



NORTH POLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SANTA'S NOTES

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Membership Meeting

The NPCCC monthly membership luncheon will be held on April 20th at Noon in the Senior Center, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Snowman Lane. The Noon Luncheon affords all members an opportunity to speak about their business. Tom Tsakalas, ELF'S DEN, will be catering a baked chicken meal with mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and vegetables.

Special Desert

Our desert will be a special treat this month as Chad Baxter, THE COFFEE CART, presents us with a preview of this year's newest desert drink. Chad surprised us with his new special about this time last year. The new taste then has brought this editor back for more several times since. If this year's introduction at Chamber is received as well as the last one, I am sure we will see it on the menu at his store.

Why Come To Lunch

Make room in your monthly schedule for Chamber Luncheon. The guest speakers are educational and pertain to either our businesses or community. Business introductions and spotlights keep the membership informed as to local business happenings.

Chamber has grown in membership and activities, resulting in more information to be covered during the monthly luncheon. Meetings will start promptly at Noon and end by 1:30 PM. If you have found in the past that meetings are boring and the food routine, when was the last time you have attended? Things have changed over the last twelve months. Come to a meeting and you will find it time well spent!

Businesses or individuals wishing to address Chamber should contact our office by phone or EMail. Member businesses wishing to be a spotlight are allotted five minutes to speak at luncheon and are given two hours for their Business After Hours, two weeks later. Time is set aside for up to three mini-spotlights, allowing any organization or individual two minutes to speak.

Program

Fairbanks North Star Borough's Economic Development Commission will be the highlight of our meeting. Walt Powers will serve as the keynote speaker. The commission has focussed on various aspects of city, com-

munity and borough wide economic development. Our own North Pole Economic Development Committee, as well as your Chamber, has been involved throughout the process. Walt will bring us up to date and what is in store for us in the future.

Alaska is growing, Fairbanks is growing, North Pole is growing. Is your business growing? Come hear how you can be a bigger part of this growth pattern.

Business Spotlight

April's business spotlight will be shining on Darryl Carnley representing THE SANTA CLAUS HOUSE. Darryl will fill us in on what Santa is up to as he prepares to greet his summer visitors. This business has seen



many growth cycles over the past years but even more of late. Free shuttle bus service to Fairbanks assures us that our local community has a chance to compete with our larger neighbor to the North. With the purchase of the Santaland RV Park, the adjacent facilities will benefit from each other's services to tourists. The Chamber's Visitor Center just across the Richardson will be able to package their information in such a manner as to assure more Alaska visitors brave the intersection and visit this new business entity.

The Santa Claus House, where it's Christmas everyday, is the Home of the original letter from Santa! The Santa Claus House is the interior's most unique gift shop featuring Alaskan gifts & apparel, made in Alaska items, collectibles, a Christmas shop, Santa Claus House exclusive gifts & apparel, and a toy store filled with special collectibles and plush. Visit with Santa in our toy store, and see his reindeer just outside. Enjoy a cup of Santa's coffee, or one of our specialty espressos while you enjoy an Alaskan video. Mail your cards and letters here to receive the North Pole postmark. A mailing service is available for your purchases. Order a letter from Santa or Deed to one square inch of North Pole property. Open all year. Complimentary shuttle service available.

BAH: Santa Claus

The Santa Claus House, where it's Christmas everyday, is the Business After Hours for the month of May. We will be hosted to a visit of Santa's House on May 4th, from 5PM to 7PM. With any luck, the jolly old fellow may descend the stairs to enquire as to your wishes - so, be ready. Doesn't give you much time to do those good deeds, so start now. If you are not at Santa's BAH, you must like coal, since that seems to be what he leaves for those who are not nice, and it certainly is not nice to skip this BAH!

The best way to show Santa how good you are is to attend the April luncheon so his number one elf can report back on your status in the Good vs Bad Book. The second best way is to bring yourself and your employees to the Chamber BAH at the home of



Santa. Life is hectic and you are busy, but the opportunities for business networking is fantastic at these meetings. The Mayor recognizes this and attends these informal sessions along with the Chamber Board, so, why not join these community leaders and come on down for the fun?

Jets on the Move

Colonel Jarvis has been very effective in his role as Eielson representative to the Chamber in keeping us updated on the changes headed our way this summer. Basically, North Pole will be quieter this summer while Fairbanks gets a chance to hear the sound of freedom. Runways don't last forever, and the one at Eielson is due for upgrading. The following is a press release from Eielson.

RUNWAY 2-2-2

BACKGROUND FACTS ON RUNWAY CLOSURE:

- Aircraft will move over to Fort Wainwright in April.
- Taxiway Golf will remain open for a few hours 1-2 days per week for aircraft to come back to Eielson for maintenance. Contractors cannot work on the runway while aircraft are flying in.
- The primary project is resurfacing of the center of Eielson's runway, approximately 9,000 feet long. Since the airfield will need to close for this to take place, the base is also using this period to install a fuel hydrant system that will streamline refueling operations for the 168th Air Refueling Wing tanker mission.

- Nineteen eighty-four was the last time the runway was resurfaced.
- This upgrade incorporates several projects into one, reducing the number of times the airfield and the public



will be impacted.

- Because the wing has a mission to be ready for combat assignments on short notice, pilots must practice continually, which is why we can't simply cease operations for the summer.
- Ft. Wainwright and the Fairbanks airport offer close facilities that can accommodate the training mission. By moving the aircraft there, the Air Force saves the additional cost incurred by sending entire units away from their home station. It also prevents having to send personnel away from their families for four months. During this time of increased unit deployments overseas, the Air Force did not want to further increase the amount of time service members have to spend away from home.

RUNWAY 3-3-3

- Before moving the aircraft to Fort Wainwright, Eielson did a noise footprint study during the summer of 1999. F-16s operated out of Fort Wainwright for several days with a noisier profile than expected this summer, and there weren't any noise complaints filed.
- There will be a 9 a.m.-5 p.m. flying window for Eielson aircraft while stationed at Fort Wainwright.
- The Air Force will attempt to take off to the east and land from the east, however, in some circumstances, aircraft will need to fly over the city to take off and land.
- The Air Force will attempt to take off and land without using afterburner, however, when there are high temperatures or high winds, afterburner may be used.
- The Air Force surveys its runways every ten years, taking core samples to determine the strength of the surface over time. As conditions deteriorate, the airfield becomes unable to support heavier aircraft. The last survey at Eielson, done in 1991, indicated a need to consider resurfacing the center portion of the runway, as well as some taxiway and parking ramp surfaces.
- Wilder Construction, of Anchorage, will do the runway resurfacing. Rockford Construction, also of Anchorage, will install the fuel hydrant system. Both contracts were awarded Dec. 6, 1999. The runway resurfacing contract is for \$12,448,000. The installation of the fuel hydrant system will cost \$19,154,005.

RUNWAY 4-4-4

- Eielson's runway has a long history. The base originally had two 6,000 ft runways, built in 1949. These supported the fighters assigned to the base. When the base began supporting bombers in the 1950s, the original run-

ways were shut down, and a new, 8,000 ft. runway constructed for the larger aircraft. Eventually, in the 1960s, the space between the new runway and one of the original ones was paved, creating one long runway 14,507 feet long.

To relay concerns before or during the project, people should call the 354th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at Eielson AFB – 377-2116. Ft. Wainwright has its own Public Affairs staff, but the Air Force office is better able to directly address Air Force related issues.
-ICEMAN TEAM-

BAH NPT

Many of us were treated to a great BAH at the end of March. Members of the Chamber and local community joined together at North Pole Physical Therapy, located at 167-B Santa Claus Lane, to view their facilities. We were given a chance to try all their equipment and be educated as to the value of working with each machine. There was gourmet catered food, all assured to be healthy as well as information on physical wellness.

Chamber members who missed this event, missed a good BAH, one that may have provided information you might need some day. Your editor has received Physical Therapy required by injury so knows first hand of what I speak. Physical care is a big item, but there were smaller ones - I am sitting here in front of my computer drinking cool water from the free athletic water bottle I received at the BAH, ofcourse that only after removing the gas discount card that was in it. At the time the discount was good, now with gas at the current price, it is even more so.



Donna Therriault, HECTOR'S WELDING keeps her balance

North Pole Physical Therapy has been an active part of the North Pole community for nearly five years. Julie Ament, co-owner of the clinic, opened the doors in 1995 and has since offered physical therapy services to residents in North Pole and the surrounding areas. Physical Therapy has widespread clinical applications with clinicians practicing in various settings from hospitals to private clinics, schools to athletic clubs. The clinic in North Pole is a privately owned outpatient clinic specializing in treatment of orthopedic conditions and sports medicine. This includes treatment of spinal dysfunctions, extremity dysfunctions (arms and legs) and postsurgical restoration of function.

Patients are generally scheduled to be seen in the



Karl Monetti, NORTH POLE VETERINARY, is not pleased with the strength of his grip

clinic Monday-Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 PM. In addition, clients are also seen at Fairbanks Athletic Club on Tuesdays/Thursdays for aquatic-based therapy in the evening hours in the gym. North Pole P.T. also operates a satellite clinic in Valdez, Alaska one to two days per week. North Pole Physical Therapy currently has three active therapists and an office manager on staff.

Mark Your Calendar

NORTH POLE CHAMBER

APR 20	NOON	LUNCHEON
APR 21	11AM	BOARD
MAY 4	5PM	BAH-MAMA C'S
MAY 5	11AM	BOARD
MAY 18	NOON	LUNCHEON

NORTH POLE CITY

APR 17	7PM	City Council Meeting
APR 27	7PM	Town Meeting
MAY 1	7PM	City Council Meeting
MAY 2		School Bond/NP Advisory Vote

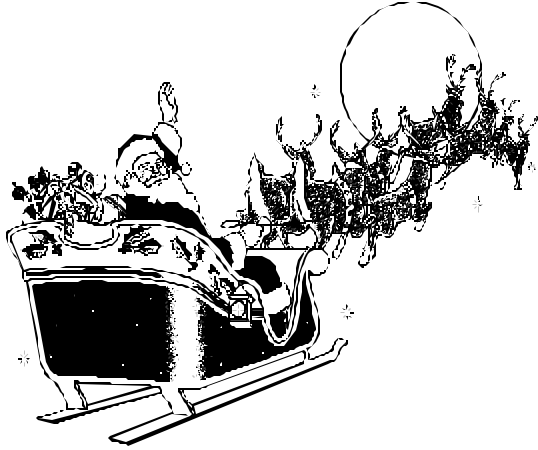
April Town Meeting: Concerned Citizens for Youth will meet Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00PM in Council Chambers. There will be a presentation by Andre' Loyal, NPMS Principal, on **Asset Building** to strenghten relationships in families, schools and groups. The committee will present a progress report on the youth community center.

May Vote: Tuesday, May 2 is an important day in our community: North Pole citizen's chance to cast an advisory vote on the type of local government desired; strong mayor or city manager. If the vote favors the city manager form of leadership, a future special regular election date will be set to decide the issue.

Annual Audit: The annual city audit will be presented to the city council on April 17th at 6PM. The public is invited to attend the work session prior to the regular city council meeting.

Community Calendar: The City web site (www.alaska.net/~npole/cnp) now includes a community calendar. Check the web for details.

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NORTH POLE HIGH SCHOOL

APR 19		Earth Day Celebration
APR 21	3:30P	Track @ West Valley
APR 22	11 AM	Track @ West Valley
APR 24	5 PM	Softball @ Monroe
APR 25	5 PM	Softball vs West Valley
	7 PM	Softball vs Monroe
APR 26		Daughters to Work Day
APR 27	4 PM	Band @ Princess Hotel
	7 PM	Softball @ Lathrop
APR 28		3:30P Track @ West Valley
	5 PM	Softball vs Eielson
APR 29	11 AM	Track @ West Valley
	8 PM	Jr/Sr Prom @ Tribal Hall

tended leadership workshops and toured several universities and points of interest including Microsoft, the Gates Foundation, the Zoo and more. The Kiwanis primary focus is on our youth and their future role as leaders

Sleepless in Seattle

Ten NPBS Key Club members attended the Pacific Northwest Key Club Convention in Seattle last week. The Kiwanis funded the trip during which the youth at-



Evolyn, VP, is checked for any sign of a muscle while Rosemary, BOD member pumps a little, very little iron at the BAH



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