

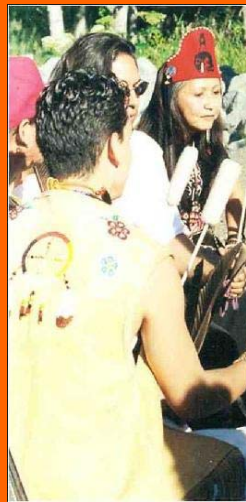


Our Vision
*To make Anchorage the first city
without prejudice as the first step
to eliminate racism in Alaska*

Dear Members and Friends:

There's a savory fragrance of Fall in the air, along with the chill and anticipation of snow. Even as we all rush to finish projects and activities, everyone is beginning preparations for winter sports and switching to studded tires. But we enjoy the changes in each transition between seasons.

We are sorry to announce the cancellation of this year's Gala for Excellence in Community Service. We are aware of the many wonderful people who continue to volunteer and do important work in all our communities, and we look forward to coming together to honor them with awards at this event next year. In the meantime, we hope to see you all at the International Potluck in November! Look for more details in a forthcoming email.



October is Filipino American History Month, National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and National Disability Employment Awareness Month; it also includes some special days:

- 3rd - Jewish Sukkot
- 8th - National Children's Day
- 12th - Columbus Day
- 19-20th - AFN Elders and Youth Conference

22-24th - Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention
24th - United Nations Day
31st - Halloween

As ever, wishing peace and respect among all communities, every day!*Elsa Sargento, President*

Cultural Events Calendar

Now available online at:

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

Please check back often for updates!

Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

Gala for Excellence in Community
Service:
anceled for 2009

International Potluck:
November 2009
Date and Location to be announced

Meet the World in Anchorage:
February 2010
Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

March in the 4th of July Parade:
July 4, 2010
Assemble at 10:00am
at corner of 7th and G

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.

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!

*** NEW * NEW * NEW * NEW ***

Board Spotlight

"Meet" a new member of the Bridge Builders board of directors here every month!

MALCOLM ROBERTS

Anglo-American

Immediate Past President

Malcolm helped Mayor Rick Mystrom with the start-up of Bridge Builders in 1996 and has been active ever since. He is currently the Immediate Past President. His wife, Cindy, and their daughters, Alexis and Keema,

have also been actively involved. Born in Hollywood, California, Malcolm is a graduate of Princeton University and is a 37-year resident of Alaska. Since 1999, he has worked as a Senior Fellow at the Institute of the North, founded by former Governor Wally Hickel, and has taught a university course on "The New Northerners: the Diverse Cultures of Anchorage."

Have you made your 2009 donation yet?

Please consider a donation of any size. Thank you!

It's easy! You can use the PayPal button on our website: www.bridgebuildersak.org

or mail it to:

Bridge Builders of Anchorage
P.O. Box 240294
Anchorage, AK 99524-0294

Bridge Builders relies on private donations to fund our programs. With your support, we can continue building a more harmonious community.

Bridge Builders is on Facebook

Come join and visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Bridge-Builders/1761601918>

Fundraiser for Polynesian Tsunami Victims

SATURDAY, **OCTOBER 3**, 2009

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

NORTHWAY MALL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MA'O TOSI at fvtsi@gci.net

The Anchorage Museum

Night at the Museum Lecture Series: All About a Photograph

8 p.m., 10/2/2009

First Friday

6 to 9 p.m., 10/2/2009

Kickoff Day for Trick or Treat Town

Noon to 4 p.m., 10/4/2009

For one day only, buy \$5 discounted tickets at a Trick or Treat Town kick-off event noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Anchorage Museum. Kids can explore museum exhibits, munch on snacks, win prizes and meet Anchorage Aces mascot Boomer. Admission to the Anchorage Museum Oct. 4 is free with purchase of Trick or Treat Town tickets.

Tai Chi Demonstrations

Noon to 1:30 p.m., 10/4/2009

Alaska Design Forum

7 p.m., 10/5/2009

The October talk features Norwegian brothers Jann Frost and Sondre Frost, founders of product design company Frost Produkt. Open to the public. \$10.

The Artist's Eye Lecture Series: Alaska Vision - 50 Years of Alaska Art

7 p.m., 10/6/2009

I Wonder Preschool Program

2 p.m., 10/7/2009

This weekly preschool program, begun by The Imaginarium, resumes at the Anchorage Museum. At 2 p.m. every Wednesday, kids enjoy science and art activities with their guardians. Free to museum members/\$5 non-member children/\$8 non-member adults.

Lecture: Pioneering Aviation in Territorial Alaska

7:30 p.m., 10/15/2009

Festival: Alaska Day

1 to 4 p.m., 10/18/2009

On Oct. 18, 1867, the United States purchased Alaska from Russia. Celebrate Alaska's rich history and culture with live music, theatrical performances and Russian-themed crafts. Included with admission.

Trick or Treat Town

10/23/2009 - 10/24/2009

The 19th annual Trick or Treat Town includes six indoor trick-or-treating sessions at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at the ACS Garage, 600 Telephone Ave., Anchorage. Last year, about 14,000 people attended the fundraiser, raising more than \$60,000 for science education. Tickets cost \$7 in advance and will be available starting Oct. 5 at the museum or online. Tickets cost \$10 at the door. Quantities are limited.

*More events and information at www.anchoragemuseum.org
907-343-4326*

Anchorage Public Library Events

Buy discounted Wish List children's books *to be added to the library collection, for just \$5 each in Loussac's lobby.*

Saturday, Oct. 2-Wednesday, Oct. 7

Ancestry Day Seminar

Free, all-day seminar featuring a speaker from Ancestry.com

Loussac, Assembly Chambers, level 1

Saturday, Oct. 17, 9am-4pm

Mexico in Alaska - The Next Generation

Xochiquetzal-Tiquin: An Art and Culture Group presents dances from Sinaloa, La Huasteca, Veracruz, and Jalisco. The troupe includes children 4-15, and their moms. The group's website is www.anadenmar.com.

Loussac, Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1
Saturday, Oct. 17, 2-4pm

Celebrate National Magic Month!

"Reading is Magic!" Astounding close-up magic in the lobby from 5:30-6pm, with local magicians performing on stage from 6-7pm, featuring Don Russell.

Loussac, Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1
Monday, Oct. 19, 6pm

What Medicare means for you

Loussac, Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 7-8:30pm

Not-Too-Scary Storytime

Just enough to tingle your spine!
All ages/family event. Come in costume-if you dare!

Gerrish/Girdwood
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7pm

Muldoon
Saturday, Oct. 31, 4pm

More events and details at:

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

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY EVENTS****Diversity Council Meeting**

10/13/2009 12:00 PM

Location: 1200 1st Ave Anchorage, AK

Maharlika Dinner

10/17/2009 7:30 PM

Location: Egan Center Anchorage, AK

NAACP October Monthly Meeting

10/19/2009 7:00 PM

Location: 325 E 3rd Ave Anchorage, AK

2009 C.T. Lewis Freedom Fund Celebration and Dinner

10/31/2009 7:30 PM

Location: Captain Cook Hotel - 939 W. 5th Avenue

For more details, go to http://www.muni.org/departments/equal_opportunity/diversity/events/Pages/default.aspx

Anchorage Youth Development Coalition

YOUTH EVENTS: Alaska College and Career Fair

October 12 - 13, 2009

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Meet representatives from colleges, universities, and vocational schools from around North America in one location!

Schedule:

Monday October 12, 2009:

General Fair Hours: 9:00a-12:30p, 3:00-4:30p, 6-8:30p

Financial Aid 101 Workshops: 6:30-7:30p and 7:30-8:30p

Tuesday October 13, 2009:

General Fair House: 9:00a-12:30p

For more information contact the Educational Opportunity Center at 274-5522 or www.uaa.alaska.edu/eoc

Many more events, opportunities and details at:

<http://www.aydc.org/>

Alaska Native Heritage Center

October 17 - World Music Festival- Free Admission

An eclectic gathering of musicians performing musical styles from around the world.

Featuring- Martha Redbone (Native American)

Other performances by:

Pamyua (AK Native)

Traveler (Lebanese/Greek)

Hector Ortiz (Latin American)

For more information, go to

http://www.alaskanative.net/en/main_nav/plan_visit/calendar_events/wmfestival/

Alaska World Affairs Council

Oct. 2, 2009

"The Media and US Relations"

Speaker: Steve Lindbeck - President and General Manager of Alaska Public Telecommunications, Inc. (APTI)

Oct. 9, 2009

"Israel-Palestine: Beyond the Headlines"

Speaker: Alison Weir, Executive Director, If Americans Knew

EVENING PROGRAM - Oct. 15, 2009

"Challenges and Opportunities for Peace in the Middle East Today"

Speaker: Akiva Tor, Israel Consul General to the Pacific Northwest

Oct. 23, 2009

"The Future of U.S.-Iranian Relations in the Obama Era"

Speaker: Dr. William Beeman, Professor & Chair of the Dept. of Anthropology, University of Minnesota - President of the Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association

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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/>

Sustainable Development in a Cold Climate

A forum featuring HUD's Deputy Secretary Ron Sims and Highlighting Alaska's Sustainability Challenges and Successes.

Thursday, October 1

9:30am - 11:30am

Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center
West 7th Ave, between F and G Streets
Ballroom D

Topics and Speakers:

New Directions/New Partners: Sustainability and HUD
Deputy Secretary Ron Sims

Sustainable Northern Shelter Project
Ryan Colgan, Cold Climate Housing Research Center

State Energy Program
Daniel R. Fauske, Executive Director/CEO of Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Housing/Transportation Connection Works from:
Anchorage Assembly Workgroup on Housing and Neighborhood Development, and The H2H Project (Highway to Highway)

For more information, email Carma Reed at carma.reed@hud.gov

Carma E. Reed, Director
Community Planning and Development, Anchorage Field Office
US Dept of Housing and Urban Development
(907) 677-9890 (office)

First Friday Cabaret at the Snow Goose Theater

October 2nd

The first show of the new Cabaret season was a sellout and the October show is looking to be the same. The October 2nd show will feature the vocal talents of Lou Caramanzana, Brianna Dowdy, Holly Hume, Wanda Smith and Dana Spinney backed by the Kevin Barnett Trio in a relaxed and convivial atmosphere.

This show is a benefit for Access Alaska. Access Alaska is a private non-profit consumer-controlled organization that provides independent living services to aging and disabled Alaskans.

All shows are at the Snow Goose Theater. Doors open at 6:45. Show starts at 7:30. Full menu and bar service available throughout the evening. Tickets are \$15.

For more information call 245-7311.

To keep up on Access Alaska's activities you can find us

on the web at www.accessalaska.org

on Facebook at www.facebook.com/AccessAlaska

or Twitter us [@Access_Alaska](https://twitter.com/Access_Alaska)

Free Kidney Health Screening

October 3rd

The National Kidney Foundation Serving Alaska will offer a free health screening for people at increased risk for kidney disease on **Saturday, October 3rd at Anchorage Baptist Temple on Northern Lights in Anchorage from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. The screening is part of the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) designed to identify and educate people at risk - those with diabetes, high blood pressure or a family history of kidney disease. If you or a family member has high blood pressure, diabetes or kidney disease, you are at risk for kidney disease. While walk ins are welcome, we encourage you to schedule an appointment for the free screening by calling 223-1562, 877-889-6318 or emailing Kristie.lemmon@kidney.org. Parking is available. Participants must be 18 years or older.

KEEP screening participants will have their weight and blood pressure checked. Medical professionals will collect blood and urine samples from those who require further testing. A physician is on-site to review results with participants.

"We know that if we start early with education, detection and if necessary, medical intervention, we can often postpone the onset of kidney disease or kidney failure," says Kristie Lemmon, KEEP Program Manager. Twenty six million

Americans have chronic kidney disease and most don't know it.

Lead-On! Youth Leadership Mini-Summit

Lead On! is a chance for youth leaders (ages 13-18) and community partners from across Alaska to come together and develop leadership skills to promote peace and equality in their own communities.

The second Lead On! mini-Summit will take place in Girdwood, Alaska at the Alyeska Resort from **October 4th-6th 2009**.

Youth-led workshops, nationally recognized speakers, and major fun!

- See what youth and community partners are doing across the state
- Use theatre, art, and media to improve your leadership skills
- Share information and projects from your community
- Have fun with musicians, actors, activists, business leaders, and Alaska youth
- Develop ideas to promote peace and equality in your community
- Hiking, outdoor activities, networking, and much more!

For more information, go to <http://www.alaskaice.org/material.php?matID=891>

New Event for Kids: Second Saturday

Second Saturday is a youth oriented version of First Friday where businesses around town reach out to the youth and parents of our community through hands on activities. The first of these events will be in midtown on **October 10, 2009** from 11AM - 2PM.

All events are FREE and open to the public.

Please spread the word to everyone!

Alaska Junior Theater is a nonprofit organization that has been bringing the best in professional theater from around the world to Alaska's young audiences for 28 years. This year, along with bringing wonderful shows up to Alaska, we are organizing this brand new event in Anchorage: Second Saturday.

GET CAPTIVATED, ANCHORAGE!

Single Tickets Now On Sale!
Spend time with your family and AJT.

Ragamala Music and Dance Theater of India
Saturday, October 24, 2009
7:30pm Discovery Theatre

Bharatanatyam Dance and Taiko Drumming on one stage! Six dancers and two drummers converge to embody the rhythm and flow of life and the primordial sound that unites all of creation. Sva (Vital Force) brings the thundering percussion and stunning physicality of the Wadaiko Ensemble Tokara of Nagano, Japan, into conversation with Ragamala's complex rhythmic structures and dynamic athleticism. Learn more at www.akjt.org.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Jason and the Argonauts
- TAP KIDS
- Borders of the Mind: The Psychic Show for the Whole Family
- Stone Soup & Other Stories

For more information call 272-7513 or 263-ARTS. Or visit our web site at akjt.org

Boards and Commissions opportunities available to interested Anchorage citizens

Friends:

Hola! I am a member of the Council of Alaska Leadership Development and recently several members met with Mayor Dan Sullivan to discuss ways we can attract more young people into leadership positions. One of the many things we discussed was the lack of young people that apply to serve on the Municipality's many Boards and Commissions. I have offered to assist the Mayor's office in reaching out to our many young and bright leaders to consider applying for these wonderful opportunities.

I have attached the links to the Municipality's Boards and Commissions page as well as the page that lists the vacancies. If you are interested in applying, please click on the third link that should take you directly to the application form and just follow the instructions on what you need on order to be considered.

I sincerely hope you will consider serving in this capacity. Our diverse cultural communities offer so much in young talent and innovation and serving on a board would highlight this as well as bring a voice to the young adults in the community.

<http://www.muni.org/departments/mayor/boards/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Pages/Vacancies.aspx>

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Documents/BoardCommissionApplication.pdf>

Muchas Gracias for your consideration!

Best,

Angelina Estrada-Burney, President
Hispanic Affairs Council of Alaska

Board Members Sought

Denali Family Services is a community mental health center serving Alaska's children and their families. The agency has four seats available for new Board members. Anyone interested in applying should contact: Yvonne Chase, President/CEO at 222-2322.

Volunteers Needed for United Way Review Committees

Want to help raise the graduation rates and keep our neighbors housed? Want to be part of transforming how we tackle social issues?

United Way's method for funding agencies has changed. It's all about results. Help us strategically invest in the services that make a measurable difference in the lives of their clients. We are seeking volunteers to evaluate local programs' funding applications. Help us invest in the work that drives progress to community-wide goals:

- Children enter school ready to succeed
- Youth graduate and reject violence and substance use
- Residents are housed and financially stable
- Residents have access to quality health care and practice healthy behaviors

Training will be provided. Other volunteer opportunities are also available. Please feel free to forward this message to anyone that you feel would be interested in this opportunity.

For more information please view the Detailed Opportunity Description at <http://www.liveunitedanchorage.org/volunteer>;
Interested? Complete the brief Application by **October 12, 2009**.

Job Openings Available

Outreach coordinator for the Kuskokwim Corporation.

Summary:

The Shareholder Outreach Coordinator ensures corporation shareholders are well informed and connected to corporate opportunities. This position is responsible for outreach and shareholder education, assisting with outreach for the KEF scholarship program. This position is also responsible for an orientation program, recruitment and retention.

If you have additional questions about that particular opening you may contact:

Rachel Klein, COO/ Land Manager
The Kuskokwim Corporation
rlk@kuskokwim.com
(907)-243-2944 x202 wk | (907)-243-2984 fax

Major Gifts Officer for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Non-Profit Organization.

SUMMARY:

The Major Gifts Officer is responsible for identifying, cultivating, soliciting and stewarding individual, corporate and foundation donors. The position will work with local Development staff across the state to identify and cultivate

major gift prospects, utilizing wealth screening tools and agency partnerships to focus efforts to create, maintain, and advance relationships to increase sustainable agency revenue. The purpose of this position is to maximize funding from individual donors, business/corporate partners, and foundations.

If you have questions regarding that particular position, please contact:

Kelli Phifer, Director of Development
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Alaska
kelli.phifer@bbbs.org
Main: 907-278-2621 | Direct: 907-263-2059
Cell: 719-331-1565 | Fax: 907-263-2099
www.bigbrothersbigsistersalaska.org

Job Opening

Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Job Opening

Membership Development Coordinator
Posted September 30, 2009

Ensures membership retention through superior customer service and outreach. Responsible for procuring sponsorships, upgrading memberships, and selling new memberships. Provide reception back-up, facilitate meetings, and assist in events. Strong skills in relationship-building, customer service, sales, writing, and database management. EOE. Full-time. Hourly DOE. Unencumbered Alaska driver's license and a dependable vehicle required. Submit cover letter, resume, and references to: president@anchoragechamber.org or fax 907-272-4117 by **October 9, 2009**.

Sami Glascott, MPA
President
Anchorage Chamber of Commerce
www.anchoragechamber.org
D: (907) 272-2401
Ph: (907) 272-4117
president@anchoragechamber.org

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

ureau is offering an exciting opportunity to enhance job skills, further careers and improve communities. The new Office in Anchorage, Alaska is beginning operations for conducting the 2010 Census, and office jobs and field jobs state are now available. For job descriptions and to find out how to apply, call 1-866-861-2010 or go online to: census.gov/2010censusjobs/index.php

re population in the United States, otherwise known as the Census, occurs once every ten years. Data collected us is essential to determining the distribution of over \$300 billion dollars of federal funding to tribal, state and local is well as non-profit organizations each year. This helps to fund schools, roads, emergency services and vices.

s of Anchorage is pleased to partner with Census 2010 due to its importance to the multicultural communities of

RAIS Update

Dear Friends,

As October begins, so starts a new fiscal year for refugee resettlement. In the past 12 months we have resettled 117 arrivals directly from refugee camps. This includes 15 family units from Bhutan, 15 family units from Sudan, 3 family units from Somalia, 2 families from Cuba 2 single men from Iran and one family from Russia. As of September we placed 82% of the employable clients in employment within 6 months in the US! What an incredible year! And we have been notified already to be expecting more for this coming year from Bhutan, Sudan, Somalia and Iraq.

1. Our new Bhutanese clients were on the front page of the A.D.N. Tuesday 9/29/09. Check out the beautiful video story at: <http://www.adn.com> created by photographer Bill Roth.

2. Donations needed: First off we need some small household items: Shampoo, deoderants, laundry detergent, blankets and pillows (pillows must be new). And international phone cards to help clients make contact oversees with relatives and friends left behind.

In addition, we are in need of winter items -- coats, snow pants, winter gloves and hats and or gift cards to help clients purchase these items. We are distributing these right now to have clients prepared for the first snow fall.

Finally, we continue to need furniture donations. We are in need especially of beds (mattresses, box springs and frames) and of dressers. If you have furniture to donate please contact Kerina Vue at 222-7359 to arrange pick up or to set at time to drop off items. Please pass this message on as we continue to be very short on beds right now and expect several arrivals in October/ November.

3. We have moved our Employment and Education Center (EEC) classroom to the new CSS Welcome Center on the St. Anthony's campus at 825 S. Klevin. And we are now in another partnership with Alaska Literacy Program who are providing an ESL class for low level English speakers at this classroom venue.

Please go to our website for our latest donation list, or email me. Thanks in advance for your support. We look forward to a new year of refugee arrivals. At this time we have been approved for 110 new arrivals.

Regards -- Karen

Karen Ferguson, Ph.D., Program Director/ State Refugee Coordinator
Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS)
Catholic Social Services
(907) 222-7376 phone, Kferguson@cssalaska.org

Something happening in your community that you would like to see included here? Please email the details one week prior to the end of the month at bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org.

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

Contact Information

Bridge Builders of Anchorage
Phone: 277-1882 fax: 277-1883
Email: bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org
Website: www.bridgebuildersak.org