

MARCH



"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."
Gelila Bekele

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE



CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

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

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

March 26, 2025

Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

Events

No Events found

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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>



From urban Kathmandu, to jungle lowlands, to terraced hill villages, to high desert Himalayan views, Catherine and Rodger Cheadle spent February traveling Nepal, to share the places she lived and worked for 7 years. We visited many family friends and favorite spots, and discovered some new ones! We also got caught up in person with Catherine's co-founders and leaders of the Taprizia School in remote Dolpa, (supported in part by Susitna Rotary) thanks to the timing of their winter break and a major festival in town.

We even had a couple of Rotary meetings thrown in, expanding our Susitna Rotary Club's circle of fellowship and goodwill!

This presentation will be a smattering of images and impressions. We may find ways to host some other, more in depth shows later in different places.

Namaste!
Catherine and Rodger

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New Member - Danielle Kudla

Danielle Kudla is Susitna Rotary Club's newest member. We have gotten to know her well as one of our most devoted meeting attendees. Photo (left to right) are Past District Governor Cheryl Metiva, Club President Aaron Coman, Danielle Kudla, and sponsor Sami Waisanen. Her desire to join is an example of how inspiring our members are on the people we interact with in our work. Keep on inspiring leaders to step up!



Rotary's Waves: A Commitment to Clean Water and Sanitation

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This March, as we celebrate Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month, we have an incredible opportunity to create lasting change in our communities and beyond. The stark reality is that 748 million people worldwide still lack access to clean drinking water, and nearly 1,400 children die each day from diseases caused by poor sanitation and unsafe water.

The Magic of Rotary comes alive when we tackle these challenges head-on. As shared by our Rotary International President Stephanie A. Urchick, even simple solutions can seem magical to those in need - like when children in the Dominican Republic watched in amazement as dirty water became clean through a basic filter.

Our impact as Rotarians extends far beyond just building wells. We create comprehensive solutions that include:

- Installing rainwater harvesting systems
- Building sanitation facilities, and helping maintain them
- Teaching communities about proper hygiene

Chair



Lynn Mitchell
Club Youth Services Chair



Robert Allan Grogan
iPast President



Samantha Jo Aarthun
Club Fundraising Chair



Jack W. Timm
Past Presidents Chair

- Integrating WASH education into schools

The results speak for themselves: 23 million people now have safe water and 21 million people have gained access to sanitation and hygiene because of Rotary projects.

Rotary has set an ambitious goal to provide everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030. Through partnerships with organizations like the United Nations Environment Programme and USAID, we're making significant progress toward this goal.

Local Programs Have Global Impacts

As community leaders, we can make a difference by:

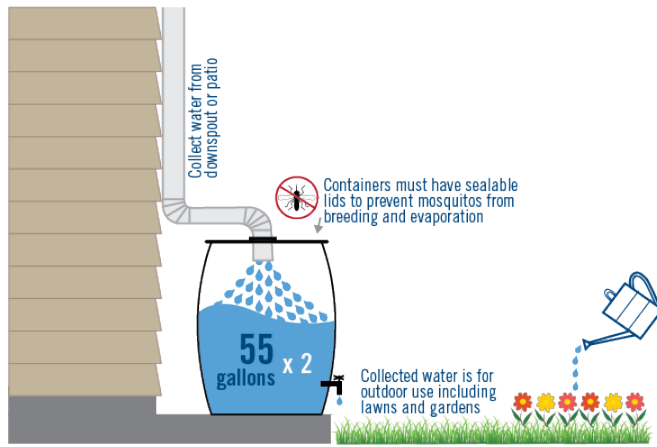
1. Supporting local WASH projects
2. Raising awareness about water conservation
3. Providing hygiene education
4. Connecting with other Rotary clubs for larger initiatives

Take Action Today

Whether it's joining forces with local organizations, forming international partnerships, or mobilizing your community, every step we take brings us closer to a world where clean water is accessible to all. Let's harness the Magic of Rotary to make a difference this month and beyond.

Birthdays

- Cheryl L. Metiva
March 11th
- Phillip D. Horton
March 20th
- Aaron Coman
March 21st
- Christian M Hartley
March 25th
- Robert Hall
April 5th
- Marty T. Metiva
April 7th



Wedding Anniversaries

- Amy Hall
March 17th
- Robert Hall
March 17th
- Mandy Mitchell
March 18th
- Warren Mitchell
March 18th
- Thad Scholl
March 29th

New Magazine is out!

The new Rotary magazine is out. Check your emails for your own link, or try this one: https://magazine.rotary.org/rotary/march_2025/
Alaska has a mention in an article about perseverance and achievements. Can you find it?



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

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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
HALLEY MARSHALL
(507)271-1660




Little Su Classic 2025

It's time to start saving the date and planning the Little Su Classic river cleanup that we all love so much! This is one of our anchor events and something our club is very well know for. Share the word to friends to attend.



Join Us for the 2025
LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER
CLASSIC CLEANUP

Meet at the pavilion for a ride to boat launch.
 Life jackets required.

	JUNE 7, 2025 FROM 10AM TO 3PM	
	LITTLE SUSITNA ROTARY PARK MILE 57 PARKS HIGHWAY	No RSVP needed. Just show up & join.

Join us for an appreciation barbecue at the pavilion afterward, and enjoy a reading trail for the kids.

www.susitnarotary.org

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 18	Wed	Passing of the Gavel	TBD	TBD
Jun 21-25	Sat-Wed	Rotary International Convention	Calgary, Canada	Yes - register in advance

**Save
 the
 Date**



