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## *From the President's Desk:*



*My March calendar reminds me that Daylight Savings Time is back on March 14<sup>th</sup>, and if Spring has not already arrived, it will officially make its presence known on March 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*February was a short month, but it was also a very busy one, especially at the Chamber office. The Board and staff have had a good start on the 2010 Program of Work, Short term goals. The back room has new shelves, the floor has been cleared, the Island Guides have been piled neatly along one wall, and the space will now be made ready for a Conference area to be used for Board of Director meetings. The area can also be used by our members for any small group meetings. Director John Moots of AP&T will be installing a new phone system when time allows. The phone system was contributed by First Bank for our use, and we appreciate that very much.*

*A separate Email has been sent out to our members about townhall meetings to be held the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>. These meetings have been scheduled to hear public comment on the Sealaska Land Bill. Be sure to open up the previously sent email and read articles in the Ketchikan Daily News and on SitNews. If we receive any updated information, we will send it along to you.*

*The Runner's Club/Marathon Committee has held a couple meetings in the past month and plans are moving forward at a rapid pace to get on track for a successful start of the 2010 Marathon on May 29<sup>th</sup>. One welcome addition is an official timer for the 6AM start of those who choose to walk the route. The committee approved the purchase of two more recording timers to aid in the recording of times for participants.*

*Here's a PSA on behalf of Elder Virginia Demmert, copied from the Island News:*

*"If anyone has seen or heard of anyone trying to sell 3 gold eagle bracelets; 2 very old ones not made anymore, and one made by Steve Brown, possibly with his initials on it, please call 907-401-0767."*

*Let's see if we can help reconnect Virginia with these bracelets.*

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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 **FEBRUARY**

FEBRUARY'S web hits were **235,226**. FEBRUARY'S total visitors were **21,784**, an average of **778 visitors per day**. Behind the **USA, China, France and Canada** were the countries with the most visitors. **Tuesday** was the most active day, and **five to six PM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with 84 percent! An interesting detail added to this month's report is the fact that 50.2% of the website visitors have Windows XP as their operating system.

**2. Chamber Power Sponsors for MARCH 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. EVERYDAY HEROES NOMINATIONS DEADLINE IS MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce and POWCAC are seeking the help of each of the communities of our island to name the 2010 Class of Everyday Heroes.**

The nomination period is open until the 19<sup>th</sup> of March. The nomination form can be downloaded from the Chamber website at [www.princeofwalescoc.org](http://www.princeofwalescoc.org). Citizens can submit nominations to their local City Hall or to the Chamber office, which will group the nomination forms and return them to their appropriate community for their selections.

The honorees will be recognized at a Wine and Brew Tasting event to be held on Sunday, May 23rd, and will hopefully be attended by the Governor or by members of the Alaska congressional and state delegation, who have been invited to Prince of Wales for the dedication of the new PeaceHealth facility in Craig on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Everyday heroes honored in 2009 as members of the very first class were Suwan Hanson, Hollis; Jim Wilson, Thorne Bay; Jerry Hedges, Coffman Cove; Ann James, Klawock; Denise James, Craig; Art King, Naukati; and Gregg Cook, Whale Pass.

So what is an EVERYDAY HERO? The Chamber has attempted to answer that question with a description that appears on the nomination form. There are numerous organizations around the country that use this title for community awards. A couple of them have been combined to form this definition:



*“Each and every day, people in your community go out and do the things that need to be done, simply because they need to be done. They ask for nothing in return. They are the EVERYDAY HEROES in our society. More than 80 million Americans volunteer...compassionate men, women, and children who, bit by bit, earn quiet satisfaction from serving their neighbors and communities. Their names don’t usually make the headlines, but they keep our community great. They reflect the diversity of our people and remind us that we can still be the folks next door who just happen to be outstanding citizens.”*

#### 4. 2010 ISLAND GUIDES

**A huge thanks to Sheila Beardsley and Juniors at Craig High School for moving 160 boxes of Island Guides into the Chamber office backroom.**

Head over to the Klawock office and pick up a box of 2010 Guides to distribute. Or call Denise and find out if she is heading your way. Denise has delivered boxes to our members in Klawock and Craig except for a few who were not around at the time. Boxes of Guides have also been sent out to area Visitor Centers. A box was sent over with Mike Bush of **B-3 Contractors** for the 2010 Building Industry Home and Trade Show held in Ketchikan this past weekend. Chamber member **Tyler Rental** has a booth there, and a few of POW’s contractors are taking classes to secure or renew their Residential Endorsement certificates.

Each box contains 80 guides this year, instead of the 120+ from 2009. The boxes weigh about 25 pounds so they travel out the door without a major weightlifting workout on anyone’s part. Stop by and grab a box. Going into Ketchikan? Please consider helping us get them passed around in K-town!

#### 5. Kasaan to restore Long House..copied from Organized Village of Kasaan website

The only remaining Haida clan house in Alaska is located in the community of Kasaan, on Prince of Wales Island in southern Southeast Alaska. Historically, Haida villages were constructed on the seashore with homes in one or two rows along the beaches. The largest home was owned by the village chief and was located in the middle of the village. The chief’s home was the center of political, social and economic activity in the village.

Chief Son-I-Hat (Kòyongxung) of the Yádas (Eagle) clan, was born in 1829, and was considered one of the wealthiest of the Haida chiefs in what is now Southeast Alaska. Son-I-Hat built two houses. The first one, Neyùwens (great house) was built in 1880 in Kasaan Bay, about a mile from where the village of Kasaan now stands. Chief Son-I-Hat lived in Neyùwens with his family until 1915. After falling into disrepair, the clan house was reconstructed in 1938, and now seventy years later this important clan house has deteriorated into disrepair and is once again in dire need of significant reconstruction. The Chief Son-I-Hat Whale House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2002, and continues to offer a rich history that is important to Kasaan Haida people. Sharing information about the significance of Chief Son-I-Hat’s house,

and the need to restore it, is an essential part of Kasaan's efforts to document and preserve Kasaan Haida culture and history.

The Organized Village of Kasaan is selling Shirts and Hoodies to help raise funds to "Save the Whale House". They are also holding a 2009 Chevy Truck Raffle and a Native Arts Raffle. Make sure to check them out on their website: [kasaan.org](http://kasaan.org)!

## 6. ISLAND WIDE VISITOR COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, twenty people interested in what the Island Wide Visitors Committee is doing attended the Brown Bag Lunch meeting held in Klawock, the crossroads of the Island. The meeting began at 11am and concluded at 2pm, short but still covering many topics with everyone sharing their ideas. At this meeting the topics included updates on; The Prince of Wales Island Guides, the 11th annual Island Marathon, the Scenic Byways proposal, advertizing opportunities for businesses including travel writers, production of an Island Wide DVD and a Visitors Center.

The **Island Guide** with its eye catching cover, packed with information, is out and available at the Chamber office, many Island businesses and City offices around Prince of Wales. Jan Bush, president of the Chamber board, talked to the group about the timeline to produce the guide that starts with the membership drive in August. It was determined to get the Guide out by the 1st of the year, planning needed to start now. A sub committee was formed to help with the task and will report at the next meeting. The 11th annual **POW Island Marathon** will be held on May 29, 2010 thanks to the energies of a committee headed by Victoria Merritt, Chaundell Piburn and Kim Scheidecker, the POW Island Runners Club President. This event brings lots of people to the Island. The committee is looking for volunteers and sponsors to help with the many aspects of the event. Sam Thomas, OVK Transportation Director and the contact on Prince of Wales Island for the **Scenic Byways proposal**, sent a message to committee as he was in D.C. working on the proposal. The State of Alaska coordinator will be on POW Island from March 2-7, 2010. She has plans to make a presentation at the Craig City Council Meeting March 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Letters of support from communities are very important to this process in preparation for the June 1, 2010 application deadline.

The Brown Bag Lunch meeting concluded with talk about the production of a **DVD** highlighting what people will find when they come to our Island and the re-occurring topic of a **Visitor Center** on POW Island. Partners are stepping up to make theses goal a reality and the committee will be working on making it happen.

The Island Wide Visitors Committee will meet in Coffman Cove in March to keep the momentum going. They welcome your ideas and support. Join them at the IFA ferry terminal between 11am and 2pm on Thursday, March 25th.

### ISLAND VISITOR COMMITTEE WILL HOLD BROWN BAG LUNCH #5

*Join us  
at the next "brown bag" lunch  
Thursday, March 25th, 11AM,  
IFA Ferry Terminal, Coffman Cove..*

## 7. Tongass Federal to open in new location!

The Tongass Federal Credit Union has entered into a five year lease agreement with Klawock Heenya Corporation to move its Klawock branch into its own space in the Mall in Klawock. A grand opening is expected in late March.

## 8. LIVING WELL CLASSES continue

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](mailto: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: FEBRUARY 2010 vs 2009

The IFA carried **1706** passengers and **372** vehicles off the island during the FEBRUARY morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2009 figures were **1625** and 345.

During the evening return runs, **1670** passengers and **396** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2009 figures were **1646** and **383**.

During the month of FEBRUARY, the car deck was FULL for three runs, with no other runs at 90% to 100%.

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

## 10. POWCAC MEETING ....POW loses appeal on annexation by KGB

**The next POWCAC meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Thorne Bay City Hall.**

Lunch is on at noon, with the meeting following at 1PM. A likely topic of discussion will be the recent ruling by the court against POW on the appeal we filed of the Local Boundary Commission's decision on KGB annexation.

According to Jon Bolling, "this means that we did not prevail with the court on any of our issues on appeal. As a result, barring an appeal of the decision and a subsequent ruling in our favor from the Alaska Supreme Court, the annexation stands as approved by the LBC. While I have not read the decision, I think an appeal to the Alaska Supreme Court is unlikely."

## 11. ADOPT A MARATHON MILE COORDINATORS ARE ORGANIZED!

**CAROLYN CHAPMAN AND REBECCA CHESTER, both employees of Chamber member IFA, are coordinating the 2010 clean up for the Marathon route.**

The ladies have gone through the 2009 inventory and have made phone calls to past volunteers. 13 of the 26 miles are now sponsored, and the ladies are still trying to contact the other half of the list. If you have not been contacted and want "your mile" from last year, you can call the IFA at 755-4848, press #1 and ask for Rebecca or Carolyn. Look for more information to come out if more volunteer hands are needed!

## 12. NEW MEMBER

**The Chamber welcomes KTKN/Gateway Country!**

## 13. Members News: submitted by Steven L Ryner, Station Manager from KTKN/Gateway Country!

*I was surfing the internet trying to find some information on meetings, events, etc. on POW to broadcast on our stations—KTKN and Gateway Country. I noticed the Marathon on the Chamber website and we'll certainly mention that as it gets closer. The purpose of this message is to ask the Chamber membership to be sure and let us know when their non-profit organizations have meetings, fund-raisers, special events to let us know so we can broadcast that for you.*

*As you may know our translator antennae at Sunnahae Mountain were destroyed by heavy ice and winter storms. We were recently able to make the repairs and Eugene at the cable television system in Craig tells me the signals are strong. Now that our signals are back we want to do our part to help the various communities on Prince of Wales Island.*

*There are several ways to get us the information. You can email them to [noticeboard@abcstations.com](mailto:noticeboard@abcstations.com), mail the notice to us at 526 Stedman Street here in Ketchikan with the zip 99901, if you happen to be in Ketchikan drop by our studios--same location as the mail address and probably the easiest is go to either of our websites and fill up the form at [www.ktkn.com](http://www.ktkn.com) or [www.gateway1067.com](http://www.gateway1067.com). Our only request is that if media is purchased elsewhere to promote something sent to us that you share any budget equally with the radio station. It's only fair. Otherwise bring those messages in and we'll do our best to advertise them for you.*

## 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. Well established 11+yrs. Currently open 7days a week, year round.

Owner looking to semi- retire but will still do jewelry repair.

Serious inquiries only. Please email [aplacetostay@aptalaska.net](mailto:aplacetostay@aptalaska.net)

## 15. 2010 POW INTERNATIONAL MARATHON IS HAPPENING NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>, CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL, 6PM

The registration link has been activated:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> TO AVOID LATE FEES!

[http://www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1837458](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1837458)

### UPCOMING Happenings..call the office to place your events on the web calendar!

<p><b>POWCAC MEETING</b> THORNE BAY CITY HALL TUESDAY, MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> LUNCH 12 NOON MEETING 1PM TIL 3 OR 4 ISH</p>	<p>Chamber of Commerce March Board Meeting Wednesday, March 17th, 2010 Chamber Office Klawock</p>	<p>Chamber of Commerce Island Visitor Committee Brown Bag Lunch Meeting #5 Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 11AM to 2PM Coffman Cove IFA Terminal</p>
<p>St. Patrick's Annual Dinner and Concert At St. John's by the Sea Klawock, AK Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Tickets available</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Day Auction and Raffle Ted Ferry Civic Center Ketchikan, AK Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> To benefit First City Council on Cancer Tickets available, \$10 each Chamber Office</p>	<p>THORNE BAY EMS ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup> EMS/FIRE HALL 7PM TICKETS \$15 /PERSON JULIE ANDERSON 828-3998</p>
	<p><b>CELTIC GRIND!</b> SATURDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM 7PM</p>	