



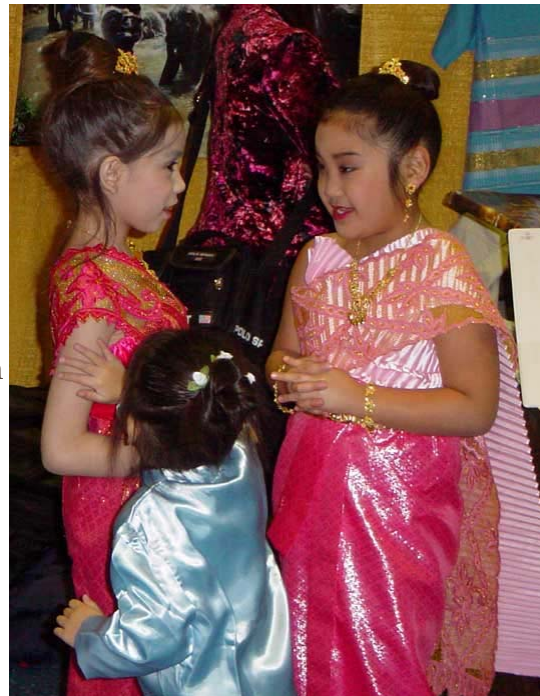
Our Vision
*To make Anchorage the first city
without prejudice as the first step
to eliminate racism in Alaska*

Bridge Builders Newsletter

February 2009

Dear Members and Friends:

2009 has begun with all signs of being a banner year! The Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts was extra special this year, and it was followed by the inauguration of our nation's first African American president. February is busy; not only is it African American History Month, it's also the time we celebrate Presidents Day, Valentine's Day, and Mardi Gras. Here in Alaska, it's time for the Fur Rondy, including our Meet the World in Anchorage event (*Saturday, Feb. 28, 11am-4pm at the Anchorage Museum*).



Alaska runs on volunteer power: state government, city governments, commissions, task forces, and non-profit organizations. Bridge Builders has been asked to develop board training for our

diverse community leaders, but we need *your* input!

We urgently need your answers to two important questions by our February 15 deadline:

- ? If you are a member of an ethnic community, would you like free training to learn how to be an effective board member?
- ? If you serve on a board of directors, would your board be interested in recruiting new board members from our training program?

Please respond to us at bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org or 277-1882. Your replies will be confidential.

See you at Meet the World!

Elva Sargento, President

Paula Pawlowski, Director

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 "Pick.Click.Give" 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 or go to www.pickclickgive.org.

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?



Cultural Events Calendar

Now available online at:

<http://www.bridgebuildersak.com/BridgeBuilders2009Calendar.pdf>

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 (sunssets) 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 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.

Please check back often for updates!

Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

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
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:

"Did you know...?"

...Bridge Builders was one of the programs in the presentation which won Anchorage the award of All-

America City 2002.

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

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>

Meet the World in Anchorage!

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

*You are invited to attend this FREE event,
part of the Fur Rendezvous Festival!*

"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.

Great News! You will be able to make your donation by participating in the PFD checkoff! Go to



Bridge Builders of Anchorage co-hosts Meet the World with the Museum and Wells Fargo to educate the public about the different cultures in Anchorage. Over 30 cultural booths are set up with displays from individual communities and staffed with cultural representatives to greet visitors and explain their customs, traditions, costumes and values. Many booths have activities such as calligraphy demonstrations, games, or origami (paper folding). Attendees are given a "passport" at the entrance that has an entry from each culture explaining customs and traditions; as visitors stop by each table, that culture's passport page is stamped with a symbol from that culture. Ethnic entertainment is featured throughout the day, offering music, dance and workshops while people get to know their neighbors. Fun for the whole family!

For more information, please go to www.bridgebuildersak.org, or call 277-1882.

There are many other fun and wonderful events in the **2009 Fur Rondy** we wouldn't want you to miss, so please visit their website for details: <http://www.furrondy.net/>

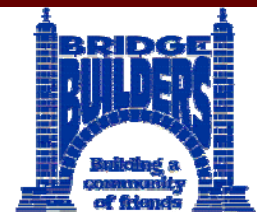
www.pickclickgive.org for details.

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

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

Core Values:
Dignity/Respect/
Personal
Trust/Openness/
Personal
Commitment/Activism

Join us and discover a whole new world!



2009 Bridge
Builders

Alaska World Affairs Council

January 30, 2009

"On the Water's Edge: Freshwater and the Future of the Arctic"

Speaker: Dr. Lilian Alessa

Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Alaska Anchorage

MONDAY, February 9, 2009

"Russia and the U.S.: Northern Perspectives"

Speakers: Mikhail V. Margelov, Chairman of the International Committee of the Russian Federation Council, and Ed Verona, President and CEO of the U.S.-Russia Business Council

February 13, 2009

"What Embassies Do in a Crisis: The Collapse of the Fujimori Regime in Peru"

Speaker: John Hamilton

Former Ambassador to Guatemala and Peru

February 27, 2009

"Global Health: The Gates Foundation Approach to Global Health Inequity"

Speaker: Jan Agosti, MD

Senior Program Officer, Infectious Disease Development
Global Health Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

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AWAC weekly luncheons location: Hilton Hotel

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - Program begins at 12:00 p.m.

RSVP by telephone 276-8038 or by email to info@AlaskaWorldAffairs.org.

Lunch Program \$20 for Members - \$25 for Non-Members - \$6 for Coffee Only

For more information, go to <http://www.alaskaworldaffairs.org/>

Save the Date for the next Alaska Affordable Housing Partnership meeting!

Date: Tuesday, **February 3, 2009**

Time: 8:30am

Location: Neighborworks Anchorage (480 W. Tudor Road - near C Street)

Main Event: Jim Gurke, Director of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Public Housing Division will be our featured speaker. Come learn more and provide input to AHFC's "Moving to Work" proposal.

Moving to Work (MTW) offers public housing authorities (PHAs) the opportunity to design and test innovative, locally-designed housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low-income families by allowing exemptions from existing public housing and tenant-based Housing Choice Voucher rules and permitting PHAs to combine operating, capital, and tenant-based assistance funds into a single agency-wide funding source, as approved by HUD.

The purposes of the MTW program are to give PHAs and HUD the flexibility to design and test various approaches for providing and administering housing assistance that accomplish three primary goals:

- ? Reduce cost and achieve greater costs effectiveness in Federal expenditures;
- ? Give incentives to families with children where the head of household is working, is seeking work, or is preparing for work by participating in job training, educational programs, or programs that assist people to obtain employment and become economically self-sufficient; and

of Anchorage

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? Increase housing choices for low-income families.

Hope to see you there!

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Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS) UPDATE

Greetings, friends of RAIS:

Ways to get involved

1. NEW! We are in desperate need of a volunteer to help adult clients learn to drive (they already have their learners' permits). This young man begins his first job in Anchorage very soon and will need his own transportation, which is why he wants to learn to drive. Please help him realize his dream of freedom and self-sufficiency in the U.S. and Alaska by giving him the gift of learning to drive.

2. NEW! Birthday Party Committee Members Wanted:
Beginning March 13th, we will begin to host birthday parties for our clients! Any client who has had a birthday in the past three months (along with their family) will be invited to the CSS Center to celebrate. Many of our clients have never celebrated a birthday and this is a great way teach them about American culture. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your new neighbors from around the world and learn how they celebrated birthdays in their home countries. Committee members are asked to help us plan a party, provide a cake, and decorate once every three months. All RAIS supporters are welcome - please bring a gift or a food treat to get in the door!

3. NEW! Want to help welcome refugees to Alaska? Sign up to be on the Warm Meal Provider list. This is an opportunity for you to welcome our new neighbors to Alaska through the gift of food. This commitment would be approximately 1/month, contingent on when we receive new arrivals. We would provide you with family information and ask you to deliver 1 warm meal to the family. We hope that the List could provide 2-3 meals/week for the first two weeks families arrive in Alaska.

4. NEW! For current family mentor volunteers, we will begin having monthly volunteer support meetings with a RAIS staff member. Beginning Friday, January 30th, we will meet from 5-6:15 on the last Friday of each month. This is a great opportunity to ask our case managers specific questions, meet other volunteers, and generate/bounce ideas off of each other. Please RSVP to Melissa at mbartley@cssalaska.org by Wednesday, January 28th.

5. World Refugee Day Steering Committee!

Even though the event is 5 months away we are beginning to hold meetings to plan World Refugee Day, which we are celebrating on Friday, June 19. We need help in all areas: developing an agenda, inviting speakers, creating activities for children, food donations, and music.

Please contact Melissa at 222-7344 or mbartley@cssalaska.org for more information and/or to sign up for any of these opportunities.

SJ Klein
Jewish American

Jim LaBelle
Inupiaq

Gabrielle LeDoux
Eastern European

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Gambian

Barbara Niziol
Polish American

Yohyon Pharr
Korean American

Mabel Pike
Tlingit

Melvin Williams
African American

Arthur Yang
Hmong

Paula Pawlowski
German Welsh
Director

Denée Dubeau Zah
Finnish Irish
French-Canadian
Administrative
Assistant

Black History Month Events at the Anchorage Museum

Free AT&T Family Day: Black History Month

Feb 8, 2009

Noon to 6 p.m., with activities from 1 to 4 p.m.
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

Free admission all day, with African and African American cultural activities from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lecture: Black Soldiers of World War II

Feb 26, 2009

7 to 9 p.m.

Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

Historical archaeologist Chris Roe explains how archaeology sheds light on U.S. Army culture and the lives of Black soldiers in Alaska during World War II.

More Info: www.anchagemuseum.org

Contact Information: 907-343-4326

FILIPINO MIXOLOGY: Dancing to our own Beat

The Alaskero Partnership Organization (APO) invites you to join us for an interactive seminar.

Each session will explore a sampling of key periods in Filipino history, Pinoy pop culture and activities to try and understand the contemporary remix that is "Filipino American Identity." Refreshments provided.

Saturdays from 1 pm - 3 pm

University of Alaska Anchorage
Consortium Library, Room 307
3211 Providence Drive
Anchorage, AK 99508

Seminar Series Dates:

January 31

What is in a Name?

Conflicting identities: Alaskero, Pin@ys, Filipino Americans, FOBS &
Coconuts

February 14

From The Philippines With Love:

Professionals Fresh Off the Jet

February 28

Kicking It Old School: 1898

US Philippine Relations

March 7

Brown in the Beginning:

Pre-History and Colonial Mentality

March 28

Re-sampling History

April 11

The Floor Is Yours:

Make Your Own Mix

For more information:

guru@alaskero.com ~ www.alaskero.com

Dr. Gabriel Garcia: 907.786.6532

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Office of Diversity & Compliance

AHAINA Student Programs

Funded by the Center for Community Engagement & Learning, University of Alaska Anchorage

The Alaska Native Heritage Center presents:

Heroes of Human Rights: Celebrating the Legacy of Elizabeth Peratrovich

February 14

Join us in honoring the Heroes of Human Rights. Learn about the accomplishments in civil rights in the state of Alaska by Elizabeth and Roy Peratrovich and the Alaska Native Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

Back by popular demand: Git Hoan - Tsimshian dance group.
Come see the amazing transformation masks and the powerful dancing!

Book signing: Willie Hensley talks about his book and book signing - *Fifty Miles from Tomorrow: A Memoir of Alaska and the Real People*.

More details and schedule to come; please check website:

<http://www.alaskanative.net/>

Valentine's Day Dinner

Feb 14, 2009

5:30 - 9 p.m.

Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

Impress your sweetie by dining on scrumptious cuisine among fine art and the sophisticated surrounds of the Anchorage Museum's atrium. Marx Bros. Café's decadent four-course meal includes the finest selection of appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts. Indulge by adding a featured wine to each course. Select from one of six seating times every half-hour from 5 to 9 p.m. **Call for reservations.**

Contact Information: (907) 343-6193.

More Info: www.anchoragemuseum.org

Junior Native Youth Olympics

Feb 20, 2009 - Feb 22, 2009

Time: TBA

Location: Begich Middle School

Alaska youth demonstrate their skills in traditional Native games that are based on life skills of past generations. The games test hunting and survival skills, and

increase strength, endurance, agility and the balance of mind and body.

More Info:www.citci.com

Contact Information: (907) 793-3267

Black History Month Event

February 28, 2009

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fairview Community Recreation Center

This event will feature entertainment, speakers, Black History trivia, games, food, and more. If anyone wants to be a part of the event, they can email Gwen at aahsa@gci.net or contact Charles at the Fairview Recreation Center, 343-4130.

More details will be available soon at www.juneteenthalaska.com; you can also learn about events already planned for May and June.

Anchorage Public Library Events

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7pm

Loussac, Public Conference Room, level 1

Sophie's Stories

Native Alaskan Sophie Mizak-Goozmer tells stories from encounters with her mother as a child and as an adult. Her stories weave together the events and people from her Yupik upbringing drawing on facets of village and family life—foods, animals, work—blended with the humor and love between mother and daughter. Her stories include, "Sewing a nation with a black and white thread," "Coexisting" and "A little chickadee." This program is for youth ages 8 through adult.

ANCHORAGE READS is APL's annual community

reading program, supported by Target, Alaska Community Foundation and Friends of the Library. Check www.anchoragelibrary.org for other ANCHORAGE READS events. Check out the AR family bag to read the three books selected this year with your children.

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7pm.
Loussac, Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1

Wildlife Wednesdays

Seabirds in a Sea of Change-Kathy Kuletz, seabird biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, discusses how climate change is affecting Kittlitz's murrelets, a seabird adapted to life near glaciers, and other Alaska seabirds.

The library's online newsletter has details and more events:

http://lexicon.ci.anchorage.ak.us/events/calendar/2009/Current_Calendar.pdf

HUD OKAYS ALASKA'S \$19.6 MILLION NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PLAN TO ADDRESS COMMUNITIES HARD-HIT BY FORECLOSURE

Funding aimed at neighborhoods facing potential abandonment and blight

WASHINGTON - U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Steve Preston today approved a \$19,600,000 plan submitted by the State of Alaska to help its communities recover from the effects of high foreclosures and declining home values.

Funded under HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation will shortly begin to target emergency assistance to particular neighborhoods by acquiring and redeveloping foreclosed properties that might otherwise become sources of abandonment and blight.

Details of the State's plan for using NSP funds can be found at <http://www.ahfc.state.ak.us/grants/nsp.cfm>

Job Vacancies - Nat'l Park Service Alaska

The National Park Service has many professional, volunteer, and trade opportunities across the country. From parks to regional offices, the Park service employs over 20,000 individuals in permanent and temporary positions.

In Alaska alone, the NPS serves over 2.5 million visitors to the Alaska parks each year, and employs 1,000 employees at the peak period. The NPS strives to ensure our workforce demographics are a mirror image of the visitor population we serve, the Nation, one of most diverse in the world.

Here is the USAjobs link to the **Park Ranger (Protection)**, GS-0025-11/12.
The opening date is 1/20/09 with a closing date of 2/17/09.

http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=78584568&AVSDM=2009%2D01%2D20+15%3A21%3A06&Logo=0&pg=3&jbf574=IN10&lid=317&FedEmp=Y&sort=rv&vw=d&ss=0&brd=3876&FedPub=Y&caller=/agency_search.asp

More information about seasonal, internship, and volunteer opportunities at the Alaska Region National Park Service can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/state/ak/>.

<http://www.nps.gov/gettinginvolved/employment/index.htm>

If I can answer any questions, please feel free to call me or the main office number 907-644-3347.

Tonyua Abrom, EEO & Recruitment Manager
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Job Opportunity - Alaska Native Heritage Center

Education Programs Manager

Position Opens: January 16, 2008 and closes when filled

To qualify for this position, you will need a minimum of 4 years of education/experience either in formal classroom setting, research, or involvement with school district. You will need knowledge of Alaska Native Cultures, traditions, customs, etc., and must have minimum of four years experience in classroom management and lesson planning experience. Experience in supervision preferred. Experience in cultural education is desired.

A Bachelor's in Education with a current Type "A" teaching certificate or Type "C" counseling certificate is preferred. May substitute years of experience in a similar type educational or cultural program.

If you are interested and qualified for this position, please visit our web site (www.alaskanative.net) to apply for this position online.

Stephen P. Hinds, MBA, SPHR
Director of Human Resources

Alaska Native Heritage Center
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(907)-330-8039 fax

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Cook Inlet Lending Center, Inc., an emerging non profit lending center and social enterprise of Cook Inlet Housing Authority established to provide homebuyer assistance is seeking an **Individual Development Account (IDA) Program Coordinator** responsible for designing and delivering a financial literacy curriculum and savings program that guides participants to successful homeownership. Candidate should have experience in working with individuals on a one-to-one basis and coordinating discussion panels/forums, demonstrate expertise in areas of personal finance,

mortgage or credit counseling. Position requires some travel to the Kenai Peninsula and Mat-Su. Associate's degree in a relevant financial or business field or equivalent work experience substituted on a year for year basis with minimum four years experience in related business profession. Candidate must be extremely organized and proficient in MS applications.

For a job description and employment application, please use the following links below or go to www.cookinlethousing.org

<http://www.cookinlethousing.org/library/CILCEmploymentApplicationfillin.doc>

<http://www.cookinlethousing.org/library/CILCIDAProgramCoordinator.doc>

Public health officials are warning that severe winter weather and a struggling economy could combine to make one of the season's common killers, carbon monoxide poisoning, even worse this year. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that can lead to illness, brain damage - and death. See the tips posted below from the Centers for Disease Control on preventing carbon monoxide exposure.

You Can Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure

- ? Do have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- ? Do install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds leave your home immediately and call 911.
- ? Do seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseous.
- ? Don't use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
- ? Don't run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- ? Don't burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- ? Don't heat your house with a gas oven.

Source: CDC

Youth and Adult Training For Community Leadership

The 2009 Alaska Points of Light Youth Leadership Training for youth and adults has been announced.

The Adult Train The Trainer PYLI Seminar will be held:
March 4, 5 & 6 in Anchorage;

PYLI Youth Leadership Institutes for students ages 13-18 will be held:
March 9-13 in Anchorage,
June 1-5 in Palmer and
June 8-12 in Barrow.

Sponsored by Prudential, Points of Light & Hands On Network, Alaska Association of Secondary School Principals and other Alaska community service organizations, Alaska PYLI trains young people to be community leaders through a state of the art creative leadership curriculum emphasizing volunteer service and personal development supporting the Prudential Spirit of Community Initiative.

To learn more go to www.pyli.org and call 561-6630 or email alaskayouthasresources@alaska.net for application information.

LOCAL CONTACT:
Beau Bassett, Ed.M., J.D.
Master PYLI Trainer
Points Of Light & Hands On Network
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Asian Alaskan Cultural Center proudly presents:

Asian Culture Night 2009

7:00 p.m. Friday, March 27th
Atwood Concert Hall
Alaska Center for the Performing Arts

Tickets available at www.CenterTix.net or 263-ARTS (2787) or at the CenterTix box

office

Major Sponsor: Neeser Construction, Inc.

Sponsored by: Alaska Arts & Culture Foundation, Alaska State Council on the Arts, Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission, Anchorage Daily News, Anchorage School District, Rasmuson Foundation, BP, Wells Fargo

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

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

Alaska State Troopers Alert: Jury Scam

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Jan. 21, 2009

PR# 09-009

Jury Duty Scam

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) - Alaska State Troopers are warning the public against a scam hitting the nation aggressively pursuing identity theft through jury duty summons.

The caller claims to be a jury coordinator and states that you failed to show up for jury duty. If you protest that you never received a summons for jury duty, the scammer asks you for your Social Security number and date of birth. The caller claims they need the information to check their system for an error and so the fictitious arrest warrant can be

cleared. DO NOT COMPLY!!! By providing the caller with your personal information, you become the victim of identity theft.

Most of us take summonses for jury duty seriously, but enough people skip out on their civic duty that this new scam has surfaced. This scam has been reported in 11 states. The scam is particularly insidious because the callers pretend to be with the court system and use intimidation tactics over the phone to try to bully people into giving information. The FBI and the federal court system have issued nationwide alerts on their web sites, warning consumers about the fraud.

Check it out here:

http://www.fbi.gov/page2/june06/jury_scams060206.htm

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