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Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

# Channeler

**Today's Greeter**  
**Linda Blefgen**

**Next Week**  
**Molly Duvall**

**Today's Program**  
**Rorie Watt**  
**City Manager**  
**Covid-19 Update**

**April 9**  
**Stephanie Hoag**  
**Antarctica**



**District 5010 Governor**  
**Andre' Layral**  
**Rotary International President**  
**Mark Daniel Maloney**



**His yen for problem  
solving will be  
needed in this battle**

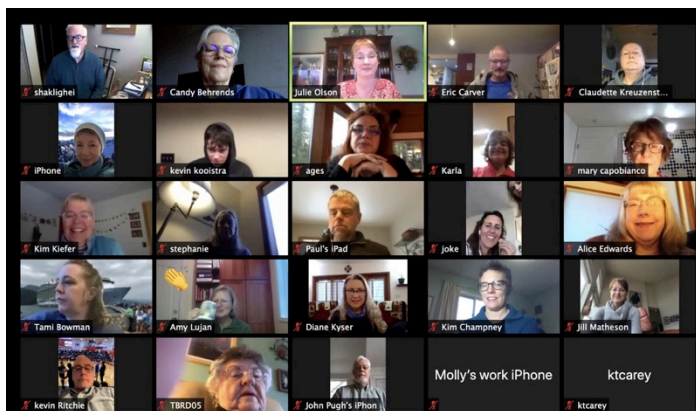


His bio on the city's website says that Manager Rorie Watt "likes to solve difficult problems." That mettle is getting tested like never before, as communities everywhere are being forced to react to the Covid-19 crisis. In Juneau, implementation of local measures falls to Watt and his staff. The municipality is unusual in that it also owns the local hospital. Fortunately, Watt knows municipal operations inside-out, having worked for the city since 1993 (and as manager since 2016).

Watt answers to the Assembly, which issued a hunker-down order through April 7. (Under a state mandate, a two-week quarantine for anyone arriving also is in effect.) Tuesday evening, the body fell one vote short on a 6-3 tally to provide \$3 million in small business loans and \$500,000 in rental assistance.

The city offers a Covid-19 site with regular updates regarding the virus (Juneau.org/covid-19) and suggests that those with questions about the pandemic call 211.

**Club adjusts to new normal; members Zoom to meet**



Due to social distancing and "hunker down" orders caused by the coronavirus pandemic, JGR is meeting via the Zoom app. Last week 34 members met virtually.

**April Birthdays**  
**NOT CANCELED!**

**April 1**  
**Reuben Willis**  
**April 23**  
**Nancy Bell**

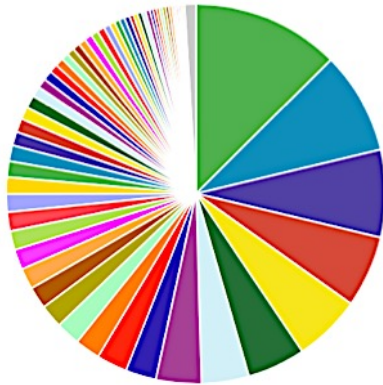
**Two of four\* founders mark 32 years in April**

**Robert Minch 32**  
**Kevin Ritchie 32**  
**Lloyd Coogan 18**

**Jean McBrien 17**  
**Brian Holst 11**  
**Tim Banaszak 3**

**\*Other founders: John Pugh & Peggyann McConnochie**

**Saturday**  
**April 25**  
**Highway**  
**Cleanup**  
**Still scheduled**



● Kenya  
 ● Philippines  
 ● Ecuador  
 ● Peru  
 ● El Salvador  
 ● Colombia  
 ● Bolivia  
 ● Uganda  
 ● Vietnam  
 ● Paraguay

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## Club continues global reach through KIVA

Nine club members – each in separate locations – participated last Wednesday through Zoom in a KIVA lend meeting that moved the club closer to its 2020 goal of loaning \$100,000.

To date, the club has loaned \$95,175 through 1,114 loans in 72 countries. (Top 10 at left.)

A little over \$13,000 of the total has been loose change collected at club meetings. Those funds have compounded through loan repayments over the last 12 years.

Last week's group, led by Candy Behrends, made nine loans, each \$100. Enterprises included a welding shop, tile producer, furniture maker, two weavers, a sanitary latrine, a general store, a farmer and a pizzeria in Paraguay.

Other countries included Bolivia, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Tonga, El Salvador, Cambodia and India.



## Staff decided they'd have to reuse masks. Then Candy started sewing.

The manager of the elder care and rehab center, Wildflower Court, faced a dwindling supply of disposable masks and the supplier couldn't fill the order. So, it was decided staff would have to reuse masks. Then Ruth Johnson heard from her friend, JGR member Candy Behrends, who has a sewing machine. Within a few days, Candy had made (and washed) 50 masks for the facility. She then made face covers for friends and family and is continuing to produce the much-needed protection for other local entities.

With schools closed until at least May 1, Kevin is outdoors a lot including a recent beach bonfire and Eaglecrest hike.



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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