



**CREATE HOPE
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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

May 01, 2024
Jonas Schumacher
Pacific Northwest
Teen Challenge

May 08, 2024
Jared Teach
STRIVE Asset
Management

May 15, 2024
Ms. Sam Norman
Become your Own
Healer

May 22, 2024
Regular Meeting
Cancelled
Annual Big Lake
Library Cleanup Day

May 29, 2024
Club Assembly
followed by a board
meeting

June 12, 2024
Jules Tileston
Icelandic Snippets

June 19, 2024
James Grogan
Museum of Alaska
Transportation &
Industry

June 26, 2024
Annual Passing of

May 1st: Jonas Schumacher, Pacific Northwest Teen Challenge

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 6:00pm

Meet in Person at

[Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort](#)

Via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5415605940?pwd=ZFJWk1lZbnJSTHpaOGY1KzErbTIVdz09>



Our deepest condolences for your loss

Samantha "Sam" France's stepfather, Tony DeLucia, passed away in April in Kissimmee, Florida, where he had retired with his wife, Sandra, after leaving Alaska. The DeLucia's were members of Susitna Rotary when they lived in the Nancy Lake area and continued to be active in Rotary in Florida. They often visited our club whenever they returned to Alaska and had remained great friends with Jack and Kathy Timm.

[the Gavel meeting followed by a board meeting](#)

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Condolences may be sent to Sam and her family at:
Samantha France
731 N. Northshore Dr
Wasilla, AK 99654

Notes to Sandra may be sent to:
Sandra DeLucia
810 Montclair Dr.
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Rotary District 5010 Past District Governor Brad Gamble's oldest son, Ian, recently passed away. Brad and Tonya were active in the Eagle River Club. They became honorary members of Susitna Rotary Club after Brad retired, and they moved full time to Arizona.

If you would like to send the Gambles a note of condolence, their address is:
Brad and Tonya Gamble
40124 N Candlewyck Ln
Anthem, AZ 85086



Josh the OJosh the Otter Pool Sessions: May 4th and 11th Sessions: May 4th and 11th

For some members, it is difficult to take off from work during the week to travel to/present a Josh the Otter presentation in a classroom. Our two annual Josh the Otter Pool Sessions are the perfect opportunity to show your support for the program during a weekend event.

Susitna Rotary is recruiting **15 volunteers** to assist both in and out of the pool on each of these days. Friends and family are welcome to sign up!

[2024 Josh the Otter- Volunteer " Signup Sheet | SignUp.com](#)


2024

Save the Dates!

Club Leaders

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President-Elect

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 **Richard A. Cavens**
Sergeant-at-Arms


 **Lanissa Grogan**
Membership Chair

 **Adam Rein**
Sergeant-at-Arms

 **Jack W. Timm**
Rotary Foundation Chair

 **Rylee B.**


Parents teach your child to float!



Special event sponsored by the Alaska Boating Club with Josh the Otter and support from the Alaska Office of Boating Safety!

May	4th	Sat	Waxilla Pool (location UPDATED)	37 Attending
May	11th	Sat	Palmer Pool (location UPDATED)	27 Attending

Volunteers NEEDED for this fun and rewarding event!
Just ask Jack Timm!



2024 Josh the Otter - Volunteer Signup

We have completed LOTS of presentations, but still need volunteers to be [SIGNING UP](#) for the Josh the Otter school presentations. If you have not done so already, please sign up for one or more school presentations.

Help Needed!
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Students presented	February 21	April 19th	538
Students remaining	April 20	May 3	512
Pool Session	May 4th	May 11th	81

Possible Saved Lives.... 1131



Josh the Otter presentations are almost done!!! Please sign up for a presentation at:

<https://signup.com/go/zOfcyYd>



[Loraene Rudd](#)
Club Programs Chair



[Brenda L. Hewitt](#)
Vocational Service Chair Youth Services Chair



[Lynn Mitchell](#)
Youth Services Chair



[Marty T. Metiva](#)
Immediate Past President

Birthdays

Charlene Nicolos
May 7th
Ginger Hartman
May 12th
Samantha Jo
Aarthun
May 15th
Tonya Gamble
May 30th

Wedding Anniversaries

Chuck E. Foster Jr.
May 10th
Amber A Glasser
May 18th

You can also scan the bar code below to go directly to the sign-up sheet. Share the invite with your friends and family so that they can help, too.



Know your Rotarian better questions - April 24th

Sgt.-at-Arms Rick Cavens has created a fun and entertaining way to get to know our fellow members better. For the past few weeks, he has selected a volunteer from the audience and asked them a series of questions, which change every week. If you missed last week, here were the questions:

1. April 19th was Paul Harris's™ birthday. He was 156 years old. Do you think his Pince Nez glasses, bald head, and tight-lipped smile are Alaska sexy?
2. In a world of apples and oranges, is being a member of Rotary a mango? If not, what fruit is Rotary?
3. Marty and Cheryl are clearly models of Rotarian conduct and action. Of the two, explain who has the better sense of fashion we should emulate.
4. Should your rotary pin be worn on the right or left?
5. In the Rotary magazine, the cover story, a labor of love, was about improving maternal health in Nigeria. Stronger healthier young mothers create stronger healthier families. How can Rotary support families in Alaska?
6. Our Susitna club is the best. Why?
7. What is our Rotary club's™ secret password?

Be sure to attend tonight's meeting to see what he has up his sleeve for us this week.

Spring 2024 Raffle: Matsuri Safari!



WELCOME TO MATSURI SAFARI

The ultimate African Hunting Safari
Matsuri Safaris, a premium hunting ranch of
19,000 acres in Limpopo, South Africa.

Matsuri Magnum Package
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters
\$19,000 Value

Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa

ACTIVITIES FOR NON-HUNTERS
Day trips can be made to Mapungubwe Nature
Reserve
1.5-hour drive

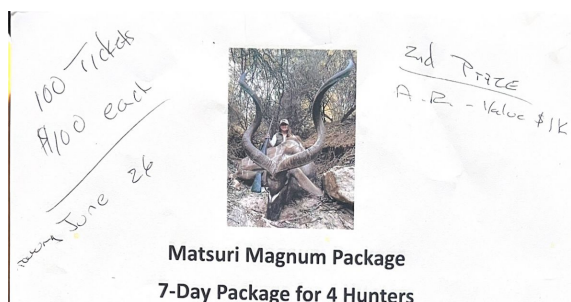
**African Safari Raffle
For Fundraiser**
Donated by Sami & Josh
<https://matsurisafaris.co.za/>

WOW!

Thanks to the generosity of **Josh Waisanen** and **Sami Aarthun**, Susitna Rotary is auctioning off a 7-Day Package for 4 Hunterswith options available for non-hunters as well...and valued at \$19,000 for a spring fundraiser!

There will only be **100 tickets sold at \$100 each** for a drawing to be held on **June 26th** for a **Matsuri Magnum Package**. Stay tuned for more details and how to get/sell tickets. If you have ever dreamed of an African Safari or have friends that would love the opportunity for a Big Game Hunt, this is a golden opportunity. Learn more about the privately owned, [Matsuri Safaris](https://matsurisafaris.co.za/) 17,500 acres hunting ranch in Limpopop, South Africa.

Basic details are shown below.



100 tickets
\$100 each
June 26

2nd Prize
A.R. - Value \$1K

Matsuri Magnum Package
7-Day Package for 4 Hunters

\$19,000 Value

**Hunt on a privately owned hunting ranch,
17,500 acres in Limpopo South Africa**



Includes:

- Guided by PH with skinner and hunting vehicle. *(includes guide fees)*
- Accommodations
- Meals
- All local drinks, soft drinks, alcoholic drinks, and bottled water, etc.
- Daily laundry service
- Wi-Fi
- Field prep of trophies
- Transportation to Taxidermist
- \$1000.00 per Hunter Trophy Fees

Does Not Include:

- Accommodation & meals for arrival and departure days. *(\$200.00 per day per person)*
- Transfers to & from Camp.
- Gratuities
- Airfare
- Transportation of Trophies to U.S.

Exp Date

May 8th: Jared Teach, STRIVE Asset Management

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:00pm
Meet in Person at
Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

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

MAY 8TH: STRIVE ASSET MANAGEMENT
MEET JARED TEACH

- Senior Vice President, West Coast Regional Sales Director
- Mr. Teach brings nearly 20 years of working alongside financial advisors. He previously held both Director and Vice President roles at FLX Networks, Hartford Funds and Ivy Funds.
- Jared is a graduate of Kansas State University and enjoys watching a variety of sports and cheering on his beloved Royals and Chiefs. On the weekend you will find Jared with his family in Carlsbad, CA enjoying campouts, playing golf, cooking meat on the smoker and relaxing at the beach.



STRIVE

May 15th: Ms. Sam Norman, Become Your Own Healer



Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 6:00pm
Meet in Person at
Everett's at The Mat-Su Resort

Via Zoom at

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May 15th
Ms. Sam Norman
Become your Own Healer

- Ms. Sam Norman is a registered nurse, ayurvedic health counselor, and a certified psychedelic plant medicine integration specialist. Her goal is to help you reclaim your physical, mental, and spiritual health by reacquainting you to the healer within.

May 16 - 19 Rotary District Conference & Assembly Fairbanks

You have heard the stories, seen the pictures, and - if you were fortunate enough in prior years - experienced the fun and INSPIRATION of a [Rotary District 5010 Conference](#) in person. Once again, we have lots of Susitna Rotarians signed up for this year's conference. Not sure what it is all about? Ask one of the current board members, prior club presidents, or Past District Governor (PDG) Cheryl Metiva, District Governor Nominee (DGN) Marty Metiva, or Lt. Governor Brenda Hewitt.

It's not too late to get on the bandwagon and attend this year's conference! Register [online](#) and then be sure to book your hotel accommodations at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks using promo code: **ROTACB**



May 19th - Race your car!

If you are not going to Fairbanks for the Rotary District 5010 Conference, then come out to support Wasilla Noon Rotary on May 19th and **Race Your Car!**

Race YOUR car
... the track's ALL YOURS!

Sunday
MAY 19th 11-4

What's under your hood?

"Bring your Friends & Family"
Refreshments for sale

TICKETS: At the Gate OR <https://alaska.tracksidesapp.com/>

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OVAL Track or DRAG STRIP
OVAL TRACK 3 times around \$25 | 6 times \$45 | 10 times \$80
DRAG STRIP 1 time \$10 | 3 times \$25
Reserve your track: www.raceak.com

Alaska Raceway PARK

SPONSORED BY
Wasilla Noon ROTARY

INFO: rotarywasilla@gmail.com
5599 S. Race Way | Mile 10.4 Old Glenn Hwy.

May 22nd: Big Lake Library Cleanup (instead of reg meeting)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 6:00pm
REGULAR MEETING IS REPLACED WITH
Big Lake Library Cleanup



Bring gloves, brooms, garden and lawn tools and dress appropriately for the weather!

The Metiva's have graciously offered once again to host a BBQ at their house in Big Lake immediately following the clean-up. Stay tuned for details!

June 1st: Lil Su Classic River Clean-up, Kids' Reading Hike, and BBQ

Sign-up sheet for our annual

LilSu Classic River Float/Cleanup and BBQ

If any of you are interested in participating this year, please sign up using the link below! There are many ways to participate:

Saturday, June 1st
2024 Lil Su Cleanup



Friday, June 7th: 3rd Annual Susitna Rotary Cup Scramble

Everyone is encouraged to help out with our club's big annual fundraiser. There are many ways to contribute...you can put together a team, be a sponsor, contribute prizes and other golf goodies, or volunteer the day of the event.

3rd Annual
Susitna Rotary Cup
Scramble
Friday, June 7th (UPDATED)
09:00 AM

This year we will be hosting an
18-hole scramble

Teams are only \$500.00 or \$150.00 per
individual player and tentatively include:

- Bloody Mary Bar (2 drink coupons)
- Breakfast Burrito
- Use of Driving Range before tourney
- "Golf Goodies"
- Lunch Banquet
- Putting Contest
- Chipping Contest
- Prizes Galore!!



Little Su Rotary Park Sign Sponsorship

[Download Flyer](#)



Rotary
Club of Susitna Alaska



CHILDREN'S STORYBOOK TRAIL SIGN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Sponsorship Details

- Cost: \$500 for a permanent sponsorship
- Contact: Rob Grogan 907-355-4394
- Location: Little Su River Bridge Houston, Alaska
- Estimated Trail Completion: Fall 2024
- Donation portal can be found on our website

www.susitnarotary.org Po box 298068 Wasilla, AK 99629

YoungLives Camp 2024

Brittany Reed is fundraising to take 24 teen moms from all across Alaska - and their babies - to Antelope, Oregon for the June 2024 YoungLives Camp.

YOUNGLIVES CAMP 2024

younglife. CAMP

\$2,500.00 SENDS A MOM, THEIR BABY, CHILDCARE, AND LEADER TO CAMP!

Will you help us get FOUR young moms to camp?

GIVE NOW!

Questions? Contact Brittany Reed | 907-315-3033
brittany.younglivesmatsu@gmail.com

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.

Date			Event	Location	RSVP required?
May	4th	Sat	Wasilla Pool	Float for Life pool session	Everyone invited - please RSVP
May	11th	Sat	Palmer Pool	Float for Life pool session	Everyone invited - please RSVP
May	16th	Thu	Rotary District 5010 Assembly	Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks	Registration required
May 17th-19th Fri - Sun			Rotary District 5010 Conference	Westmark Hotel, Fairbanks	Registration required
May	22nd	Wed	Annual Big Lake Library Cleanup	Big Lake Library	Everyone invited!
Jun	1st	Sat	Lil Su Classic River Clean-up, Kids' Reading Hike, and BBQ	Little Susitna River Rotary Pavilion	Everyone invited - please RSVP
Jun	7th	Fri	3rd Annual Susitna Rotary Cup Scramble Golf Tournament	Settlers Bay Golf Course	Registration -to play golf
Jun	26th	Wed	Changing of the Guard	TBD	Everyone invited - please RSVP

Save the Date

