



Our Vision
*To make Anchorage the first city
without prejudice as the first step
to eliminate racism in Alaska*

Bridge Builders Newsletter

January 2009



Greetings Members and Friends!

We hope you were able to join the festivities at the Hmong Traditional New Year Celebration last weekend. It lasted two days and packed in a lot of fun! There were dance performances and competitions, culture shows, ball tossing, and wonderful singers and musicians from the local community as well as the lower 48. It was another delightful opportunity to share and learn during this season of celebrations.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Elsa Sargento, President

Paula Pawlowski, Director



Obama's election seems like step forward

By ELSA MALAPIT SARGENTO

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This recent presidential campaign brought to the fore the issues of race and gender. This historical event is the "elephant" in every living room of the American household. Instead of ignoring gender and race and pretending there is no elephant, we must address the differences of race, ethnicity, culture and gender. For diversity is precisely what it means to be an American.

For those who have forgotten who they are or where they come from, this moment is an opportunity to get in touch with their identity and history. To recognize that we are black or brown, white or yellow or red is not enough. Color does not make a culture. Neither does language. More important and more lasting are cultural and family values. These riches from our many backgrounds, if shared with others, can help shape and enrich our city and nation, indeed can better the world.

As a teacher and a student of science, I have learned that diversity is the key to survival. Sameness leads to extinction. The so-called "accidents" in evolution force species to adapt so they can strengthen themselves and survive. The keyword is "adapt." What scientist Thomas Kuhn called paradigm shifts mark the revolutions that are the key events of change.

What we've just witnessed in the election of Barack Obama is revolutionary indeed, never before seen in the history of this nation. What many have thought impossible is now a reality. Never underestimate the power of dream and vision. Our only limitation is our own imagination.

What lies ahead, as always, is uncharted territory. But let's not be afraid of the unknown or the uncertainty. Let's live life as an adventure with faith in divine providence. Life will find a way, and so will we.

Elsa Malapit Sargento, of Filipino heritage, is the president of Bridge Builders of Anchorage.



Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

Martin Luther King Day (Jan. 19, 2009):
Celebration on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009
3:00PM - 6:00PM
Performing Arts Center

Meet the World:
Feb. 28, 2009
11:00am - 4:00pm
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

March in the 4th of July Parade:
July 4, 2009
Anchorage Parkstrip
Interested in sponsoring and creating a parade float? Please call 277-1882.

Gala Banquet & Ball 2009 Honoring Excellence in

Pick. Click. Give.

Bridge Builders is asking for your help for 2009. We do not receive funding from any city or state or federal programs. Your financial support is needed today. Now with the Pick Click Give Program you can support Bridge Builders when you file for your PFD online in January 2009. Below is information about

the program and how to give when you file. If you need more information please call: 277-1882.

About the Program

In January, when you apply for your Permanent Fund Dividend, you will have a new opportunity to give to your favorite Alaska nonprofit organizations. The PFD Charitable Contributions Program begins with our 2009 dividend. It provides a safe and secure way to make a donation, and it's available to all Alaskans who file on-line. When you go on-line to sign up for your dividend, you will see the option called "The Gift of Giving." Click and follow the instructions to make a donation.

We are listed as: Bridge Builders of Anchorage.

What is the PFD Charitable Contributions Program?

A new law was passed in May 2008 that allows Alaskans filing for their PFD on-line to donate all or part of their dividend to eligible charitable and educational organizations, community foundations, and the campuses of the University of Alaska. The law sets up a program that goes away (sunset) after three years unless renewed by the Alaska Legislature.

How much can I give through the PFD Program?

You may give anywhere from \$25 up to the full amount of your dividend to eligible nonprofits. You will be able to give in \$50 increments up to the total amount of the permanent fund dividend that the applicant is entitled to receive.

What is the purpose of the program?

The PFD Charitable Contributions Program provides a reliable way for Alaskans to support eligible nonprofit organizations. The program goal is to increase individual charitable giving overall, along with increasing the number of new donors to nonprofit organizations. The program provides an additional way for donors to support organizations they care about.

Why should I give through the PFD program?

It is a safe and secure way to give in areas you haven't considered before and to provide additional support to organizations you care about. By giving through this program, you join others to become an important force in bettering our communities and state.

How do I know my contribution will be used as I intended?

When you donate through the PFD Program, you are making what is called an "unrestricted gift." Like other unrestricted gifts, the organization will use the funds to support its mission.

Can I give part of my child's PFD or is this only for adults?

Every Alaskan who files on-line for a PFD dividend can give through this program. So every member of your family has the option to participate. This is an excellent way to help teach your children about the value of giving to the community.

Will my donation have my name on it, or will it just be part of the total gift to the designated nonprofit?

You will have the ability, when you make your donation, to check a box that authorizes the state to send your name, contact information and the amount you give when it sends contributions to an organization. We encourage you to check this box so your organization will know about your contribution, will be

Community Service:

August 15, 2009

Captain Cook Hotel

If you would like to volunteer on a committee for Bridge Builders, please call: 277-1882

The Pledge of Mutual Respect:

"We the people of Anchorage, Alaska, pledge to respect one another, celebrating the differences that make us unique: our customs, spiritual beliefs, cultures, colors, dreams and ancestral traditions. Standing together, hand in hand, young and old, we affirm that through mutual respect we can build a stronger more harmonious community, a more unified nation and a better, safer world."

Bridge Builders is membership-based and is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization.

able to share with you how your contribution is being used, and will be able to honor and recognize you for your generous support.

What if I don't file electronically?

The only way to give through the PFD Charitable Contributions Program is to file on-line. If you don't have access to a computer, check with your local public library for places in your community that may have a computer you can use. If you do not file on-line, please consider making a direct contribution to nonprofits you believe are serving the community.

Great News! You will be able to make your donation by participating in the PFD checkoff! Go to www.pickclickgive.org for details.

"Did you know...?"

...Bridge Builders was formed at the dinner table of Mayor Rick Mystrom in 1996.

We hope you enjoy this new informative section containing tidbits of BB history and info.

Our 2008 Annual Report and membership forms can be found on our website: www.bridgebuildersak.org

Leadership Anchorage Selects a Bridge Builders Community Service Project:

Keep Me Safe

Helping newcomers to Anchorage prepare for emergencies despite language, cultural and experiential challenges.

We need your input! Please tell us what you wish *you* had known when you first arrived in Alaska, so we can help current and future newcomers be better prepared for an emergency in this great and challenging environment.

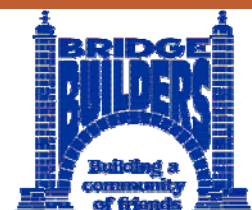
Email suggestions to bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org or call 277-1882. Thank you!

Leadership Anchorage is an Alaska Humanities Forum program. For more information go to <http://www.akhf.org>

Core Purpose:
To promote and celebrate harmony and respect among all cultures.

Core Values:
Dignity/Respect/
Personal
Trust/Openness/
Personal
Commitment/Activi
sm

Join us and discover a whole new world!



Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 18th

3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

PAC (Alaska Center for the Performing Arts)

*Brought to you by the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation of Alaska,
Bridge Builders of Anchorage, and Churches of Anchorage*

Saturday, January 17th, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer time in honor of Dr. King at Faith Christian
Community Church.

Monday, January 19th, 6:00 p.m.: Prayer gathering for pastors and intercessors in honor of Dr.
King at Shiloh Baptist Church.

Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
Subject: **Public Comments on Ten Year Plan**

Happy Holidays. I wanted to take a moment thank everyone for their help in getting the ten year plan to the current stage. I'd also like to remind everyone that public comments are welcome on the draft that was released at the Annual meeting of the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness on December 8th, 2008. We'd like to get as many comments back as we can before **January 2, 2009**, so we can prepare a more refined draft before the legislature starts.

Please send any comments to Kris Duncan kduncan@ahfc.state.ak.us or myself at mromick@ahfc.state.ak.us

If you don't already have a copy of the draft plan, it is posted on the AHFC website at homeless

If you have trouble downloading the Plan, please let Diana Faude dfaud@ahfc.state.ak.us know and she will make sure you get one.

Thank you for your help in getting the draft ten year plan done and we look forward to any comments you might have.

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Alaska World Affairs Council

December 19, 2008 - January 2, 2009
Holiday Break

January 9, 2009

"An Airman's Perspective: Executing Air, Space and Cyber Power To Fly, Fight and Win in the Pacific"

Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler

Pacific Air Forces; Air Component Commander for U.S. Pacific Command; and Executive Director, Pacific Air Combat Operations Staff, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

January 16, 2009

No AWAC event this week

Top 40 Under 40 Chamber of Commerce Lunch at the Dena'ina Center where our Executive Director, Lise Falskow will be recognized.

January 23, 2009

"Can video games promote peace?"

Eric Brown

co-founder of Impact Games

Fair Housing Act Seminar

Date: Tuesday, **January 6, 2009**

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Location: BP Energy Center, Birch Room, 900 Benson Blvd., Anchorage, AK

This session will give an overview of the Federal Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988. The FHA protects civil rights in housing for persons with disabilities and other groups. Discussion will include covered service(s) & practices, reasonable accommodation/modification; plus significant court cases and the design & construction requirements. Additional resource information on universal design will be also provided.

Presented by David Barton, ADA Partners Project Coordinator, Access Alaska.

TO REGISTER: Space is limited, you must register to attend. Please contact Mike Friend by **FRIDAY January 2, 2009** to reserve a seat. Include your name, address, phone number or email address, and the title of the session you would like to attend. Please include any accommodations you may need to access the session or materials at least 5 days prior to scheduled session. Every attempt will be made after this date, but cannot be guaranteed. Prior to sessions, you are invited to submit questions to: dbarton@accessalaska.org

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FIRST ALASKANS INSTITUTE seeks Policy & Research Coordinator, Alaska Native Policy Center

The application period for this position will remain open until close of business on **January 7**, 2008. Please visit www.firstalaskans.org for further information. Please direct any questions to Tammy Keith at 907-677-1700 or via email at info@firstalaskans.org.

Our offices will be closed from Dec. 25th-January 4th, so during that time, please refer any questions/emails directly to me at the number and email listed below.

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Native Minds Shaping Our Future

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services

NEW REFUGEE ARRIVALS - December Update

RAIS welcomed a new refugee to Alaska on December 18. Arriving from a refugee camp in Kenya, he is:

a single male
birth date 1/1/1984
native to Somalia
speaking Somali and English
practicing the Muslim religion

This arrival represents the first Somali refugee directly resettling to

Alaska. As such, we are looking to expand our Somali speaking interpreter base. Please feel free to contact Grace with our program at 222-7359 for more information if you are able to offer Somali interpreting services.

We have a volunteer meeting scheduled for January 13th from 5:30 to 7:30. Also check us out on the CSS website (www.cssalaska.org) -- we have our brochure featured there and other links as well. Thank you in advance for your interest in welcoming refugees to Anchorage!

For those individuals new to America through our free case program -- we have an 88% success rate in getting clients employed within their first 6 months in the country. The pride in our clients faces as they terminate their public assistance and start applying for programs like Habitat for Humanity has been a great lesson to us all on the advantages of self-sufficiency.

For next year in general we are expecting 90 arrivals - from Sudan, Democratic Rep. of Congo, Somalia and possibly Bhutan. This will be more than we resettled this year! We have received 81 arrivals to date for the calendar year.

In addition, like the other public programs -- we are receiving many Hmong families who are still within their first 5 years in the US. We received 12 family referrals on one day last week alone. We will give you some end of the year stats in January.

DECEMBER ARRIVALS

Family from Sudan who have been in a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Amheric speaking. Joining family in Anchorage

Single Man - 20

Single Man - 23

Single Mother age 31

Son age 17

Daughter age 13

Son age 7

Daughter age 3

Family from Former Soviet Union joining relatives in Wasilla

Mother -- age 28

Father -- age 23

Son -- age 1

At this point in the year we are shifting to a new donation focus... radios and clocks. We have realized that with the TV changes that are happening some refugees feel isolated from the sounds of the world when they first arrive. It is not on our basic needs list, but we are wanting to supply each new refugee household with at least one AM/ FM radio so they can tune in. Also we are teaching the American value of time and could use more clocks in households. Our regular list still stands and we always welcome a donation to the revolving loan fund -- used to loan client's money for basic necessities that can't be covered by grants such as security deposits.

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

warmly, k

Karen Ferguson, Program Dir./State Refugee Coordinator

Catholic Social Services

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(907) 222-7376 phone, kferguson@cssalaska.org

CONTINUING PROGRAM NEEDS:

1. Names of rental property owners who might want to work with renting to new refugee families.
2. Cash donations.

LIST OF DONATED ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

(see last month's newsletter for list as well as volunteer opportunities)

Presidential Inauguration

Tuesday, January 20, 2009
7:00 a.m.: Doors Open, Light Refreshments
Place: UAA Wendy Williamson Auditorium

The University of Alaska Anchorage will broadcast the Presidential Inauguration at the Wendy Williamson Auditorium on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. UAA is working in partnership with the Anchorage MLK Foundation. The inauguration ceremony begins at 7:30 AM and will be a live broadcast. President Obama speaks at 8:00 AM.

Black History Month Community Forum

January 22, 2009, 6 - 8 p.m.
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center
More Info: www.anchoragemuseum.org

Join educators, artists, writers and community advocates to celebrate African American heritage and learn about educational resources. Enjoy a glass of wine, live music and engaging conversations.

The Anchorage Museum would like to extend an invitation for you and your organization to participate in the Black History Month Community Forum.

The forum is organized in conjunction with the Anchorage Museum new temporary exhibition Northwest Black Pioneers. This exhibit tells the story of African Americans in the Pacific Northwest . Between 1860 and 1950 the Black population of the western states grew from about 200,000 to nearly 1,800,000. Black westerners' determined efforts to seek freedom and opportunity helped transform their lives as well as the region and the nation. Northwest Black Pioneers documents these transformations via historic images and personal stories of African-Americans from Oregon , Washington and Alaska . This

exhibit is the result of collaboration between the Anchorage Chapter of Links, Incorporated, an African-American women's philanthropic organization, the Northwest African American Museum and the Edquist Davis Exhibits.

The main purpose of the Community Forum is to celebrate Alaska's African American heritage and to showcase organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting African-American culture, eliminating racial discrimination, and highlighting the historic legacy and civic contributions of Black Alaskans. This forum is ideal for educators and adult visitors interested in learning about the past, present and future of African Americans in Alaska .

Each participating organization will be provided with a table for the materials and displays. Music, appetizers and a wine cash bar will create a relaxing ambiance for conversation and the exchange of ideas. Community memory booth will offer the visitors an opportunity to share personal memories, thoughts and feedback. We hope that this event will emphasize the important role that African Americans played and continue to play in the history of Alaska .

If you are interested in participating in this community forum, there are five easy steps to follow.

1. Choose a specific focus (your organization's projects, individual research interest, curriculum or lesson plan you developed, new body of art or publication you would like to present)
2. Create a display (artifacts, posters, publications, on-line materials, video materials, etc.)
3. Designate an individual or group of individuals who will act as facilitators.
4. Fill out participation form and return it to Jenya Anichtchenko by **January 15, 2009**.
5. Join us on **January 22, 2009!**

We hope that you will join our effort!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions!

Sincerely,

Jenya Anichenko
Curator of History Education
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Anchorage Girls Circle Facilitator Training!

Learn Skills to Lead Dynamic Female Responsive Programs for Girls! Girls Circle is a strengths-based, relational approach for girls, rated a promising approach in the OJJDP's Model Programs Guide.

Anchorage, AK - **January 21-22, 2009**
To learn more, go to www.girlscircle.com
Hosted by: YWCA Anchorage

Leaders of girls' programs are applying the Girls Circle model successfully across all systems of care: schools, peer leadership, juvenile justice, community based organizations, mental health, child welfare, outdoor adventure, pregnancy prevention, boys and girls clubs, gang-prevention, substance abuse prevention - wherever girls are!

Order Girls Circle Program Materials: Rich with skill-building themes and activities that promote critical thinking in all areas of girls' lives. View a partial list of Participating Organizations and Research Outcomes on the Girls Circle Model.

www.girlscircle.com | info@girlscircle.com | P: (707) 794-9477 | F: (707) 794-9938

Thank Your Mentor Day

Saturday, **January 24**, 1pm to 4pm
Mountain View Community Center (Boys & Girls Club) at 315 N. Price

This event is free and open to mentors and mentees of all ages. We stress that a mentor is anyone who acts, either formally or informally, as a supportive, trusted advisor or guide for another person: we'd really like to have all different types of mentors from our community attend, not just those who volunteer with a mentoring organization, and not just those who mentor children. Ideally, anyone who has had a great coach, teacher, Girl Scout Troop Leader, boss, co-worker, Big Brother, counselor, etc, etc who has acted as mentor could invite that person as a thank you. Additionally, mentors are welcome to invite their mentees and use the occasion as a fun event that everyone can enjoy.

We will have activities and games for mentees/mentors of all ages, snacks, awards, prizes, and guest speakers.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Thank you!

Vicky Parks
Big Brothers Big Sisters

Project Homeless Connect is a one-day, one-stop event to provide services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Anchorage. Please join us for our next event:

Date: Tuesday, **January 27**, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Place: Egan Civic Convention Center, 555 W. 5th Ave. (Lower Level)

VOLUNTEER Opportunities Available:

- Intake
- Security
- Mental Health
- Crisis Intervention
- Runners
- Food Servers
- Luggage Check-In/Check-Out
- Set up / Take down

Call Today to Volunteer! Two shifts (9am - 1pm) & (1pm - 5pm).
John at 263-2060 or jhirst@alaskan aids.org

Come help us help the homeless!

Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness is seeking volunteers to help out with our 4th Project Homeless Connect (PHC). PHC is a one-day, one-stop event to provide housing, services, and hospitality in a convenient one-stop model directly to people experiencing homelessness in Anchorage. It is a way to bring service providers, government agencies, and the general community together to address a problem that affects everyone. The goal is to move from simply managing homelessness towards really ending it.

These last three events have served over 1284 unique individuals and families and connected them to housing services, given them hundreds of food bags, they received State ID cards, birth certificates and haircuts and many community organizations participating referred them to employment services and provided hundreds of other referrals for various services. We still need many more volunteers so please get the word out. This is one day that can help so many within our community.

Volunteers are needed for various roles like greeting, intake, checkout, security, information booth, pet care and several other positions. If you can help us again, please contact John Hirst at jhirst@alaskan aids.org or (907) 263-2060.

If you have intake/case management experience, please let us know in advance as we need your expertise for intake and check out services.

Ready to Read Resource Center

Bringing books to infants and toddlers throughout Alaska

To promote early literacy development in children age birth to 3 throughout Alaska, the Anchorage Public Library Ready to Read Resource Center circulates statewide the following three types of materials to organizations that serve infants and toddlers (such as child care centers, licensed family child care providers, child development programs, parenting classes, libraries, health clinics, and faith organizations):

LAPSIT BAGS:

- Each bag contains 5 - 6 books, a CD, a puppet/ prop and suggestions for fingerplays, songs and action rhymes.
- Each bag is based on a theme, such as Alaska Animals.
- Bags are also used for Anchorage Public Library Lapsit programs.

READY TO READ TUBS:

- Each tub is filled with 30 - 50 board books and paperback picture books, as well as a resource guide and DVD for the adult childcare provider.
- The selection of books vary from tub to tub.
- Some tubs include materials in languages other than English.

READ TO ME AT HOME TUBS:

- Each tub contains 10 small canvas bags, with three board books in each bag, that can be loaned to families to take home and read with their young children.
- All 30 books in each tub are of different titles.
- The selection of books vary from tub to tub.

- In the Anchorage area -

? Materials can be checked out at Z.J. Loussac Library, or any Anchorage Public Library branch.

? Lapsit bags can be checked out for 3 weeks with a library card.

? Tubs can be checked out for 6 weeks with a library corporate card. To obtain a corporate card, call Z.J. Loussac Library at 343-2975.

- Outside of Anchorage -

? Contact your local community library to request materials through inter-library loan.

? If you don't have a local community library, please contact Terrie Chang, Project Manager (see below).

For further information, contact:

Terrie Chang, Project Manager: ChangTN@muni.org or phone (907) 343-2970.

Anchorage Public Library / Z.J. Loussac Library 3600 Denali St., Anchorage, AK 99503

www.anchoragelibrary.org

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Alaska State Library under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.

Outreach Notice for PILOT (National Park Service Alaska)

The National Park Service Alaska (NPS-AK) diligently continues to work toward increasing representation of minorities and persons with disabilities in our workforce. We're reaching out to

and building partnerships with active social organizations and cultural groups of Alaska to achieve a workforce that reflects the citizens we serve.

Currently, I want to get the word out that we'll soon be recruiting for a PILOT position. The position will be intermittent (as-needed basis) and term assignment (4-year appointment). You can email a request for an Outreach Notice which provides more detailed information and points of contact to call if you have questions.

The Pilot can be based in Anchorage or Fairbanks, but will be expected to fly aircraft on floats and wheels to all Alaska national parks, such as Katmai, Lake Clark, Western Arctic National Parklands, Denali, Gates of the Arctic, Yukon-Charley, and Wrangell St. Elias (<http://www.nps.gov/state/ak/>).

Please review the Outreach Notice and disseminate it to anyone you believe might be interested in this wonderful opportunity. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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<http://www.nps.gov/state/ak/>
<http://www.nps.gov/personnel/general.htm>
<http://www.nps.gov/akso/>

Darfur Refugees

Dear Colleagues... We had a great story on the Darfur refugees on Channel 2 news. here is the link. you can see the video online.

<http://www.ktuu.com/Global/story.asp?S=9416487>

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Providing Help/ Creating Hope

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Anchorage East Rotary Club Presents

**Fundraiser Dinner
and Free Poker Tournament**

Hosted by the Alaska Poker Association

March 28th, 2009

All proceeds equally divided in support of:

Bridge Builders of Anchorage, Friends of Alaska CASA, Hospice of Anchorage, and Mary Magdalene Home Alaska.

Join us for an evening of games, food, music and festivity at the Hotel Captain Cook Ballroom.

Doors open at 4pm

Dinner tickets \$250.00 per person

For more information, contact Sharon Anderson: 907-229-6624 or

seanderson@gci.net

or bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org

or call: 277-1882

Is there something happening in your community that you would like to see included here? Please email the details to us at bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org.

Thank you for sending us information about your special event. We think this tool will help keep you informed and give you your options for activities of interest.

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