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From the President's Desk:

The length of this newsletter is directly related to the moment that I receive a phone call from my daughter to let Mike and I know that she is in labor with our first grandchild! I hope to be making a quick departure to see a newborn.

I hope that you all will join us on Sunday, May 23rd from 4 to 7PM at the CCA in Craig. We will honor another class of EIGHT Everyday Heroes as selected from nominations submitted in the POW communities. Held in conjunction with our Annual Wine and Brew Tasting event, this afternoon is an opportunity to relax with your friends and neighbors. Look for additional information and the names of the honorees!

Construction on this newsletter started May 5th, deadline for the 2010 Graduate Scholarships. We have received 11 applications by the end of the day, and enough underwriting to fund 8 of them. If you want to help us close the gap, please locate that underwriting form, or call me, and I will get one in the mail to you or send one via email! Or just call me and I will add your name to the spreadsheet and send an invoice for any amount that you can contribute to underwriting this important financial support to our young people's future studies. We have about a week before the first of the graduation ceremonies during which these \$500 awards are presented.

Another well attended Visitor Committee meeting was held this past month at Kasaan. Many thanks to that community for providing an awesome lunch which was also a fundraiser for the Whale House renovations! There were over 30 POW Islanders and guests in attendance at this meeting and many Visitor oriented plans and ideas were shared. Please consider joining us at the next one, after which we will take a summer break.

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IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, PLEASE EMAIL IT TO JAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!

NEW DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEWS IS THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH!

CHAMBER
WEBSITE EXPOSURE
for the month of
APRIL

APRIL'S web hits were **262,265**. Behind the **USA, AUSTRALIA, COTE D'IVOIRE, AND GERMANY** were the countries with the most visitors. **FRIDAY** 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 80 percent!

2. Chamber **POWER Sponsors for MAY 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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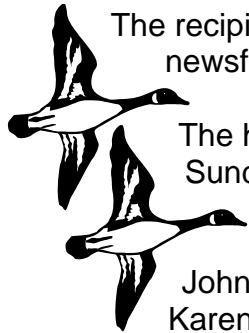
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3. EVERYDAY HEROES NAMED

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce has received the announcement from our communities for their 2010 Everyday Hero selections!



The recipients themselves have yet to be notified so stay tuned to a future special edition newsflash from the Chamber to make the public announcement.

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 are in the hands of our directors. Lynnette has them at First Bank and John has them at APT in Craig. Kim has them at Tongass Federal in Klawock, and Karen at Riptide, and Jim and Jeannie have them in Thorne Bay. Otherwise you can track down Budd in Hollis, Jan on the road, or pick a couple up at the Chamber office!

The appetizers for the Wine and Brew event will be presented by one of POW's newest businesses, Chef by Request. Come and check out Norma Sheakley's culinary artistry!

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.

If your business wants to be an outlet for ticket sales, please email the office and we will get you a sign and tickets.

5. 2010 Graduate Scholarships

By the end of the May 5th deadline, the Chamber has received eleven applications from POW graduates. We will wait for the mail to have a final count. There are five applicants each from Craig and Klawock, and one from Hydaburg.

Underwriting received from our members will currently fund EIGHT scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. There is still time to help with this annual campaign. Please call Sarah Altland at Whale Tail or Jan Bush on her cell 401-0376 if you have not received an underwriting form and want to pitch in a contribution to the Graduate Scholarship Fund. Funds are placed in a dedicated account.

Awards are presented at Graduation ceremonies. Klawock graduates on May 14th, Hydaburg on May 19th and Craig on May 27th. Recipients receive a Certificate of Award in a Black Jacket with Gold leaf trim, enclosed within a personalized Padfolio. Scholarships are sent to their chosen school at the end of a successful term of continuing education.

6. ISLAND WIDE VISITOR COMMITTEE

The Chamber of Commerce Island Wide Visitor Committee met in Kasaan on April 15th to get updated on the projects the committee is working on and present some new ideas. 32 people attended and a delicious fund raiser lunch that was provided by the community of Kasaan in support

of the Save the Whale House Project. A walk to the Whale House followed the meeting and was lead by OVK Cultural Resources Coordinator, Fred Olson.

Topics this month included; Subcommittee for the 2011 Island Guide production, advertizing the Island in several publications, a production plan for an Island DVD, the InnerSea Discoveries Vessel visit to the west side of the Island in May, Alaska Host Training opportunities, Scenic Byways report, Farmers Market proposal, USFS project updates and discussion of a Visitors Center on the Island. Complete details on the meeting are available by email. Contact; Jeannie McFarland, floatel@starband.net or call 907-828-3335 and she will send them.

Our next "Brown Bag Lunch" will be Thursday, May 13th, 11am to 2pm at McFarland's FLOATEL in the Thorne Bay Subdivision. Please let Jeannie know if you have any information you would like to share with the group. Everyone is welcome to come and help us promote our Island to help strengthen our economy. We will be adjourning for the summer and hold our next meeting in September.

Call for directions to the FLOATEL, 828-3335, or go to our website www.mcfarlandsfloatel.com for a map. To find the map; click on **Travel to the FLOATEL**, and How to find McFarland's FLOATEL by Road See our (click on) [MAP](#) .

ISLAND VISITOR COMMITTEE WILL HOLD BROWN BAG LUNCH #7

*Join us
at the next "brown bag" lunch
May 13th 11am to 2pm
at McFarland's Floatel*

7. IFA COMINGS AND GOINGS: APRIL 2010 vs 2009

The IFA carried **1510** passengers and **413** vehicles off the island during the APRIL morning runs to Ketchikan. The 2009 figures were **1679** and **417**.

During the evening return runs, **1698** passengers and **498** vehicles arrived on POW through the Hollis port. 2009 figures were **1671** and **462**.

During the month of APRIL, the car deck was FULL for FIVE runs, with SIX other runs at 90% to 100%.

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

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

Please contact Leslie Isaacs at the City of Klawock to place any items on the agenda for the next POWCAC meeting to be hosted by the Village of Kasaan. Lunch begins at 12 noon and the meeting starts at 1PM.

9. ADOPT A MARATHON MILE ! TWO ORPHANS REMAIN.

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

If you want to help with one or both of the remaining miles to be adopted, you can call the IFA at 755-4848, press #1 and ask for Rebecca or Carolyn.

This year, there are three NEW checkout locations for the safety vests, gloves and litter bags. Thanks to the **IFA TERMINAL IN HOLLIS, LOG CABIN STORE IN CRAIG, AND BLACK BEAR STORE IN KLAWOCK** for agreeing to dispense the gear to our volunteers.

10. NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber welcomes our newest:
**POW Runner's Club, Sponsors of the POW International Marathon
Alaska Oyster Coop, Naukati
Creek Side Storage, Coffman Cove, Dan and Ellen Smith**

11. GRINDPALOOSA THIS WEEKEND

Saturday, May 8th, 7PM at the Craig High School Auditorium. That's where you want to be this weekend. The Bear Mountain Bluegrass Band has Dean back on POW and they are scheduled to perform!

You can enter a dessert in the Homemade Dessert Contest and your ticket will be refunded. Judges choose winners based on taste (3 prizes) and decoration (1prize).

Tickets are available at the door.

The Island Grind is a committee of the Sunnahae Arts Council, a Chamber member promoting artistic expression on Prince of Wales Island.

Proceeds from the show help to fund student scholarships and workshops.

12. 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



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13. 2010 POW INTERNATIONAL MARATHON PLANNING GOES WEEKLY! NEXT MEETINGS: WEDNESDAYS, MAY 12TH , 19TH AND 26TH , CRAIG REC CENTER, 6PM

The registration link has been activated:

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

14. CELEBRATION BY THE SEA EVENT JOINS MARATHON

During Friday and Saturday afternoons and evenings, during the Pre and Post Marathon events on May 28th and 29th, 2010, at the CCA in Craig, the Island's artisans are invited to show and sell their handmade items. Space is limited. Interested parties should contact Victoria Merritt at 401-1227 for more information or to sign up for a table.

15. DERBY NEWS

The Thorne Bay Derby starts on May 29th but will kick off with a Baked Potato dinner on May 21st at 6pm. More on this prize-filled event later!

2010 Craig/Klawock King Salmon Derby is underway. Sponsored by the Prince of Wales Hatchery Association, the derby has two seasons. The first one began on May 1st and ends on June 30th. The second season goes from July 1st to August 15th. Each season will feature three place prizes: \$2000 for 1st place, \$1000 for 2nd place, and \$500 for 3rd place. It's all about weight! Salmon Derby tickets are available from lodges, from the Chamber office, Black Bear Store and other locations to be announced. They are \$35 for individuals, \$100 for immediate family and if someone wants to support the Hatchery and get in on the **\$10,000 grand prize** drawing at the end of the summer, you can purchase that ticket for just \$20. Fishermen must have the ticket in their possession when the fish is caught.....no pre-existing conditions are recognized in this event!

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

OPENING OF LITTLE LEAGUE. May 8th	Out in the Rain Kayak Tour Begins at 8AM at the old helipad	First Bank Grand Opening May 15 th
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MARATHON HIGHWAY CLEAN UP: May 8 th through 21 st . Contact Carolyn Chapman at the IFA office. cchapman@interislandferry.com or 907-755-4848	POWCAC - May 18 in KASAAN	DEDICATION OF THE HEALTH FACILITY: In Craig Saturday, May 22 nd starting at noon
POW CHAMBERS EVERYDAY HERO AWARDS AND WINE TASTING: Sunday the 23 rd from 4 to 7pm at the CCA Hall Craig contact the Chamber Office for tickets.	11TH ANNUAL POW ISLAND MARATHON: Saturday the 29th of May.. WALKERS START AT 6PM RUNNERS START AT 9PM AWARDS CEREMONY AT 5PM AT CCA	<u>BLESSING OF THE FLEET HONOR VETERANS</u> <u>MAY 30TH</u> <u>CRAIG CITY DOCK</u> <u>3PM</u>
THE FROG PRINCE by the POW Island Players MAY 15TH, CHS 7PM	The FROG PRINCE MATINEE 4PM MAY 16TH	<u>GRADUATIONS</u> MAY 14TH KLAWOCK MAY 19TH HYDABURG MAY 27TH CRAIG

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