

North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce

SANTA'S NOTES

Volume 2001, Issue 4

January 2001

OPPORTUNITY

WinterFest 2001 offers you a wide range of opportunities for advertising, business traffic, and community involvement.

Be a sponsor. Have a booth. Participate in contests. Be a volunteer. Be an Ididablock dog musher. HAVE FUN!

Contact Darryl Carnley, SANTA CLAUS HOUSE, 488-2200, extension 11.

Don't delay, opportunities like this go fast!

- Luncheon By John
- January 18th
- TOSSED SALAD
- POTATO SALAD
- BAKED BEANS
- BBQ CHICKEN BREAST
- HOME BAKED BREAD
- UPSIDE DOWN PINE-APPLE CAKE

NPCCC

Membership Meetings: NPCCC meets monthly on the third Thursday at noon. Meetings are held at Santa's Seniors Center located on Fifth Avenue in North Pole. Luncheon is served at a cost of eight dollars.

ON THE MOVE - HOPEFULLY FOR LAST TIME

North Pole youth have moved their club house four times in the last three years. Friday, January 5th, was a major mile stone in their moving saga as the club opened the doors of what is hoped to be their new long term home.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Tanana Valley has come a long way in a relatively short period of time. The Old Main facility was acquired and remodeled.

North Pole residents worked long and hard to bring a facility to their community. Fairbanks Boys and Girls Club opened a facility in Beaverbrook Mall, moving to the North Pole Mall, the North Pole Grange and eventually to the previous home of North Pole Coffee. The diversity of locations prompted the Clubs to change their name to include the entire region.

Two Rivers Grange is now the home of a third club house.



Board and staff members applaud North Pole Mayor Jeff Jacobson as he cuts the ribbon, opening the newest Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tanana Valley facility.

Future expansion plans include another club house in Fairbanks and one in Nenana. In addition to the BGTV facilities, youth centers on the local military bases are run under the Boys and Girls Club umbrella.

The Clubs provide a positive place for kids to go when

they need properly supervised youth development and recreation programs the most: after school, on weekends and during the summer.

Membership is open to all boys and girls, ages ten through eighteen. Drop by the new facility for a tour and pick up an application.

DOOR PRIZES

Free Advertising is available, just bring in items for door prizes and your business will be recognized at the Luncheon as well as in the newsletter. Excess items will be held till next Luncheon. Thanks to Rosemary Hobson for last month's donation.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

JANUARY 18 - NOON
Santa's Seniors Center

TISH GALVAN highlights
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Jan 16 City Council
City Hall 7 PM
- Jan 16 Economic Dev
City Hall Comm 7 PM
- Jan 18 NPCCC
Noon Luncheon
(Santa's Sr Ctr)**
- Jan 22 NPHS Financial
Aid Night
6:30 PM
- Jan 22 Sister City Mtg
City Hall 6:30 PM
- Jan 23 Annexation
City Hall Comm 7 PM
- Jan 25 NPCCC
Board Meeting
5:30 PM**
- Feb 1 NPCCC
Business After
Hours: 5-7 PM
Master Touch**
- Feb 5 City Council
7:00 PM
- Feb 8 NPCCC
Board Meeting
5:30 PM**
- Feb 11 Yukon Quest
starts in Yukon
- Feb 11 Junior Yukon
Quest with
Chamber check
point at Chena
Lakes.
- Feb 15 NPCCC
Noon Luncheon
(Santa's Sr Ctr)**



For North Pole High School Event Schedule, surf on over to :

http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/n_p_h_s

JANUARY BAH HOSTED BY UNITED SERVICES PLANNING ASSOCIATION

Networking is an important part of all business meetings. It is how folks in business learn about new opportunities. It helps them understand the local economy, to know what is in the future for their business environment that they are part of. Business After Hours, a program facilitated by your Chamber, provides an informal format for members of the community, business world, and city government, to meet and discuss issues common to all.

Ray Pulsifer, USPA, provided just such a forum in January at his offices. Plenty of business was discussed as we toured his new facilities. BAHs are more than business. Door Prizes abounded as did the food. Door prizes ranged from Mickey Mouse Office supplies and USPA teddy bears to a copy of TurboTax software. Darryl had his heart set the software. Sorry Darryl, but it sure will help me with my taxes!



BEEN THERE BEFORE



A group of concerned community members sat drinking coffee at North Pole Roasters a few years back. They were laying the plans for a dream, the North Pole Boys and Girls Club. Two of that group, Jim Hunter and Neal Gregory, returned to that very site to celebrate the opening of the 4th home of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tanana Valley.

They joined with Cheryl, club manager, for a special ribbon cutting, celebrating their fourth, and hopefully final facility. The club is leasing the old home of North Pole Roasters with the option to purchase.

NORTH POLE IS EXCELLENT

North Pole was honored for the best in local government innovation in the category of public safety at the Alaska Conference of Mayors in Juneau. The two programs recognized were the Risk Watch Program and the Community Police Academy.

The Risk Watch Program is an educational outreach program at North Pole Elementary School. Williams Alaska Petroleum generously donated funds for the curriculum materials. Fire Department personnel teach students how to respond in a variety of emergency

situations. As a result of the Risk Watch Program taught this summer, Max Jacobson, a first grader at NPE, was able to call 911 on behalf of his mother.

The North Pole Police Department has completed two Community Academies this year. The purpose of the academy is to increase involvement of citizens in the community, developing partnerships with the Police Department.

— From the Mayor's Office

NEWEST MEMBER TO PRESENT FEBRUARY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Our newest member, MASTER'S TOUCH MFG, does not believe in holding back. Alva Reed wants to be an active member and is putting that desire into play by hosting the monthly BAH just two weeks after joining. You have seen his hand made steins around town at bazaars and on store shelves. Now is your chance to see how he produces them. If you don't make another BAH this year, be sure to attend this one and take the opportunity of welcoming a brand new CHAMBER member.

Alva suggests casual attire. He keeps a clean shop but the very nature of his business dictates that there is a certain amount of dust about. To reach this business, go North on Badger out of North Pole, left on Dillon (2nd street, no sign, past Peridot), proceed to end of Dillon and turn left on Willeda. Alva assures me that once you get this far, you will not miss his metal shop.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 5—7 PM
1982 WILLEDA STREET

WELCOME BACK

ACS WIRELESS
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
ADVANCE PRINTING
ALASKA RIVERWAYS
ALASKA SALMON BAKE
ALASKAN'S LAZY DAZE B&B
APPLESAUCE INN B&B
AUSTIN ENTERPRISES
BEAVER LAKE RESORT MOTEL
BENSON TAX SERVICE
BETH REAGIN
BIRCH TREE B&B
BLANKENSHIP FINANCIAL
BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
CENTURY 21 GOLD RUSH
CHENA MARINA
COMFORT INN
CONCRETE CUTTERS
DONEY ADVERTISING
ELF'S DEN
ERICK BUETOW, DDS
F&E TAXIDERMY
FAIRBANKS ASSOC. OF B&B
FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWSMINER
FBKS FAMILY VACATION HOMES
FOOD FACTORY
FOX CREEK B&B
GCI
GENE'S CHRYSLER
GENEVIEVE NELSON
GEORGE MILLER CONST.
GOLDEN NORTH MOTEL
GORILLA FIREWORKS
GRAM'S CABIN
GREAT NORTHWEST, INC
HAWKS FARM & GARDEN
HECTOR'S WELDING
HOPS STATIONERY
HUGH FATE
JOHN COBBETT, OD
JOLLY ACRES MOTEL
KINKO'S COPIES
KNOTTY SHOP
L & L B&B
MCDONALDS
NAPA AUTO PARTS
NAPA AUTO PARTS
NATIONAL BANK OF ALASKA
NORTH POLE ACRES
NORTH POLE COFFEE ROASTING
NORTH POLE ESPRESSO
NORTH POLE MARTIAL ARTS
NORTH POLE MOOSE LODGE
NORTH POLE OPTICAL
NORTH POLE PHYS. THERAPY
NORTH POLE PRESCRIPTION
NORTH POLE TRAVEL
NORTH POLE VETERINARY
NORTH POLE WINDSHIELD
NORTH STAR RENTALS
NORTHERN ALASKA TOUR CO.
PETE ALEXION (ED JONES INV)
PIKE'S WATERFRONT LODGE
POWERHOUSE CONSTRUCTION
PTAC
ROSEMARY HOBSON
(continued on page 4)

DUES ARE DUE
Are you one of the 30% of our last year's membership who have not rejoined the CHAMBER?

The CHAMBER represents businesses. It behooves us to conduct our business accordingly. We can not afford to provide services to non-current members.



NAPA starts the new millennium off with a beautiful new show room. The added space coupled with the helpful professional staff assure that you will receive the best auto parts service possible.

LIGHTING UP THE COMMUNITY



Mayor Jeff presents award to Mark Hardesty

Into the darkness of Winter comes a beam of light, provided by many of our neighbors as they go about the annual rite of Holiday Lighting, for it is time for the annual North Pole City Lighting Contest. It is time for the Chamber to round up their judges and gather their emergency gear in preparation for their annual sojourn into the back roads of the greater North Pole community.

First Place for the 2000 Holiday Lighting Contest outside city limits went to Mark and Alice Hardesty on Poole Street. First Place inside city limits went to Mike and Heather Rogers on East 6th Avenue. There were no entries in the business classification. GVEA and SANTA CLAUS HOUSE provided awards to the winners.

Get in on the fun, start planning for next year's event today. Use the warm summer months to get your displays ready to bring light and cheer to the community.

WELCOME BACK (CONT)

RICHTER HOUSE B&B
 RIVERS EDGE RV PARK
 RIVERVIEW RV PARK
 ROADS END RV PARK
 SANTA'S FLOWERS & GIFTS
 SANTA CLAUS HOUSE
 SOURDOUGH FUEL, INC
 STAN STEPHEN'S CHARTERS
 SUN BAR NONE
 THE REFINERY LOUNGE
 THE WHITE GLOVE
 TRIAD CLINIC OF HEALTH
 TWO CITIES CONSTRUCTION
 USPA AND IRA
 VFW POST 10029
 WENDY'S RESTAURANT
 WHITE SPRUCE ENTERPRISES
 WILLIAMS ALASKA PETROLEUM

Is your name on
this list?

If not, why not?

RENEW TODAY

Your Chamber can
not function with-
out a solid mem-
bership.

**Membership
Bennefits**

Business After Hours

Community Pride

Economical Advertising

Internet Presence

Monthly Luncheon

Monthly Newsletter

Networking Opportunities

Publicity Opportunities

State Wide Exposure

Visitor Center Presence

AND MUCH MORE

**RENEW
TODAY!**

WELCOME ABOARD

ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
168th AIR REFUELING WING - COLONEL TIM SCOTT
3127 WABASH AVE STE 1, EIELSON AFB, AK 99702-1794
377-0168 <http://www.akeil.ang.af.mil/>

The 168TH AIR REFUELING WING, ALASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD...is the primary workhorse tanker unit for the Arctic region and Pacific Rim, annually transferring more than 17 million pounds of fuel in flight to predominantly active-duty aircraft on operational missions. The wing's strategic location provides an invaluable rapid response capability for emergency and contingency situations, as well as enhancing the Air Force's total force global reach.

It also provides continuous tanker alert support for the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense region, and extensive mission planning support and coordination for all Coronet fighter deployment missions transiting Alaska.

The wing plays a vital role in all PACAF Cope Thunder exercises, and regularly services Air Mobility Command Pacific Express missions. As the sole Arctic region air refueling unit in PACAF, the 168 ARW employs more than 700 active-duty, technician, and traditional guard personnel, in order to support, maintain, and fly eight permanently assigned KC-135R aircraft. The unit's reputation is built on a tradition of teamwork, enabling reliable service to state and nation under the most extreme conditions -- from the frozen Arctic tundra to the burning sands of the Middle East.

AMERICAN LEGION - POST 30

TERRY HUISMAN - 488-0326

4700 RIVERS ST, NORTH POLE, AK 99705

Meetings: 3rd Monday, 7 PM at North Pole VFW



The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization. A community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members -- men and women -- in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These Posts are organized into 55 Departments -- one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The American Legion's national headquarters is in Indianapolis, Indiana, with additional offices in Washington, DC. In addition to thousands of volunteers serving in leadership and program implementation capacities in local communities to the Legion's standing national commissions and committees, the national organization has a regular full-time staff of about 300 employees. Membership eligibility in The American Legion is based on honorable federal active duty service with the U.S. Armed Forces between --

April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 (*World War I*)

December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (*World War II*)

June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955 (*Korean War*)

February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975 (*Vietnam War*)

August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 (*Lebanon/Grenada*)

December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990 (*Operation Just Cause - Panama*)

*August 2, 1990 to today (*Operation Desert Shield/Storm*) Open to all current military.



KEN HOBSON
RETIRED MECHANICAL ENGINEER
2376 Sea Lyon Lane
North Pole, Ak. 99705
488-9519

This guy has been to more luncheons and BAHs than the average member. His wife, Rosemary, has served the CHAMBER well for many years and is our present secretary. Ken comes to meetings with her, partakes in the goodies and has outstanding luck with door prizes. Guess Rosemary laid the law down - join or else!

WELCOME ABOARD



**MASTER TOUCH MANUFACTURING
P. ALA REED
1982 WILLEDA —PO BOX 57061
NORTH POLE AK 99705
488-1536 www.mastertouchmfg.com**

Founded by master craftsman Alva Reed, Master's Touch specializes in the production of quality hand made birch steins. With more than 40 years in carpentry and woodworking, Alva uses both traditional techniques and innovative ideas to create these unique, fully functional wooden mugs.

Alva Reed patented his process for building these birch steins. Hand crafted with or without bark and with or without lids, each stein is a fully functional beverage container. Knots and bark add to the character of each wooden mug. Laser etched with custom pictures or logos, or hand painted to show one of several Alaskan scenes, or plain with the natural features of Alaskan Birch, each stein is a unique piece of art. These wooden mugs are 100% Alaskan made from the abundant Alaskan Birch trees. Virtually no part of the tree is wasted in the manufacturing of these beautiful steins and other hand-made wooden gifts.

THIS AND THAT

City Council - Let the Council hear your voice, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm. ←→

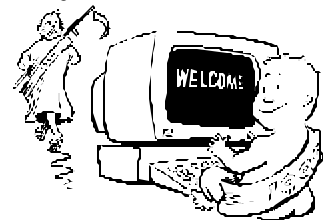
The North Pole City Council recognized Julius Mathew (NPE), Amy Latham (NPMS) and Miranda Isaacson (NPHS) as the Students of the Month for December. Teachers at the schools nominated students for their positive attitude, service and achievements. ←→

The North Pole Fire Department is a pick-up point for the Soroptimist's *Vials of Life* Program. This program is a means of relaying vital medical information to responders during an emergency. ←→

The North Pole Branch Library presents story time Wednesdays at 11:15 am. ←→

Governor Tony presented a summary of his budgetary goals for the year. You can see budget overviews and summaries, all appropriation bills, information about each department's programs and many other details on the WEB.

www.gov.state.ak.us/omb/akomb.htm



**RIVERS EDGE RV PARK
LINDA ANDERSON
3165 RIVERVIEW DRIVE
FAIRBANKS AK 99709-4739
474-0286**



**FAIRBANK'S NEWEST FULL SERVICE PARK
LOCATED IN THE HEART OF FAIRBANKS ON THE BANKS OF THE CHENA RIVER
FREE SHOWERS SPARKLING CLEAN BATHROOMS
FULL AND PARTIAL HOOKUPS 30 AMP
DUMP STATION LAUNDRY
GIFT SHOP TOUR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS
FREE SHUTTLES TO RIVERBOAT DISCOVERY AND SALMON BAKE**



**CMSgt Ret VIRGINIA LINNEMAN
UNITED SERVICES PLANNING ASSOCIATION and IRA
AGENT
201A SANTA CLAUS LANE
NORTH POLE, AK 99705**

The largest independent provider of financial plans to the professional military family.

**KNOW SOME ONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF CHAMBER?
HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO ATTEND A LUNCHEON? BRING THEM WITH YOU!
HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO JOIN? GIVE THEM THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION TODAY!
HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO A CHAMBER PROJECT?
IF NOT, WHY NOT - IF NOT WHEN ??????
REMEMBER ANCIENT PROVERB - STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!**

**★ Good Guys
Corner ★**
**168TH FAMILY SUPPORT
KEY BANK
NEAL GREGORY**

for donating December's
Luncheon Door Prizes
**Put Your Name
in this corner!**

NORTH POLE COMMUNITY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PO Box 55071
North Pole AK 99705-0071

Phone: (907) 488-2242
Fax: (907) 488-1316
Email: npccc@usa.net

We're On The Web
fairnet.org/npcc/index.html

*Run by the Community
For the Community*

SANTA'S NOTES is published monthly by the North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce. Distribution is made prior to the general membership meeting. Cutoff for submissions is the 1st Saturday of each month. Editor: Neal Gregory, PO Box 4701, Eielson AFB, AK 99702-0701; phone (907) 488-3381; Email ngregory@alaska.com

Officers:	President	Ray Puiisifer (USPA/IRA)	(907) 488-4800
	Vice-President	Jennifer Nehlson (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS)	(907) 457-5223
	Secretary	Rosemary Hobson	(907) 488-9519
	Treasurer	Evolyn Melville	(907) 488-2679
	Board Mbr	Dairryl Carnley (SANTA CLAUS HOUSE)	(907) 488-2200
	Board Mbr	Neal Gregory (KIWANIS CLUB OF NORTH POLE)	(907) 488-3381
	Board Mbr	Dawn Harmon (WESTMARK)	(907) 459-7706
	Board Mbr	Robert Lincoln (ADVANCE PRINTING)	(907) 488-2515

Noon Luncheon: **TISH PRESENTS BBBS**

It works! BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS knows that for a fact, several facts. Controlled studies have shown that children who are matched to a Big are:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 53% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to engage in violent behavior

Bowl for Kids' Sake, or Caribou Kids, is just around the corner, February 24th. Bowling or Pledging are just two ways that we can help support our community youth.

This past year BBBS has dramatically increased the number of children served—but the need grows everyday. Even as more kids are being matched with Big Brothers and Big Sisters, more youngsters are referred to the agency. Finding funding is becoming more and more difficult. "Bowl For Kids' Sake" supplies the lions' share of this funding. Get Involved and Help Out! Get a bowling team together today!

BBBS waiting list is full of kids who have been through far too much in their short lives. Our community children deserve this opportunity.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is the nation's oldest largest youth mentoring organization. Since 1904, caring adult volunteers have

been helping millions of children reach their full potential and fulfill their dreams. Our programs in all 50 states match kids with mentors who provide meaningful friendships and share fun experiences.

On the local level, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Fairbanks Area got its start about 12 years ago, in 1988. Jean Ambrose, a teacher at Pearl Creek Elementary, was the founder of our agency. As a teacher, especially as a teacher working with special needs children, she was in an unique position to see the enormous need for "Big Brothers" and "Big Sisters" in the schools and in the community at large. Dedicating one complete year to the task, Ms. Ambrose developed a steering committee, community support, and a needs assessment, and by 1989, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Fairbanks Area was up and running with its first executive director and its first caseworker. Since that time, we have developed a school-based mentoring program and served as part of a pilot program. We have also grown as an agency: from a staff of two part-time employees, we now have a staff of 6 full-time employee, and two part-time employees, as well as a summer intern. We have also increased the number of children served: we have increased our caseload by 600% within the last five years! We hope to continue this trend, and with your support, we know we can do so!