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# AKHIOK - KAGUYAK, INC. NEWS

## Letter from the Chairman

Happy New Year,

Hoping everyone had a joyous holiday season!

AKI is happy to announce some new improvements to our Newsletters. Our staff is working to include more information on our financials, AKI's properties and future workshops & trainings that will be held at our office to help benefit our shareholders, at no cost. Watch for these changes in the next newsletter.



Paul Gray, with Exploring Alaska will be coming to Akhiok and Kodiak sometime this spring to do some interviews for "The Kaguyak Story". If you are interested in doing an interview or have photos you would like to share about Kaguyak, please contact our office or myself.

We encourage our shareholders to download the Talent bank form from our web site, fill it out and submit it to our AKI office. We also encourage you to update or fill out a "Will", "Life Insurance Policy" or if you have to change your address on file. We also welcome any questions or concerns you may have, please feel free to contact our office during regular business hours 8am - 5pm.

Best Regards Always,  
Phyllis Amodo

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Please keep the Museum in mind when applying for your PFD. Give back and help keep our culture alive!

## Give to the Alutiiq Museum

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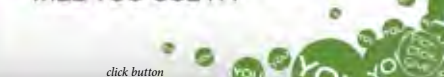


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Your Donation Supports . . .

- **Heritage Research and Archaeology**  
Unite community members and researchers to study Alutiiq history, language, culture, and art.
- **Collections Stewardship**  
Collect and preserve Indigenous knowledge and objects to tell the Alutiiq story, from distant past to modern day.
- **Educational Programming**  
Combine Alutiiq and Western ways of teaching to invite honest exploration of the past and celebrate the beauty and ingenuity of Alutiiq culture.

**YOU HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - WILL YOU USE IT?**



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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

First and foremost, I want to send my sincere condolences to the families of Jennie Shuravloff and Brandon Phillips. My heart goes out to the families. It absolutely breaks my heart to hear of such loss as I honestly consider AKI shareholders my friends and I feel very close to many of you. It is my hope that everyone enjoyed the Holidays despite these losses.

It is hard to believe we are already into the New Year, time seems to fly by so quickly.

I am happy to announce that we will begin the Shareholder training by holding a Resume' Building workshop for those who would like to develop or update their resume'.

This training is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the AKI Board Room. Space is limited to 5 shareholders so please contact the office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending. It will be on a first come first serve basis. If there is further interest then we will schedule additional Resume' Building workshops. Otherwise, we will work on scheduling other types of trainings. There is no cost to shareholders for this training, so please join us and take advantage of this shareholder opportunity. We are excited to be offering this as the first of many workshop/trainings to come. Also, we are open to suggestions for additional training ideas. We hope to build on this and have more training for more than just five shareholders at a time.

The web store has taken longer than expected due to a few bugs in the system which caused delays in development by Alaska Textiles. However, they've assured me that it should be made available fairly shortly, so please keep an eye on the website for this new addition.

Although premature to say for certain that KRAA will begin a salmon enhancement project in the Olga Bay area as hoped, KRAA staff has been asked by their Board of Directors to gather additional information and develop a budget for consideration on a potential Upper Olga Lake fertilization project to be presented at their next Board meeting. This is a step in the right direction. I will continue working with KRAA and keep you posted.

As we move forward and continue updating the shareholder website, AKI will consider using Facebook to reach more shareholders. With a link shareholders can "like" AKI and visit the website.

Although the social media sites are an extremely convenient way for families and friends to keep in contact, unfortunately, some people tend to use it to spread negativity. I have heard several times that individuals are taking their grievances on corporate business issues to facebook. This is not good business practice and I would suggest that if AKI shareholders have questions or concerns even if they are negative in nature, please give me a call and we can discuss these issues. I want shareholders to be proud of their corporation and I personally, and your Board of Directors are doing our very best to do what we can to make that happen. The negative remarks and comments on facebook are very unproductive and unwarranted. AKI's intention would be to use facebook to give shareholders a convenient way to view updates on the website and download forms and other pertinent information.

If a shareholder does not have a "Will" on file or has not applied for the life insurance policy, AKI staff will soon be contacting them either by phone or via snail mail to encourage them to update their records with either one of these important documents.

Warmest Regards,  
Becky Peratrovich  
President



Applications are available at the AKI office and on our website, AKI-Kodiak-com. Scholarships are for registration, tuition and books. Each shareholder is limited to one scholarship per year. Applicants must fill out one application per year and check all of the semesters/quarters they are attending. Continuing students must also submit a completed application.

	<u>Per Year</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Academic Achievement/Graduate Scholarships	Up to \$6,000	One Month Prior to class beginning
College/University Basic Scholarship	Up to \$6,000	One Month Prior to class beginning
Vocational Education Grant	Up to \$6,000	One Month Prior to class beginning
Career Development Grant	Up to \$1,000*	One Month Prior to class beginning

\*Career development grants of \$1,000 can be awarded twice a year.

**Please, call (907) 258-0604 or 1-888-258-0337 if you would like to request an application or have any questions.**

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The following shareholders received a Scholarship or Grant for the 2014 Spring school year; Amber Peterson, Pauline O'Brien, Kenneth Wolkoff, Kristopher Wolkoff, Amanda Miles, John Yakanak, Tatiana Yakanak, Riane McDonald, and Vera Ollerich. Congratulations to all of them!!!

## Rural Alaska Honors Institute 2014


The UAF Rural Alaska Honors Institute (RAHI), founded at the request of the Alaska Federation of Natives in 1983, was established to prepare rural and Alaska Native high school students for academic excellence and college success. Students come from 225 communities across Alaska. This is a six-week summer college preparatory program for rural and Alaska Native College bound high school Juniors and Seniors. The program will be held **May 27-July 11 2014**. The application deadline is **March 1, 2014**. You can apply online and get more information at [www.uaf.edu/rahi/](http://www.uaf.edu/rahi/).

**RAHI students are fully funded**, including travel and earn nearly a semester of college credit.

**Students take courses including:**

- English
- College-level Algebra
- Chemistry
- Introduction to Business
- Process Technology
- Study Skills
- Karate
- Alaska Native Dance

**RAHI also offers a hands-on field program in Archaeology** in cooperation with the Tanana Chiefs Conference. This program begins on July 11, 2014. All students attending RAHI are eligible to attend.



**What will I get out of RAHI?**

- ✦ Build self-confidence
- ✦ Experience college life
- ✦ Gain leadership skills
- ✦ Earn 8 - 10 credits at no cost
- ✦ Make friends for life

**Am I eligible?**

- ✦ Rural and Alaska Native students
- ✦ College bound high school juniors and seniors
- ✦ Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ✦ Competitive selection process requires three essays and three references

## Resume Building Workshop

AKI has scheduled a Resume' Building Workshop for **Friday, January 31, 2014**. The workshop will be held in the AKI Board room at 1:00 p.m. This workshop is limited to five (5) people, so if you are interested in updating or developing a resume' please contact AKI right away. We ask that you bring with you all information needed to develop your resume', such as work history, dates of employment, education information, references, etc. Shareholder and Board member, Pauline O'Brien will be facilitating this workshop. We are very excited to be offering this and anticipate more trainings in the near future. Also, if there are shareholders who would like to share their talents in areas such as basket weaving, beading, and other cultural activities, please give us a call at (907) 258-0604. We would love to make this type of cultural trainings available to shareholders as well. This training is "free" to shareholders, so please join us and participate in the Resume' training. If you have any questions, give us a call.



## Health Care Exemption

### ***Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives.***

Beginning January 1, 2014, every American must demonstrate health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act, but there are special exemptions that apply to Alaska Native and American Indian people. To qualify for this exemption, Alaska Native and American Indian People will have to apply for the exemption through a paper application process. This paper application can be printed at <http://marketplace.cms.gov/getofficialresources/publications-and-articles/tribal-exemption.pdf>.

When you complete the application, you must send copies of supporting documents, such as these preferred documents:

- Tribal enrollment card/letter
- Proof of ANCSA Shareholder Status (Regional or Village)

These documents ensure you qualify for ACA special benefits for Alaska Natives and American Indians.

### **Other accepted documents:**

- Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) card issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- IHS Eligibility Letter

Please do not send originals of these documents as they will not be returned to you.

Be sure to complete the application and send copies of the same supporting documents for every member of your family that needs the Indian Status Exemption to avoid a tax penalty.

Within 2-4 weeks of mailing the form, the Federal government will inform you if they need additional information. If you receive this exemption, you will be sent an Exemption Certificate Number that you will put on your federal income tax return. It is important to keep a copy of this Exemption Certificate Number in a safe place for future use. If you do not hear from the Federal Government within 4-6 weeks, contact the Health Insurance Marketplace Help Center at 1-800-318-2596.

ANTHC's Health Reform group is traveling to Alaska's regional hubs through March 2014, distributing paper applications and offering assistance to anyone who has questions or needs help filling out the forms.

For assistance with the Indian Exemption Status paperwork and to learn more information about the ACA in Alaska, visit your local Tribal clinic or contact the ANTHC Health Reform group at [healthreform@anthc.org](mailto:healthreform@anthc.org), (907) 729-7777 or (855) 882-6842.

## *New York Life Burial Insurance*

AKI is encouraging all shareholders who have not yet applied for the New York Life insurance policy to do so as soon as possible. Only those shareholders who did not previously apply should request an application. Once a shareholder has applied, regardless of whether they are approved or denied, their beneficiary is eligible for the \$10,000 burial assistance. However, if a shareholder simply does not apply, their beneficiary will only be eligible for \$5,000 in assistance. Benefits are paid to the beneficiary upon receipt of a certified death certificate. If you wish to apply for New York Life insurance, please call Chris Fejes Sr. at his New York Life office at (907) 348-6070.

## *Do You Have A Current Will On File?*

If you do not have a current will on file with the Corporation, we encourage you to contact the AKI office at 888-258-0337 or 907-258-0604 to request a form or you can go to the AKI website [www.AKI-Kodiak.com](http://www.AKI-Kodiak.com) for the Will Form. This will ensure your shares are transferred to the individuals of your choice. If you are unsure if you have a will on file, please give us a call, we will be happy to check on it for you.

## *Elder Shares*

This is just a reminder; Elders shares are distributed when an Alaska Native shareholder turns 65 years of age. The shares that they own at the age of 65 is the number of elder shares that are matched, up to 100 shares. Example: When you turn 65 and you have 22 shares you would receive 22 elder shares. If you have 150 shares, you would receive 100 elder shares. The elder shares reflect the shares owned up to 100. We know this can be confusing at times and if you have any questions please give us a call at the office.

## *Direct Deposit and Change of Address*

AKI encourages shareholders to take advantage of direct deposit, for future distributions. It is important to keep your address current with AKI even if your checks are direct deposited. Payment receipts are mailed. If you have changed your address or phone number please put in a change of address form or contact the office. These forms are available on the website [www.AKI-Kodiak.com](http://www.AKI-Kodiak.com) for your convenience.

## **Taxibility of the AKI/SPF Distributions**

Many of you may have been wondering about the taxibility of the distributions made from the Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. Shareholders Permanent Fund (the Trust) to its beneficiaries in 2013. As you may know, each year Akhiok-Kaguyak, Inc. (the Corporation) and the Trust analyzes its accounting information in order to determine what portion of the distributions may be taxable to the beneficiaries of the Trust.

Based on the review of the pertinent accounting information at this time, it appears that approximately 20% of the distributions made from the Trust in 2013 will be included in the gross income of the Trust's beneficiaries. What this means is that you will receive a 1099-DIV from the Corporation showing 20% of your distributions as an Ordinary and Qualified Dividend. This amount will need to be reported on your 2013 income tax return. If you are not preparing your own income tax return, please forward this information to your tax preparer or accountant.



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## New AKI Web Store Update!

Although delayed, the shareholder web store should be up and running shortly. Please keep checking for this wonderful new addition to our AKI website.

## Alaska Corps of Coastal Observers

# Observe Your Coastline *as a citizen scientist*

Climate change, sea ice loss, and increased shoreline erosion are factors radically changing the future of Alaska's coastal communities. To track these changes, we are assembling a citizen observer program - the Alaska Corps of Coastal Observers (AKCCO) - designed to directly engage Alaskan communities in assessing local coastal conditions.



The program takes manual measurements and visual observations to provide data about coastal processes and shoreline conditions which will subsequently be useful to local, regional, and statewide managers of coastal resources, erosion mitigation, community safety, and planning for the future.



We are in need of dedicated individuals that live or work along Alaska coastlines and are able to record a series of daily or weekly shoreline observations:

- Wind speed
- Wind direction
- Wave height
- Wave direction
- Average wave period
- Beach width
- Beach slope
- Beach material
- Longshore current speed
- Air and water temperature
- Notes such as sea ice, storm surge, and video/photo documentation

[www.akcoastalcorps.org](http://www.akcoastalcorps.org)

### Interested?

- Observers will be trained in a classroom/field setting for one week and certified in data collection methods.
- Observers will be supplied with the appropriate measurement instruments and record-keeping datasheets.
- An expert will be sent to the shoreline in the observer's community to determine the ideal location for data collection to take place.
- Observers in the field will be continually supported by the program to answer any questions.
- Coastal Corps observers will upload data to an online database made accessible to the public at [www.akcoastalcorps.org](http://www.akcoastalcorps.org).



## Submit an Article

Shareholders are encouraged to submit articles and/or announcements that they would like to share with their fellow shareholders. We enjoy hearing of births, graduations, and other events. Below are guidelines to assist in the creation of your article or announcement.

**Guidelines:** AKI reserves the right to edit announcements and news articles for grammar, brevity and taste. Announcements and news articles submitted for the AKI newsletter must be submitted 10 days prior to publication. A limit of 200 words may be imposed depending on space. Photographs are welcome in print or digital format with at least 300 dpi resolution.

Announcements and Articles may be submitted by dropping it off at the AKI office or mailing it to:  
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