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Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

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# Channeler

Today's Greeter  
**Mary Capobianco**

Next Week  
**Rosemary Hagevig**

Today's Program  
**Kevin Ritchie**  
Club Strategy – Youth

December 13  
**Carol Schultheis**  
JGR Inbound

December 20  
**Holiday Party**  
(No Channeler)

December 27  
**NO MEETING**  
(No Channeler)



District 5010 Governor  
**Diane Fejes**  
Rotary International President  
**Barry Rassin**

## JGR's youth strategy to be honed for action

Deciding how to most effectively support youth in our community will be the focus of this week's meeting.

The strategic planning will be led by one of the club's charter members, Kevin Ritchie. The former city manager of Juneau, Ritchie headed the Municipal League for 13 years.



Since his retirement, however, his focus has been squarely on improving the lives of local youth. The list of his kid-related commitments is impressive: Friends of the Zach Gordon Youth Center, the Juneau After-School Coalition (which founded), the Alaska Afterschool Network, Juneau Big Brothers/Big Sisters Local Council, ROCK Juneau (Raising Our Children with Kindness), Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition, Juneau Children's PAC, and Juneau Best Starts. Best Starts has worked three years to enhance the quality and availability of childcare in the Capital City. (The Assembly did not permit a public vote on funding a training and pay-incentive program. Newly-elected Mayor Beth Weldon has appointed a task force on the topic.)

Rotary's options for youth support include raising and donating money (as occurs with the silent auction portion of the Foundation fundraiser in November); planning and implementing youth activities; taking a leadership role on non-partisan community issues; and/or partnering with other clubs and organizations.

Previously, the club has identified prime needs of local youth, such as basic needs, healthy families, having mentors, participating in physical activity, getting a good education that provides job readiness, and exposure to civics and arts.

And, JGR has identified desirable outcomes for youth: success in school and work, to be goal driven and self-reliant, to have meaningful, positive relationships, to be good parents, to be free from substance abuse, and to be community engaged.

### Racheal MacLeod Christmas Dinner Box

4:30, Dec. 17 – Make & Wrap Boxes

4:30, Dec. 18 – Load in donated food

(Both activities at Salvation Army)

Please donate at:

[www.gofundme.com/2018-racheal-christmas-dinner-box](http://www.gofundme.com/2018-racheal-christmas-dinner-box)

Saturday  
December 15

**Fred Meyer**  
**Bell Ringing**  
(It's a make up!)

Thursday  
December 20

6-8 pm  
**Caroling & Gifts**  
**Pioneers Home**  
(It's a make up!)

Thursday  
December 27

4 – 6:15 pm  
**Glory Hole**  
(It's a make up!)



## DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

**December 8**  
**James Bibb**

**December 13**  
**Caro Schultheis**

**December 18**  
**Karla Schofield**

**December 20**  
**John Pugh**

**December 22**  
**Jackie Timothy**

**December 23**  
**Tim Banaszak**



**Still a kid** - JGR inbound Carol Schultheis visits the newly re-built playground at Twin Lakes. Above, she and her new host sister, Evelyn Richards, make holiday houses. Caro is next week's presenter.



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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