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From the President's Desk:

A very busy September is in the books. The month was highlighted by several prize drawings, the results of which are reported within. THE highlight, Chamber wise, was the Tourism Summit that was held in Craig on the 21st and 22nd of September. Look for a report in the pages of this newsletter.

October is election month. Please let the office know if you are willing to serve on the Board of Directors for the Chamber. Only one position will be up for election in this year's cycle.

The Membership campaign continues during the month of October. All of those who have renewed their membership by October 1st and have applied for an advertising spot in the 2010 Island Guide will be entered into a drawing for any available premium advertising spots.

The time and talents of our members is needed to recommend any changes to the Island Guide in order to make it even better. We also welcome the submission of good quality photography to replace the current layout and provide a fresh look to all the Guide pages. We are in the hunt for the spectacular front cover photo that reflects Prince of Wales Island. Please submit your photos in their original size and format in order to garner the very best quality.

Our Island Tourism Committee has been very busy this month with several meetings in addition to the Summit Days. At a follow up meeting held on the 29th, the participants made a suggestion to change the Tourism Committee name in order to highlight

VISITORS rather than TOURISTS: The new name: Island Wide Visitors Committee.

Yes, there is an important difference in the focus, and the committee hopes this small change will increase the interest of our membership in participating in the work that is undertaken to expand Prince of Wales as a Visitor Friendly Island.

*Please stay involved, or get involved!!
We need you and the ideas you have.*

PS: Mike and I are going to be first time grandparents in May 2010!!



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IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!

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

SEPTEMBER'S web hits through SEPTEMBER 28th were **482,959!** SEPTEMBER'S total visits were **30,627**. Of those, 12,112 visited during working hours, and 18,515 visited between 5PM and 8AM. Behind the **USA, Russian Federation, Singapore and Canada** were the countries with the most visitors. **Tuesday** was the most active day, and **ten to eleven AM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with 87.26 percent!

2. Chamber **POWER Sponsors for OCTOBER 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.*

Douglass Home Builders / Coffman Cove / 907-329-2018 / fax 907-329-2019 / gwd2nd@yahoo.com / www.douglasshomebuilders.com -- General contractor specializing in remodeling, disaster restoration and new construction of both residential and commercial structures. 30 years-plus of experience with detail-focused approach to all aspects of work.

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**Thank you to
Cleary Computer Services and
Douglass Home Builders
For renewing their
Newsletter Sponsorship
For another year!!**

Black Bear Store—Klawock/907-755-2292 / Tim and Melissa Lacour, Owners/ Basic groceries. Fuel. Hunting and Fishing licenses and tackle.

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.

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.

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**MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS
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LIKE
ADVERTISING
HERE!**

3. Prize Drawing Results

Craig-Klawock Salmon Derby \$10,000 drawing was won by Kathy Ruyts of Buell, Idaho. Kathy is Chamber office manager Denise Daniel's landlady and a cousin to Klawock resident Karen Packer. She bought one ticket from Denise. Jan Bush said she was close, having bought a ticket from the same book!!

The Hollis Raffle's big winner was Tom Hardin of Hollis! He opted for the 4-wheeler!

The Chamber of Commerce has also announced the winner of the Alaska Air and Pacific Airways Round trip tickets for two raffle: Tim Moe.

A very lucky Tim Moe of Auburn, Washington bought his ticket at McFarland's Floatel this summer.

Tim has received a voucher from Alaska Airlines and Pacific Airways for both him and his wife to return to Prince of Wales Island. They know the way as they have been here several times to enjoy a good time at the Floatel! Tim has sent an email to the Chamber, quite excited about a return to our island in 2010.

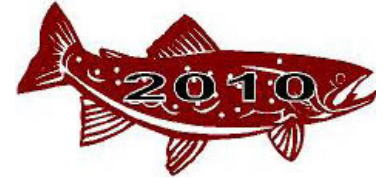
The Chamber thanks all those who bought tickets this summer. The proceeds will fund the Everyday Hero Awards and help with expected expenses WHEN the Governor visits Prince of Wales Island.

A big thank you to all who sold raffle tickets for us. The biggest support in terms of ticket sales came from McFarland's Floatel, so they will have bragging rights next year to go along with their regular spiel! Thank you to Board members, Tongass Federal Credit Union, First Bank, Rhonda at AK Fish and Game, Log Cabin Sporting Goods, the IFA, Riptide Liquor, Naukati Connection, and the Klawock Liquor Store.

4. NEW MEMBERS

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

The Feed Store Dennis Watson, individual Carter and Carter Enterprises Sealaska Timber Corporation



RENEWING MEMBERS: Following are the first 80 renewing and new members who sent in their paperwork to reach the office by October 1st, the Chamber of Commerce NEW YEAR'S DAY!

Coastal Electric	Whale Tail Pharmacy	Davies-Barry Insurance
Edna Bay Alliance Church	Diversified Investments & Insurance	Jan Stevens
Sunnahae Arts Council	Jim's Lures (DJ's)	Klawock-Heenya Corp.
Flyquest Adventures	Inn at Creek St. & New York Hotel	Welcome Inn Bed & Breakfast
B-3 Contractors	University of AK. -Southeast	South Haven Guest House
St John's By the Sea Roman Catholic Church	Catch-A-King	J&J Charter Service
Kevin's Cabin	The Landing @ Otter Cove	First Bank
POWCAC	City of Thorne Bay	Klawock PTSA
Prince of Wales Health Network	Riptide Liquor	Dennis Watson
Black Bear Store	Alaska Power & Telephone	Lemire Charters
Wesley Rentals	Sharon Brosamle	Stone Arts of Alaska
Klawock City School District	Log Cabin Resort & RV Park Capt. Jeff Cox : Island Fishing & Sightseeing Guide	Southeast Island School District
Log Cabin Sporting Goods	Alaska Gifts	Beachcomber B&B
McFarlands Floatel	Adventure Alaska Southeast	Carter & Carter Enterprises
Wrangell Chamber of Commerce	Tongass Substance Screening	Overlook Inn
Southeast Retreat	Cleary Computer Service	Sealaska Timber Corp.
Fish, Fur & Feathers	Bob Claus	Organized Village of Kasaan
Papa's Pizza	The Feed Store	Hydaburg Cooperative Association
Cabins in Alaska	E.C. Phillip & Son	Alaskan Dreams Fishing & Hunting Lodge
Trophy Inn	Arrowhead Transfer	Fireweed Lodge
Alaskan Escape	Arrowhead LP Gas	Changing Tides Inn
Petersburg Wrangell Ins. Center	Douglass Home Builders	Thorne Bay Business Association
Island Realty	Island Air Express	Kingfisher Charters & Lodge
Dreamcatcher B& B	Hollis Community Council	Zat's Pizza
Hollis Adventure Rentals	Donna's Place	Welchman Longbow & cabin
Columbine Inn	Coffman Cove Adventures	Fishmoor

PLEASE JOIN UP AND SUPPORT THE CHAMBER AS WE WORK FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR OUR PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND. PLEASE! WE NEED YOU!

5. OCTOBER 2009 BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet for a regular meeting at an irregular time...Wednesday, October 28th, at the Chamber office in Klawock at 6PM. Everyone is welcome to attend and comment during the Public Comment agenda item. The meeting is a week later than usual as Jan will be doing the San Francisco Half-Marathon with her daughter and will need more than a day to recuperate or catch up with the mail.

6. TOURISM SUMMIT REPORT...contributed by Jeannie McFarland

Interested in the Visitors that come to our Island ?? Friends, Family or Tourists? The TOURISM SUMMIT held on the 21st & 22nd of September in Craig gathered State of Alaska representatives, businesses and residents alike to address that interest.

Twelve presenters came from state, federal and private industry. They came with enthusiasm for our Island and with an interest in helping make a plan that will enhance our economy and keep Prince of Wales Island the place residents want to live and work. The two day summit started with a message from Emil Notti, commissioner, Alaska Department of Commerce and continued with updates by representatives of the Alaska Travel Industry Association, Ketchikan Visitors Bureau, the Nature conservancy, and SEatrails. The afternoon continued with insightful cultural presentations by Joe Williams and Leslie Isaacs and a look at what is new by the Alaska Department of Tourism and a private company, Inner Seas Adventures.

The energy started by the presentations on the first day were followed by the nuts and bolts of starting or growing a business to address the needs of future visitors. How to Finance Your Growing Alaska Business from the Juneau Economic Development center, Marketing in the age of the Internet by the University of Alaska, and Doing Business with The US Forest Service, the manager of the many public lands on our Island.

BROWN BAG FOLLOW UP

If you didn't make it to the Summit, don't miss out again. We are already starting the planning for a follow up session. Call Jan Bush, the Chamber President at 907-755-2375 and get your name added to the growing list of participants in the **Island Wide Visitors Committee**. A brown bag lunch is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd at St. John's Catholic Church in Klawock. 12 noon for as long as you stay! The topic: what can we do to make POW an even friendlier place to attract family, friends, and visitors to come and come again. The coffee pot will be on; just bring your lunch.

7. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS IN AUGUST

The IFA carried 3475 passengers and 631 vehicles off the island during the August morning runs to Ketchikan.

During the evening return runs, 2800 passengers and 597 vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port.

During the month of August, the car deck was full for 17 runs, with 12 more runs at 90 percent capacity or better.

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

8. 2009 Island Guide inventory status... *going, going.....and almost gone.*

The current count of boxes of Guides in the Chamber inventory is 3.

9. LONG POWCAC meeting in Craig

The POWCAC meeting was held on September 29th, in the City of Craig Council chambers. There was a record crowd of 42 people in attendance and a couple more on a conference call made possible by SE Conference. Representatives were in attendance from all over the island with the exception of Whale Pass, Port Protection and Point Baker.

The agenda was long but very informative and ran from a start up time of 1PM until after 4:30PM. Chamber directors in attendance for all or some of the meeting were Jan Bush, Jeannie McFarland, Jim Gould, Budd Burnett and Lynnette Logan.

The agenda included

- updates by Sealaska on the land selection and on various other activities on POW
- a report of Energy Programs by Robert Venables, as presented at SE Conference

- updates by Mike Kampnich on The Nature Conservancy projects including the Klawock Causeway project and Stoney Creek Stewardship
- a presentation by Chuck Eaton on the Poorman Magnetite Mining Project near Kasaan
- a presentation by Paul Coffey, representing Elaine Price from Coffman Cove on a conceptual plan for plastic recycling
- a one hour discussion on Ranger District Priorities in the areas of Energy, Forest Restoration and Mariculture/silviculture with the body adding a Tourism category for consideration

The discussions that were held, and the information that was shared were valuable to the future on Prince of Wales Island. The Chamber gives kudos to Leslie Isaacs, POWCAC chairperson, for a very well run meeting.

10. BEACH CLEAN UP ...AN UPDATE BY KATHY PEAVEY

"Hi, We are doing awesome. Have removed over 14,000 pounds of marine debris from the beaches. We participated in the National Coastal Cleanup day on Sept. 19th along with Bob Claus and his "out in the rain project" and collected 990 pounds of debris off the beaches north of the Point Amargura cabin... (a picture will be submitted to the Island News....look for it in a couple weeks!) Coastal Cleanup volunteers were: Cheryl Fecko, Steven Peavey, Kelly Tidwell, Kathy Peavey, Tory and Ben Houser, Gail Slentz, Bob Claus, Jim King, Brent O'Connor.

We have used 534.75 working hours and have had 91 hours of volunteer time. Everything is going great; the City of Craig and City of Klawock have both waived a day's dump fee. The City of Craig donated the "Coastal Cleanup Day" and the City of Klawock received the 6000 pounds from Baker Island. "

The Chamber of Commerce thanks Kathy and her crew for this incredible service to the environment and all who enjoy it. Let's all give her a hand by making sure that our family, friends and clients do not add to the debris, and that given an opportunity, we pick up the small stuff that we encounter during our own walks on the beaches.

11. OCTOBER ISLAND GRIND: HARVEST MOON

Saturday, October 3rd, 7PM at the Craig High School auditorium. That's the time and place for the next Island Grind, a program under the umbrella of the Sunnahae Arts Council. Pete Rice and Logan Stolpe are two of the names on the great looking poster that is hanging around the island.

Enter a dessert in the Homemade Dessert Contest and get a refund on your entry ticket. Judges choose winners based on taste (three prizes) and decoration (one prize).

Please note that on this date, there will be Volleyball matches going on in the gym.

Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds from the show help to fund student scholarships and workshops.

12. HELPING OUR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN...

Jan Bush is accepting donations to purchase 25 calling cards to send to Afghanistan for distribution to our American soldiers. Father Pat Travers, former pastor at Holy Name in Ketchikan, and now pastor of St. Paul's in Juneau, is also Major Pat Travers, an Air Force Chaplain who is currently serving with the troops in Afghanistan. Father Pat will be there another five or six months. Among the things that he had identified from his prior deployments to Iraq as being a need, are calling cards to call home. Afghanistan does not have the accommodations that have been available in Iraq. (To put a picture on the situation, Craig resident Marie Blanc's son-in-law, who is

serving in Afghanistan, is housed with three other soldiers in a container like the ones you see everyday from Northland or AML.)

After some email exchanges with Father Pat, and some research, Jan is purchasing cards from the Army/Air Force Military Exchange, which excludes extra fees for connections and those other annoying charges. The cost for each card is about \$20 and will allow about 80 minutes of call time between Afghanistan and the states. Homemade cards and homemade "country envelopes" have already been made by the members of St. John's to hold the cards. They will be sent to Father Pat so that he can distribute them as part of his ministry to the men who are serving alongside him. If the response is beyond expectations, more cards will be secured, or minutes will be added to the cards after they are used, so they can be used again.

Donations can be mailed to Jan at PO Box 142, Klawock, AK 99925, or throw money at her if you encounter her somewhere! The cards will be sent so they get there before Thanksgiving.

13. 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