeting with an interesting agenda. An update on the appeal of the LBC decision was shared, as well as an update on the POW Health Network.

A discussion was held about IFA issues recently made public in the newspaper. Lisa Lang gave a report on the Reynold's Creek Hydro project.

Ron Wolfe was present from Sealaska to give a report on the pending Sealaska Legislation in Congress.

Cliff Hanson of UCore Uranium gave a fascinating power point presentation on the Bokan Mountain Exploration Activities in the Kendrick Bay area. POWCAC looks forward to further updates on the exploration of the rare earth elements found in this location. Remember the periodic table of elements you learned in Chemistry class? There was a line of elements we didn't have to learn because they were so rare....guess which island in Alaska has them underground?

The Chamber will host the next meeting on Tuesday, January 27th. It will begin with a lunch at 12 noon, followed by the meeting at 1PM. It will be held at the Parish Hall at St. John's Catholic Church in Klawock.

10. Passing along a THANK YOU from member TBBA

A Big Thank YOU to the businesses and friends that donated items for the annual **Thorne Bay Business Association Silent Auction** at the November 22nd Christmas Bazaar in Thorne Bay. Thank you also to the many bidders on the items. We took the auction to the next level by emailing a list of the items available and taking bids over a cell phone! We will add that idea to our plans for next year to give those that can't make it in an opportunity to help us out.

As a non profit organization interested in bettering the community, The Thorne Bay Association will use the money, from this once a year fund raiser, to support their many activities. Activities include the Holiday Lighting Contest, the Christmas Decorations and Summer Banners on the street light poles, an annual scholarship, and the city and highway cleanup programs. The City Map, Web site and Welcome Sign Plaza are also ongoing projects of the association to let people know about our community.

Thank you to the following businesses and individuals for your donations to the auction this year; Adventure Alaska Southeast, Alaska Laser Maid, Alaska Power & Telephone, Alaska's Boardwalk Lodge, Arrowhead LP Gas, B-3 Contractors, Baskets & Bullets, Bayview Fuel & Tire, Cabin Fever Company, Frontier Computer Solutions, Island News, McFarland's Floatel, Pacific Airways, Prince of Wales Gas, Quiet Cove Excursions, Southhaven Guest House, Taquan Air, The Landing at Otter Cove, The Port's Tackle Shack, The Thorne Bay Boat Works, Thorne Bay Market, Tracy's Heavy Equipment & Welding Repair, Uncle Bob (Hartwell), Wellsprings, and associate Julie Anderson.

11. ROPES... Rural Outreach Program for Entrepreneurs

ROPES is a program of the Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development & the Alaska Small Business Development Center.

A ROPES representative is coming to Prince of Wales Island in January and will be available for free one on one business counseling and workshops in the following areas:

- Basic Start-Up Information
- Business Computing (Word, Outlook, Excel)
- Financial Management
- Operations
- Customer Service and Tourism
- E-Commerce
- Energy Efficiency
- Hiring and Retaining Employees
- Legal Concepts, language and general info
- Low-budget marketing
- Tax considerations
- Working with banks
- Writing a business plan

If any of our business members are interested in scheduling a one hour session with Isaac, he will be here on January 14th and 15th. The ROPE toll free number is 1-800-478-7232. Isaac's number is 907-771-4161