



SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

# Channeler

Established 1988

**Today's Greeter**  
**Tim Banaszak**

**Today's Program**

**Mike Tibbles**  
**Kirby Day**  
**Dan Blanchard**  
**Cruise Industry Update**

**September 10**

**CBJ Updates:**  
**Muni Election/Arboretum**

**September 17**

**School Board**  
**Candidates**



**District 5010 Governor**  
**Joe Kashi**

**Rotary International President**  
**Holger Knaack**

## **Pandemic's halt of cruise industry means revenues sail away**

Juneau had fewer cruise ship visitors this summer than it did 140 years ago when six steamships made regular tourist runs. About 1.4 million cruise passengers were expected this season. They comprise 90 percent of Juneau's visitors and support one in nine jobs here. In just two years, 2017-2019, passenger numbers jumped 20 percent and some local residents have begun to question whether there are limits. This season the limit was Covid-19 and no ships came to Juneau. Uncruise tried one carefully controlled trip, but turned around after a guest tested positive.

The lost season took with it \$1.2 billion in spending in Alaska, mostly Southeast. Passenger spending in Juneau amounted to almost \$210 million in 2019. Now, the city faces lost revenues of \$30 million (from sales tax, passenger fees and other assessments). Cruise companies are booking now for Alaska 2021. Will they come?

From top: Mike Tibbles, Cruise Lines International Association Alaska; Kirby Day, Port Manager Holland America; Dan Blanchard, Uncruise



### **September Birthdays**

**Colleen Torrence 16**  
**Diana Cote 18**  
**Paul Dick 21**

### **Duck Derby Time!**

**Juneauduckderby.com**  
**(No ducks dropped;**  
**each has a number)**  
**10 winners Sept. 19**

### **Membership Marks**

**Rosemary Hagevig - 27**  
**Nico Bus - 26**  
**Zia Boccaccio - 4**  
**Kim Champney - 3**  
**Nimmy Phillips - 2**

### **KIVA Lend**

**Thursday, Sept. 3**  
**8 am**  
**(Following regular club meeting)**