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Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

Channeler

Established 1988

Today's Greeter

Robert Minch

Next Week

Colleen Torrence

**“ . . . a mission to cultivate community partnerships
that transform relationships and build trust ”**

Today's Program

Ed Mercer

Chief, Juneau Police Department

November 9

AUCTION!

Bring a friend!

November 16

Jen LaRoe

Any Given Child

November 23

Thanksgiving

NO MEETING



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Harry Kieling

District 5010 Governor

Ian Riseley

Rotary International President



Juneau's new chief of police wants to continue his predecessor's mission of building trust through community relationships, a goal that may be especially challenging as law enforcement navigates complicated issues. Ed Mercer is taking the helm in the middle of passionate public discussion about crime and punishment – and the inequities that may result. JPD has 51 sworn officer positions and 40 civilian jobs.

Mercer, a native of Southeast Alaska, was named chief in July after 17 years on the Juneau force and eight previous years as an officer in Sitka. During the last legislative session a measure passed which changed penalties for some lower level crimes. That

bill, SB91, is at the center of a legislative discussion about whether reduced sanctions have heightened property crime rates (which have been worsened by a statewide and national opioid scourge). In addition, scrutiny of police actions has increased as police wear body cameras and the public shoot phone videos. JPD officers were outfitted with body cameras a year ago.

Mercer has plenty of experience to tackle difficult situations. He worked his way up the ranks, including time on patrol, in investigations, the drug unit, and as a school resource and community service officer. He served as deputy chief for four years, prior to his promotion. Mercer has a BS in criminal justice from Herzing University in Wisconsin, and has attended training at the FBI Academy and the Institute for Law Enforcement Administration.



Thanks for printing!

**Thursday
November 30**

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

**Friday
December 1**

**7 am
Prospector
Dining Room
Board Meeting**

**Thursday
December 21**

**Pioneer
Home
Holiday
Caroling**

Happy November Birthdays!

2 Annette Smith

9 Joann Lott

25 Mary Capobianco



Erik moves to Ricci's this month

JGR's inbound Erik Genitz this month gets a new set of host parents: Steve and Emily Ricci (who housed Riccardo, last year, as well). Erik joined Steve, center, and Thatcher Brouwer, for pumpkin carving (which is not part of the Halloween tradition in Sweden). Erik has been living with Julie and Gordie Olson.

Double-clubbing at GH

Rotaractors, including Marciano Duran, below right, helped Thursday at the Glory Hole. JGR folks included Sharon Cannon, Robert Minch, Stephanie Hoag, Mary Capobianco, and Pam Varni. Amy Lujan shopped.



Olson recognized by District 5010

The District 5010 newsletter includes JGR vice president Julie Olson (left, center) as a recipient of the "Be Humble, Be Kind, Take Action" award, presented to her by DG Harry Kielsing (accompanied by AG Rosie Roppel) in September. Olson is a host parent, a coordinator of KIVA, the annual picnic, the Pioneer's Home holiday and is a 10-year member of the club.

Alaska woman first to receive award honoring fight for females in Rotary

In 1977, the Rotary Club of Duarte, CA, admitted three women (including Dr. Sylvia Whitlock), flouting RI rules. The next year RI expelled the club. But the Duarte club did not give up. Ten years later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary may not exclude women. That year, Whitlock became the first female Rotary club president.

In 2005, Anchorage attorney Carolyn Jones (who joined in

1987) became the first female senior Rotary leader, appointed as a Foundation trustee. This year, Jones became the first recipient of the Sylvia Whitlock award, recognizing those who contributed to the success of women in Rotary. (Jones is pictured with past RI president Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar). Today, women comprise 20 percent of Rotary. Sylvia Whitlock is still a member.



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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