



# The Anchor

Pioneers of Alaska—Anchorage  
Men's Igloo No. 15 & Women's Igloo No. 4

No. 15

## 2009 Scholarship Awards

On May 19, Women's Igloo No. 4 and Men's Igloo No. 15 had a special ceremony for this year's scholarship recipients. Each year our Igloos award scholarships to direct descendants of our members who are graduating from any Anchorage high school, public or private. This year we awarded scholarships to ten outstanding students.

Our recipient from South High School was David Besh, grandson of member Maxine Jackson and son of member Michael Besh; from Service High School, Scott Heverling, grandson of members Cora Sue and Charles Dickson, and Zachary Carey, grandson of member Doris Carey; from Atheneum Classics School, Alexandra Bowles, granddaughter of members Charles and Molly Tryck; from East High School, Jackie Harris, granddaughter of member Gilbert Cragen, Rachel Carey, granddaughter of member Doris Carey, Christina Knapp, granddaughter of member Dr. John Tower; from Dimond High School, Chris Janigo, great grandson of member Maybell Hooper, Torrie Brewer, granddaughter of member Alice Brewer, and Austen Burgh, grandson of member Rod Burg and son of member William Burgh.

These recipients were also recognized at each of their school's scholarship ceremonies by one

of the members of our joint scholarship committee. The members of our committee are Marianne Boyer, Cora Sue Dickson, Judy Weimer, Mike Szymanski, Hank Langman, Gil Cragen and Ernie Hall.

Women's Igloo No. 4 established their scholarship program in 1980 and have been awarding scholarships for the past twenty-nine years. Three of the Women's scholarships are given honoring past members who generously left money in their wills for our scholarship program. Men's Igloo No. 15 joined this worthwhile project in 1993. This year the women provided \$11,000 and the men \$4,600. Our scholarship recipients are our future Pioneers of Alaska and they do us all proud.

In addition to the above scholarships, Women's Igloo No. 4 also awarded a \$400 Continuing Education Scholarship. This year's recipient is member Bonnie Tisler.

Since our scholarship ceremony on May 19, Women's Igloo No. 4 received a wonderful donation from Dr. John Tower of \$10,000 to add yet another scholarship in 2010. Thank you so very much Dr. Tower for supporting our Pioneers of Alaska scholarship program with your generous donation.



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### EARLY NOTICE:

The 2009 Harvest Dinner will be Sunday, November 8. Tickets go on sale at the September 1 business meeting: \$10.00 each, two sittings at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM, members and guests welcomed.

**Note:** Ladies, please bring your choice of a pumpkin, apple, pecan, or mincemeat pie, or a cheesecake (plain or pumpkin).

*Please, no cream pies this year!*



## Presidents' Corner

Dear Fellow Pioneers,

"Summer-time and the livin' is easy" ... in Anchorage, especially when it is warm and sunny. The City is finishing the street enhancements in front of our Hall and it includes an all-weather overhang from the Denaina Convention Center to the Performing Arts Center. Drive by and look! The State Parking Garage is just a half block away and available in the evenings for a small fee.

Many of our members went to Snider Park at Wasilla's Lake Lucille for the Annual Stampede Steak Dinner on Saturday evening, June 13 and the Pioneer Picnic on Sunday, June 14. It was a joint effort of the Palmer and Anchorage Igloos. There were folks from Pioneer Igloos in Fairbanks, Kenai, Homer, Delta, and a few others. Ruby and Bill Church of Palmer and Anchorage members were pleased to have a

larger crowd than expected. The children's games were a sight to see!

This summer, as you see and visit with local Pioneer members; invite them to attend a meeting this fall. Offer to pick them up, sit with them during the meeting, and introduce them to our other members. Folks will find it hard to refuse.

Many of our members are familiar with and use computers, fax machines, copiers, and have digital cameras and digital picture frames. The Women's Igloo now has a Technology Committee that will look into our needs and make recommendations about future purchases.

The Men's Igloo No. 15 voted to install an answering machine on the main phone line (907) 279-1171 to facilitate in answering members and prospective members' questions and posting important announcements. Decisions about who will dial-in and make timely responses to messages

will be on our Fall agenda and discussed with the Men's Igloo.

Bring a potential member to a social meeting or other open event. Remember, your friends need only to have called Alaska home for 30 years to be eligible for consideration as members. Many good folks came to Anchorage in the 60's and '70's! Pioneers of Alaska is steeped in history and we enjoy talking about it while having fun.

Recent past Anchorage Pioneer Presidents and officers have seen a need for a simple single-page brochure about Pioneers of Alaska Anchorage Igloo No. 15 and Igloo No. 4. It would be available to our new members and help them describe the history and purpose of our organization. Think about it.

Fraternally,

*Tilford Cobb, 2009 President  
Men's Igloo No. 15*

*Christine Gill, 2009 President  
Women's Igloo No. 4*

# Second Quarter Happenings

Our April 21 social featured a video on a fashion show done by the Anchorage Women's Igloo at the Anchorage Museum in 1986. The elegant antique dresses and outfits were modeled by the men and women of the Anchorage Igloos. Each outfit, with its own unique history of early Pioneer days in Alaska, worn by our members, some who are no longer with us, triggered many memorable stories. The video also reminds us of the importance of preserving our history for the future.

Our annual Fun Night, April 25, *Murder at the Four Deuces*, was a smashing success filled with murder and mayhem. The evening started with the dramatic murder of Don "Big Jim" Ravioli *aka* Roger Storrs (MI15). Twenty-one of our finest Pioneer thespians were suspects and only a few guessed the real murderer—the Don's own daughter, Rebecca Ravioli *aka* Carol Storrs (WI4). The cast outdid themselves, dressing and acting out their parts, and many in the audience came in costume as well. To set the theme, the Fun Night committee turned the Hall into a 1920s Speak Easy, complete with bullet holes, and gave out feathered, sequined headbands and pearls for the ladies, and gangster hats and armbands for the men. Casmir Lorenz (daughter of Dorene Lorenz-Lindsey) and her friends served a scrumptious Italian-themed dinner. What a treat to be served instead of standing in line and the girls were cuter than bees' knees, all dressed up as Flapper girls! (See pictures of Fun Night at [pioneersofalaska.org/4\\_Deuces.html](http://pioneersofalaska.org/4_Deuces.html))

The Ladies Spring Luncheon, chaired by Christine Gill, was held May 2 at the Hotel Captain Cook's Quarter Deck. The ritzy luncheon was complimented with beautiful centerpieces, provided by the hotel. Each lady

had her choice of a potted perennial or flower seeds. Turnagain Elementary School Spring Chorus, Grades 1-6, provided the entertainment with delightful songs the children sang in perfect harmony as well as using sign language. The children and Cheryl Cullen, Director of the chorus, received a standing ovation from our members for such a uniquely, wonderful performance. Members caught up with old and new friends, while enjoying the great food, terrific service, children's chorus, and the many door prizes. Christine and her many helpers outdid themselves on the beautifully decorated tables and numerous door prizes. Great job, ladies!

At the May business meeting, Women's Igloo No. 4 elected 33 delegates and at the September 1 business meeting, Men's Igloo No. 15 will elect their 17 delegates to represent Anchorage at the 93rd Grand Igloo Convention September 16-19, 2009 in Fairbanks.

On May 16, Women's Igloo No. 4 hosted its annual Strawberry Festival at the Anchorage Pioneer & Veterans Home. Strawberries, cake, and ice cream were served to the residents of the home, who look forward to this social every year. Many thanks go to Ginger Zarobsky and her crew of merry helpers who have been doing this for many years.

Men's Igloo No. 15 and Women's Igloo No. 4 held their 2009 Scholarship Awards ceremony at our May 19 social meeting. It is always so rewarding to see the children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren of our members achieve such high academic levels (see "2009 Scholarships", cover page.)

Thanks to good weather and supportive Pioneer members, Bonnie Tisler, chair, had a good turnout for the annual Anchorage Memorial Cemetery Cleanup, May 23. Bonnie does a great job keeping the Pioneer section of the cemetery shipshape throughout the summer and all spiffy for our Memorial Day service.

The weather held for our Pioneer Memorial Day Service, May 26. This year, the Cadet Squadron, Civil Air Patrol graciously served as our Color Guard for posting the colors. Chris Hyde, a West Anchorage High School student, served as our bugler, playing Taps for the service, adding a special touch to the tribute to our deceased members. And, as usual, the potluck following the service at the Hall was superb!

In June, many of our Anchorage members as well as members from Delta, Fairbanks, Seward, Kenai and Homer traveled to Snider Park in Wasilla to enjoy the Pioneer Stampede Dinner and Dance on Saturday, June 13 and stayed over for the Pioneer Picnic, June 14. Palmer Igloos did a terrific job, serving up steak dinners and providing a Blue Grass band for dancing at the Stampede. On Sunday, Anchorage and Palmer, joined forces to put together the annual picnic. As always, we had many willing hands to help serve and entertain the many members and guests. The weather could not have been more perfect and this year, it was especially nice to see more children enjoying the fun and games. More kudos to the Palmer Men's and Women's Igloos, and Anchorage co-chairs, Carol Storrs and Hank Langman.

Other than traveling to other Igloos' picnics and summer social functions (see **Upcoming Events**), Anchorage members will have a few months' rest before we get back together in September.

## Bits & Pieces

### April–June 2009

#### Welcome New Members

Let us all extend a hearty welcome to our newest members to the Anchorage Igloos of the Pioneers of Alaska.

##### Men's Igloo No. 15:

Keith Lindsey (Dual Member–Seward), Stu Ramstad, James Sharp

##### Women's Igloo No. 4:

Dahlene Hancock, Diann Sewald, Susan Webb

#### Trail's End

Farewell, our absent Pioneer Brothers and Sisters who have traveled beyond their Earthly trail.

##### Men's Igloo No. 15:

Ahmad Amer, Bob Barnett, Bill Neithercoat

##### Women's Igloo No. 4:

Peggy Arlene Burgin, Barbara Conover, Mary Katherine Cox, Epsy Naomi Smith Everitt, Colleen Franklin, Marcella "Peggy" Jacks, Arlene McGhuey, Mary E. More, Esther Mundt, Florence "Sparky" Rumpfelt, Flo Alice Tryck, Martha Waldrop

#### "Dedicated To Those Who Have Gone Before . . ."

All Pioneer members and interested parties are invited to visit the Pioneer Memorial Wall located in the northeast corner (6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cordova Street) of the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. Use the drive-in entrance on Fairbanks Street or walk-in entrance on Cordova Street. New names have been added this year and improvements were made this spring that include solid pads under the benches and resetting the tiles. Come and enjoy one of the many ways we are preserving the history of those who have gone before us.

#### 2009-Stay-At-Home Tea

Look for your Stay-At-Home Tea fundraiser invitation soon to arrive in the mail. This time, any funds received will be used to replenish the Memorial Fund for further cemetery improvements.

Many of the early Anchorage Pioneers were interred with wooden and homemade cement markers for headstones, which have since deteriorated. Mr. John Bagoy, Men's Igloo no. 15 member, researched the names of the individuals and their locations. Bonnie Tisler, Women's Igloo No.4 Cemetery Committee Chair, successfully guided the replacements of 53 small headstone markers that were placed this spring.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANCHORAGE PIONEERS!



## July

- 1 Glenn Cooper, James Durand, Rhonda Scott
- 2 Colleen Bridge, Lorraine Radigan, Janice Tingler
- 3 Candida Hendrix, John Maakestad, Michael More, Robert Robb, Robert "Pete" Weimer
- 4 Tami Aspelund, Betty Calhoon, Sophie Cavanaugh, Frances Dely, Jacqueline Robinson, Nancy Rogers, Ronald Watkins
- 5 Dennis Branham, Lorraine Eriksson, Lori LeHew, Millie Renkert, John Walters
- 7 Menalie Ellis, Eleanor Franke, L. Eugene Groves
- 8 Dixie Lynn Boyd, Worth Johnstone, Patrick Shake, Ann Waters
- 9 Leonard Grau Jr., Carol Hale, Susan Kaiser, Audrey Webster
- 10 A. Cliff Huston, Joseph Palmier, Betty A Smith, Wanda Steffens
- 11 Colleen Gorden, Lisa Wilke
- 12 Kurt Pasch, Kenneth Port
- 13 Jean Hartley, Barbara Holmes, Bonnie King, Jean Price
- 14 Karen Gray
- 15 Inez Lee, Paul Roseland, Lapriel Stephan, Shelia Vaden, Margaret Witzleben
- 16 Michael Besh, Rose Bridge, June Fowler, Michael Pannone
- 17 Joe Sledge
- 18 Anna Bryant, Carl Fundeen, John Hurn Jr.
- 19 Donna Grant, Pauline Martens, Benjamin Parrish, Lee Robertson
- 20 Sven Erickson, Shirley Iverson, Roy Johnson Jr., Opal Maggard, Barbara O'Leary
- 21 Betty Cuddy, Joseph Goodrich, Marian Hill, Julia Lesh, Cora McCarrey, Eloise Olson, Thomas Allen Smith
- 22 Laura Windle
- 23 William Coghill, Allan Coward, Edward Grant, Justine Johnson, Marilyn Rudolph
- 24 Alfred Bruck, Ann David, Bruce Merrell, Florance Ward
- 25 Jodi Rae Forsland
- 26 Lois Bruck, Dennis Cummings, Frank Jackson Jr., Edythe Lynn, Glen Smalley
- 27 Diane Barnett, Wallace McCulloch, Farrel Vail
- 28 Lucy Groh, Arnold Heck, Joy O'Neil
- 29 Jean E Lee
- 30 Russell Christenson, John Havelock, Esteline Moe, Harry Robinson

## August

- 1 Barbara Bowden, Arthur Clark, Louis Fessler, Donald Ingalls, Joan Isenberg, Ronald Rice
- 2 Florence Dahl, Daniel Droege, Lois Shake
- 3 Ronald Green
- 4 Leonard Deal
- 5 Grace Abbas, Charles Davis Jr., Nicholas Derenoff
- 6 Dan Coffey, Alys Hopkins
- 7 Ruben Mungaray, Annabell Tito
- 8 Paul Crews, Marguerite Grau, Joyce Hammons, Wilda Marston
- 9 Zona Gail Brink, Katherine Crittenden, Patty Herrick, Fay Von Gemmingen
- 10 Jean Leeburg, Jerry McCutcheon
- 11 Vicki Benson, Everett Casper, Dora Dennis, Ellen Moran, Billie Morton, Walter Parker, Billie Pike, Wallace Wellenstein
- 12 Phillip Block, Richard Buzby, Suzanne Hansen, Quentin Norgaard
- 13 James Drew, Marian Estelle, Elizabeth Johnson, John Nelson Jr, Miriam Woodward
- 14 Donald Hammond, Norval Kane
- 15 Mary O'Neill, Diane Pederson
- 16 Peggy Burgin, Jenalee Heikes, Walter Hickel Sr., Kimber Lea Humphrey, Yvonne Krotke, Carol Marsh, Donna Prator, Hilda Suess
- 17 Glenn Borders, Gene Cecil, Cheryl Hall, Carol Jacobs, Mariene McCarty, Merle Mosher
- 18 Leonard Bryant, Erick Bryant
- 19 Della Barry, Tilford Cobb, Charlene Konestabo, Kris Lethin
- 20 Colleen Benediktsson, Valhary Lowther
- 21 Clara Goodrich, Clara Jaadrack, Vila Johnson, Nancy McDonald, Eloda Metzgar, Kay Montoya, Patricia Watson
- 22 Derril Bergt
- 24 Edmund Suess
- 25 Carol Brady; Shirley Duda
- 26 Thomas Fink, Mildred Pollock, John Spalding
- 27 Joe Blackard, Robert Hanson, Edward Rasmusson II
- 28 John James, Virginia Paulks, Peter Raypold
- 29 Darlene Anderson, Mary Carle, Helen Vik
- 30 Jon Esslinger, Patricia Heim, Bonnie Tisler
- 31 Larry Iverson

## September

- 1 Helen Burston, Barbara Callahan, Doris Falconer, Rosalie Neumann
- 2 John Engdall, Alfred Fleener, Willa Wylie
- 3 Gerald Delkettie, Louise Nichols, Clarence Walston
- 4 Patricia Green, Arlene McGhuey, Walter C. Olson
- 5 Dorothy Cobb, Madeline Pearce, Laron Rentschler, Mary Sambo, Nancy Verlinde, Edward Young Jr
- 6 Victoria Ault, Melvin Ertwine, Clifford Holt, Neil Martens, Danny Sanchez, John Tower
- 7 Carol Korman, Betty McCulloch, Jesse Wooten
- 8 Thomas Gallagher, Sally Janis
- 9 Dorothy Alewine, Erna Marie Bucklew, Bette Gaylor, Elbert Kunz, Onnolee O'Neill
- 10 Peter Hupperten, Lottie Michael
- 11 Lucille Bivins, Verleen Grant, Ermalee Hickel, Mary McKenna, K. Olin Rude
- 12 Arebert Besser, Joan Wahto
- 13 Glen Chambers, Joyce Gardener, Austrid Garrett, Margaret Green
- 14 Elinore Fretzs, Francisco M. Javier, Rita Renikka
- 15 Eldon Brandt, Norma Link, Edith Opinsky
- 16 Marianne Boyer, Donna Gavac
- 17 Doris Thore
- 18 Sigrid Bryant, Hilda Kroener, Faye Palin
- 19 Judith Lynch, Virginia Obermiller, Janet O'Neill
- 20 Mitsuko Miller, Neil Stevenson
- 21 Joseph Lester
- 22 Barbara Maxwell, James Robertson Sr., Josephine Wilson
- 23 Sandra Hanson, Beverly Johnston, Melinda Osburn
- 24 Billie DeVore, Deborah Morgan, Dawn Wagner
- 25 Barbara Block, Russell Grass, Raymond Lee, James Seeley
- 26 Douglas Iverson, Eddie Metcalf, Charles Schneider, Frederick Walatka, Victor Watson
- 27 Robert Coats, Harry Hansen, Pat Klouda, Donna Rowland, Arliss Sturgulewski
- 28 Charles "Chuck" Dickson, Francine Larsen, Rayna Larson, Frances "Kit" Young
- 29 Ada Deal, Richard Odsather, Billie Jean Triber
- 30 Rebecca Coffey, Doris Fowler, Leah Hoffman, Dorris Rhodes, Doris L. Rhodes, Barbara Stuckel

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## Tried & True — Ladies Bring in Your Mug up Recipes

If you bring in one of your favorite dishes to a business mug up or a social potluck be sure to include the recipe. For this issue, we asked Dorothy Cobb for her apple cake recipe that she brought to the Memorial Day Potluck and Marguerite Grau for her unusual grapefruit cake recipe that she brought to the Pioneer Picnic. Both cakes are "Tried & True" winners!

### Dorothy Cobb's Raw Apple Cake

4 cups sliced or cubed apples	2 cups unsifted flour
2 eggs	2 tsp. baking soda
2 cups sugar	1 tsp. salt
2 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup oil	1 cup chopped walnuts

Break eggs over apples; add sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg, oil and nuts. Mix well with a fork. Sift in flour, salt and soda, and mix again with fork. Batter can be very stiff. Bake in large pan (greased and floured) in a 350° oven for 45 minutes.

### Marguerite Grau's Grapefruit Cake

5 large eggs (room temperature)	3 tbsp poppy seeds
2 tbsp grated grapefruit rind	1/2 cup grapefruit juice
1-1/2 tsp vanilla	1- 2/3 cups sugar
2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter (room temperature)	2 cups sifted cake flour
1/2 tsp salt	
2 cups powdered sugar	

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 5 x 9 inch loaf pan, line bottom with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs, poppy seeds, grapefruit peel and vanilla. In a small bowl, whisk together 1/3 cup sugar and 1/4 cup grapefruit juice until sugar is dissolved; set aside.

Using an electric mixer, beat butter until creamy, about 30 seconds. Gradually beat in remaining 1-1/3 cups sugar and the salt on high speed, scraping down sides until light and fluffy, 3 to 5 minutes. Beat in the egg mixture, 2 tablespoons at a time. Scrape down sides. Beat for 3 minutes. Mix in flour in three parts on low speed. Scrape into prepared pan.

Bake until a toothpick comes out clean, 60 to 70 minutes. Transfer the pan to a rack placed over a sheet of parchment paper.

Using a skewer, poke holes in cake and brush with half of the grapefruit syrup. Let cool for 10 minutes then invert cake onto rack, remove paper, brush with remaining syrup. Let cool for at least one hour.

Whisk together the powdered sugar and remaining grapefruit juice and drizzle over cake. Let set before slicing.

## 2009 Officers

### Men's Igloo #15

Tilford Cobb	<b>President</b>
Norman Elliott	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>
Gerald Delkettie	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>
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### Women's Igloo #4

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Regina Charlton
Mona Smith
Jean Karwowski
Betty George
Sophia Hale
Pat Barber
Norma Langman
Pat Klouda
Shawneen Conover

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24-26	Fairbanks Golden Days Pioneer Regents Tea, July 24 Parade and Mug Up, July 25 Pioneer Felix Pedro Monument Rededication, July 26
Aug 2	Kenai Picnic, Green Strip
Sept 1	Business meeting and Initiation, 7:00 pm, Pioneer Hall
Sept 15	No Social Meeting due to Grand Igloo Convention
Sept 16-19	93rd Grand Igloo Convention - Pioneer Park, Fairbanks 100-Year Anniversary of Men's Igloo No. 4!

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