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From the President's Desk:

Happy Easter Week! Come on, Spring!

This Newsletter is filled with items of interest from many sources, so sit down, grab a cup of coffee, put your feet up and read on!

The Chamber's Island Visitor Committee had another great meeting, attended by representatives from most of the Island Communities. This group, as well as the Prince of Wales Community Advisory Council, continue to keep the pulse of the many different projects and potential projects that will impact life on Prince of Wales Island. It is well worth your time to attend their meetings if you can fit them into your schedules. Details from both of these meetings are offered within.

With April comes mid-year. The Chamber Mid-Year membership application is available. We finished last year with 185 members, so we are still closing the gap.

The Adopt a Marathon Mile Cleanup is still looking for some volunteers to adopt a few orphan miles. Look for additional information within!

The Chamber has secured two coveted Alaska Airlines and Pacific Airway Round Trip tickets for the 2010 Raffle. This raffle currently funds the Everyday Hero Awards. Tickets will be printed and available soon for the drawing to take place on September 8th. Outlets are sought at businesses around the Island and at our local Fishing Lodges.

It is Scholarship time on Prince of Wales Island. Look for information within on how you can support our High School graduates and encourage them to pursue higher learning.

Any and all news from our Chamber members is sought for inclusion in YOUR newsletter. Please take advantage of me and email me any newsworthy items about your business plans, especially good news!!

Improvements continue in the backroom of the Chamber Office as the Chamber inventory is being moved to new storage shelves. A conference area is taking shape for board meetings as well as a small group meeting space for our member businesses.

The board is meeting Wednesday, April 7th this month at 6PM in the Chamber office. We did not meet in March, due to lack of quorum, and very

busy director schedules.



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**IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!
NEW DEADLINE
IS THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH!**

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!!

*Hydaburg Cooperative Association
Invites you to the Hydaburg Streets
Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony & Mijuu Way Dedication
April 8, 2010 12:00pm. at the
Hydaburg ANB Hall*

CHAMBER WEBSITE EXPOSURE for the month of **MARCH**

MARCH'S web hits were **247,893**. MARCH'S total visitors were **26,615**, an average 858 per day, with a high of 1098 visitors on March 21st. Behind the **USA, , France, China and Canada** were the countries with the most visitors. **Wednesday was the most active day, ten to eleven AM** was the most active time of day. **Google** was the top search engine used to find us with 86 percent! An interesting detail added to this month's report is the fact that 48.6% of the website visitors have Windows XP as their operating system, followed by 20.27% for Windows Server 2003.

2. Chamber **POWER Sponsors for APRIL Edition—***The following businesses have paid for advertising in this spot and help the Chamber cover the costs of mailing and maintaining our email account and website. The editor shuffles the ad locations each month at random. To become a sponsor and have your information appear here each month or for certain months of the year, call the Chamber office. All of this month's sponsors are located here this month. We thank them for their support of this newsletter.*

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Dedication of Craig Facility coming on Saturday, May 22, 2010!

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Tongass Federal Credit Union / 907-755-2800 / Fax: 907-755-2810 / Toll Free: 800-960-8328 / Kim Swainson, Branch Manager / tfcu@aptalaska.net / www.tongassfcu.com / Branches located in the Island News building in Thorne Bay, the Klawock-Heenya Mall and 2000 Tongass Avenue in Ketchikan. **Expanded hours: Thorne Bay branch open 10AM-2PM Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.** Klawock branch open 10AM-5:30PM Tuesday-Friday, noon-3PM Saturday. Public use **ATMs** are at Thorne Bay Market, Klawock-Heenya Mall branch and 6 locations in Ketchikan

Thorne Bay Market Alaska and Proud / Don Alsup, Manager / 907-828-3306 / anp@kpunet.net / www.alaskaandproud.com / An independent full service grocery store. We feature fresh meat and produce and a full line of groceries. Special orders welcome.

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Peace Health Medical Group
Thorne Bay Market Alaskan and Proud
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3. EVERYDAY HERO NOMINATIONS ARE IN

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce and POWCAC are waiting for the selections out of POW communities.



The nomination period is over and the selection process for the 2010 Class of Heroes is in the hands of Island Communities. A couple selections have been reported to the Chamber office.



The honorees will be recognized at a Wine and Brew Tasting event to be held on Sunday, May 23rd, at the CCA. Tickets will be \$20 per individual or \$30 per couple. The event will begin at 4PM, with Awards to be presented beginning at 6:15PM. Tickets will be in the hands of the directors following our April 7th board meeting.

4. ALASKA AIR AND PACIFIC AIRWAY TICKET RAFFLE FOR 2010

The popular team of two non-directional round trip **Alaska Airline** tickets between Anchorage or Seattle and Southeast Alaska **AND** two round trip **Pacific Airways** tickets between Ketchikan and Prince of Wales Island make up the coveted prize of the 2010 Chamber raffle that funds the Everyday Hero awards.

Tickets will be available starting the weekend of May 22nd-23rd. The drawing will take place on September 8th, giving everyone a last chance opportunity to get a ticket during the Labor Day weekend. Tickets are \$5 each.

Last year, a guest at McFarland's Floatel won and is making a return trip to the Floatel this summer. Tim Moe bought his winning raffle ticket from the McFarland's who will have bragging rights this year at their lodge.

If your business wants to be an outlet for ticket sales, please email the office and we will get you a sign and tickets when they are ready! The McFarland's had a sign up in their establishment and also asked their guests about tickets as they were getting ready to leave. With very little pressure applied, they succeeded in selling over 100 tickets!

5. 2010 Graduate Scholarship Underwriting

The graduation ceremonies at Prince of Wales Island High Schools are fast approaching. The Chamber invites businesses and individuals to participate in the underwriting for these scholarships. Scholarship Committee chairpersons are Jan Bush and Sarah Altland. Jan will be sending out an email attaching the Underwriting Form during the first half of April. If necessary, follow up letters and phone calls will be made in May after the May 5th deadline for applications.

Scholarship awards are for \$500 and are sent directly to the University, college, trade school, or even online schools once the recipient completes a successful term and verifies a 2.0 gpa.

The names of all underwriters are included on the Certificates of Award that are presented to graduates at their high school commencements. They are also displayed in the Chamber office as a permanent record of our business community's contributions to the higher education of our young people.

Last year, 11 awards were made using reserves that were built from unclaimed awards during the past five years. Jan and Sarah hope that our faithful annual underwriters noticed the one year break!!

For the May newsletter, Jan hopes to include a report on the whereabouts of the scholarship recipients who are celebrating their 10 Year Reunion. In 2000, the Chamber awarded a record 17 Scholarships!

6. ISLAND WIDE VISITOR COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

The Visitor Committee met March 25th, 2010 at Coffman Cove. The meeting was attended by 24 people from around POW.

The meeting covered MANY topics. If you want to be a part of this very active committee, please email Jeannie McFarland. Her email is found on the front page, Board of Director listing. Jeannie is the Committee Chairperson.

There is so much GREAT news out of this meeting, that Jeannie's notes are included here in their entirety.

□ **THE ISLAND GUIDE** –Jeannie McFarland reported that she had a meeting in Ketchikan with Gregg Poppen, the man that produces the Guide for the Chamber. They discussed how to make production more efficient. Having a Guide Committee will help, and much of the proofing of material can be done before it gets to him. Starting the process now for the 2011 guide will be a big improvement on making the December deadline.

The Guide always needs new photos and care taken in how they are shot will make a difference on how they can be used. Cover Photos need to be taken in portrait (turning the camera to the side to get the long tall shot) and many inside photos are printed in landscape (the conventional way to hold the camera). Resolution is important with as many pixels as possible. For the cover that needs to be over 3200. Most digital cameras allow you to change the pixel size.

New write ups of information about the Island for the 2011 guide are needed and could be submitted to the committee for selection. New photos of communities are needed as well as more concise write-ups following a theme throughout.

Gregg will maintain the editing of all the written material, placement of photos and ads so the Guide will continue to be the excellent publication it has become under his guidance.

The Guide Committee identified at last months meeting includes Bonnie Hamar, Victoria Merritt, Richard Peterson and Henry Williamson. If you want to be involved, please pass on your enthusiasm!

□ **ADVERTIZING OPTIONS: Feedback on our Alaska magazine experience and Co-op Advertizing in the Summer Recreation guide published by the Local Paper.** Heather Phillips reported that co-op advertizing (businesses and communities going together to share the cost) was the best value for businesses that could not afford the regular ad space in national magazines.

She is interested in buying co-op space in Alaska Magazine because it is one of the publications that everyone buys at least one month of when they are planning a trip to Alaska. They have a great tracking system to let advertisers know who is reading their ads. The March fishing issue is a definite place to be. The Alaska Magazine has highlighted Southeast Alaska in many issues over the years. The April issue has a great article on Thorne Bay written by one of its summer residents.

The Recreation Guide, a publication produced by the Local Paper in Ketchikan, has offered the Island an opportunity for Co-op advertizing in this year's issue. Heather will collect the reservations for the full color spaces and work with Island businesses and the paper to create a page. 8,000 copies of the Recreation Guide are distributed throughout Southeast Alaska communities and on the Alaska Marine Highway. There is always an article about something on Prince of Wales Island in the Guide too. The cost of the space will be \$85 and includes producing the ad if one is not available. The deadline for securing space is April 8th. The city of Coffman Cove, Thorne Bay Business Association and the POW Chamber of Commerce, Organized Village of Kasaan, and McFarland's FLOATEL have reserved space so far.

Heather can be reached via email at; heather@ccalaska.com or call weekday mornings at 907-329-2233.

□ **SUPER 8 MOTEL special for Prince of Wales of Island - Carol Domme, General Manager -** Carol Domme came to the meeting to invite us all to come and stay at the Super 8 Motel next time we were in Ketchikan and to offer people from Prince of Wales Island and our lodge customers a special discount. Carol took over management of the Motel last August and has made many improvements to the facility and the service. The Motel has larger suites available with a view of the Tongass Narrows. They offer shuttle service to and from the ferries and floatplane services as well as scheduled service to Wal-Mart and downtown. A continental breakfast is served in a special room in the morning as part of your room rental fee. A conference room is available for group meeting small and large.

Carol grew up in Prineville Oregon and managed motels throughout the state of Oregon, before coming to Alaska. Coming here has been a plan of hers for many years and she is happy to help Prince of Wales Island residents and visitors as they travel to Ketchikan.

□ **INNERSEA DISCOVERIES Wilderness Voyage Cruises, DART program and ALASKA HOST Training**– Karen Petersen reported that Dan Blanchard, **InnerSea Discoveries Wilderness Voyage Cruises** will be on the Island with the captain of the vessel that will be making a shakedown run through Southeast in 2010. They will be on the Island two days to check out the ports, anchorages and facilities they will need as they cruise the west side of the Island in their first year of operation. They have made a commitment to come start their customer cruises in 2011. There will be a “shake down” cruise starting April 30th this year from Vancouver B.C. The passengers will be writers and publicity people. **If anyone has a touring/excursion (hiking trips, van trips, etc) offering he would be interested.** The group talked about land based trips and the need for co-oping between businesses and communities to provide excursions for Visitors. Walking tours in communities guided by students was also suggested. The only dock they are going to be moored at will be in Klawock on this first visit. There is a chance he will be able to attend the next visitor’s committee meeting slated for Kasaan. Richard Pedersen suggested that communities get together and do a van tour of communities and cultural highlights.

Karen also talked about the funding being cut for the **DART grant program** that supported the Tourism Symposium last fall. She is asking us to write to Senator Steadman in Juneau and let him know how much the DART grant program is helping the Island to bring business here.

Senator Bert Steadman State Capitol Room 516 Juneau AK, 99801 Phone: 907-465-3873 Fax: 907-465-3922 Email: Senator_Bert_Stedman@legis.state.ak.us)

Alaska Host Training is a program sponsored by the state to help anyone coming into contact with visitors to our state. Karen is available to set up the program on Prince of Wales Island. Cost for the training materials is minimal and each person receives a certificate on completion. This is a valuable program for new people to the visitor industry and a refresher for anyone who deals with visitors. She would be willing to do a 2-hour training for the committee if we are interested. Karen is willing to do half day training sessions in May in conjunction with the schools on the island as many students work in the visitor industry in the summer. She would also follow the training up with a Walking Tour program for each community giving students an opportunity to create a service business in their town. Interested persons or organizations should contact her at 907-828-3339 or tawanda@aptalaska.net.

□ **USFS Sustainable Recreation Workshop** – Karen Petersen, Tori Houser, and Greg Killinger reported on the workshop held in Juneau in February. The meeting was oriented to making plans within the USFS guidelines on their lands. Many small groups met to talk about all aspects of a phase of recreation use on the forest. The focus of the meetings was looking at a plan in a positive way and finding some way to make it work. The Chugach National Forest, “Children’s Forest” is focused on getting kids in touch with the natural world through a variety of activities and work projects. The opportunities kids have there often shapes career goals for them. On Prince of Wales Island the 9 positions in the YCC program will offer work opportunities this summer and give kids a connection to the land. Partnerships with private individuals and businesses to offer programs and maintain the land were discussed.

➤ □ **VISITORS CENTER – Open discussion looking for leads and ideas.** - Jim McFarland said that the Island Wide Visitor Committee is still reaching out for ideas and a direction to follow. This committee does not have to lead the effort to develop a Visitor Center but could sure help push the idea along with whatever group is able to develop a plan and gather up the necessary support and funding. Sam Thomas mentioned that a meeting was scheduled for Hydaburg on April 16th where a committee established by the 4 tribes would be discussing the topic. Sam mentioned that the Laura Bush Foundation is a possible source of funding. The group discussed the possibility of the Center idea receiving support and funding from the Scenic By-way designation and the RAC funding when it becomes available for POW Island.

□ **KETCHIKAN VISITORS BUREAU quarterly Membership Orientation and Monthly Luncheon in Ketchikan report** – Jeannie McFarland spent time in Ketchikan at the Visitors Bureau to distribute the Island guide, learn about programs offered to members and the help they can provide the Chamber. . The KVB is the hub for information to Visitors coming to and while they are in Ketchikan. It is their goal to make coming to Ketchikan an experience Visitors will want to repeat. They help us by having our information available for those returning visitors in their centers and on their web site. We are members of the Bureau and they are members of the POW Chamber.

The Prince of Wales Island Guides are being distributed by them from their two centers on the Docks in Ketchikan. Tom LeComp is the staff person that does the leg work to keep the brochure racks full throughout the city. The distribution program is a fee based program but he is willing to take the Guides to several other locations when he can. He did deliver to the extensive list I had for the 14 boxes that Jan had brought over.

KVB membership gives the Island as a whole a place in the publications and internet programs they have. As a member of the Chamber you are represented there but you need to have your own individual membership to take advantage of their programs specific to your business. They welcome us posting Island events, like the Marathon and the Mud Bogs, etc. on their community calendar. (Note: I passed this information on to Victoria & Parsleys from Naukati)

The KVB does **Trade Shows** all over the US. They would take our Guide or individual members' brochures for a fee of \$25 for 50 brochures. They know which shows would work best for our market and will advise us before signing us up.

Tourism and Marketing Coordinator, Dragon London gave me some information to share with business based on her participation on our Island FAM trip last spring. Family and Friends are the biggest number of visitors that come to Ketchikan. She said they have noticed the slant on vacationing is going from the guys fishing get away to a more family oriented trip. That means we have to provide what women and children need and want. Having some unique offering shared by lodges in each area might be good. She mentioned a mobile spa, guided kayaking adventures, and charters that will take kids at a reduced rate as a few ideas. Vacation packages, with events and services all figured out for a certain length of time are desirable.

ALASKA SCENIC BYWAYS - Sam Thomas, OVK Transportation Director and the contact on Prince of Wales Island for the Scenic Byways gave us a progress report. The State of Alaska coordinator was on POW Island from March 2-7, 2010. Now he is setting up the public meeting process in preparation of the June 1, 2010 application deadline. Public meetings will be held in Craig CCA Hall on April 30th from 7 to 9pm and in Coffman Cove Harbor View Hall on May 1st from 3 to 5pm.

Letters of support from communities are very important to this process. While some communities have already passed resolutions in support, others are still meeting and discussing it. Sam Thomas is available to make presentations and answer questions as needed. In anticipation of acceptance by the state, a tentative plan for an August 5th ribbon cutting ceremony is planned.

USFS UPDATE – Greg Killinger, Craig Ranger, spoke to the group about the many projects they have going. He will e-mail a copy of the draft listing all the projects to the membership this next week. The highlights include rebuilding the Keegan Cove Cabin, One Duck Trail, an interpretive trail on the Harris River and reconstruction of the Sunnahae trail in Craig. It is hoped the funds associated with the RAC program can be used to provide the necessary funding to get the jobs done. There is no new information on who will sit on the RAC board but the money has been set aside and will be available when the priorities are set. Please contact Jay Anderson in Thorne Bay (828-3210) or Greg Killinger (826-1600) if you have any questions.

Tori Houser, Craig Ranger District, talked about the Cave Tours. Guided tours will start the last week in May and run through the last week in August. She will send out a schedule to the committee members and asks that they share the information with anyone interested.

Maeve Taylor was introduced to the committee. Maeve has replaced Dennis Benson as the Recreation and Lands Staff Officer for the Craig/Thorne Bay districts of the Tongass National Forest. She is living in Craig she will be joining us for meetings as often as she can.

Bryce Brucker of Big B's Charters talked about the moratorium for non-resident fishermen that is cutting the amount of fish non-residents can keep. Most of our businesses are successful due to our visiting fishermen and hunters. If cutting the amount of fish non-residents can catch is affected we could potentially lose this portion of business. In addition, if we want to promote hiking, kayaking etc. we need to start with the fishermen & hunters and appeal to the rest of their family who may have other interests as well. Contact Mr. Brucker for more information on this issue.

IDEAS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:

If you have a topic to share or presentation to give our group, please contact Jeannie by the 9th to get it in the Talking Points for the April 15th meeting.

ISLAND VISITOR COMMITTEE WILL HOLD BROWN BAG LUNCH #6

Join us
at the next "brown bag" lunch
April 15th 11am to 2pm Kasaan

7. Tongass Federal Credit Union: Let's Party!

Tongass Federal is ready to Party on the Big Island on Saturdays, April 10th and 17th! They will celebrate four years of service in Thorne Bay at the Island News Building from 10Am until 2PM on Saturday, April 10th.

One week later on Saturday, April 17th from 11AM to 4PM, all are invited to the Grand Reopening in the new center Mall unit in Klawock. There will be a grand prize drawing with a \$500 value: IFA ferry tickets, hotel room and cash. This is a members only drawing and you don't need to be present to win. You can enter at either branch on POW.

The Tongass Federal Branch Manager Kim Swainson invites all to join them for refreshments, Promotional items, special rates, discounts and Drawings.

8. NATURE CONSERVANCY PUBLIC NOTICE

Staney Community Forestry Project planning session **April 15, 16 & 17**

The Staney Community Forestry Workgroup invites you to attend the next Staney Community Forestry Project workshop. The workshop will be held in Thorne Bay at the Bay Chalet on April 15th, 16th and 17th. It will be the third in a series aimed at developing an Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Staney planning area, which extends from Shinaku Inlet north to the Naukati area.

The Staney Community Forestry Workgroup is developing a vision to restore forest health, improve wildlife and subsistence habitat, provide jobs for local contractors and a source of material for local mills. The project is a collaborative effort that has involved a broad array of interests and organizations. The project plan seeks to balance a range of forest values, needs and opportunities that can be efficiently identified, scheduled, and implemented. The plan aims design restoration projects so they are attractive to local contractors and provide the stability to invest in new equipment and new jobs.

The workshop will begin at noon on Thursday and run until noon on Saturday.

On Friday from 6pm to 8pm the project leaders will present the goals and outcomes of the effort. The presentation will provide a good introduction to the project. If you not have attended previous workshops, this will be good chance to learn about the work to date and take part in the discussions. The workshops will result in a project plan that will be submitted to the Forest Service for their consideration as they begin planning new projects in the Staney area

The Nature Conservancy is facilitating this effort in cooperation with Wilderness Society and the USDA Forest Service with support from many local entities and individuals.

If you have are interested in the health of the Staney area and how forest management can improve community vitality, please consider attending and making your voice heard. We look forward to see you there. If you have any questions please contact Michael Kampnich at 826-2100 or 401-0855.

For more information visit: [http:// www.staneycreek.org](http://www.staneycreek.org)

9. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS: MARCH 2010 vs 2009

The IFA carried **1877** passengers and **398** vehicles off the island during the MARCH morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2009 figures were **1915** and **409**.

During the evening return runs, **1968** passengers and **457** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2009 figures were **1671** and **462**.

During the month of MARCH, the car deck was FULL for four runs, with one other run at 90% to 100%. 10 runs were at 30 percent or less for car deck usage.

The Chamber thanks Carolyn Chapman of the IFA for providing the monthly stats.

10. POWCAC MEETING...next meeting May 18th in Kasaan

Richard Petersen facilitated the meeting in the place of Chairman Leslie Isaacs. 21 people were present for the meeting.

Training Needs:

Charles Peele, Hydaburg Business Center, via Richard Pedersen was requesting ideas for training needs on POW Island. Suggestions made included update/retraining on Microsoft office, excel, Quick books. Justin Sorensen, Thorne Bay City Administrator, stated that a free 24 Hazzwopper class is scheduled to be held in Thorne Bay in October, dates are to be determined. Drivers training and Firearms Safety were also discussed.

Jan Bush requested that everyone and all communities display their planned training on the Chamber web site calendar. She or Denise would put it on the calendar if they would e-mail it to the chamber.

Scenic Byways:

Public meetings scheduled:

April 30th – 7 to 9 pm Craig Community Association Bld.

May 1st – 3 to 5 pm Coffman Cove Harbor View Hall

Save the Whale House:

Raffle ticket sales will continue until Sept 5th when the drawing will occur.

\$5.00 Raffle tickets are being sold for a selection of Native Art.

\$10.00 Raffle tickets are available for the grand prize – a 2009 Chevy Silverado

Contact anyone from OVK to purchase your tickets. Richard has them with him all the time.

Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority:

Justin Sorensen, Chairman- Solid Waste Authority board of directors, gave a report on the status of the Authority. He also passed out a substantial information packet that included talking points, an agenda for tomorrows meeting, and a list of tasks provided by a consultant.

Current member communities are Thorne Bay, Craig, Petersburg, and Wrangle. Other communities on POW are needed to join as well as Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan. An outreach has started to get other communities to put the issue on their next ballot. The authority is requesting \$125,000 in matching funds legislative for the next three years.

There is no financial risk or cost to the communities involved but only members will be “seated at the table” to work on planning and decision making.

All communities on POW should be members of the authority so get the measure on their October ballots.

DOT Priority list for Prince of Wales Island:

This is a carry over topic from the last meeting that should be acted on during this meeting. The next Tri Agency Meeting (Federal Highways, AK DOT, and the FS) is scheduled for April 27 in Coffman Cove from 1 to 4 pm in the Harbor View Hall and is open to the public. Sam Thomas stated that the priorities for POW Island are needed from this group by then to be included in the discussion and decision made. He invited POWCAC members to attend and see the process that is used to set priorities for transportation projects.

Richard Petersen read the priorities from the 2009 resolution. The group consensus was that the priorities had not changed for Surface and Air Transportation Priorities but added one project to Harbor Facilities as follows:

4. Harbor Facility at Kasaan. The Kasaan harbor docks need to be replaced as they are badly deteriorated. Needed is a design plan and funding for the dock replacement. It was indicated that a breakwater is needed to protect the harbor.

A motion was made to approve resolution No. 10-01 setting Regional Transportation Priorities on Prince of Wales Island with the addition of # 4 - Harbor Facility in Kasaan and changes made to make dates in the resolution current.

Ron Wolf, Sealaska Corporation:

Ron gave the group a power point presentation to the group titled: Biomass Energy Status and Options for Southeast Alaska.

Sealaska has plans to harvest ~ 50 mm Bf this year in three locations on or adjacent to POW Island. Sealaska has been doing studies with Viking lumber to identify the potential for production of wood chips for operation of a pellet mill. They have learned that there is sufficient supply for a 10,000 to 25,000 ton (dry weight) pellet mill.

The current problem is demand for pellets in Southeast – currently predicted at 190 tons per year. State wide the demand is around 2300 tons.

Sealaska will be converting their corporate head quarters in Juneau to pellets this year. Their need will be 300 tons per year. They have ordered a KOB Pyrot boiler, which they will be installing this year.

Discussion followed about the cost/benefits of a pellet mill, opportunities for Bio-bricks, construction of a pellet mill, as well as other topics.

Ron also gave an overview of Sealaska precommercial thinning projects and benefits both in fiber production and jobs. He stated that Sealaska has thinned some 38,500 acres between 1992 and 2009.

Greg Killinger, Craig District Ranger:

Greg reported on the following topics to update the group.

RAC – No word yet on the selections. He expects to hear soon
Sunnahae Land Transfer - has been completed. The Forest Service will start upgrading the trail. Eventually there will be a nice trail up the Alpine.

Tongass Leadership Team meeting - will be held in Craig the last week of April

USDA project proposals – no word other than the Naukati Shell fish processing plant caught their interest.

Busy Year ahead – This will be the most aggressive project season for the Forest Service in a few years. Lots of funding has been received for lots of projects in all resources. You will see more FS crews and vehicle on the island this summer. They are working on bringing the two FS barges in to house crews – stationing one in Thorne Bay and one in Coffman Cove.

Next POWCAC meeting: May 18th in Kasaan

11. ADOPT A MARATHON MILE !

CAROLYN CHAPMAN AND REBECCA CHESTER, both employees of Chamber member IFA, are coordinating the 2010 clean up for the Marathon route.

If you have not been contacted and want “your mile” from last year, you can call the IFA at 755-4848, press #1 and ask for Rebecca or Carolyn.

There are still a few miles that need some TLC. One great change from years past: The City of Klawock has already provided a dumpster for our volunteers to deposit their litter collections. This is going to make a big difference to our volunteer efforts! Thank you, **City of Klawock!**

12. NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber welcomes our newest:

Razz Ma Tazz, Debra English, Owner

City of Hydaburg, Tony Christianson, Mayor

Innersea Discoveries Wilderness Voyage Cruises, Dan Blanchard

(See Visitor committee report)

13. Members News: Great news out of Klawock School

Some news worth sharing was picked up on a walk through the halls of Klawock School this past week.

Two student delegates and their advisor represented Klawock recently at the Spring Conference of the Alaska Association of Student Governments held in Fairbanks at Eielson Air Force Base. The trio came home with some of the major awards presented at the final banquet.

Student Council Advisor Sonnie Anderson was honored as the 2010 AASG Advisor of the Year.

Sophie Clark, daughter of Kay and Del Clark of Craig, together with Samantha McNeely of Anchorage, were recognized as co-recipients of a 2010 Student Service Award. The award commended them for a blood drive that memorialized Fred Lund, Klawock School’s Band Director who passed away in the Spring of 2009 from cancer. The two girls coordinated the successful blood drive held at an Anchorage High School, even though they live over 1000 miles apart.

A third award recognized Klawock’s entire Student Council. It was also the third consecutive year that the group received a Student Council of Excellence Award. Mt. Edgecumbe was the only other Student Council recognized this year in the State of Alaska.

The Student Council members include Ellen Clark, President, who was the other attendee, Vice President Erin Soderberg, Secretary Cassi Williams, Board Rep/Treasurer Sophie Clark, Pep

Club Rep Tori Carl, and Class representatives Tonya Busse, Stewart Robertson, and Dani Larson.

14. ALASKA GIFTS and RAZZ MA TAZZ FOR SALE

Business for Sale * Turn –Key Operation, Contents, inventory, equipment & fixtures

After many wonderful years the owners of Alaska Gifts are looking to spend some time off. A truly wonderful shop, a Craig landmark Alaska Gifts caters to the tourist as well as filling a niche market with the Island residents. Alaska Gifts offers jewelry repair as well as a wide variety of authentic Alaskan items, including but not limited to silver & gold jewelry in traditional native design as well as local native art, pelts, carving and art prints. Once in the door, you're hooked! It's a shoppers dream on any budget!

This operation serves as a film drop and offers the only Kodak Picture Maker on the island, great for those eye catching last minute enlargements as well as a full service custom matting & frame center.

A wonderful selection of holiday themed gifts and supplies are always well received.

Alaska Gifts carries a nice supply of party goods including cards and candles even Alaskan chocolates and of course locally smoked canned salmon. Well established 11+yrs. Currently open 7days a week, year round.

Owner looking to semi- retire but will still do jewelry repair.

Serious inquiries only. Please email aplacetostay@aptalaska.net



Razz Ma Tazz Hair Salon for Sale

Well established, Single operator, family style salon. Contents and inventory.

Turn –Key operation.

Centrally located in Downtown Craig.

West Wind Plaza Mall

Serious inquiries only, please call 907-826-5900

15. 2010 POW INTERNATIONAL MARATHON IS HAPPENING

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, CRAIG REC CENTER, 6PM

The registration link has been activated:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30TH TO AVOID LATE FEES!

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1837458

UPCOMING Happenings..call the office to place your events on the web calendar!

<p>R.O.P.E. Excel & Quick Book Training in Naukati April 12th through the 15th. The instructor that was in Craig this winter is giving the class and she is excellent. At this time, the classes are full. For information contact; Gregg Parsley bagp@starband.net or 907-965-5964.</p>	<p>ISLAND WIDE VISITORS COMMITTEE MEETING - April 15th 11am to 2pm in Kasaan.</p>	<p>FOREST HIGHWAYS TRI-AGENCY MEETING April 27th 1 to 4pm Bay View Hall Coffman Cove. The focus of the meeting to make recommendations to the federal government about roads on Prince of Wales Island.</p>
<p>MARATHON HIGHWAY CLEAN UP:</p>	<p>POWCAC - May 18 in KASAAN</p>	<p>DEDICATION OF THE HEALTH</p>

<p>May 8th through 21st. Contact Carolyn Chapman at the IFA office. cchapman@interislandferry.com or 907-755-4848</p>		<p>FACILITY: In Craig Saturday, May 22nd</p>
<p>POW CHAMBERS EVERYDAY HERO AWARDS AND WINE TASTING: Sunday the 23rd from 4 to 7pm at the CCA Hall Craig contact the Chamber Office for tickets.</p>	<p>11TH ANNUAL POW ISLAND MARATHON: Saturday the 29th of May</p>	<p><u>Staney Community Forestry Project planning session</u> <u>April 15, 16 & 17</u></p>

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