

# The Anchor



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

No. 16

## Fairbanks Hosts 93rd Grand Igloo Convention — Riverboats and Golden Dreams

Fairbanks Igloos 4 and 8 did a spectacular job with this year's convention, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Men's Igloo no. 4. Activities started Wednesday, September 16, with registration and mug up at Pioneer Hall. Many members stayed most of the afternoon to renew old friendships, enjoy free merry go-round rides, take a guided tour of the Nenana riverboat, and explore the many shops and displays in Pioneer Park. The afternoon was followed by a trip down the Chena River to its mouth where it meets the Tanana River on the Discovery II riverboat.

The Grand Igloo had much to accomplish with this year's agenda but managed to complete all tasks with time to spare. Our Constitution will be amended four times with the passage of CA-01 that allows subordinate members to combine a slate of officers, CA-03 allows women to hold the position of Grand Treasurer, CA-04 clarifies the status of voting members and CA-05 clarifies the requirements of dual members in Pioneer Igloos. Our per Capita Head Tax increased by \$2, bringing the total per capita tax to \$6.

The Men and Women enjoyed their luncheons at the Princess Hotel. Each of the Men received an ulu pocketknife and the door prize winners receive a DVD of Cordova Igloos' history. Miniature trunks filled with items an early Pioneer woman might bring with her on her journey to Fairbanks around the turn of the century were given as door prizes. Each of the Women guests received a lovely quilted potholder with PofA, 2009, Fairbanks and a forget-me-knot flower embroidered on the back. Our clever, talented Fairbanks sisters made all of these beautiful, thoughtful gifts. Wow!

**David Trieglaff**, GP Frank and DA McGilvary's son-in-law, kept Skit Night on track, serving as Master of Ceremonies and keeping the audience entertained between skits and act changes—Great job! The **Pioneer Rockettes**, a chorus line made up of members from different Women's Igloos, was the first act with their rendition of Abba's "Dancing Queen". Part way through the number, the dancers parted to welcome the REAL Dancing Queen. Daintily making her entrance in a fetching zebra coat (that was quickly tossed to the edge of the stage), the Dancing Queen twirled, swirled and gracefully leaped her way through the song, flaunting her long flowing golden locks and brazenly taunting the audience with her genuine charm and appeal. What more can I say, Past Grand President **Bill Church** was absolutely ravishing in his red long john, pink tutu adorned with roses, perfectly styled golden locks and topped with a tasteful (less?) glittery crown. Who knew he could dance? **Judy Sarber**, (WI Wrangell & Anchorage) was a big hit delivering **Petersburg's** letter from "home". Dressed in a Norwegian housedress, Judy kept the audience in laughs reading the letter filled with endless Norwegian jokes and nuances. **Fairbanks W18** sang an American medley of songs, ending with the audience joining them in singing God Bless America. **Nome Men's and Women's Igloos'** "Baths for 5 cents" provided many laughs for the audience with cast members popping in and out of windows in a wall (think of the "Laugh In", comedy TV show) telling jokes or great one-liners. **Fairbanks M14 and W18, and Anchorage M115 and W14**, joined forces to put on "Rogues, Renegades & Rascals". This was loosely, and I do mean loosely, based on the great classic, "Maverick", with **Larry Knapman aka. Rhett Waters** (M14), **Norm Elliott aka. Marshal Dillon Ketchem** (M115) and **Barbara Doogan aka. Savannah Sue** (W18) playing the leads. The play, filled with con men, card sharks and wild women, began in Dawson as the Klondike strike was drying up and the strike just north of Fairbanks was just gearing up. Most of the action centers on a winner-take-all poker tournament on board the Chena Queen, a riverboat headed to Fairbanks. It was a fun-filled game of who's conning who?

For the Grand Ball, many Pioneers dressed in period costumes. King and Queen Regents from the statewide Igloos led the traditional Grand March, followed by the costume entrants. **Marie Walker** (Homer) and **Jim Herrick** (Kenai) took home the Gold Pan award for Best Overall. **Keith** and **Dorene Lindsey** (Seward & Anchorage) took Best Couple and two red hat ladies, dressed in beautiful red dresses, took Most Authentic. Everyone enjoyed dancing and listening to the band that did a wonderful job.

The Memorial Service, done by Women's Igloo No. 8, was a special tribute to our departed Pioneer Brothers and Sisters. A large, impressive wreath covered with autumn-colored leaves that represented our 219 Pioneer men and women who reached the end of the trail since our last convention. Our total membership is now down to 5,456.

Installation of the 2010 Grand Igloo Officers followed the Memorial: **Grand President**, Frank McGilvary (Fairbanks); **Grand 1st VP**, Al Clayton, Jr. (Homer); **Grand 2nd VP**, John Osborne, Sr. (Kenai); **Grand Historian**, Jerry Krier (Fairbanks); **Grand Chaplain**, Troxell Hebert (Delta Junction); **Grand Secretary**, Vision Money (Homer); **Grand Treasurer**, Dan Kassner (Juneau); **Grand Recorder**, Linda Conley (Fairbanks); **Grand Sgt-at-Arms**, Jim Rhodes (Ketchikan); **Grand Inner Guard**, Fred Thorsteinson (Juneau); **Grand 1-year Trustees**, Ken Pysz (Palmer) and Mary Honsberger (Nome); **Grand 2-year Trustees**, Lee Pederson (Anchorage) and Anne Kalcic (Kodiak); **Grand 3-year Trustees**, Jim Caseman (Cordova) and Janis Alsop (Ketchikan).

As always, the Grand Banquet truly lived up to the meaning of "grand". We were served a choice of prime rib or halibut entrees with a Death-by-Chocolate dessert—fabulous, as all the food was at the Convention. Mary Nordale, life-long Alaskan and guest speaker for the evening, spoke to us on "What You can do to Let Others Know what Alaska is All About". She issued a challenge to all Pioneers to create our own oral history in order to keep our culture and values alive for future generations.

It was such a great convention, making it all the harder to say goodbye to our statewide friends.

**Until we meet again at the next convention or sooner, God willing and the Creek don't rise!**  
(Let's make this our annual farewell slogan)

Plan to attend the next conventions:

**September 22-25, 2010—Ketchikan, 2011—Valdez, 2012—Kenai Peninsula, and 2013—Juneau!**



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### Websites:

[www.pioneersofalaska.org](http://www.pioneersofalaska.org)

[www.ronkleinphotos.com/pioneers2009.html](http://www.ronkleinphotos.com/pioneers2009.html)

(Panoramic photo of 2009 Conventioneers)

### Reminder to All Members

To stay in touch with your Igloo, it is important that you keep all contact information current: mailing, physical, and e-mail addresses and phone number. Please contact your Igloo's secretary with any changes.

Dear Fellow Pioneers:

Many of you have experienced the city's improvements to the street and sidewalk in front of our Pioneer Hall. The extended overhang and passenger loading area on E Street, heated sidewalk and street are finished. Most of the main floor has been rented to Humpy's since the art gallery moved to a new location.

Fairbanks Men's Igloo No. 4 and Women's Igloo No. 8 hosted the 93rd Grand Igloo Convention at Pioneer Park, September 16--20. Quite a number of Anchorage Pioneers traveled by train or car and enjoyed the hospitality of the Fairbanks Pioneers. The weather was sunny and warm, the flowers beautiful...appropriate surroundings to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of Fairbanks Men's Igloo 4. If you weren't able to attend...ask about the Riverboat Discovery, Chena Hot Springs with the large colorful huge ice-house where beverages were served in ice glasses.

The Business meetings each day were well attended with lively discussion about proposed changes and issues. It was interesting to hear about safe deposit inventory reports, Snider Park (in Wasilla), the "Pathfinder" newsletter and other reports from the Grand Igloo Officers, Committee Chairmen and Trustees.

We look forward to seeing you all at up-coming meetings, programs, and the Annual Harvest Dinner, November 8. Bring the little ones to the Children's Christmas Party, December 6 and come to the Adult Christmas Party, December 15.

Fraternally,

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

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



## Bits & Pieces

### April – September 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:

Steven Couture, Dennis Cunningham

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

Suzanne Hickel, Erica Roy

#### Trail's End

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

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

William (Bill) O. Tryck,  
Kenneth M. Johnson, Robert E. Renkert,  
George M. Sullivan

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

Sheila Burgh, Regina Hall,  
Catherine Weimer



#### Children's Christmas Party

Our annual Pioneer Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 6 at the Pioneer Hall. If you have any children, grandchildren or great-grand children that are between the ages of infant through 11 years of age, then this party is for you. The hours are from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During the first hour we will have games, crafts, Christmas music, a fish pond and cookie decorating. During the second hour we will have a visit from Santa. He will give each child a wrapped Christmas gift. There will be punch and cookies for everyone. Chairs: Judy Weimer 562-5647 and Keith Lindsey

#### Adult Christmas Party

We will start our Adult Christmas party, Tuesday, December 15, with a potluck beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program that includes an optional gift exchange, music by our favorite band, *Midnight Starlight*, and plenty of old-fashioned Pioneer hospitality, socializing and guaranteed FUN! All members are encouraged to bring guests—let's show them how much fun it is to be part of the Pioneers of Alaska!

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 p.m. potluck; 7:30 program  
6th & F Street, Pioneer Hall

Reminder—Bring Your Can Goods:

As always, there will be a collection box for canned goods to be donated to The Food Bank. Please remember those in need and less fortunate.



### Thank You



#### Harvest Dinner

To all of you brothers and sisters who sent in contributions for the "Stay at Home Tea", Thank You!

Donations from the "Stay at Home Tea" surpassed the \$4,000 mark. This money will go a dedicated fund for maintenance and upkeep of the Pioneer's Section of the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery and the Memorial Wall, located in the northwest corner of the cemetery.

This summer, the stone work forming the walkways of the Memorial were reset closer together and a solid concrete pad was constructed under the two meditation benches and the flower planter. This work cost \$10,000 and repaired damage to the walkway and pads caused by frost heaves and spring ground movements.

Mildred F. Richards, Chairman  
Women's Igloo No. 4  
Memorial Wall Monument

Our annual Harvest Dinner will be held Sunday, November 8, 2009. We will be serving our traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings for a mere \$10.00 per person and ask all ladies to bring a pie. There will be two sittings. The first sitting is at 2:00 p.m. and the second at 5:00 p.m. Tickets go fast for the second sitting so plan to get yours early at the social meeting, October 20 or contact our ticket sellers below. There will be ticket sellers at both the social meeting October 20 and the regular business meeting November 3. Tickets may be purchased at the door with a prior guaranteed RSVP. RSVPs are required and appreciated to determine seating and food requirements. Co-Chairs for the event are Mildred Richards, Judy Weimer, and Gerald Delkettie. There will be sign-up sheets at the social meeting and we encourage your help.

Tickets: \$10.00, specify 2pm or 5pm.  
Contact: Mildred Richards 245-1942,  
Jean Karwowski 694-2840, Judy Weimer  
562-5647 and Fred Walatka 243-0881.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANCHORAGE PIONEERS!



## October

- 1 Gordon M. Burkher, Evelyn Engdall, Wilford Martin
- 2 Regina Charlton, Gerald Hood, Francis O' Neill, Nan Peters
- 3 Susan Brown, Opal Myers
- 4 Ruby Jo Frankfourth, Fred Hill Jr., Ina Belle Kennedy, Mildred Lazich, Carol Rude
- 5 Frances S. Hall, Michael Zoske
- 6 Marion Carrington, Carol Ryan
- 7 Charles Christy, Betty Husted, Timothy Jurgensen, Richard Linton
- 8 Laura Davis, Eugene Horning
- 9 Dorothy Alewine, Florence Johnson, Henry Wojtusik
- 10 Dale Dickson, James "Hank" Langman, Catherine Lower
- 11 Cynthia Kimbley, Mary Virginia Smith
- 12 Peggy Albright, Peggy Connolly
- 13 Mitchell Henning,
- 14 Mary Gamel, Linda Plimpton, D. Vernice Reid
- 15 Inez M. Culver, Charles W. Johnson, Evelyn Miller
- 16 Roland "Greg" Dixon, Kathleen Forbes, Maybelle German, Ruth Pfister
- 17 Clarice Christenson, Katherine Dickson, Edwin Larsen, Mary More
- 18 Marilyn Calvin-Cook
- 19 Jannette Hall
- 20 Leslie LaChar, Albert Maffei
- 21 Natalie Carey, Margaret Hickman, Beverly Hopkins, Thelma Walston
- 22 Dorothy Arnold, Pauline Peters, John F. Rogers
- 23 Anna Decker, Kathryn Janssen
- 24 Herbert Lang
- 25 Maynard Falconer
- 26 Raymond Agen II
- 27 Richard E. Cook, Charles J. Dlouhy, Grace Marquiss, Bruce Staser, Jackie Tangae
- 28 Jerry A. Gilley, Madelyn Schlansker, Warren Tucker, Sherry Tunilla, Roy Zahrobsky
- 29 Anita Angeli
- 30 Michael McIntire, Marilyn Porter
- 31 Yvonne Denton, Kelly Lasseter

## November

- 1 Mary Lakshas
- 2 Cortland Broberg
- 3 Janet Goetz, Arnold Link
- 4 Marybel Butler, Linda Chamberlain, Georgiann Mc Keever, Frances Mlakar, John Rathert Sr.
- 5 Rodney Burgh
- 6 Edward Barber Jr., Mary Bielawski, Patricia Cavanaugh, Eric Croft, Louise Gallop, John M. Johnson
- 7 John Jorget, Betty Martens, Janet Roehl
- 9 Patrick Durand, Catherine Giesel, Robert Henderson, Sheila Weiss
- 10 Richard Bruce, Hildur Duncan, Al Renk
- 11 Inger J. Ricci
- 12 Mildred Alonis, Margaret Bunch, Thomas Kramer, Helen Martin, Loretta Martin, Jerry Roach, Thelma Sinnett
- 13 George Gucker, Ronald Risch, Virginia Robson
- 14 Antonio Butto Jr., Naomi Everitt, Charles E. Ingersoll, Nona Johnson, Madelynn Rentschler, Patricia Stone, Elizabeth Torgerson
- 15 Christine Gill, Marion Porter, Sharon Puerta
- 16 Rosemary Elledge, Mary Tomaszewicz
- 17 Anna Crabb, Barbara Halverson, Barbara Maki
- 18 Herbert Brazil, Robert Durand, Helen Morris, Patricia Porter
- 19 Victor Davis, Darlene Holt, Gloria Long, Edna Lyon, Mary Putman
- 20 John Breyer, John Daley, Roger Hansen, Lynda James
- 21 Eldiene Amer, Frank Marquiss
- 22 Weaver Franklin, Thomas Gravely, William Thomas Sr., Udella Wessells
- 23 Norma Alderfer, John Conover, Michael Gordon, Muriel King, Wesley Landes, Charles Muhs
- 24 Robbie Jane Johnson, Florence Schlegel, Robert Winslow
- 25 Dwight Bowden, Hallie Dixon, Lucile Halfacre
- 26 Rosemary Bowden, Edwin Crittenden, Linda Durand, Sidney Hassman, Leon Windeler
- 27 Wally Burnett, Tom Main, Kenneth Odsather, Don Schroer
- 28 Jim L. Doss
- 29 Catherine Jean Baker, Robert Morris
- 30 Jean Romig, Judy Weimer

## December

- 1 Buster Hall, Chester Millett, Joe Warren
- 2 Karin Fitzgerald, Janet Girt, Diana Hedstrom, Loren Leman
- 3 Virginia Carter
- 4 Cora Sue Dickson, Edith Fleming, Elizabeth Hays, Despina Lester, Patrick "Murf" Marifjeren, Rachael Michaelsen, Helen Osborne, Eleanor Parrish
- 5 Mary Estella Odsather, Roxie Ottley
- 6 Eugene W. Vik, Diane Winslow
- 7 Ginny Hamlin, Ralph F. Smith, Mary Ellen Soules
- 8 Ralph Marcott, Richard Sutliff
- 9 Charles Tryck
- 10 Patricia Fisher, Louis Gigliotti, Eleanor Spernak
- 11 Andrea Daro, Duane Heverling, Margaret Hubbard, Nancy Murkowski, John R. Strachan
- 12 Bernadine Barnett, Delores Ingram, Roy "Ike" Isenberg, Lois Kenny, Diane Lloyd, Shirley Piaskowski
- 13 Joseph Franco, Evelyn Hull, George Suddock
- 14 Charles F. Dickerson, Karen Foster, Richard Thomas
- 15 Gay Odsather
- 16 Evelyn Givens, Ronald Pollock
- 17 Ken Yocum
- 18 Albert Hale Jr., Erwin Long, James Palin, Mary Segelhorst
- 19 LaRae Groves, Carolyne Korman, Marion Pippel, Thelma Tyer, Lucy Whitehead, Nella Wooten
- 20 Heather McCracken, George Naumann, William Schofield, Sydnee Stiver, Eleanor Weber
- 21 Erdie Brodahl, James Shake
- 22 Helen Cartwright, Josef Einboeck, Betty McIntire, Michael Moeglein, Frank Reed Sr.
- 23 Lynn Manley, Rose Richardson
- 24 David Forsland, Beverly Hayes, Kathryn Holland, Anthony Pfister, David Savage, Wallace A. Smith, Carol E. Thomas, John Zappa
- 26 Patricia Barber, Margaret Brown
- 27 Stephanie Gardner
- 28 Geraldine Beckwith
- 29 Joe Buckingham, Margaret Pfeifer
- 30 Curtis Homme, William Paul Ingram, Norma Langman, Marian Michlig,
- 31 Mary Blackard, Gwen Christenson, Sophie Veker

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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. This issue we are featuring another one of Audrey Johnson's, Women's Igloo No. 16, recipes that was a hit at the Kenai summer picnic this August. Audrey tells us we can call it either "Better than Sex" or "Black Forest Dessert". Call it what you like but take it from one who has tried it, 'Don't call me late for dessert!'

### **Audrey Johnson's Chocolate Dessert**

**First Layer:** 1 stick butter, softened  
 1 cup flour  
 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Mix together butter, flour and nuts well. Pat mixture into a 13x9" baking pan; flatten to form a crust. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes. Set aside to cool.

**Second Layer:** 8 ounces cream cheese, softened  
 1 cup powdered sugar

Mix together well and spread over cooled crust.

**Third Layer:** 1 small package of instant vanilla pudding mix  
 1 small package of instant chocolate pudding mix  
 2½ cups milk  
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Using an electric mixer, beat 2 minutes until thickened. Spread over the cream cheese layer of the dessert.

**Fourth Layer:** Spread with Cool Whip, as much as you like.

**Optional:** Garnish with chocolate curls or cherries

## **2009 Officers**

### **Men's Igloo #15**

Tilford Cobb	<b>President</b>
Norman Elliott	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>
Gerald Elkettie	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>
Don Smith	<b>Chaplain</b>
Keith Lindsey	<b>Historian</b>
Hank Langman	<b>Sergeant-at-Arms</b>
Tim Jackson	<b>Inner Guard</b>
	<b>Marshal</b>
	<b>Financial Secretary</b>
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Lee Pederson	<b>3-year Trustee</b>
John Conover	<b>2-year Trustee</b>
David Barnett	<b>1-year Trustee</b>

### **Women's Igloo #4**

Christine Gill
Jean Lee
Diane Pederson
Mildred Richards
Carol Storrs
Regina Charlton
Mona Smith
Jean Karwowski
Betty George
Sophia Hale
Pat Barber
Norma Langman
Pat Klouda
Shawneen Conover

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Oct 20	Social Meeting, 6:30 pm Potluck, Program: To Be Announced
Nov 3	Business Meeting & Initiation, 7:00 pm
Nov 8	Harvest Dinner, sittings at 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm
Nov 17	Social Meeting, 6:30 pm Potluck, Program: "How I Teach History of Alaska Media" by Prof. Edgar Blatchford, UAA
Dec 1	Business Meeting & Initiation, 7:00 pm
Dec 6	Children's Christmas Party, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm
Dec 15	Adult Christmas Party, Potluck 6:30 pm. 7:30 pm Program: optional gift exchange, music, dancing, socializing and FUN!
Jan 5, 2010	Installation of 2010 Officers, 7:00 pm Grand President Frank McGilvary officiating. Reception follows.

**ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT THE PIONEER HALL  
 6TH & F Streets**

Sunshine Committee & 50th/60th Anniversaries, Chair: Evelyn Wince 243-6013  
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