



MARCH 5, 2020
Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

Channeler

Established 1988

Today's Greeter

Tim Banaszak

Next Week

Nimmy Phillips

Today's Program

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins
Outer Coast School/Leg. Update

March 12

Andy Romanoff
Juneau Carbon Offset Fund

March 19

Barbara Miranda
U.S. Census

March 26

Project Amigo



District 5010 Governor

Andre' Layral

Rotary International President

Mark Daniel Maloney



An endurance runner in more ways than one

You could call Jonathan Kreiss-Tompkins a Renaissance man.

Born and raised in Sitka, JKT, as he's called, dropped out of Yale in his third year to run for the Alaska Legislature. At 23, he was the youngest person to serve in that body. He's now 31 and in his fourth term representing House District 35, which encompasses 20 Southeast communities. He is particularly proud of his 2014 nationally-recognized bill that

enshrined 20 indigenous languages as official languages of the state.

JKT is an endurance runner and has placed or won various trail races and marathons across Alaska and the Lower 48. He also achieved a first ascent of the highest unclimbed peak in the western hemisphere. In addition, he plays double bass and cello and has twice toured rural Alaska with a piano trio.

JKT's efforts to attract young people to Sitka have resulted in that community being the number one worldwide destination for Yale undergrads seeking a summer opportunity. In that vein, he started a college, Outer Coast School, based at the former Sheldon Jackson College (below), now in its second year. The two-year program emphasizes academics, service and labor, and self-governance. Students run the school and manage meals and maintenance.

He's also committed to creating the Trans-Alaska Trail, traversing the state

from the Arctic to the Pacific.

JKT predicts a better than 50-50 chance the Legislature will tackle new revenue sources this year.



Saturday
March 7
Food Drive
@ Foodland
(It's a make up!)

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
Wednesdays
11:30-1:30
Centennial Hall
April 22
April 29
May 6



In striking distance of \$100,000

The February 29 KIVA lend allocated \$1,200 amongst a dozen micro-enterprises in Thailand, Moldova, Samoa, Kenya, Mozambique, Paraguay, Ecuador and Timor-Leste. This brings to \$94,275 the total lent since 2008; the goal is to reach \$100,000 this year.

Participants included, L R: host Julie Olson, Bostin Christopher, Liz Balstad, John Wynne, Nancy Bell, Alice Edwards, Robert Minch, Milo Adkison, Rosemary Hagevig and John Pugh. (See below for more on Pugh and Minch.)

Becoming an amigo

JGR inbound Kevin Kooistra reads to a student as part of the Project Amigos work week in which several Juneau youth and Rotarians participated the last week of February.

Project Amigos was founded by Rotarians in 1986 and now is a non-profit providing education and health services to disadvantaged youth in the central Pacific coastal state of Colima in Mexico.



Founders mark milestone

Robert Minch and John Pugh this month mark 32 years in JGR. (Peggyann McConnochie and Kevin Ritchie are remaining club founders, too.)

Other March membership milestones

Lloyd Coogan - 18 Jean McBrien - 17
Brian Holst - 11 Tim Banaszak - 3

March Birthdays

Claudette Kreuzenstein March 3
Liz Balstad March 9
Laury Scandling March 12
Pam Varni March 13
Stephanie Hoag March 17

Fish prof is newest member

Milo Adkison is welcomed by Julie Olson and John Pugh. Dillingham-born Adkison is a former commercial fisher who's a 23-year veteran of the UAF Dept. of Fisheries.



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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