

JANUARY 4, 2018 Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

Established 1988

Today's Greeter
Annette Smith

Next Week
Lloyd Coogan

Today's Program
Brian Holst
Juneau Economic
Development Council

January 11
Rick Caulfield
UAS Chancellor

January 18
Juneau Legislative Delegation
Senator Dennis Egan
Rep. Sam Kito III
Rep. Justin Parrish



Harry Kieling
District 5010 Governor
Ian Riseley
Rotary International President

Some key indicators of local economic health are on down side

JGR member Brian Holst is in his tenth year overseeing a collaborative enterprise that researches and promotes Juneau's prosperity. And, according to the 2017 Juneau Economic Development Council's annual report, some of those key indicators are in decline. For example,

for the sixth year in a low, due to state cutbacks, Juneau lost public sector jobs – 260 government positions disappeared in 2016 alone (the year for which most recent date were available). While private sector jobs helped mitigate that loss, those jobs were not as well paying. And, in 2016, Juneau experienced its first population decline in ten years. Enrollment in local schools (Brian is in his second term on the Board of Education) and at UAS are both down. The average cost of living in Juneau remains about 30 percent greater than the national benchmark, although rentals and home prices stayed steady in 2016.

Holst is a former Peace Corps volunteer and previously had worked 20 years in emerging economies in Latin America and Eastern Europe. He is a JDHS grad and attended Notre Dame.



JGR caroled Dec. 21 for Pioneers. See more spirit of the season photos, p. 2

Thursday January 25

4-6:15 pm Glory Hole Meal Prep It's a make up!

JANAUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 6 JANUARY 13 JANAURY 30 JANUARY 30



JILL RAMIEL JOHN MC CONNOCHIE ROSEMARY HAGEVIG STEVE RICCI 2018 Pillars of America

4/18 – Todd Huston Amputee Athlete 4/25- Derek Clark Former foster child 5/2 – Joe Torrillo 9/11 NYFD

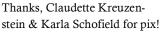


Delivering holiday cheer keeps club busy in December

JGR bought a Christmas tree for the Pioneers Home and members purchased individual gifts for residents. The club gathered there to sing holiday carols the evening of Dec. 21. Doug Eckland served as Santa. At left he poses with the three daughters of Corey and Emily Wall. Below middle, he warbles with his wife, Mrs. Claus (Cherry) on the

left, and Annette Smith, right. At right, he listens to Erik's holiday wishes.

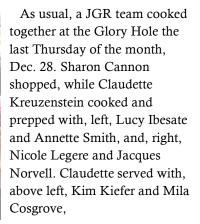








29 years serving dinner at the Glory Hole

















January - Vocational Service / February - Peace & Conflict Resolution / March - Water & Sanitation April – Maternal & Child Health / May – Youth Services / June - Rotary Fellowships / July – Leadership August - Membership / September - Education & Literacy / October - Economic & Community Development November - Foundation / December - Disease Prevention and Treatment

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