



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

Dear Members and Friends:

It's time for the first real snows of the season, and we can hardly wait! It enhances that cozy, hearth-and-home feeling as we prepare for the beginning of the holiday season and the joy of sharing with loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you, meeting new friends and neighbors, and sharing traditional dishes at the International Potluck on Saturday, November 14th! Our theme "Let's come together" reflects our new Bridge Builders logo, which we are proud to debut this month.



November is Native American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month, and includes:

- 1 - All Saints Day
- 1 - Dia de los Muertos
- 11 - Veterans Day
- 14 - Bridge Builders International Potluck
- 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- 28 - Islamic Did al-Adha

As ever, wishing peace and respect among all communities, every day!

Elsa Sargento, President

We proudly present our new logo:



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

Board Spotlight

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

PASTOR THOMAS DAVIS

African American

Cultural Events Calendar

Now available online at:

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

Please check back often for updates!

Upcoming Bridge Builders Events:

International Potluck:

November 14, 2009

5:00-8:00pm

Asian Alaskan Cultural Center

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

Gala for Excellence in Community Service:

Date and Location to be announced in 2010

The Pledge of Mutual Respect:

Suffragan Bishop Thomas Erroll Davis was born August 28, 1958 and raised in Seattle, Washington. He received the Seattle Rotary Self Above Service National Award. He moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 1992 to start a church. He is married to Denise Davis and they have three children: Christina, Christopher, Ariana. He is Pastor of Christ Temple Apostolic Church of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. He is the Chairman of the Alaska District Council #56 of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. 2004-2006. He is a Board member on Aeon Bible College of the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. 2001-2009, and served as 1st Vice President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance 2004-2006. He is a Board Member with Bridge Builders of Anchorage Alaska since 2006, and has co-chaired the International Potluck 2006-2008 and Meet the World 2006-2009. He served on the executive board of the NAACP Anchorage Chapter 2005-2007, and began working with Love INC in Anchorage in 2006.
Crusade June 2003, Anchorage, Alaska; Guest Speaker: Bishop Noel Jones Crusade "Anchorage For Jesus" May 31- June 3, 2001, Anchorage, Alaska

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>

"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!



* Tlingit Beading Class! *

Limited space available

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn from a renowned Tlingit elder! Just in time to create a very special holiday gift while learning a beautiful skill.

Tuesdays, 1:00pm-2:00pm (11/17 session 1:00-3:00)
November 17, 2009 through December 22, 2009
3350 Commercial Drive, 2nd Floor Training Room
\$60 per person, plus \$5 materials fee
Adults only please

To register and for more information, please email:
bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org

Charter for Compassion

unveiling on November 12

There is an urgent need for a new focus on compassion.

Bringing together voices from all cultures and religions, the Charter seeks to remind the world we already share the core principles of compassion.

On November 12, thousands of people across the globe will listen together.

More information at:
<http://charterforcompassion.org/>

H1N1 "Swine" Flu Information

The Municipality has a **flu hotline**, 343-2525. This line has information about H1N1 vaccine availability, including upcoming clinic schedules, as well as guidance on what to do if you think you have the flu.

The MOA H1N1 webpage can be accessed through www.muni.org/health The

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website has quite a few resources, including vaccine information and some flu preventions signage in languages other than English. The website also has information about current clinic dates, and where vaccine is available

As an FYI - as there is currently a limited supply of H1N1 vaccine, the H1N1 public clinics will be limited to those in H1N1 priority groups (those who are considered higher risk) The priority groups are:

- children and young adults age 6 months to 24 years
- pregnant women
- caretakers of children under 6 mos.
- healthcare and EMS personnel
- those age 24-64 who have underlying health concerns

Once additional vaccine arrives, public clinics will be open to the general public. Anchorage plans on eventually receiving enough vaccine to reach everyone who wants to be immunized.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information. It is our goal to make every resident aware of where they can access vaccine.

Allison Biastock
Public Information Officer
343-4619, biastockae@muni.org

The Anchorage Museum

"Science in Toyland" demos

10/13/2009 - 12/23/2009

Hourly starting at 3 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. Sundays

Educators explain the forces that keep tops spinning and roller coasters rolling. For a complete demonstration schedule, [click here](#). Included with admission.

Alaska Design Forum

7 p.m., 11/9/2009

The Alaska Design Forum's November talk features Icelandic architect Palmar Kristmundsson of pK arkitektar, known for its design of the Icelandic embassy in Berlin. Open to the public. \$10. For more information, visit <http://www.alaskadesignforum.org/>.

Lecture: Living in Anchorage Before Statehood

7:30 p.m., 11/19/2009

Cliff Groh and his mother, Lucy Groh, offer stories and photographs from early Anchorage residents. Lecture sponsored by the Cook Inlet Historical Society. Free.

Crafts Weekend/ReadAlaska Book Fair

10 a.m. to 6 p.m., 11/27/2009 - 11/28/2009

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

Gabrielle LeDoux

Eastern European

Modou E. Manneh

Gambian

Barbara Niziol

Polish American

Mabel Pike

Tlingit

Melvin Williams

African American

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I Wonder Preschool Program

2 p.m., every Wednesday

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.

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

Anchorage Public Library Events

Storyteller, Jack Dalton

November is Alaska Native Heritage Month and the library has a very special program to help celebrate. Storyteller Jack Dalton will mesmerize you as he tells a traditional Yup'ik tale, "The Boy Who Ate Too Much." A young boy learns powerful lessons from his Grandmother after surviving a time of starvation and then eating everything he hunts. This presentation is appropriate for all ages.

Loussac, Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1-2:30pm

Chugiak-Eagle River

Saturday, Nov. 14, 4-5:30pm

Town Halls on library - Nov. 10

Members of the business and non-profit communities meet from 12-1:30pm, in the Mayor's Conference Room at City Hall; the public town hall is from 5:30-8:30pm in the Wilda Marston Theatre at Loussac. Comment on the draft plan at: www.anchorage21stcenturylibraries.org

Medicare Q & A

Loussac, Wilda Marston Theatre, level 1

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2-4:30pm

More events and details at:

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

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

MULTICULTURAL & DIVERSITY EVENTS

Census 2010

CIRI

Conoco Phillips

First National Bank Alaska

Immediate Care

Ninestar Education & Employment Services

Wells Fargo

Diversity Council Meeting

11/10 1:00-2:00 PM

Location: 1200 1st Ave.

NAACP Monthly Meeting

11/16 8:00-10:00 PM

Location: 325 E. 3rd Ave.

Through Our Eyes Tour

11/19 12:00-1:00 PM

Location: 3903 Taft Dr.

For more details, go to

http://www.muni.org/Departments/equal_opportunity/diversity/Pages/default.aspx

Anchorage Youth Development Coalition

*Meetings and Events*Alaska Business Roundtable**"Maximizing Human Potential: Employing Qualified Individuals with Disabilities"**

November 12, 2009, 8am-3pm

Denaina Convention Center

\$50 fee, includes lunch

NEW HOPE TRAINING CENTER**New Men's Life Skills Class**

Learning To Live - Learning To Love

New Class Now Forming

The first session will be on November 10th - Tuesday - 6 p.m.

In the Life Skills program, we examine our foundational beliefs, learn how to establish new thought patterns, and then implement the skills necessary to develop and maintain healthy relationships for a lifetime. Imagine the freedom that comes from being able to discover root causes, coming to an understanding of why you do what you do, and learning ways to overcome. Fees are based on a sliding scale - Agency discounts are available

Register Today By Contacting: New Hope Training Center

907-274-4673 phone, 907-274-4674 fax, Gloria@newhopeak.com

*Opportunities for Youth***Scholarships for Military Children**

- \$1,500 sponsorship available per child

- Get an application at <http://www.militaryscholarship.org/> or your local commissary

- Deadline Feb. 17th, 2010

POWER is hiring!

POWER employs teens between the ages of 15-19 as Peer Outreach Workers 20-25 hours a week.

If you know of anyone that would be interested please encourage them to apply soon. 929.2633

YOUTH PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

The Youth Programs Coordinator will assist in the development, implementation, and maintenance of the YWCA Anchorage Youth Programs. Please contact Solveig Pedersen, Director of Youth and Women's Wellness, for more information at spedersen@ywcaak.org or 907-644-9621

Facilitator

The Girls Circle/The Council for Boys and Young Men Facilitator will be responsible for facilitating one or more groups at the assigned schools or other meeting locations during lunch time or after school.

Please contact Solveig Pedersen, Director of Youth and Women's Wellness, for more information at spedersen@ywcaak.org or 907-644-9621

Many more events, opportunities and details at:
<http://www.aydc.org/>

Alaska World Affairs Council

Nov. 13, 2009

"Stopping Global Warming: Signs of Hope"

Speaker: Dr. Robert Musil - Senior Fellow at the Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies, American University

Nov. 20-27, 2009

Thanksgiving Break

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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/>

Anchorage Concert Association

Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre

Fri. and Sat. November 6-7, 7:30pm

Atwood Concert Hall

Tickets \$17 to \$38, CenterTix.net, 263-2787

The Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre was founded at the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota with the support of traditional Lakota Indian educators, healers, community leaders, championship pow-wow dancers, singers, and storytellers. Set against a backdrop of spectacular video imagery and accompanied by live traditional, sacred, and courting songs, narratives and creation stories are woven into the fabric of the performance.

Sponsored by CIRI, Promotional support by Mix 103.1

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Forget Me Not Grief Program

for children, teens and the adults who love them.

Please pass this **request for volunteers** on to others you think may be interested in volunteering in a peer group support model.

Proposal submitted; approval pending 2 credits for UAA PACE Professional Development 500 level course w ASD.

Volunteers do not need previous experience working with grieving children, teens or adults; however completion of the entire training is required.

Forget Me Not is a peer support program providing support in a safe place for children, teens, and the adults who love them to share, learn and grow in their grief. The program does not provide formal counseling or therapy. Forget Me Not is a program of *Hospice of Anchorage*.

The dates of training are:

Thursday, OCT 29th, 6p - 8:00p: Intro to Forget Me Not and Facilitation

Thursday, NOV 12, 6p - 8:00p: Funeral Home Visit

Saturday, NOV 14, 10a -5:00p: Grieving as a Process; Learning to Face Grief

Thursday, NOV 19, 6p - 8p: Intro to Facilitating Grief

Saturday, NOV 21, 10a -5:00p: Learning to Facilitate Safe Play

Thursday, Dec 3, 6p - 9:00 p: Attend Forget Me Not Grief Program:

Saturday, Dec 5, 10a -5:00p: Learning to Facilitate a Group & Training Wrap-up

The goal of the facilitator training is to teach people how to help children, teens and adults process their reactions to grief. Priority for training will be given to those who are willing to make a volunteer commitment to the Forget Me Not Program for one year for 3 hours twice a month on scheduled Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. . Upon completion of the training each volunteer and the Program Coordinator will meet to affirm that the volunteer and Forget Me Not Grief Program will be a wonderful match for all.

For more information and a registration form please contact

GET CAPTIVATED, ANCHORAGE!

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

Jason and the Argonauts

Saturday, December 5, 2009

3:00 PM Discovery Theatre

Two actors, 65 minutes, one golden fleece of comedy. One of the UK's leading theatre companies, Visible Fictions, presents a hugely physical and irreverent telling of the ancient Greek Myth. Playing with scale, invention, action figures and a stunning transformative cart, this piece is a great adventure story with monsters, romance, destiny, heroism and revenge.

"...playful & inventive...hilarious" -The Stage (Scotland)

Learn more at www.akjt.org.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- 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

Job Opening

NPS Alaska Region Vacancy Results

Title, Pay Plan/Series/Grade - Salary Range - Agency, Location, Closing Date

Concessions Management Specialist, GS-1101-5/7/9 GS-1101-05/09 \$27,026-\$53,234
Department Of The Interior/National Park Service Anchorage 11/27/2009

Museum Curator, GS-1015-9/11 GS-1015-09/11

\$40,949-\$64,403

Department Of The Interior/National Park Service Fairbanks 11/13/2009

Thank you for using USAJOBS. We wish you success in your search to join the "Working for America" team.

OPEN HOUSE!

Thursday, **November 5**, 2009

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Anchorage Local Census Office
2000 W. International Airport Rd, Suite C-6

Come and learn more about the statewide effort for full count participation of all Alaskans during the 2010 Decennial Census.

- Distinguished Speakers
- Multicultural Entertainment and Refreshments
- Making Sense of the Census

"Stand UP, Be Counted"

FOR MORE INFORMATION call (907)249-2900 or email
aa.lco.2711@census2010.gov

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

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

The count of the population in the United States, otherwise known as the Census, occurs once every ten years. Data collected from the Census is essential to determining the distribution of over \$300 billion dollars of federal

funding to tribal, state and local governments as well as non-profit organizations each year. This helps to fund schools, roads, emergency services and community services.

Bridge Builders of Anchorage is pleased to partner with Census 2010 due to its importance to the multicultural communities of Anchorage.

MATANUSKA VALLEY CHRISTMAS SAFETY FAIR

"Give the Gift of Safety"

The City of Wasilla has requested NAOI partner with them to host an emergency preparedness safety fair Dec. 12th at the Menard Sports Center in Wasilla. Our theme for this Safe and Sound event will be 'Give the Gift of Safety' this holiday season.

We would love to offer workshops, demonstrations, vendor booths and more to help families prepare this Christmas.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested and available to help, please let me know ASAP to be added to our growing list of partners.

Thanks again for your continued support and help in getting Alaskans prepared for disasters and emergencies.

Debra McGhan, NAOI Executive Director
Office: 907-376-2898; Mobile: 907-982-0332
www.naoiak.org

North America Outdoor Institute - A non-profit organization providing interactive safety and environmental education programs for the general public.

Is there something happening in your community that you would like to see included here? Please email the details to us at least 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 give you options for activities of interest.

Contact Information

Bridge Builders of Anchorage
phone: 277-1882 fax: 277-1883

email: bridgebuilders@bridgebuildersak.org
website: www.bridgebuildersak.org

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