



AUGUST 6, 2020  
Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

# Channeler

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Today's Greeter  
Jill Matheson

Next Week  
Mila Cosgrove

Today's Program  
Donna Bach  
U.S. Census

August 13  
Jennifer Parrish-Taylor  
Compassion + Choices

August 20  
Ben Hohenstatt  
Juneau Empire



District 5010 Governor  
Joe Kashi  
Rotary International President  
Holger Knaack

## "As important as applying for the PFD"



Alaska's Census Administrator Donna Bach says there are 3.2 billion reasons to fill out the census. That's how much federal money Alaska receives EACH YEAR for transportation, housing, education, health care, and seniors. More



than 300 programs are impacted by funding calibrated to the decennial census. An undercount of just one percent amongst Alaska's population of 750,000 would translate into a loss of \$225 million over ten years.

So far, fewer than half of Alaskan households have filled out the census, the second-worst response rate in the nation. Juneau has the highest response (nearly 65%) in Alaska.

September 30 is the new deadline for the 10-question mail-in form. (Privacy of responses is protected by law.) In-person follow up to "non-response" households will occur Aug. 11 – Sept. 30. Or, households can respond online at: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

Since 1790, the Constitution has authorized a count of every person every ten years. The original intent was to assure commensurate apportionment of representatives among states.

Bach is a member of the Orutsaramiut Council and grew up in Bethel. Of Yup'ik heritage, she earned her BA at Gonzaga and her masters of Public Administration at UAS. She has two decades experience in federal, state, and tribal governance. A former teacher, Bach has coached and volunteered for youth sports.

**August Birthdays**  
Alice Edwards 10  
Karen Carey 22  
Sharon Barton 31

**KIVA**  
Thursday, August 6  
8 am  
(after regular meeting)

**Regular Rotary Meeting Link**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/381524097>