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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Aang Unanga Family,

I am excited to share a few updates with you as we welcome the warmer days of summer and begin our new fiscal year.

I am committed to hiring qualified shareholders and descendants into leadership positions throughout our corporation as we grow. As such, I am thrilled to share some of our most recent hires.

In April, Shareholder Alex Werba started as TAC's new Controller. With over 15 years of finance experience, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our family of companies. We are delighted to have her as part of the Aleut team. Welcome, Alex!

In June, we welcomed Shareholder Julie Toomey as Vice President of Regional Affairs. In this role, Julie focuses on partnerships with our village corporations, tribal entities, and non-profit organizations to address issues impacting our region and our people. Julie will participate in our annual regional travel this summer – an excellent opportunity for you to meet her in person!

I am also happy to introduce Shareholder Sarah Dushkin as our new Grants Manager. Sarah will develop a thriving grants program within TAC to expand our work in the region and maximize the impact of these awards. TAC was awarded a Port and Infrastructure Development Grant and recently, an EPA Community-wide Assessment Grant. Sarah will be managing these programs and more.

By the time you've received this edition of the Aleutian Current, the TAC team will be visiting our communities. 2023 will mark our first trip to St. George or St. Paul since the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are grateful for the opportunity to connect in-person. These community visits are special, and we look forward to seeing you and introducing our new VP. You can read more about the shareholder community meeting schedule on page 5.

Chair Nelson shares more about upcoming events and deadlines in her letter. We look forward to seeing you either at a community meeting or in Seattle for our 51st Annual Meeting on October 14. Check your inbox and our social media channels for more information in the weeks to come.

Qağaasakung,

Skoey Vergen
President & CEO



BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Dear Shareholders & Descendants,

As our spring days have turned into summer, we've kicked off another fiscal year and we already have much to be grateful for.

On behalf of your entire Board of Directors, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your support and participation at our Aleut Picnic. It was fantastic to see familiar faces, meet some of you for the first time, and reconnect with friends and family from across our region. The picnic was made even more special this year by the eagerness of our youth, who were excited to share with us what they learned at Culture Camp, and by the presence of so many talented Unanga artists. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to The Aleut Foundation and all the dedicated TAC staff who worked tirelessly to put together such a special event.

Next, I would like to draw your attention to the Shareholder of the Year award and nominations. An important tradition since 1986, this award provides us with an opportunity to recognize an exceptional individual who has made a difference in our community. The Shareholder of the Year will be announced at the annual meeting. The nomination deadline is coming up. Be

sure to submit your nominees for Shareholder of the Year to the Corporation by August 2. For more information on where and how to download the nomination form can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

We are truly grateful for the hard work and dedication exhibited by the TAC staff and team these last few months. It has been particularly rewarding to be able to hire so many shareholders, and that we are hiring to fill both vacant and new positions is a clear indicator that TAC is growing in a positive direction. Our packed newsletter is a testament to the great updates and activities taking place within our region and on our team.

Our 51st Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be here before we know it. For the first time, it will be held in the Seattle area. This change in location presents an excellent opportunity for us to engage with our shareholders who reside outside of Alaska. I look forward to meeting many of you in person and seeing many of you again to hear your valuable insights and suggestions. You can read more about the Annual Meeting, proxy prizes, and important dates on pages 6 and 7.

On behalf of your entire Board of Directors, we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer!

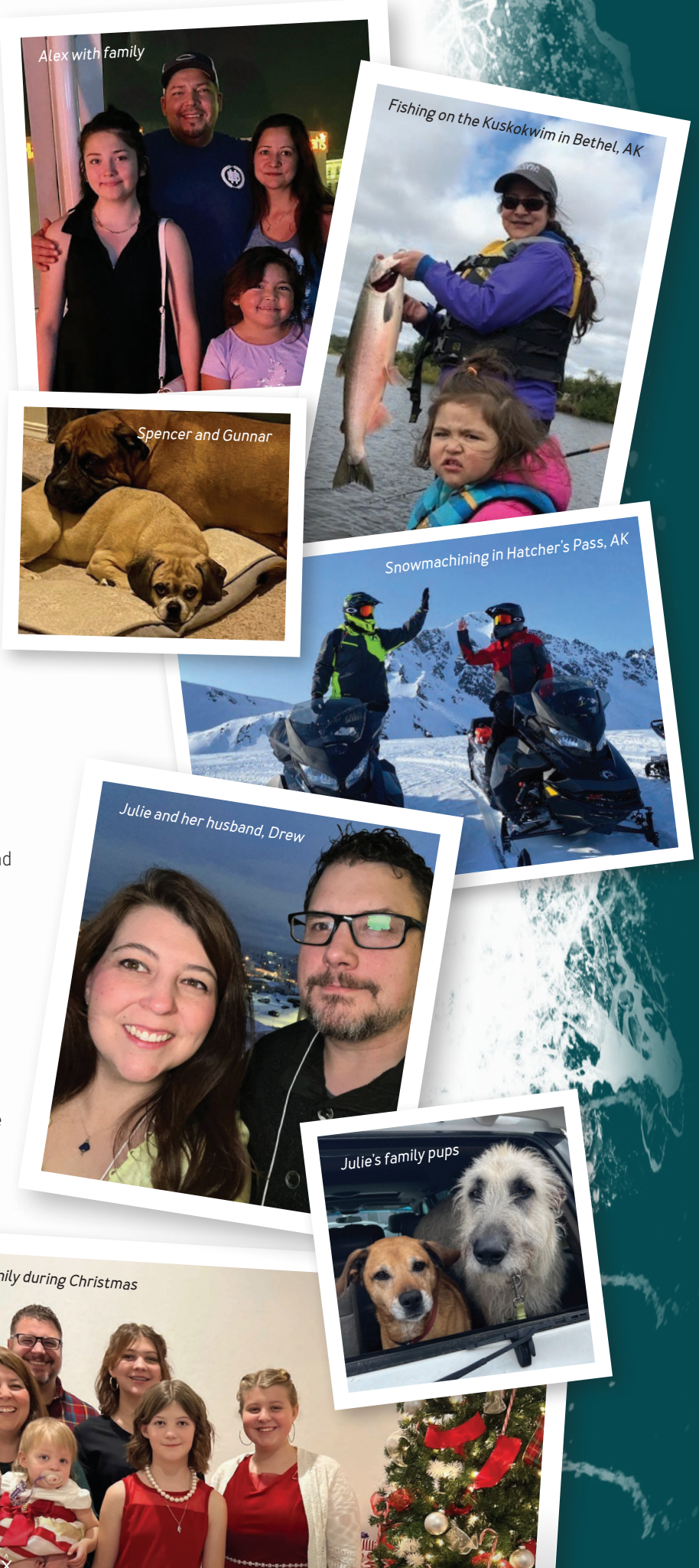
Sincerely,

Jenifer Nelson
Chairman of the Board



WELCOME, ALEX WERBA!

The Aleut Corporation welcomes Alex Werba as our new Controller! She joins TAC with more than 15 years of experience in accounting and business management both in non-profit and for-profit organizations, including roles such as Budget Analyst, Accounting Systems Administrator, Accountant, Controller and Vice President of Finance. Alex graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School and earned her master's degree in business administration from Alaska Pacific University. She is Unangaŋ from St. Paul Island and a shareholder of The Aleut Corporation.



WELCOME, JULIE TOOMEY!

The Aleut Corporation is thrilled to announce that Julie Toomey will join our team as Vice President (VP) of Regional Affairs. In that role, Julie will work closely with village corporations, tribal entities, and non-profits on activities and issues impacting the Aleut Region and TAC shareholders.

Julie is no stranger to serving our shareholders and descendants. Most recently, she served as The Aleut Foundation's (TAF) Executive Director, where she and her team expanded the portfolio of programs and the capacity of the organization. TAF's vision is to "grow our own" and is proud that Julie was selected for this role.

Julie was born and raised in Kenai, Alaska, to Jim and Joanne Jenckes. Her maternal grandparents are Richard and Annie Mack of King Cove, AK. She is a shareholder of The Aleut Corporation and a tribal member of the Agdaaŋu Tribe of King Cove. She is married to her husband of 19 years and raising four beautiful daughters.

Julie will be joining The Aleut Corporation this summer during our in-region community travel. She is looking forward to seeing our beautiful region and meeting so many of our incredible shareholders.

COMMUNITY TRAVEL SCHEDULE

TAC will begin our in-region travel at the end of June. Below is our travel schedule for the summer, including the dates and times of our shareholder informational meetings. We are especially excited to be visiting St. Paul and St. George. This will be the first time since COVID-19 that TAC is able to visit. Join us, ask questions, and meet Julie Toomey, the new VP of Regional Affairs.

More information regarding time and location will be released. Dates are subject to change.

NIKOLSKI

Monday, June 26

Community Potluck & Meeting at Ugludax Lodge at 6PM

ATKA

Tuesday, June 27

Atka School

UNALASKA

Thursday, June 29

The Grand Aleutian – Makushin Room at 7PM

ST. PAUL

Wednesday, July 5

Community Hall

ST. GEORGE

Thursday, July 6

Community Rec Hall

SAND POINT

Tuesday, July 25

COLD BAY

Thursday, July 27

KING COVE

Friday, July 28

Annual Meeting

UPDATE

All shareholders and descendants are invited to the 51st Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the purpose of electing three Directors to The Aleut Corporation Board (voting shareholders only) and to hear important updates regarding Company performance.

51ST MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

Bellevue Hilton in Washington
300 112th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98004



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PROXY PACKETS

Proxy packets will be in the mail and available online by early September. Return your proxy before September 25 for a chance to win TAC's early-bird prizes.

EARLY-BIRD PRIZES

Deadline is **September 25, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m. AST

One (1) - \$3,000

Two (2) - \$2,000

Six (6) - \$1,000

Four (4) - \$500

PROXY PRIZES

Deadline is **October 10, 2023**, at 5:00 p.m. AST

One (1) - \$5,000 Grand Prize

Two (2) - \$2,500 Prizes

Two (2) - \$1,000 Prizes

Five (5) - \$500 Prizes

Five (5) - \$250 Prizes

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY 4

Independence Day
TAC Offices Closed

AUGUST 2

Shareholder award nomination deadline

AUGUST 15

Record date

SEPTEMBER 1

Online voting opens

SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day
TAC Offices Closed

SEPTEMBER 10

Grandparents' Day

SEPTEMBER 25

Early-bird deadline

SEPTEMBER 26

Early-bird winners announced

SEPTEMBER 29

Update addresses and direct deposit deadline for Elder Benefit

OCTOBER 9

Indigenous Peoples' Day
TAC Offices Closed

OCTOBER 10

Proxy deadline

OCTOBER 14

51st Annual Meeting of Shareholders

SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR

Seeking recognition is not an important Unangaġ value. As a result, The Aleut Corporation relies on shareholders to nominate those deserving recognition. If you would like to nominate someone for Shareholder of the Year, complete a Shareholder of the Year Nomination form and provide a short biography and statement of why the nominee should be selected. The winner and their guest receive airfare and two nights hotel accommodations to attend the Annual Meeting, a monetary gift with plaque, and a slideshow presentation at the Annual Meeting.

There is no age limit for nominees; however, the nominee must be a living shareholder of The Aleut Corporation at the time of the nomination.

The Board selects recipients based on the following qualities:

- Leadership
- Community Service
- Government Service or Political Involvement
- Preservation of Unangaġ Culture and Heritage
- Other Contributions Benefiting the Unangaġ People

Scan the QR Code for a Nomination Form.



STUDENT OF THE YEAR





The Aleut Corporation Board of Directors selects the Student of the Year from recommendations provided by The Aleut Foundation Board of Directors. Please contact The Aleut Foundation if you are interested in nominating an individual for this award.

The Aleut Foundation Board of Directors looks for the following qualities in the nominees for Student of the Year:

- Academic Excellence
- Volunteer Work
- Community Involvement

Recognition for Shareholder and Student of the Year occurs during the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.





DEADLINE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS FOR SHAREHOLDER AND STUDENT OF THE YEAR IS AUGUST 2, 2023.







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WATCH OUR SHAREHOLDER STORY SERIES!



RESURGENCE

The Swetzof Family proudly shares their part with the revitalization of Unangaġ song and dance on Atka in the 1990s in "Resurgence".

Today, Unangaġ dance groups are prevalent in the dance community, while preserving and passing on Unangaġ traditional dances.

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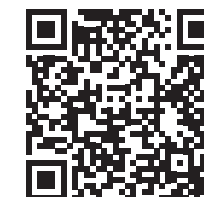


BREAKWATER

Fishing and family go hand in hand as part of life in the Aleutians.

"Breakwater" tells the story of the Mack Family, featuring Kenny Bob Mack, Robert Mack, and Fanny Jo Newton.

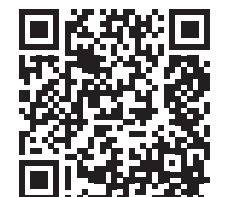
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BEYOND THE RUNWAY

Mary Kelsay is the owner and designer of MEKA, a clothing company that infuses her Unangaġ heritage with cutting-edge contemporary fashion. In "Beyond the Runway", Kelsay shares how she uses her platform to not only share her culture and love of the Aleutian Islands, but to also raise awareness for an important issue: the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) movement.

Scan the QR Code to watch



WELCOME NEW SHAREHOLDERS!

The following shareholders have received The Aleut Corporation stock through inheritance or gifting:

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| William Winter | Alice Alleman |
| Aneshia Kudrin-Mello | August Bennett |
| Allianna Martinez | Addison Lutchen |
| Logan Chercasen | Jourdan Coliman |
| Kendra Chercasen | Alexis Merculief |
| Genevieve Morran | Evan Merculief |
| Mitchell Orloff | |
| Nicholas Orloff | |
| Gloria Stepetin | |
| Alexey Stepetin | |
| Christian Fortner | |
| Elias Bourdukofsky | |
| Richard Jabusch | |
| Mya Foss | |
| Shawn Foss | |
| Kylie Natividad | |
| Anastasia Rankin | |
| Rylan Knutsen | |
| Dylan Knutsen | |
| Salvatore Bianchi | |
| Miron Kochergin Jr | |
| Alfred Alleman | |
| Wendy Alleman Denham | |

ANNUAL VILLAGE CORPORATION SHAREHOLDER RECORDS WORKSHOP

Qāgaasakung for a productive two days at our 2023 Village Corporation Shareholder Records Workshop held on April 28-29. Time was spent comparing information, sharing information and networking with our village corporations. We are looking forward to future workshops and collaboration. See you next year!

Picture A (L-R): Delores Kochuten, Belkofski Corporation; Ashley Ginter, TAC Paralegal; Charlotte Gundersen, Shumagin Corporation; April Pelkey, Akutan Corporation; Maggie Samuelson, TAC Records Technician II; Ariana Tumanuvao, TAC Records Tech Assistant; Sandra Rukovishnikoff, Ounalashka Corporation; Bobbie Allen, Nelson Lagoon Corporation; Rob Misulich, TAC General Counsel; Marii Swetozof, Atxam Corporation; Carmen Philemonof, TAC Office Assistant; Diana Mack, TAC Shareholder Relations Coordinator; Angela Bourdukofsky, TAC Director of Shareholder Relations; and Sasha Rankin, Ounalashka Corporation.

Virtual attendees not pictured: Arlene Gundersen, Sanak Corporation and Amy Foster, Unga Corporation.



SHAREHOLDER BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT I'M STICKING WITH YOU

Kraken Shirt Company, a shareholder's thriving business in Anchorage

When TAC shareholder Nick McDonald nearly missed the birth of his second child because of a challenging work schedule, he knew a career change was on the horizon. Although making good money working on the Slope at the time, Nick wanted his children to grow up surrounded by both parents – to do that, though, he needed a career that would give him more control.

So, Nick made a bold move: In 2011, he and his partner at the time started a business.

"We had about \$20,000 saved up," he tells us, "and I wanted to start either a coffee shop or a screen-printing company. Sometimes I think about what would have happened if we picked the coffee, but I'm so happy doing this I can't really imagine doing something else anymore."

When Big Dipper got its first big job, a small but costly mistake turned into a valuable learning opportunity. In the process of making 350 hoodie sweatshirts for an out-of-town event, the white ink of the hoodie's design turned pink. Though the client said they would take the mis-colored hoodies, Nick worked hard and fast to remake them in time for the event.

"I'm big on maintaining excellence in my work," Nick says, "and I couldn't let something that wasn't up to my standards be out in the world representing me and this company."

That sense of hard work, honesty, and dedication to doing things right were ingrained in Nick by his Elders. Growing up in Unalaska, Nick was accustomed to helping his father, a commercial fishing boat captain. In addition, at the young age of 8, Nick began working for his uncle's welding business.

He tells us, "My uncle mentored me about hard work, about doing an honest job and telling customers the truth. I think that's why clients have stuck with me during hard times: because I was honest and told them the truth."

The Kraken, an enormous sea creature of legend, was the nickname Nick and his friends had given his big printing machine. The cables and cords draping around and atop the press reminded his friends of the legendary creature's lengthy appendages, and the open and closing of the press they likened to its hungry mouth. So, it was obvious he needed to continue the trend, and Big Dipper Clothing Company became Kraken Shirt Co.

It's not simply a new name, though. The company has evolved significantly since its humble beginning, and three years ago, Kraken Shirt Co. celebrated its 100,000th print job.

Nick loves helping people with their artistic vision.

"Somebody comes in with an idea on a sticky note, and you bring it to life," he tells us. "Everyone gets the same treatment, regardless of whether they are ordering a single shirt or 1,000.

"I've had elementary classes come to the shop and design their own shirts. And when someone passes away, me doing this allows me to just embrace them and get the job done for family deaths. No rush fees or anything, just whatever they need. I do what I can to get them through that difficult time because anything helps, you know? That is important to me."

His advice to other Unangā entrepreneurs is, "Don't be afraid to fail or do what's right for you. Just go for it. Make sure you're doing something you like."

Nick's attitude has earned him a long list of loyal clients. One client in Unalaska had been using an out-of-state printer but tried Kraken Shirt Co. for a small job several years ago. She came back again and again. Recently, she told Nick, "You never fail me, and I'm sticking with you."

For the full version of Nick's spotlight, please visit our website.



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UNANGAĀ ARTIST SPOTLIGHT THE GIFTS SHE RECEIVES

*Aġaasiġ, inspired by where she's been
and where she's from*

In a story that begins similarly to many others, TAC descendant Samantha Mierzejek was isolating in her Idaho home during COVID when she began looking for a way to fill her time. Hoping to make a few gifts for a handful of her close family and friends, Samantha decided to venture into jewelry making. Now, a mere three years later, Samantha leads a growing business and enchants international audiences with her coveted small-batch jewelry releases.

Though living in a landlocked state, Samantha's mind couldn't help but wander back to her beachside upbringing in Alaska. Inspired by those memories, she first began creating earrings that featured crowberries, cloudberry, and blueberries. Her mother-in-law, who is from Kodiak, soon requested that she make salmonberry earrings as well, which Samantha promptly did – to much celebration. These

new earrings were met with immense appreciation and word quickly spread, leading to an increased demand for Samantha's wearable art.



"Eventually," she tells us, "it grew to where I was making earrings for friends of friends of friends, and finally, my cousin Kailyn was like, 'Hey, you should make a Facebook for your art to start selling it online!'"

Today, Samantha manages her digital storefronts through both Facebook and Instagram, where she has amassed a combined following of over 2,000 eager supporters. When she posts images unveiling her latest creations, they are often quickly updated with the tell-tale "Sold out!" due to their popularity.

Samantha enjoyed spending her childhood years on the beaches of St. George Island until her family eventually migrated to another coastal town – they first spent some years living in Juneau, where she attended middle school, and later relocated to Sitka, where Samantha attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School. It was during her time in Anchorage when fate intervened, and Samantha met her now-husband while pursuing her undergraduate degree at UAA. Though he, too, shares Alaska roots, the couple eventually settled in Idaho, where Samantha has since gone on to achieve her master's degree.

“MY ART KEEPS ME CONNECTED TO MY ST. GEORGE ROOTS AND MY UNANGAĀ CULTURE; IT HELPS ME FEEL AT HOME EVEN WHEN I'M FAR AWAY.”

Samantha's upbringing involved learning traditional art and beading from both her mother and maternal

grandmother - together, they explored skin sewing and bead work. Upon her family's migration to Southeast AK, however, Samantha found herself with limited access to Unangaġ dance groups or culture camps. She was nevertheless determined to participate in local Haida, Tsimshian, and Tlingit culture camps and traditional events – which is where she first delved into the forms of Native art that have since lent inspiration to her own works.

Eager to visit her family and comb the beaches she knows and loves, Samantha says she aims to return to Alaska about four times each year.

"I've always been very connected with beaches, until we moved to Idaho," she says.

It is a feeling that has proven popular with many people she has met in Idaho through her art. Popular getaways for Idahoans are the Oregon and Washington coasts, where they see glass floats and local Native art. When they return home and see Samantha's work, it sparks fond memories of their time on Pacific beaches.

*For the full version of Samantha's spotlight,
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KASHEVAROF 50TH ANNIVERSARY

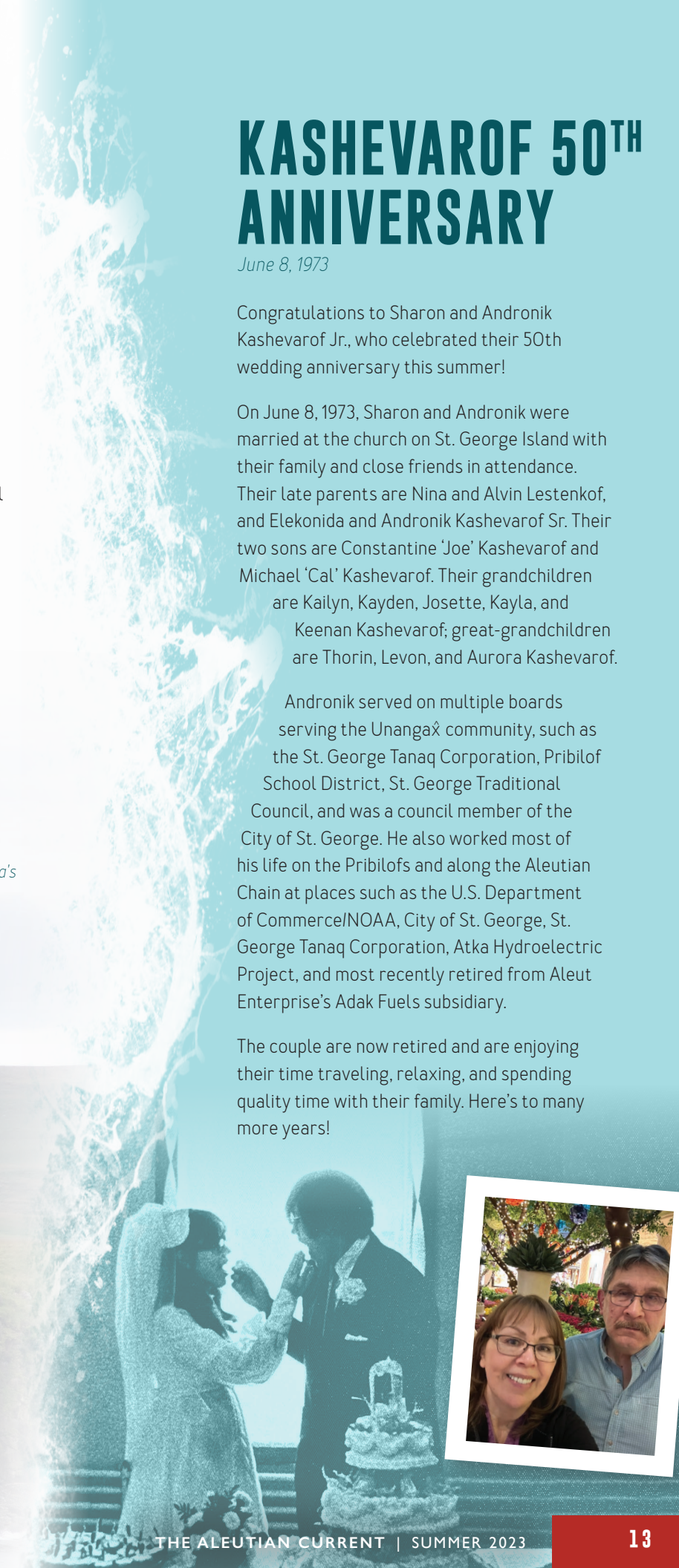
June 8, 1973

Congratulations to Sharon and Andronik Kashevarof Jr., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer!

On June 8, 1973, Sharon and Andronik were married at the church on St. George Island with their family and close friends in attendance. Their late parents are Nina and Alvin Lestenkof, and Elekonida and Andronik Kashevarof Sr. Their two sons are Constantine 'Joe' Kashevarof and Michael 'Cal' Kashevarof. Their grandchildren are Kailyn, Kayden, Josette, Kayla, and Keenan Kashevarof; great-grandchildren are Thorin, Levon, and Aurora Kashevarof.

Andronik served on multiple boards serving the Unangaġ community, such as the St. George Tanaq Corporation, Pribilof School District, St. George Traditional Council, and was a council member of the City of St. George. He also worked most of his life on the Pribilofs and along the Aleutian Chain at places such as the U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, City of St. George, St. George Tanaq Corporation, Atka Hydroelectric Project, and most recently retired from Aleut Enterprise's Adak Fuels subsidiary.

The couple are now retired and are enjoying their time traveling, relaxing, and spending quality time with their family. Here's to many more years!



ALEUT FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION IN UNALASKA



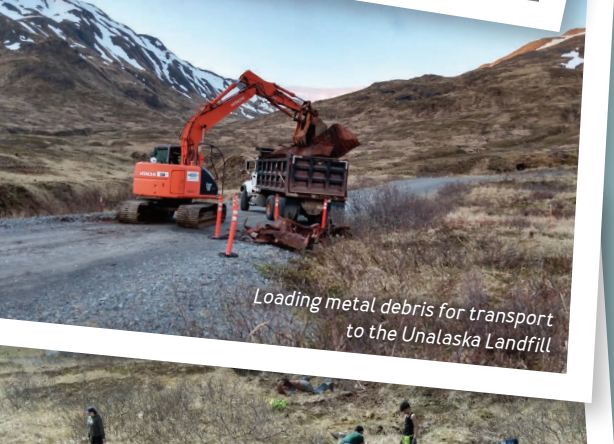
Building debris removal activities being conducted in Unalaska Valley



Building FBN176 before debris removal activities have begun



Debris removal activities in Unalaska Valley



Loading metal debris for transport to the Unalaska Landfill



Overview of debris removal activities in Unalaska Valley

Last year, the Qawalangin Tribe (QT) took advantage of federal funding to clean up World War II-era debris from several critical areas in Unalaska Valley. QT pursued and obtained funding through the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP) with a focus on improving areas known for subsistence gathering and recreation. To accomplish this, QT hired ARS Aleut Remediation (AAR), an environmental consultant under Aleut Federal, to remove and dispose of the historical debris with an emphasis on minimizing the ecological footprint during site activities.

QT took strides to ensure that the activities conducted with their NALEMP funding were performed in a manner that facilitated environmental healing after the debris was removed. This was no small effort considering the way the debris was left in place following World War II. In 1940, the U.S. Army established a military defense station on nearby Amaknak Island, and during peak military activities in 1942 and 1943, the Navy, Army, and Marines reportedly had combined forces of 65,000 personnel on Amaknak and Unalaska Islands.

After the Japanese attacked Unalaska by air in 1942, a decision was made to disperse housing quarters and support facilities to reduce vulnerability to attack by air. Approximately 1,500 buildings were constructed in Unalaska Valley alone, consisting of mess halls, recreations halls, latrines, cabanas, officers' quarters, maintenance shops, warehouses, pump houses, etc. When the military withdrew in 1947, most of these facilities were left intact. This land was obtained in 1974 by the Ounalashka Corporation (OC) under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), and hundreds of dilapidated military buildings and debris remain on OC lands.

QT worked with OC to quickly prioritize several debris sites along East Broadway in Unalaska Valley. These sites were identified because they are used for subsistence gathering and recreation near the river and are also close to neighborhoods where children play.

The most recent debris removal efforts were conducted from May through July 2022 by AAR and a local subcontractor. Approximately 495 cubic yards (cy) of debris consisting of wood, metal, and tar paper roofing materials were removed from East Broadway in the valley. However, one structure was left in place as a site of historical value as it provides an example of construction methods of the time.

Tremendous efforts were taken to ensure that all activities were performed in a manner that did not harm the environment. Cleanup was performed using existing and no additional roads or trails were constructed to limit impacts to the historic landscape, which includes revetments, depressions, and foxholes. Debris was transported to the roads using manual labor, a rope tow pulley system, and sleds to avoid impacts to the ground surface. Some features firmly buried in the ground or covered by vegetation were excavated by hand or with the excavator per the direction of the onsite QT personnel.

After the removal of debris in an area was complete, additional photographs and survey coordinates were collected and site restoration activities were conducted. Hand tools were used to grade each area as much as possible. In areas where vegetation

was disturbed to remove debris, the vegetation was placed back in its original location, if possible. Barren areas were lightly tilled with hand rakes and reseeded with a mix specially blended for the Aleutian Islands.

This debris removal project is an outstanding example of tribes taking advantage of available federal funding and using resources within The Aleut Corporation to accomplish important activities that will improve our lands for our people in a responsible manner. The AAR staff consists of engineers, environmental scientists, geologists, chemists, biologists, and site managers.

If you would like to know more about this project, please contact Elise Contreras at Elise@qawalangin.com. If you would like more information on environmental services available from ARS Aleut Remediation, please contact Jennifer Anderson at Jennifer.Anderson@aar.aleutfederal.com.

SHEMYA VISIT May 22-25, 2023

TAC Lands Manager Ben Leon-Guerrero and Director of Shareholder Relations Angela Bourdukofsky were invited by 611 CES/CEIE Cultural Resources Program Manager Karlene Leeper to inter repatriated human remains back to Shemya Island, 1,200 miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska.

The remains were originally sent to the Museum of the Aleutians a few years ago by the family of military personnel who were stationed in Shemya during WWII, which were then sent to The Aleut Corporation to repatriate in accordance with the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act.



TATAAM UKUGAN ÎXAMNAKUË

IT WAS GREAT TO SEE EVERYONE
AT THE ALEUT PICNIC!

We are thankful to all the shareholders, descendants, family, and friends who gathered Saturday for The Aleut Picnic. The participants of APIA's Culture Camp demonstrated what they learned the previous week, sharing an Unangam Tunuu lesson as well as several beautiful dances. Thank you to The Aleut Foundation for hosting, and to all our volunteers, vendors, Unanga artists, and The Aleut Corporation for making this all possible!



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TAC's stock will campaign ends March 31, 2024. Get your completed and notarized stock will submitted before March 31, 2024 to receive \$50. TAC reserves the right to end the drive prior to the stated date at its sole discretion.

\$50 will be paid out via direct deposit or check 5-10 business days after stock will is received and reviewed by TAC staff. Shareholders will only be allowed one (1) payout of \$50 during this promotion. Multiple submissions do not qualify for the award.

THE ALEUT FOUNDATION UPDATE

Aang Aang!

The Aleut Foundation would like to congratulate all our students who graduated during the 2022-2023 school year. Thank you to family members and friends who have supported them along the way. We have at least five students graduating with doctorates this year. We are so in awe of the dedication and perseverance of all our students! Awam iḡamnaa (Good job)!

This summer, The Aleut Foundation is supporting several internships, including two students placed with The Aleut Corporation's subsidiaries. If you are a student graduating from high school, in college or a recent college graduate, we would like to talk with you to see if we can support you in your efforts to participate in a paid internship.

The Aleut Foundation had a busy spring to get ready for June. We had students travel from the region for the ANSEP Middle School Academy; a weeklong program where students built their own computers. We had several students travel from the region and the Lower 48 to Anchorage for the Urban Unangaḡ Culture Camp. We held The Aleut Picnic on June 24, and it was a wonderful time of meeting with family and friends and to celebrate with our Unangaḡ dances. In early July, we will be announcing our Cash for Good Grades & Attendance winners.

On top of the scholarships for those attending a post-secondary college or university, we also support those in vocational and career development opportunities. For vocational training, we have served students doing welding, construction, electrical, IT, CDL, medical billing, and more. Our career development opportunities have spanned students getting their GED, professional license preparation, professional conferences, or continuing education. Please give us a call to discuss your next educational opportunity.

As we are moving forward as an organization, our Board of Directors has created a Board Development plan and is currently seeking a new board member. Please, check our website for information on becoming a board member for The Aleut Foundation. It is a volunteer position, and you will be impacting the future direction of The Aleut Foundation. The application and information packet are both on our website, but feel free to call or email us to get more information.

As we quickly move through the summer months and head into fall, let us know how we can support you and your educational journey.

Qaḡaasakung!

The Aleut Foundation

SUMMER 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HONORS

Kyler Leonard, Film - *Southeastern Community College*
Caiden Miller, Civil Engineering - *Bellingham Technical College*
Gianna Pallotta, Accounting - *California State University, East Bay*
Taylor Pierce, Nursing - *Grand Canyon University*

EXCEPTIONAL

Nichole Gordon, Business Management - *University of Washington*
Russell Simmen, Civil Engineering, Mathematics - *Fort Lewis College*
Destiny Tetoff, Criminal Justice, AK Native Studies - *San Francisco State University*

ACHIEVEMENT

Carly Mast, Undeclared - *Central Washington University*

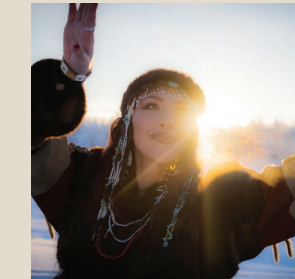
GRADUATE

Natasha Harris, Operations and Tech. Mgmt. - *University of Portland*
Dustin Mack, Education - *Western Governors University*
Stephanie Myer, Psychology - *Pacifica Graduate Institute*
Robin Rutledge, Clinical Psychology - *Liberty University*
Kallin Spiller, Communication - *University of Hawaii at Manoa*
Emma Stewart, Speech Pathology - *Nova Southeastern University*
LaVonna Thomas, Social Work, Writing - *Walden University*
Kiara Washington, Business - *Liberty University*
Elexa Yee, Biochemistry - *University of CA, Santa Barbara*

PART-TIME

Julieanne Renee Berikoff, Nursing - *College of Western Idaho*
Thea Chesley, Business - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Grace Dushkin, Nursing, Psychology - *The College of St. Scholastica*
Logan Dushkin, Mechanical Engineering - *Red Rocks Community College*
Aurora Duskin, Computer Sciences - *Montana State University*
Lucas Helmich, Business - *Southern IL University Edwardsville*
Kayla Kashevarof, Business, Accounting - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Selah Kone, Psychology - *University of Hawaii at Manoa*
Daniela Krukoff, Natural Sciences - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Summer Mack, Nursing - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Kayla Marcoulter, Nursing - *Gonzaga University*
Marche Meisler, Business, Management - *Alaska Pacific University*
Anna Rutledge, Biological Sciences, Languages - *Liberty University*
Edith Schliebe, Child Development - *University of Alaska Fairbanks*
Briley Waddill, Business - *Harding University*
Cody Williams, Education - *Cambridge College*
Serena Wohlwend, Design, Project Mgmt. - *University of Alaska Anchorage*
Joanne Wathen, Education - *St. Mary's College of California*
Monica Yatchmeneff, Education - *University of Alaska Southeast*

ADVICE FROM THREE OF OUR PH.D. GRADUATES TO CURRENT AND FUTURE STUDENTS



“PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN ALONE; IT DOESN'T NEED TO BE LONELY. WE DON'T SURVIVE ALONE ANYWHERE, NOT IN ACADEMIA EITHER. REACH OUT AND MAKE CONNECTIONS, SEEK MENTORS, SEEK GUIDANCE.”

- Haliehana Stepetin



“LEAN INTO THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT COME YOUR WAY. NO ONE ACHIEVES ANYTHING ON THEIR OWN- LEAN INTO THE SUPPORT OF YOUR COMMUNITY AND BE THE FIRST TO OFFER THAT SUPPORT BACK WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS HELP. RELATIONSHIPS MATTER MORE THAN WORK, SCHOOL, ACHIEVEMENT, SUCCESS.”

- Alexis Mercurief



“PURSUE EDUCATION THAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT. THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR HIGHER OR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS ENORMOUS. BEING INVOLVED IN SOMETHING THAT YOU ARE MOTIVATED TO DO IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SO THAT THE TIME AND EFFORT PUT FORTH IS MEANINGFUL WITH POSITIVE OUTCOMES.”

- Jordan Jenckes

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