

JULY 20, 2017 Juneau-Gastineau Rotary Channeler

Established 1988

Today's Greeter Peggyann McConnochie Next Week **Ron King**

Today's Program

Eric Eriksen Mike Janes **Debbie Driscoll** AEL&P

July 27 **Chuck Bill** CEO, Bartlett Regional Hospital

> August 3 **Bulb Sales Kickoff!**



Harry Kieling District 5010 Governor Ian Riselev **Rotary International President**

AEL&P: a history of powering Juneau, from mines to cruise ships to electric vehicles

Since 1893, Alaska Electric Light & Power has been coursing hydro-sourced electricity to both sides of the channel. The ability to plug in the world's largest air compressor in 1914 allowed the AJ mine the foundation of Juneau's development -- to become the most productive low-grade ore gold mine in the world.

AEL&P, privately held by the Corbus family for 120 years, was sold to Avista Corp. of Spokane in 2014 for \$170 million. (AEL&P now is one of 21 subsidiaries of Avista.) This month, Connie Hulbert takes

over AEL&P's presidency from Tim McLeod, who is retiring after 34 years.

AEL&P employs 75, 12 of whom are seasonal.

Vice President of Transmission and Distribution. Eric Eriksen, above, has been with AEL&P 18 years. He has managed a number of big projects including the submarine cable to Greens Creek mine on Admiralty



Island and mitigation (right) of the disastrous April 2008 avalanche that took down the Snettisham transmission line which provides a vast majority of Juneau's power.

Mike Janes, left, is

Avalanche Forecaster for AEL&P and is spearheading migration of the company's maps into a modern GIS mapping system. Both men were raised in Juneau.



Friday July 21

7 am **Board Meeting Prospector Dining Room** It's a make up!

Saturday July 22

3-6 All Rotary Picnic Sandy Beach **BRING DESSERTS**

Thursday July 27

4-6:15 pm **Glory Hole** Meal Prep It's a make up! **Saturday** July 29

8-midnight Hangar Ballroom Christmas in July Rotaract Fundraiser for AWARE

Saturday August 5 11-3 GV Rotary's **Duck Derby Twin Lakes** 11-3



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International President-Elect dies

The next president of Rotary International, Sam Owori of Uganda, died July 13 due to complications from surgery. His term as RI's 108th president would've begun July 2018. The number of Rotarys in Uganda swelled from 9 to 89 during nearly 30 years of his leadership. A Rotarian 38 years, Owori was CEO of the Institute of Corporate Governance and served on the Kampala City Council and a number of boards related to health services.

President Bibb aims for a cup of coffee with each of us

President James Bibb in his inaugural message last week emphasized engagement with what Rotary *does* – and with what local Rotarys can accomplish *together*. Bibb, who's been a JGR member 12 years, is involved in many civic efforts. But he said those involvements of which he's most proud is that with his life partner Lorrie Heagey – and with Rotary. At left, Immediate Past President Pam Varni, swears him in.



Work party in August to help furnish Housing First facility



As has occurred the last couple years (for the installation of playground equipment), District 5010 has awarded a joint grant to all Juneau Rotarys. This year, \$12,600 will purchase beds, comforters, and shower curtains for the \$8.2 million Housing First facility to open in September. A Rotary work party will be set in August to outfit the rooms and baths.













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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