

# North Pole Community Chamber of Commerce

## SANTA'S NOTES

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### OPPORTUNITY

#### SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS

Be a Business Spotlight at Chamber Luncheon and host a BAH. This is a chance to invite other chamber members and the community at large into your business. Share your business experiences, expose your products to the public. Call Darryl at 488-2200 today and set a date!

Luncheon By MAMA C's MOOSE CREEK KITCHEN  
March 15th  
HAM DINNER  
and all the fixings:  
FRUIT SALAD  
FRESH BAKED BREAD  
POTATO WEDGES  
VEGGIE  
DRINK

### 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 for members, \$10 for non-members

## Employers: Learn How To Gain Tax Credits - Come to NPCCC Luncheon

Sarah Freundt will be representing the State of Alaska, Department of Labor and Workforce Development at the March chamber luncheon. Welfare-To-Work is Sarah's mission. She actually is housed in the Division of Public Assistance office. Her primary goal is to educate employers on the tax credits available if they choose to hire someone who currently receives Public Assistance. She also represents employers needs in the workplace and takes their information back to case managers so that we may better prepare their clients to succeed in the workplace. Her department also offers On-The-Job Training, Job Sampling and the Trial Hire program.

Sarah reports that, "My exact title is Employment Specialist, but the position is unique, as I am the only person in Fairbanks assigned the task of listening to and educating employers on the Welfare-to-Work program. I hope to receive job orders from employers and gain community support for giving these folks a chance to begin to support themselves and their families."

Sarah is a local example of success, having grown up in Fairbanks. She holds a degree in literature and began her state service in 1995. She secured her current position in 1998. Sarah serves as secretary for the Arctic Alliance, as well as holding the same position in the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee. If that is not enough involvement, she is also a member of the Fairbanks One-Stop Partners Group and tries to attend as many service organization groups as she can. Just goes to show; If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it, and it will happen.

WEB SITE OF THE MONTH:  
<http://www.labor.state.ak.us>

### 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

### CHAMBER LUNCHEON MARCH 15TH

Santa's Seniors Center

Program by Sarah Freundt

Featuring:

Department Of Labor and Workforce Development

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 12-16 Spring Break  
No School

**Mar 15 NPCCC  
Noon Luncheon  
(SANTA'S SENIORS CENTER)**

Mar 19 City Council, City Hall at 7 PM

Mar 20 Sister City Mtg  
City Hall 6:30 PM

Mar 21 NPHS Band Concert

Mar 22 NPHS Wrestling @ West Valley, 6PM

Mar 23 Sister City Trip to Itadori, Japan

Mar 23 NPHS Wrestling vs BEHS, 6PM

Mar 27 NPHS—Music In Our Schools, 7PM

**Mar 29 NPCCC  
Board Meeting  
5:30 pm**

Mar 31 NPHS Wrestling—Regionals at West Valley

Apr 2 City Council, City Hall at 7 PM

**Apr 5 BAH: NP TRAVEL, 5-7 PM**

Apr 16 City Council, City Hall at 7 PM

**Apr 19 NPCCC  
Noon Luncheon  
(SANTA'S SENIORS CENTER)**

**Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce: Luncheon Meeting (\$11) Tuesdays, Noon Westmark Hotel**

# NORTH POLE TRAVEL - Business of the Month



## Susan Phillips To Host April NPCCC Business After Hours

Susan extends a warm welcome to all NPCCC members and guests. Join your chamber friends as they gather at the Colonial Plaza offices of NORTH POLE TRAVEL. Susan is a well known chamber member, having served as a member of the board in recent years.

April's Business After Hours will give us all a chance to catch up on what is going on in the travel world. Fares are high, with Alaska Airlines just announcing another price hike. Susan predicts little change in the foreseeable future. Come to the BAH and learn how to plan your business and personal travel in order to achieve the best price breaks available in today's market.

Susan will fill us in on a number of vacation packages and dispense advice on choosing a getaway destination for that special vacation. With Condor Air entering the local airways, vacation and business travel to Europe becomes more appealing. NORTH POLE TRAVEL has information regarding several tour packages in Europe.

**CHECK IT OUT**  
SNACKS AND DOOR PRIZES  
FREE (A GREAT PRICE) INFORMATION  
ONE ON ONE CONSULTATION AND BOOKINGS  
THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH  
5-7 PM COLONIAL PLAZA  
3375 BADGER ROAD, SUITE 2B  
488-7653



# Members In The News

**FAIRBANKS DAILY NEWS-MINER:** Bill Robertson and Jeff Ross have been elected as members of the board of directors at the United Way of Tanana Valley.

The United Way is a nonprofit agency that provides funding to 125 local health and human service member agencies through public contributions.

**GENE'S CHRYSLER:** Valerie Nava Gillen has received her fifth consecutive Silver Certification award in recognition of her service excellence by Daimler Chrysler Motors Corporation.

**NBA:** Jennifer Walleri was named as an officer; Personal Banker at the College branch. Jan Sieberts, a senior vice-

president was re-elected to the Federal Home Loan Bank board of directors for a three year term.

**UAF-TVC:** The Process Technology Department recently named its advisory board. Named to the board were NPCCC members Dave Gardner (GOLDEN VALLEY ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION), Fred Vila (WILLIAMS ALASKA PETROLEUM), and Kathy Ross (WILLIAMS ALASKA PETROLEUM). Also named to the board were Mark Reischke, Tom Brice, Charlene Ostbloom, John Ringstad, Rick Solie, Dan Graham, Bud Sands, Tom Benjamin, Tom Minder, Click Bishop, Rick Boyles, Don Verstrate, and Ernie Manzie.

# Business After Hours



Alva, Marie, and Jason hosted NPCCC members and guests as they toured an unique manufacturing operation. THANK YOU!

## January: MASTER'S TOUCH MANUFACTURING



## February: NORTH POLE HIGH SCHOOL



Beth Reagin and her first year Nutritional Health Food class hosted a very appreciative group of NPCCC members. There was enough cheese and other goodies on hand to feed the entire Chamber! THANK YOU!



**KNOW SOME ONE WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF  
CHAMBER?**

**HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO ATTEND A  
LUNCHEON OR BAH? BRING THEM WITH YOU!**

**HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO JOIN?**

**HAVE YOU INVITED THEM TO A PROJECT?**

**IF NOT, WHY NOT ??????**

**IF NOT WHEN ??????**

**REMEMBER ANCIENT PROVERB -  
STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!**

Been to a BAH lately?

They are a lot of fun!

They are educational!

See you at NP TRAVEL

April 5th — 5 PM

Have you hosted a BAH lately?

It is easy!

Food, Door prizes, Tour

Call Darryl and book one today!

Call 488-2200 extension 11

## WELCOME BACK

ACS WIRELESS  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
ADVANCE PRINTING  
ALASKA RIVERWAYS  
ALASKA SALMON BAKE  
ALASKAN'S LAZY DAZE B&B  
APPLESAUCE INN B&B  
ATTABOY AWARDS  
AUSTIN ENTERPRISES  
BEAVER LAKE RESORT MOTEL  
BENSON TAX SERVICE  
BETH REAGIN  
BIRCH TREE B&B  
BLANKENSHIP FINANCIAL  
BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO  
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
CARR'S OF NORTH POLE  
CENTURY 21 GOLD RUSH  
CHENA MARINA  
COMFORT INN  
CONCRETE CUTTERS  
DONEY ADVERTISING  
DOWNTOWN B&B  
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  
GENI'S B&B  
GENE'S CHRYSLER  
GENEVIEVE NELSON  
GEORGE MILLER CONST.  
GOLDEN NORTH MOTEL  
GOLDEN VALLEY ELECTRIC  
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  
KJNP  
KNOTTY SHOP  
L & L B&B  
MCDONALDS  
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  
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# WELCOME BACK (CONT)

- NORTH STAR RENTALS
- NORTHERN ALASKA TOUR CO.
- PETE ALEXION (ED JONES INV)
- PIKE'S WATERFRONT LODGE
- POWERHOUSE CONSTRUCTION
- PTAC
- ROSEMARY HOBSON
- RICHTER HOUSE B&B
- RIVERS EDGE RV PARK
- RIVERVIEW RV PARK
- ROADS END RV PARK
- SANTA'S FLOWERS & GIFTS
- SANTA'S TRAVEL
- 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?

Your Chamber can not function without a solid membership!

Complete List will appear in April Newsletter

### Benefits

- Business After Hours
- Community Pride
- Economical Advertising
- Internet (WEB) Presence
- Monthly Luncheon
- Monthly Newsletter
- Networking
- Publicity Opportunities
- State Wide Exposure
- Visitor Center Presence
- AND MUCH MORE

**RENEW  
TODAY!**


# WinterFest 2001; A Success



WinterFest 2002 Planning Already Started - If you want to help plan, contact the Chamber now.



Mark Your Planner  
March 2-3, 2002  
WinterFest 2002

NORTH POLE HIGH SCHOOL

For complete events schedule,

surf over to:

[http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/n\\_p\\_h\\_s](http://calendar.yahoo.com/public/n_p_h_s)

**Music In Our Schools**  
Tuesday March 27, 2001  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**IN UNIFORM**

**EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE**

**Alaska Air National Guard:** Guard members recently participated as judges at the North Pole Middle School annual science fair. Lt Ryan Tilbury, SMSgt Alan Kaufman, SMSgt Jeff Morgan, MSgt Judi Wellnitz, and MSgt Karen Malone participated in the School-Business Partnership project. The 168 ARW has participated in the science fair for the past five years. The program gives the Guard an opportunity to strengthen its ties to the community.

**US Air Force:**

The 354th Security Forces Squadrons were judged the best medium-size security unit in the Pacific Air Forces. The unit is now competing for best in the Air Force. The squadron provides law enforcement, security, force protection and anti-terrorism measures, both at Eielson and at a wide range of deployed locations.

The 354th Fighter Wing has announced its annual award winners:

- Airman of the Year:  
SSgt Crystal Kiessling
- NCO of the Year:  
TSgt Allen Reece
- Senior NCO of the Year:  
SMSgt Lars Sorenson
- First Sergeant of the Year:  
SMSgt Robert Zolczynski
- Company Grade Officer of the Year:  
1st Lt Rob Bearden
- Category 1, Civilian of the Year:  
Nancy Powley
- Category 2, Civilian of the Year:  
Robert Weathers
- Category 3, Civilian of the Year:  
Phillip Hickman
- Category 4, Civilian of the Year:  
Joy Blahut

**FORTH WAINWRIGHT**

**Soldier of the Month:**

- January: Spc. Gyude Allison  
98th Maintenance Co.
- February: Spc. Andrew Rice  
E Troop, 1st Cavalry

**Deep Freeze Duty:**

Soldiers transported, cut and carved 4,800 pound slabs of ice into blocks and then used water to glue them together to construct an elaborate castle entrance of the World Ice Art Championships in Fairbanks. The castle has become a regular feature of the annual event.

**Public Works**

As the weather continues to warm, the road crews in will start removing the hard pack snow and ice off our streets. It is important that vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. parked on city streets be moved so that the snow removal equipment can scrape all the ice off.

**Computers Are Our Friends**

And if you believe that, do I have a deal for you. Actually there are a couple of good deals for you. Many of us, both in the business and personal arenas, still miss trust computers. Recognizing that fact, local user-friendly courses have been developed to aid the new user.

The FNSB school district has recently expanded their Community After School program to North Pole. Several classes will be starting in mid April, including a fundamental computer literacy class. The class will include computer basics as well as some hands-on application training. Watch the News-Miner for registration details. For questions about this class, call the instructor, Neal Gregory at 488-3381 or email at [ngregory@alaska.com](mailto:ngregory@alaska.com).

UAF-TVC officers in-depth classes on specific applications and computer architecture. Their Office Management Technology program is now offering Microsoft Office User Specialist certification. Testing is offered in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access on Friday afternoons at a cost of \$75 per test. For more information, call Jean Heusinkveld at 474-1115 or email at [ffejb@uaf.edu](mailto:ffejb@uaf.edu).

**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

City Council - Let the Council hear your voice, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7pm.  
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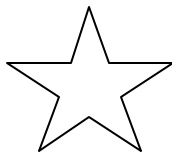
The North Pole City Council recognized **Alexa Moss** (NPE), and **Darin Nachtrieb** (NPHS) as the students of the month for February. Teachers at the schools nominated students for their positive attitude, service and achievements.  
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The North Pole 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. ....

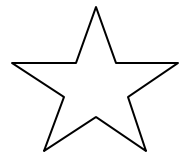
The North Pole Lion's Club has donated \$250 to the North Pole Police Department, funding two television shorts dealing with Winter Driving and Vehicle Theft.....

NPPD recently became the recipient of a second police working dog through a private donation. The dog will be assigned to an officer to assist with patrols, evidence search and drug investigations. ....

WILLIAMS ALASKA PETROLEUM CO in conjunction with the United Way are seeking nominations for an outstanding individual or group who volunteers in the community. Winner will be awarded the Williams Alaska Golden Heart Award. For more information, call United Way's Volunteer Action Center, 452-7211, extension 23.



**Good Guys Corner**



**ADVANCE PRINTING  
KEY BANK**

**MAMA C'S MOOSE CREEK KITCHEN  
NORTH POLE COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Thanks for donating February's Luncheon Door Prizes!

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[fairnet.org/npcc/index.html](http://fairnet.org/npcc/index.html)

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For the Community***

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## Small Business Loans Available

The U.S. Small Business Administration has declared small businesses in the Delta Junction area and certain areas of the Fairbanks North Star Borough eligible for low interest loans. These loans are being made available to relieve economic losses of farmers and ranchers brought about by poor growing conditions during the period of August 1 through September 30, 2000.

Application forms may be obtained from the SBA at PO Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795. To gain more information, contact SBA at 1-800-488-5323. Applications must be in to SBA by October 15, 2000.

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## Welcome Aboard

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