

# 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

### Mar 26 Weekly Meeting: Club 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=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTIVdz09>

### Speakers

March 26, 2025  
[Club Assembly followed by a board meeting](#)

April 16, 2025  
[Erin-She Victoria's Voice Vital Signs](#)

### Events

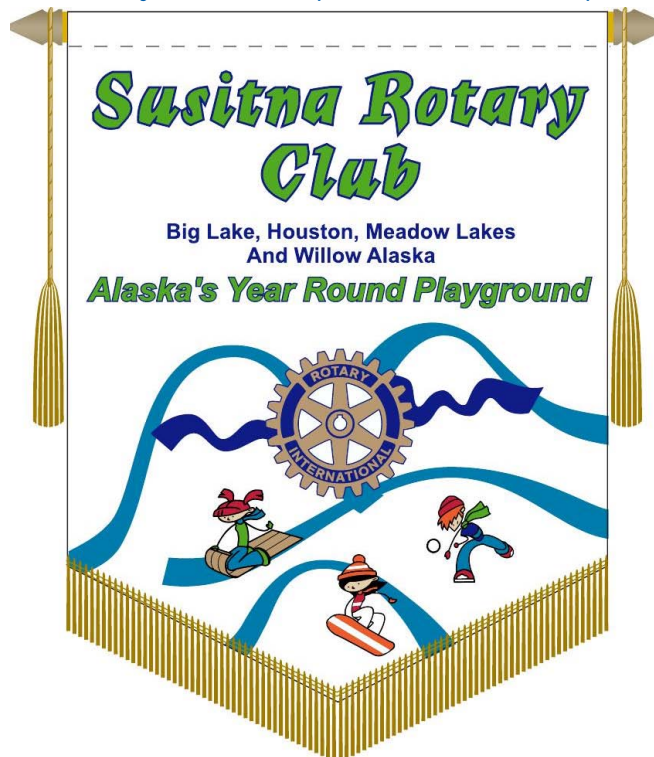
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### Club Leaders



[Aaron Coman](#)  
President



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President-Elect



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Secretary



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[Adam Rein](#)  
Club Service Projects Chair



[Josh Waisanen](#)  
Club Rotary Foundation Chair



[Cheryl L. Metiva](#)  
Club Service

Past District Governor Cheryl Metiva continues her selfless work of highlighting the organizations she serves. She was recently interviewed by the local Frontiersman for a profile article. Check out the article [here](#)



## 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

Chair  
  
 Lynn Mitchell  
 Club Youth Services Chair

  
 Robert Allan Grogan  
 iPast President

  
 Samantha Jo Waisanen  
 Club Fundraising Chair

  
 Jack W. Timm  
 Past Presidents Chair

### Birthdays

Christian M Hartley  
 March 25th  
 Robert Hall  
 April 5th  
 Marty T. Metiva  
 April 7th  
 Jessica Mount  
 April 11th  
 Eddie Ezelle  
 April 11th  
 Wendy Gaynor  
 Cucullu  
 April 19th

### Wedding Anniversaries

Thad Scholl  
 March 29th

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, but they must sign up by April 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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

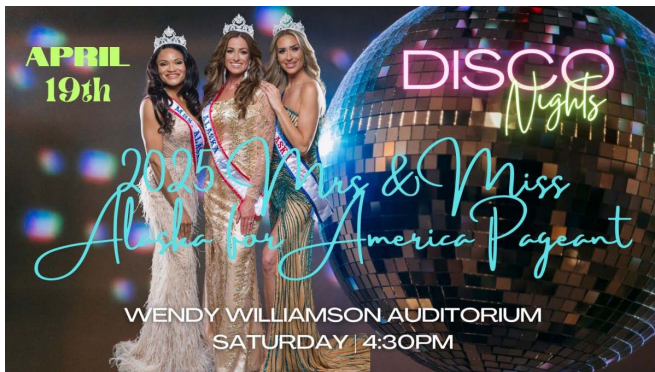


Tonya Gamble  
April 16th  
Bradley J Gamble  
April 16th

## Miss Alaska for America Pageant

Our very own Erin Moore will be competing for the crown as Miss Alaska for America next month, and she needs our encouragement and help. There are two ways you can help her out. You can vote for her as a Fabulous Face through donations to Wounded Warrior project at [this link](#) and finding Erin's image to vote for her there.

You can also attend the actual pageant on April 19, 2025, at Wendy Williamson Auditorium at 2533 Providence Dr, Anchorage, AK 99508. Doors open at 4:30pm for Silent Auction, and the pageant begins at 5:30pm.



## City of Houston Cleanup Days

The City of Houston's cleanup days will be held April 23-27, 2025. Free dumpster and bags will be available at Houston City Hall or Houston Fire Department. The primary point of contact for this is Christian Hartley at 907-355-8794.

City of Houston

# COMMUNITY CLEANUP

## APRIL 23-27, 2025

A dumpster is available for trash bags of collected waste at Fire Station 91 at Mile 57 Parks Highway 10am - 6pm daily

**Guidelines**

- Bags at City Hall
- No appliances
- No hazardous materials
- No hazardous materials
- Public land cleaning only

If you find needles or dangerous waste, call 907-892-6869

## 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		No RSVP needed. Just show up & join.
	LITTLE SUSITNA ROTARY PARK MILE 57 PARKS HIGHWAY		

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

[www.susitnarotary.org](http://www.susitnarotary.org)

# 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**  
The Official Water Safety Program of the State of Alaska

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.DAC.db.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

**Save  
the  
Date**



