

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



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 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

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No Events found

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CVB

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Mar 19 Weekly Meeting: Mat-Su CVB



MATANUSKA - SUSITNA CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Casey Ressler, Executive Director of MatSu Convention and Visitors Bureau, discusses the impact of tourism on the local economy and community.

Wednesday, 6:00pm

Meet in Person at
Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWVK1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTlVdz09>

Wakami in Guatemala is our International Service Project for 2025-26

District Governor Elect (DGE) Marty Metiva has made wakami in Guatemala his signature International Service Project for 2025-26. District 5010 Rotarians have an opportunity to participate next February 8th – 13th, but they must sign up by April 21st. The program is limited to 20 people.

2025/26 District 5010 Governor's Project

Feb. 8-13th, 2026 - Guatemala



- Encourage International Service & Work thru DG Marty Governor's Project. Request each club in D5010 give \$500 (minimum) District - GOAL to have all clubs participate at some level. Make pledge to jessgutzwiler@gmail.com
- 20 max capacity, sign up to participate April 21st!
- Cost \$2,300 pp Double & \$2,780 Single (does not include airfare or alcohol beverages)
- Work week will include manual labor for all levels of experience and visit to after school girls program



Project for 2025-26

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Club

Big Lake's Bougie Breakup Dinner Fundraiser Updated Flier!

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. This is the newest flier for the event, and includes a QR code for easier signing up.



REINTRODUCING

JOINT ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Susitna Alaska
Rotary
Club



BIG LAKE'S BOUGIE BREAKUP DINNER AUCTION

PARTNERED
WITH



Buy Tickets

\$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)

21+
EVENT

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



Service
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Chair



Robert
Allan
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President



Samantha
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Club
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Chair



Jack W.
Timm
Past
Presidents
Chair

Birthdays

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

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

April 11th

**Wedding
 Anniversaries**

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

Josh the Otter 2024-2025

Sign up today! [Josh the Otter Classroom Presentations 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.

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
 1001 S Clapp St, Wasilla
 907-355-4394

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=77784438>



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

