

DINYEE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

The 2009 Dinyee Annual Shareholders Meeting is just around the corner. It will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Fairbanks. The Annual Shareholders meeting is a time to come together with friends and relatives, as well as a time to dialogue with the Board of Directors and Dinyee staff and get annual business and financial reports. There will also be election of 3 Board of Directors positions for 3-year terms.

It is a chance for shareholders to get involved by either running for the Board or nominating a qualified shareholder. One must be 18 years of age and a voting Dinyee shareholder to qualify. You may submit your nomination or intention to run for the Board by mail, e-mail, or fax to:

- Mailing Address: PO Box 71372, Fairbanks, AK 99707
- Fax: (907) 452-5063
- E-Mail: dinyee@gci.net

To be included on the proxy that's mailed out in May, all nominations and intentions to run must be received by the submission deadline at Dinyee by 5:00 pm on Friday, May 8, 2009. If you would like to include an agenda item for discussion, you may submit your proposal preferably in writing to the Corporation by the submission deadline just stated. The location and time of the Annual Meeting has not been set but will be included in the May newsletter and proxy mail-out.

Website Update – the Dinyee and River Villages, Inc. websites are up and running! It is still under construction but they can be accessed at www.dinyee.com and www.rivervillages.com. We are looking for current or historic pictures of Stevens Village and our people, so if you would like to share your photos for the website contact Maureen Mayo @ dinyee.operations@gci.net

The next regular Board of Directors meeting will be held one day after the Annual Shareholders Meeting on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at the Dinyee office in the Key Bank Building, Suite 402 in Fairbanks. Shareholders are welcome to attend and may request a copy of the meeting minutes if unable to attend.

From Your General Manager

Although the oil and gas exploration project in the Yukon Flats has been put on hold due to the downturn in the economy, it has still been an active and busy spring for the Corporation, especially for our newest subsidiary, Arctic Contracting LLC. In December 2008, Arctic Contracting was formed as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and is 50% owned each by Dinyee and the Birch Creek Corporation. An LLC is a type of company structure commonly used and offers limited liability and tax benefits for its owners.

Arctic Contracting's goal is to get involved in upcoming contracting projects and jobs having to do with oil and gas exploration as well as other types of construction work. This partnership between Dinyee and Birch Creek Corporation will benefit both of our corporation's business goals and offer employment opportunities for our qualified shareholders and tribal members.

For our first job, Arctic Contracting teamed up with Brice, Inc. as Arctic Brice JV (Joint Venture) and put in a bid and was awarded the job for the building of the 3.5 mile access road and drill pad for the Nenana Gas Project called Nunivak #1 in February 2009. As it is a union job, Arctic Contracting initially hired the Laborers out of Local 942 and took care of the administrative duties and Brice hired the 302 Operator's and Teamsters as well as providing most of the equipment.

Arctic Brice JV began work on the first phase of the job in late February through late March. The job is temporarily shut down now due to waiting on a wetland construction permit and spring breakup. The final phase of the job will start up again in late April or sooner and should last about 4 weeks. Arctic Contracting will then be handling all employees dispatched out of the Laborers, Operators, and Teamsters.

There have been a limited amount of qualified shareholders and tribal members who are in the appropriate unions. So now is a good time for those of you who are interested in working for Arctic Contracting to get additional training and apply to apprenticeship programs with the unions in order to become qualified. This will not only add to Dinyee's database of qualified applicants but will benefit our people's livelihood and career paths, especially for our young people.

The next 5 years could see a dramatic increase in construction and there will be lots of openings for Operators, Laborers, and particularly Construction Managers. TVC has a certificate program in construction management that is excellent to get into. If you have any questions about your application or about training, you may contact Maureen Mayo, Shareholder Relations at the Dinyee office or by email at dinyee.operations@gci.net.

The Nenana job has been a great opportunity to begin building on Arctic Contracting's experience, reputation, and capabilities, which will enable us to continue to grow and bid on future contracting jobs both in the private and public sector.

RIVER VILLAGES – Oil Spill Response Team

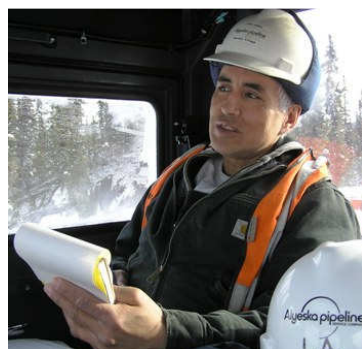
The Oil Spill team went out on their first 2009 quarterly training on March 10 – 14, 2009 at Pump Station 6. The field exercise focused on the Tucker snow vehicle used for transport of personnel and equipment and the classroom training on communications, oil spill techniques, and safety. The foremen were Deborah George and Chris Moses; they did excellent in leading the group through their training exercises.



The Tucker's ability to traverse snowy terrains include that of going uphill along the pipeline (left) as well as going downhill (right).



(L-R) Pete Hjelm, Alyeska staff, John Mayo, Chris Moses, Henry Smoke, Lee Ann Ivey, and Merrill Moses.



John Mayo enjoying the day out in the field during Tucker training



Pete Hjelm taking a break



Lawrence Moses (left) celebrated his 80th birthday at the Tribal Hall in Fairbanks on February 24, 2009 – it was a surprise party put on by family members and was a joyous event for all. Uncle Lawrence recounted how on his birth in Stevens Village 80 years ago, that after Grandma Lucy John delivered him at 4:00 am, her 7-year old daughter Nora went to every house in the Village at 5:00 am and said “cheel neeyo”, which means “a boy was born”. On the right is a photo of Lawrence’s grandfather, Old Moses.



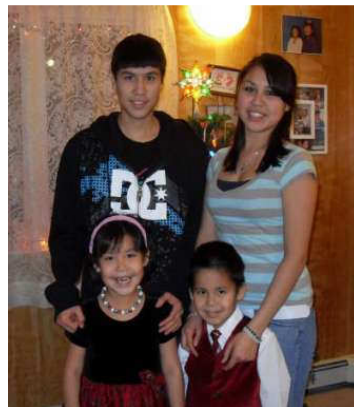
Auntie Carrie Joseph celebrated her 90th birthday on March 27, 2009 – on the left, she is pictured with some of her many great-great-nieces & nephews. On the right, Auntie is pictured with her great-niece, Cari Mayo.



Uncle Abraham Stephens celebrated his 87th birthday on February 9, 2009.



Nicole Hjelm-Gunter pictured here in Sitka where she attends Mt. Edgecumbe H.S. as a freshmen – Nicole is doing very well getting A’s & B’s according to her grandmother, Karen Saylor.



Joseph & Elaine Wright of Ruby sent in this photo of their children (left). Joseph is the son of the late Arnold John and the grandson of the late Walter & Pauline John of Stevens Village. **Darren Harold (15) & Nicole Ashley (16)** children of Joe Wright and Late Agnes Esmailka Wright; Grandparents: Martha Wright & Late Arnold John; Harold & Florence Esmailka. **Sadie Renae (7) & Joseph Jr.~J.J. (5)** children of Elaine & Joe Wright; Grandparents: Martha Wright & Late Arnold John; Jennie Nickoli & Late Ignatius Demoski. **Darren & Nicole are attending Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. Sadie goes to the M.A.K. School in Ruby.**



Chevenne Beverlee Rose George was born on March 13, 2009 to Jaqualine George & Ryan Duyck in Fairbanks.

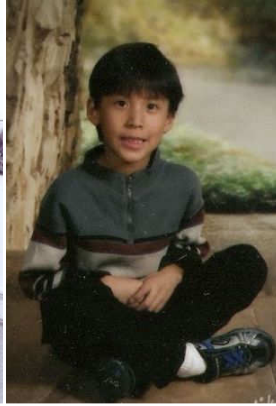


Tribal Chief Harold Simon holding little Chevenne, his granddaughter, & daughter, Jaqualine George.



This picture was taken in the 1970’s or 80’s by Harold Simon. He says these men from the village are rafting their winter wood supply down-river to the Village. The driver of the boat may be Willie Stephens.

Randy Mayo was gifted this blanket from Darrell & Cheryl Mayo-Kriska on his February 28 birthday and in recognition for his 16 years of serving as the Tribal Chief of Stevens Village & Tribal Administrator. His commitment, dedication, & hard work have led to the opening of many opportunities for the Village and its tribal members.



Naatanii Nez Mayo (middle picture) means "Tall Leader" in Dine' was the "Student of the Month" in January 2009 at Delta Elementary where he is in 1st grade. **Shondiin Mayo** (far right picture) means "Sunshine" in Dine' – was "Student of the Month" for February 2009 at Delta Elementary where she is in the 4th Grade – she is pictured here with her Art teacher after receiving the Capitol Art Appreciation Award from the 2009 AK State Legislature for her artwork. Naatanii & Shondiin's parents are Randy & Violet Mayo.

Stevens Village Dancers performed at the March 2009 Festival of Native Arts:





**Cheryl Mayo-Kriska received the Daaga' Community Service Award
at the March 2009 Doyon Annual Meeting
in recognition of her service and commitment to her Alaska Native people and community**

Cheryl has committed herself to helping others throughout her career in the social service, counseling, & education fields with TCC, Ch'eghutsen', Stevens Tribal Council, & the Fairbanks School District (ANE) Alaska Native Education Department.

During her years as an ANE Native Student Counselor & Liaison at Lathrop H.S. and Ryan M.S., she has encouraged, mentored, and worked with many Alaska Native students in reaching their educational goals. She graduated from UAF in 2006 with an AAS degree in Children's Mental Health and has a Human Service Certificate; co-teaches and facilitates Human Service courses at UAF; has attended various workshops and classes; all of which complement her work experience in the overall social service field.

Cheryl currently works as a Graduation/Attendance Coach in which she deals with and works at increasing the graduation rate while alleviating drop-out rates of Alaska Native students within the school district. Her other job is an ICWA Caseworker in which she works with families and their children, within the mandates of the Indian Child Welfare Act of keeping native children under the jurisdiction of the Tribe.

Being who she is, an Alaska Native, she inherently has the resilient love, strength, & compassion in working with and for her people. Cheryl carries this with her always whether it's on or off the job as an ANE Graduation/Attendance Coach, as a UAF Human Services co-teacher, as an Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) Advocate/Caseworker, or as a member of the native community where she is role model for native values and activities, i.e. cooking traditional foods for a potlatch, carrying on subsistence food gathering, and counseling young people, families, & elders.

The Board of Directors & staff of Dinyee Corporation express our condolences to the family and friends of Dave Lacey, former Dinyee General Manager who have recently passed away:



Dave Lacey passed away on February 24, 2009 in Fairbanks after a courageous battle with cancer. Dave worked as General Manager for Dinyee for 20 years retiring in 2003. "Dave had tremendous respect for indigenous peoples' values and cultures, had many lifelong friends in the native community and worked tirelessly on economic stability, sovereignty, human rights and other Native issues both on and off the job". Thus his long-term dedication, perseverance, and service at Dinyee were a big part of his personal values as well as belief in working for the good of our people, the "Dinyeet Hot'Anna" (Canyon People). One friend admired how well he worked with the native elders, seeking their advice and knowledge and how he could "speak their language of the heart".

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION

**Dinyee Corporation of Stevens Village will hold its
Annual Meeting and Election of Directors at
1pm, Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Fairbanks.
(A light lunch will be served beginning at noon)**

The location and directions will be mailed with your ballot.

- **The corporation is seeking nominations to fill three positions on the Board of Directors whose term will expire in 2012.**
- **Qualifications: Candidates must be 18 years of age or older and be a voting shareholder of Dinyee Corporation.**

All interested parties should send **a letter stating their qualifications and intention to seek a Board of Directors position** to the Corporation: **mail to** P.O. Box 71372, Fairbanks, Ak 99707
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- **Nominations will be accepted until 5pm, Friday, May 8, 2009.**
- **Shareholder proposals for inclusion in the Agenda** should be submitted in writing to the Corporation. **Deadline is 5pm, Friday, May 8th, 2009**

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