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Rotary 
Club of Susitna Alaska

Club Meeting

Susitna
Meets at Everett's
Restaurant at the
Mat-Su Resort
1850 East Bogard
Road
Wasilla, AK 99654
Time: Wednesday at
06:00 PM

Speakers

February 26,
2025
Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

March 05, 2025
Christian Hartley,
Houston Fire Chief
Firewise Your
Home and Business

March 12, 2025
Roger and
Catherine Cheadle
Nepal -
Indescribable!

March 19, 2025
Casey Ressler,
Executive Director
of MatSu
Convention and
Visitors Bureau
Impact of tourism

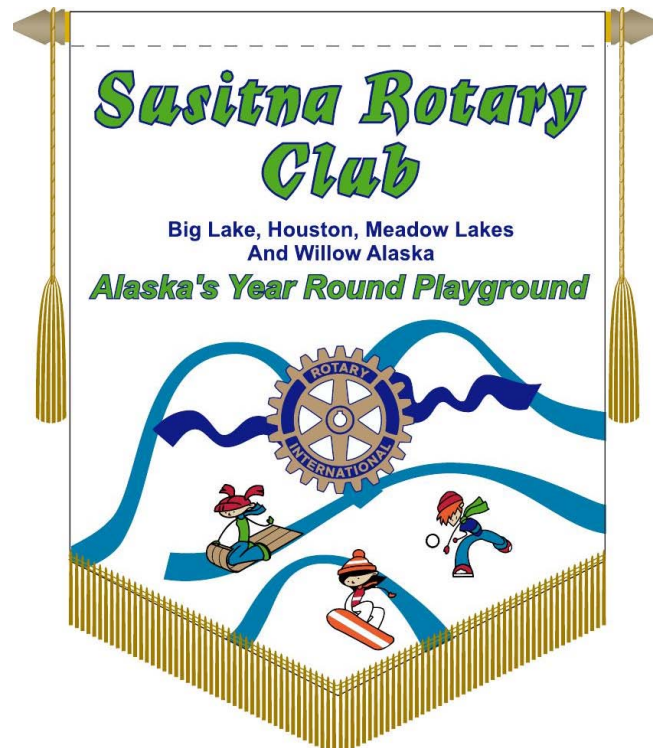
Events

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Feb 26 Weekly Meeting: General Assembly

Wednesday, 6:00pm
Meet in Person at
Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>



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By Kimberly W. Erickson

Due to the move of the restart to Fairbanks this year, the Erickson's annual Iditarod Restart Party is canceled. However, that doesn't mean we still aren't committed as a club to raising funds to **End Polio!**

Each club has a goal of donating at least **\$1500** this year to help eradicate polio. If you are one of Susitna Rotary Club's 11 members of the **Polio Plus Society** and have pledged to donate at least \$100 per year to the cause, thank you! Want to become a member of the Polio Plus Society? Download and complete the [pledge form](#). Kim Erickson will present you with your t-shirt, pin and certificate at the next meeting!

Just want to donate? Go to [EndPolio.org/Donate](#) (log in to My Rotary to get credit).
Super easy!!!

Over 3 billion Children Immunized
21,000,000 Children Saved from The Paralysis of Polio

Total Wild Polio cases	Year-to-date 2025	Total 2024	Total 2023	Total 2022	Total 2021
Globally	3	99	12	30	6
- in endemic countries:	3	99	12	22	5

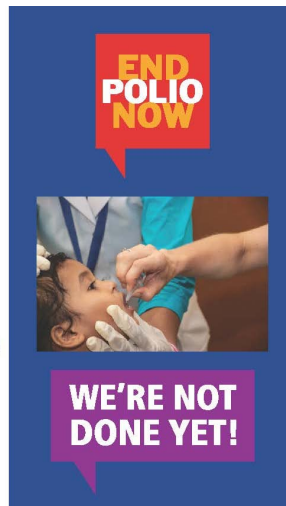
DONATE TO POLIO PLUS FUND



my.rotary.org/en/donate

Protect one child for life by donating as little as **\$5.00 CAD**.

Thanks to donations like yours, Rotary and its partners have immunized **over 2.5 billion children worldwide**



Big Lake's Bougie Breakup Dinner Fundraiser

After a few years' hiatus, the Big Lake Bougie Breakup Fundraising Dinner is returning in 2025! Partnered with Kids Kupboard this year, we are looking forward to a lot of fun, fellowship, and fabulous food! To reserve your seat (\$80 for one or \$150 for a couple) or to book an entire table (prices vary based on size), call Hally Marshall at 507-271-1660.



REINTRODUCING

JOINT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Susitna Alaska
Rotary
Club



BIG LAKE'S BOUGIE BREAKUP DINNER AUCTION

PARTNERED
WITH



21+
EVENT

\$80 INDIVIDUAL OR \$150 COUPLE
\$1,000 TABLE FOR 10
\$1,200 TABLE FOR 12
\$1,400 TABLE FOR 14
(TABLE PURCHASE INCLUDES 2 DRINK TICKETS PER SEAT)

COME FOR THE PRIME RIB,
STAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP!



APRIL 12TH, 2025
DOORS OPEN @ 6P



BIG LAKE LIONS REC
2942 S LIONS CIRCLE
BIG LAKE, AK



TICKETS & INFO CALL
HALLY MARSHALL
(507)271-1660



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iPast
President



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Jo Aarthun
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Birthdays

Cody Russell
February 24th

Elda McCraw
March 1st

Cheryl L. Metiva
March 11th

Phillip D. Horton
March 20th

Aaron Coman
March 21st

Christian M Hartley
March 25th

Wedding Anniversaries

Amy Hall
March 17th
Robert Hall

Fundraising with Fun Freezing

Mandy Mitchell posted to the Facebook page that Charlie Mitchell and Leo had a blast doing the MatSu Plunge for MatSu Sertoma. She also expressed appreciation to Megan Rosendall, Sami Jo, and Susitna Rotary Club as a whole for supporting them. Check the Facebook page for more photos and videos.



Lotto Alaska MatSu Food Bank

Lotto Alaska's January 2025 distribution benefited the Mat-Su Food Bank for \$50,351.69. Susitna Rotary

March 17th
Mandy Mitchell
March 18th
Warren Mitchell
March 18th

President Aaron Coman and Treasurer Erin Cruz helped share the great news and greater check!



Josh the Otter 2024-2025

WE WANT YOU

To be safe in and around the water!

DROWNING is the #1 cause of accidental death in the US for children 1-4 years of age and in ALASKA DROWNING surpasses all other causes of death to children age 14 and under.

Be Safe Around Water!
Josh the Otter

Our goal is to educate children with a fun and simple message: **TO STAY AWAY FROM WATER UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

As part of Susitna Rotary Club's commitment to eliminate drowning, we present our water safety education class to over 1500 children in the Valley annually. We have also built and maintain Kids Don't Float kiosks at several Lakes in the Valley with life jackets that can be borrowed for use on the water. Get your FREE coloring book from Josh the Otter at the Alaska State Fair!

Susitna Rotary Club
The Rotary Water Safety Program

ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WWW.SUSITNAROTARY.ORG

Susitna Rotary is promoting Water Safety for Alaska Children 2025

Susitna Rotary will be holding a training session to prepare participants to be able to teach our "In Classroom" Josh the Baby Otter Water Safety Program. Come learn how to save lives, one kindergarten student at a time.

Please join us!

Our mission is to educate children and adults in Alaska about water safety through the utilization of drowning prevention campaigns & early childhood water safety training

Thursday February 27th
The Curtis Menard Center
1001 S Clapp St, Wasilla
Meeting Rooms 2 & 3
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Contact Rob Grogan @ 907-355-4394

JOSH THE OTTER SCHOOL SIGNUPS

Josh the Otter School Presentation Sign Up for the 2024 -2025 School Year. Use your cell phone to read the QR code or click or copy the following link to sign up for individual Schools!!
<https://Registrations.DACdb.com/Register/index.cfm?EventID=77844382>





We need volunteers for schools!!

Save the Dates!

Susitna Rotarians have lots of opportunities in the upcoming months to serve the community and have some fun. Mark your calendars and stay tuned each week for more details as the various events unfold.

Mar 27-30	Fri-Sun	RYLA	Ketchikan	Yes - volunteer to chaperon Chair: Beth Trowbridge
Apr 12	Sat	Big Lake Bougie Fundraiser	Big Lake Lions Rec Center	Yes - Call Hally
May 1	Thu	District Assembly	Juneau	Yes - register through DACdb
May 2-4	Fri-Sun	District Conference	Juneau	Yes - register through DACdb
May 21	Wed	Big Lake Library Cleanup	Big Lake Library	No ... bring family and friends
Jun 7	Sat	Lil Su Classic River Cleanup	Lil Su Rotary Park	No ... bring family and friends
Jun 19	Wed	Passing of the Gavel	TBD	TBD
Jun 21-25	Sat-Wed	Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada	Yes - register in advance



Save the Date

