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Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

Channeler

Established 1988

Today's Greeter

Rosemary Hagevig

Next Week

Kevin Ritchie

Today's Program

Governor Bill Walker

March 16

Club Assembly

March 23

Nancy DeCherney

**Juneau Arts & Humanities
Council**

March 30

Lt. Kris Sell

JPD Year of Kindness



Walker brings a lifetime of Alaska experience

Governor Bill Walker was born in Fairbanks and raised in Delta Junction and Valdez. His parents, Ed and Francis, were Alaskan pioneers. Ed was an Alaskan Scout with in Aleutians in WWII and Francis worked on the Alcan Highway project. The Walkers worked together in the family construction and hotel businesses.

Gov. Walker also worked as a carpenter, teamster and laborer on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to pay for his education. He earned his bachelor's in business management from Lewis and Clark College and his law degree from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University). In 1979, Walker became the youngest mayor elected in Valdez, at age 27. He later served as that city's attorney. He was also general counsel to the Alaska Gasline Port Authority.



In 2010, the lifelong Republican unsuccessfully challenged Republican incumbent Gov. Sean Parnell in the primary. In 2014, he and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Byron Mallott, set aside their party affiliations and became the first independent ticket elected to Alaska's two top offices. A key platform in both of Walker's campaigns was building and creating an Alaska stake in a natural gas pipeline. Prior to taking office, Walker, 65, and his wife, Donna, owned a law firm that focused on municipal and oil and gas law.

Married since 1977, the Walkers have four children, and four grandchildren. Walker, an avid downhill skier, enjoys fishing, boating, and snow-machining.

**Saturday
March 18**

**All-Rotary
Evening at
Perseverance
(Polio Plus
fundraiser)**

**Thursday
March 23**

**4 pm – 6:15 pm
Glory Hole
Dinner Prep**

**Saturday
March 25**

**All Rotary
Food Drive
JGR: Foodland
10 am**



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Club raises \$500 in one meeting; Board agrees to match

Last week's passing of the hat to collect funds toward a goal of \$1,049 to donate to ShelterBox quickly netted half that amount. The JGR Board the next day agreed to a match in order to reach the goal. But, the \$1,049 target isn't the end of the trail. Amy Lujan will continue to solicit support for the next two weeks and Riccardo is within a hundred bucks of his \$500 goal.

The effort is part of the second annual ShelterBox Iditarod Challenge, sponsored by District 5010 through the end of March.

The first club to send a check to ShelterBox for at least \$1,049 (equal to the number of miles in the historic Anchorage to Nome sled dog race) wins the competition. Last year, JGR met the target and came in fifth. District 5010 raised \$7,400 for ShelterBox during the 2016 challenge.

ShelterBox provides a kit with essential emergency items such as tent, water storage and purification, solar lamps, thermal blankets, and cooking utensils. ShelterBox, an independent non-profit, was started in 2000 by Rotarians and in 2012 became Rotary International's first official project partner.



Interact and JD leader gain national award for homeless efforts

Interact youth in Juneau and last year's club president at JDHS have been honored by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. The 22-year-old honor is the country's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service. Two middle or high school youth per state are recognized each year, as well as a number of finalists. JDHS 2015-2016 Interact President



Tasha Elizarde, left, was one of just two distinguished finalists from Alaska. The senior was nominated for her work in 2014 with the Interact-sponsored annual homeless awareness sleep out (HASO), now in its 12th year. She says her application represented all Interact students in Juneau who sleep outdoors in November to attract donations to assist homeless youth (defined as those without a permanent night time shelter). The 2014-2015 campaign raised \$3,000, donated to the Zach Gordon Youth Center and to the school district's services for homeless students. Last November's HASO has raised nearly \$2,500, including \$938 in loose change collected from JD students during homecoming week, a \$750 donation from a local unit of APEA/AFT, and \$470 raised by JGR's inbound Riccardo Caravati.



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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