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From the President's Desk:

Happy New Year! May this 2010 be a year of prosperity for all of our Chamber members!

The monthly newsletter will be sent out a little later than previous years. As President/Editor, I am going to delay the monthly writing tasks until the first day of the month, and will give myself five days to fit in the time and effort to complete this monthly task. I will aim to have it ready by the 5th day of the month and out to you via email. If it comes out earlier, hurrray!

Please be generous this year with your news by submitting it to the office or emailing it to me, by the last day of the month. I will do the sharing for you and include it in the newsletter!

As you are aware, the 2010 Island Guide is in its proofreading stage. The Business Directory has been reviewed with many hours of letter by letter, number by number scrutiny. Changes by the membership during its "public viewing" added another five pages of notes to our producer.

The Board of Directors has seen the two Island Guide cover layouts and one of them will grace the 2010 Edition with a few adopted modifications. You will have to wait to see whose photography is featured on the cover, and the interesting motif that ties all the components together. The February newsletter will lay out some instructions for giving your photos a better shot at making the cover for the 2011 Guide.

The inside pages of the Guide will be proofed a section at a time, and hopefully by mid-January we will be in the printing process. The lowest bid by Journal Graphics of Portland, Oregon was accepted for the print job. They printed the 2009 Edition as well.

In preparation for the shipping of the Island Guides, if your business needs a box (86+/- to a box this year, about 25 pounds) shipped to a lower 48 address out of Portland, you may contact the office with UPS shipping instructions...do it now. Costs of shipping will be invoiced.

Please pay attention to the article about our January Board Work Session. This is the annual self-audit, evaluation, review, look in the mirror. We seek your input on past, present and future Chamber projects for the purpose of becoming a better Chamber. Please take some time to help us in this important endeavor. All board members are waiting for your input.



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IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!
NEW DEADLINE
IS THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH!

CHAMBER WEBSITE EXPOSURE for the month of **DECEMBER.**

We continue to experience some woes in CyberVille! Hopefully next month we will deliver the 2009 summary to you!

2. Chamber **POWER Sponsors for JANUARY 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 of this month's sponsors are located here this month. We thank them for their support of this newsletter.*

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3. NEW MEMBERS

We thank the following newest member for their support of the Chamber and Prince of Wales Island! Check them out in the Business Directory of the Chamber Website.

Alicia Roberts Medical Center

4. NEW OFFICE HOURS for 2010

**Monday through Friday
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Note: If you are coming into Klawock from afar, please call the office and let Denise know when you expect to be there as there are errands to be run when she will be out of the office for short periods. With the arrival of the 2010 Island Guide, she will be out doing Guide box deliveries, especially during the first few weeks.

5. JANUARY 2010 BOARD WORK SESSION

BOARD SEEKS CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM; KUDOS ACCEPTED TOO!

The Board will meet at the Chamber office on **Sunday, January 17th**, beginning at 2PM and going until the agenda is done! Chamber members are asked to offer their constructive criticism or kudos in order to achieve a complete evaluation of the Chamber's Program of Work. **Please choose a**

Chamber Director from the list on the front page, and email them your feedback about the actions of this past year before the January 17th meeting. Here's some definitions to help you process your thoughts!!!

<p>Main Entry: CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM Part of Speech: NOUN Definition: criticism or advice that is useful and intended to help or improve something, often with an offer of possible solutions</p>

<p>Main Entry: KUDOS Part of Speech: NOUN Definition: Praise given for achievement</p>

What has been your experience with the Chamber? Feedback is sought about any of the Chamber efforts during 2009 which included the following:

- Website: calendar, directory, community profiles, classified ads, etc.
- Monthly Newsletter
- Membership campaign: ***help us with suggestions!! Only 1/3 of our members returned their paperwork by the deadline, and repeated contacts were necessary until November 30th to adequately fund the Chamber for 2010. Result: the Guide is later than desired, and time/extraordinary efforts were consumed in repetitive contacts. How do we solve this in 2010???***
- 2009 Island Guide
- Everyday Hero Awards and Wine and Brew Tasting Event
- Tourism Summit
- Graduate Scholarships
- Marathon Mile Cleanup
- Facilitate Classes for AK Small Business Development Center: Quickbooks
- Milepost: Discounted Group ad for Chamber members
- WiFi Hotspot installed at Klawock office
- Visitor Center operation: referrals, brochure rack, information, reception, etc.
- Participation in BiMonthly POWCAC meetings
- BiMonthly ***Island Visitor Committee*** meetings, FAM tours
- Office improvements: wainscoting, Framed Island Guide Display
- Alaska Airlines/Pacific Airways ticket raffle

6. ISLAND WIDE VISITOR COMMITTEE MEETING

ISLAND VISITOR COMMITTEE TO HOLD BROWN BAG LUNCH #3

Join us
at the next "brown bag" lunch
January 14th, 11AM,
St. Johns Parish Hall in Klawock.

7. A LETTER FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

Invitation to Attend and Participate

Greetings,

By way of introduction, **The Nature Conservancy** would like to say that we are excited about the opportunity to be a member of the Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce and the chance it offers to work with COC members on the economic and ecological benefits of forest and watershed restoration projects on Prince of Wales Island.

The Nature Conservancy has worked on a number of watershed restoration projects on POW, in conjunction with the Forest Service, over the past several years. Projects that have been completed include stream restoration work on the Sal and Ratz Creeks systems between Thorne Bay and Coffman Cove and restoration work that is still in progress on the Harris and Fubar Creek systems. To date over \$500,000.00 from federal agencies and private foundations has been channeled through The Nature Conservancy to contractors to complete this work.

It is expected that these restoration projects will significantly improve the habitat and function of these streams and their ability to support high levels of salmon and trout spawning and rearing capabilities.

The Nature Conservancy has continued to look for opportunities to engage in projects on POW Island, in collaboration with residents here, in addressing needs and restoring habitat that benefits the environment and the residents of the island.

Over the past several months we have been working with the **Thorne Bay and Craig Ranger Districts** to design a new public participation process for forest related work in the Staney Creek watershed. Officially this work is designed to strengthen an Integrated Resource Management Plan to be undertaken by the agency in the future. The effort tries to explore and educate participants about the variety of uses and values desired for the Staney Creek area. Considering that the Staney Creek watershed is one of the most productive and important areas on POW, there is much interest in addressing known environmental needs and concerns in order to maintain the productive value of this area, while generating economic benefits from land management activities.

A workshop to begin this process was held in November, 2009 in Klawock. Over 40 individuals participated, including federal and state agencies, POW residents, tribal members, timber operators, other contractors, and several conservation groups. We would like to thank the Wilderness Society for their financial support of this collaborative planning process.

A second workshop, on February 3rd and 4th will held at the CCA hall in Craig to continue in this effort. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am on the 3rd.

The intent of this process is to look for new opportunities to address a wide range of forest health issues in ways that will improve forest and watershed health, provide opportunities for employment in conjunction with this work and maintain the ecological diversity of the area. As a result the Staney watershed can continue to provide for strong subsistence/fish and game needs, recreational opportunities and resources such as firewood, timber and possible new opportunities in wood fiber for a pellet and brick facility on POW.

The Nature Conservancy would like to invite anyone interested in this process to the meeting in February to help us develop the most effective and appropriate work product possible.

Thank you and look forward to seeing you in February.

Michael Kampnich
Prince of Wales Field Representative

8. KLAWOCK HOSTS LIVING WELL ALASKA CHRONIC DISEASE CLASSES PRESS RELEASE FROM OUR NEWEST CHAMBER MEMBER

Do you or a loved one have a chronic disease, such as arthritis, diabetes or heart disease? Do you feel the disease limits what you can do? Do you feel like you're spending too much time with the doctor or at the hospital? The Living Well Alaska workshops will teach you how to self-manage your disease so you start to feel better.

Living Well Alaska is a series of six free weekly workshops for Prince of Wales Island residents sponsored by the SEARHC Diabetes and Health Promotion programs at the **Alicia Roberts Medical Center** in Klawock, the Southeast Senior Services Klawock Senior Center and the State of Alaska Chronic Disease Self-Management Program. The free Living Well Alaska workshops take place from 6-8:30 p.m. on six straight Monday evenings from Feb. 8 through March 15 (Feb. 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 and 15), at the Klawock Senior Center, 465 Summit St.

Chronic conditions oftentimes leave people and their loved ones so overwhelmed that they are unable to fully enjoy their lives, said Julie Sturtevant, RN, SEARHC Diabetes Case Manager at the Alicia Roberts Medical Center. It is our hope that by SEARHC partnering with the Southeast Senior Services Klawock Senior Center and the State of Alaska Chronic Disease Management Program to offer the Living Well Alaska workshops to POW communities, we can empower people and help them feel better about their lives. Research on this program has shown participants are able to manage their symptoms better and communicate more easily with their doctors and loved ones.

These workshops are for people and their families who have arthritis, asthma, chronic pain, diabetes, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, lung disease and/or any other chronic conditions that require constant care. Participants will learn how to manage their symptoms; get started with healthy eating and exercise; communicate effectively with their doctor and health care team, manage their fear, anger and frustration; make daily tasks easier; and get more out of life.

For more information about this series of six free workshops, contact SEARHC Alicia Roberts Medical Center Diabetes Case Manager Julie Sturtevant, RN, at 755-4975 or by e-mail at julie.sturtevant@searhc.org, or call Southeast Senior Services Klawock Senior Center Service Coordinator Beverlee Tyner at 755-2388. Residents wanting to learn more about the Living Well Alaska workshops can go to <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/chronic/smp/> to download a brochure.

9. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS: NOVEMBER

The IFA carried **2693** passengers and **571** vehicles off the island during the NOVEMBER morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2008 figures were **2672** and **605**.

During the evening return runs, **2328** passengers and **543** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2008 figures were **2596** and **594**.

During the month of NOVEMBER, the car deck was full for 18 runs, with 9 more runs at 90 percent capacity or better.

DECEMBER:

The IFA carried **2355** passengers and **426** vehicles off the island during the DECEMBER morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2008 figures were **2304** and **456**.

During the evening return runs, **2177** passengers and **403** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2008 figures were **2069** and **412**.

During the month of DECEMBER, the car deck was full for 2 runs, with 5 more runs at 90 percent capacity or better.

2009 TRAVEL SUMMARY:

The IFA carried **26,251** passengers and **5503** vehicles off the island during the 2009 morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2008 figures were **27,242** and **5684**.

During the evening return runs, **25,449** passengers and **5893** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2008 figures were **26,393** and **6099**.

The Chamber thanks Carolyn Chapman of the IFA for providing the monthly stats.

10. POWCAC MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19th in Klawock. Put it on your calendars!

11. Kasaan to restore Long House..Richard Peterson

The Organized Village of Kasaan in partnership with our ANCSA Village Corporation, Kavalco are working towards restoration efforts of the Chief Son-i-hat long house in Kasaan.

“Save the Whale House” T-Shirts are going to be sold. Contact the Organized Village of Kasaan for ordering at (907) 542-2230. Infant and children shirts are \$15.00, adult sizes are \$20.00 and all size hoodies are \$40.00 plus shipping and handling. Haw'aa! Please feel free to share this news to all your circles of family and friends!

12. FLURRY OF CONSTRUCTION BIDS USE RECOVERY FUNDS ON PRINCE OF WALES

Three construction projects on Prince of Wales Island were bid on December 28th. The flurry of bids was a result of federal mandates to get public works projects on the bid calendar prior to the end of the year. Following is a list of those projects and the apparent low bidder as reported by FedBizOps website. **Chamber members are in bold letters.**

One Duck Trail

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The purpose of this project is to construction/reconstruct approximately one mile of the One Duck Trail. Work includes construction gravel trail with retainer logs and turnpike trail, installing culverts, building step and run boardwalk and bridges, and installing log steps.

Apparent Low: Clarence McReynolds, White Bird, ID, \$492,460

Other bidders: **SE Roadbuilders**, Ketchikan Ready Mix, Oregon Woods

North Thorne Fish Passage Improvements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The purpose of this project is to remove and dispose of five existing aging culverts that do not meet current safety and current fish passage standards and furnish and install four new stream simulation design culverts and one bridge on the Prince of Wales (Thorne Bay Area) Road system. Work involves surveying, excavating, clearing and grubbing, dewatering, structure fabrication and installation, placement and construction of streambed rock and instream structures, rock development, compaction, and haul.

8 bidders total; Bids are under review.

Tongass Bridge Rail and Running Plank Replacement

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. The work to be performed includes replacement of untreated wearing surface planks on modular bridges, replacement of treated structural members on modular bridges, constructing treated timber backwalls on modular bridges, cleaning ditches, installation of culverts, and hauling and placing rock borrow and riprap. The project contains a base amount of work that includes rehabilitation work on 14 modular bridges. There are 2 optional amounts of work that include similar types of work on 11 and 2 modular bridges, respectively.

Completion date October 2010.

Apparent Low: Ketchikan Ready Mix, \$379,670

9 bidders total: Rock n Road, Petersburg; Pool Engineering, KTN, S&S Contractors, Sitka; **SE Roadbuilders**, Haines; Channel Construction, KTN; James Dean Construction, Glenwood, WA; Durette Construction, Ward Cove; Oregon Woods, Eugene, OR.

Thorne Bay Road Reconstruction: Bids on January 6, 2010

PROJECT DESCRIPTION. This project consists of reconstruction of 17.03 miles of NFSR road including development and placement of surface aggregate on NFSR 2050 Rd, NSFR 3015 and NSFR 3013. Option one is for an additional 3.09 miles of surfacing on the 3015 road. Option two is the development and stockpiling of 15000 cy of gradent D aggregate (5000 cy) in each of the three pits where it is crushed. Furnish and install 3 gates and rock barriers. Option 3 is the continuation of reconstruction and surfacing on the 3013150 rd. m.p. 2.86 to m.p. 6.06.

13. PRIZES AWARDED IN THORNE BAY LIGHTING CONTEST

....submitted by Jeannie McFarland

The **Thorne Bay Business Association** would like to say THANKS to everyone that decorated up their houses this year for the Annual Lighting Contest!! Our town could probably be seen from outer space it was so bright and cheery!!

The prizes for the annual Holiday Lighting Contest were awarded on December 24th to the winners. Lights and decorations started going up before the beginning of the contest on December 1st, 2009. A total of \$865.00 in cash prizes were given out this year to the many homes that brighten the streets of Thorne Bay. Judging was done by representatives of the Thorne Bay Business Association. With so many great displays this year the judges had to designate ties in three of the categories to recognize the great lights. The majority of the prize money awarded comes from the annual silent auction that the Business Association conducts during the Christmas Bazaar held in the Thorne Bay School in November. The many neat items that are auctioned off are all donated by our local businesses and individuals. Special donations for our contest from **Alaska Power & Telephone and Tongass Federal Credit Union** made more prize money available and sponsored the Best Overall Display and Peoples Choice respectively.

The Best Overall Display and Peoples Choice, \$100 each were won by Kim Redmond this year. Kim had so many lights covering his house in the Southside Subdivision it could easily be seen across the bay! All the lighting displays were winners and several ties were awarded. \$75.00 each was awarded in 5 special categories; Best Theme: Kim and Laura Straight, Most Attractive: a tie between Jay & Julie Anderson and Tom & Kathy Freeman, Most Wattage/Pizzazz: a tie between Chris & Tiana Nelson and Vern & Terry Redding, Most Original & Effort to Create: a tie between Harvey & Brenda McDonald and Ron & Victoria Currit.

The association judges also awarded seven honorable mentions to houses that had super decorations whether they were registered or not in the contest. \$20 honorable mentions were given to; Mary Choate, Charles & Laura Jennings, Ken Seymore & Barbie Krause, Tim & Teresa Lindseth, Mark & Kassi Minnillo, , Eric & Karen Rawding, and Speed & Yvonne Seaford.

14. ALASKA GIFTS IS FOR SALE

Business for Sale * Turn –Key Operation, Contents, inventory, equipment & fixtures

After many wonderful years the owners of Alaska Gifts are looking to spend some time off. A truly wonderful shop, a Craig landmark Alaska Gifts caters to the tourist as well as filling a niche market with the Island residents. Alaska Gifts offers jewelry repair as well as a wide variety of authentic Alaskan items, including but not limited to silver & gold jewelry in

traditional native design as well as local native art, pelts, carving and art prints. Once in the door, you're hooked! It's a shoppers dream on any budget!

This operation serves as a film drop and offers the only Kodak Picture Maker on the island, great for those eye catching last minute enlargements as well as a full service custom matting & frame center.

A wonderful selection of holiday themed gifts and supplies are always well received. Alaska Gifts carries a nice supply of party goods including cards and candles even Alaskan chocolates and of course locally smoked canned salmon.

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JANUARY Happenings..*call the office to place your events on the web calendar!*

