



MARCH 12, 2020
Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

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Established 1988

Today's Greeter

Nimmy Phillips

Next Week

Amy Lujan

Today's Program

John Neary

Juneau Carbon Offset Fund

March 19

Donna Bach

U.S. Census

March 26

Kim, Kiefer

Project Amigo

April 2

Liz Perry

Travel Juneau



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Local offset fund is tackling negative climate impacts one home at a time

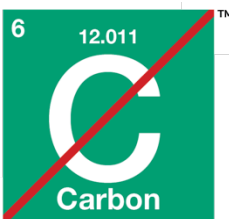


A recent article (*The Week*) reports it's likely the amount of carbon emissions being pumped into the earth's atmosphere has been greatly underestimated -- meaning that the threat to climate stability is more significant than calculated. If you use a fossil fuel-dependent machine to get somewhere or to generate heat, you're creating a carbon footprint.

Now, there's a local group that aims to mitigate that impact -- one home at a time. Juneau Carbon Offset raises funds to swap out traditional oil-burning heating systems with air-source heat pumps for lower income families. Renewable Juneau (a local organization working towards clean energy) oversees the offset initiative and estimates that 17,000 pounds of carbon annually will no longer be released for each home that is retrofitted.

At the group's webpage (juneaucarbonoffset.org), visitors are invited to figure out their own yearly carbon footprint by using a detailed calculator. Tourists can offset the carbon they generate through travel and excursions. The point is to encourage financial donations to fund heat pump installations.

Today's speaker, John Neary, is the former supervisor of the glacier visitor center and a board member of Renewable Juneau. That group's website indicates that a heat pump can save about 50% of a structure's heating and cooling costs. Already, a number of Juneau homes and buildings have tapped into ground or seawater heat pumps, including the airport and the new pool.



Saturday
March 21
Assemblage
Competition
1-4 pm
JACC

Thursday
March 26
4-6 pm
Glory Hall
Dinner Prep
(It's a makeup!)

Saturday
March 28
Rotaract
Fashion
Fundraiser
Centennial
Hall

Saturday
April 25
Highway
Cleanup
(It's a make up!)

Pillars of America Speakers Series
Hosted by Glacier Valley Rotary
Centennial Hall, 11:30-1:30
April 22 -- Lacey Henderson, paralympian
April 29 -- Doreen Walsh, attendant on
Sullenberger's jet that ditched in Hudson
May 6 -- Travis Mills, quadruple amputee



JGR tops poundage in food drive -- again



JGR last weekend again collected the greatest poundage of food for the Southeast Alaska Food Bank. Together, three clubs collected 8,320 pounds. Of that, JGR took in 3,330 pounds at Foodland; Glacier Valley brought in 2,680 pounds at Super Bear and, at Fred Meyer, the Downtown club gathered 2,310 pounds.



Club members who helped included, clockwise from top L: Alice Edwards, Amy Lujan, Mila Cosgrove, Bostin Christopher, Robert Minch, Karla Schofield, Mary Capobianco, First Student bus driver, Alice (club organizer), John Pugh, John Wynne and Vice President Dan Bleidorn.



RYLA readies leaders

Sophomores and juniors from across Alaska participated in the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy in Homer last weekend. JGR's President-Elect Doug Eckland (far L) and Denny DeWitt (far R, Downtown club) chaperoned Juneau participants, L to R: Isabella Hanna, Sophia Harvey, Chemry Marte, Adelie McMillan, and Molly Minnick (daughter of JGR member Kim Champney). Thanks for the photos, Molly!

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