

DINYEE NEWSLETTER JULY 2008

The Dinyee Annual Shareholders and Election of the Board of Directors meeting was held June 7, 2008 at the Westmark Hotel in Fairbanks. It was well attended and due to the proxies sent in and ballots voted at the meeting, a quorum was met; therefore, the three open Board seats were filled on the first round of voting. Incumbent's Randy Mayo and Mary Derry were re-elected and Stephanie Pitka was newly elected to the Board.

President, Randy Mayo, spoke about the need for the younger generation to take an interest and gain knowledge in the Corporation and tribal affairs, and the passing on of knowledge for the future generations. He also spoke about oil and gas development and the need for it while being good stewards of the land; and the potential impact on the Corporation, Stevens Village, and the traditional lands.

General Manager, Howard Taylor, gave his business report on ARI's (Alaska Reclamation, Inc.) lawn seeding, hydro-seeding contracts, & employment opportunities for shareholders and tribal members. He spoke about the property sale of the 4 lots in downtown Fairbanks and the Board's distribution of 7i money, which was allocated to specific areas by the Board of Directors.

Maureen Mayo, Shareholder Relations, gave a report on the completion of all outstanding shares and the Oil Spill team activity. Dewey Schwalenberg, Stevens Village Natural Resource Director, gave an update on the Bison Farm in Delta and the Buffalo Project application and survey, which is about providing a healthy protein alternative to store-bought meat, especially in areas of subsistence game shortages.

Three \$100 door prize drawings for those attending the meeting went to Clara Mayo, Marilyn Joseph, and Darlene Jensen. The \$250 drawing for mailing in her proxy went to Clara Journey.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT in order to receive your Annual Meeting notice & proxy, the newsletter, & other important correspondence in a timely manner!

Updated Mailing Addresses needed for: Chuckie Evans, Curtis Evans, Virgil Simon, Joann Sweetsir, Jessie Wallingford, Robert John, & Gail Dinwoodie.

2008 STOCK WILL DRIVE

If you would like to fill out your Stock Will or have questions about how to fill one out, contact Maureen Mayo, Dinyee Shareholder Relations at (907) 452-7162 or by e-mail at dinyeecorp@acsalaska.net.

Board of Directors Meetings

Shareholders are welcome to attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings, which will be held in Fairbanks at the Key Bank Building in Suite 402 at 1:00 pm on the following dates in 2008:

Saturday, Sept. 13

Saturday, Dec. 13

If your unable to attend the meetings and would like to stay informed, you may request a copy of meeting minutes from Dinyee.

Dinyee Corporation June 2008 Annual Meeting



Bonnie Mayo (L) & Darlene Jensen (R)



Clara Mayo (L) & Cora Rose Simon (R)



Chuck Evans (L) & Ronald John (R)



William Ben (L) & Eleanor Lewis (R).



(L to R) Robert & Reggie Joseph w/ their niece, Alleah Pitka



Giovanna Stevens & Josh Ortiz w/ their daughter, Paris. (R) Simon Matthew



Cheryl Mayo-Kriska & her family



Clara Mayo (L) & Zelma Axford (R)



(L-R) Shirley Bussdieker, Virginia Smoke, Bonnie Mayo



Harold Simon (L) & Marjorie Mayo (R)



Sam Pitka (L) & Willie Smoke (R)



Grandma Alice Smoke (L) & Yvonne Stevens (R) holding nephew, Evan.
Yvonne recently graduated from the TVC Certified Nursing Asst Program!

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Reggie Joseph (L) & Marilyn Joseph (R)



Stephen Matthew (L) & Harold Simon (R)



Re-elected to the Board: Mary Derry (L) & Randy Mayo (R)



(L-R) William Ben, Eleanor Lewis, Shirley Bussdieker, & Virginia Smoke



Stevens Village Natural Resources Director, Dewey Schwalenberg addressing shareholders



(L-R) Sam Pitka, Howard Taylor & Randy Mayo

Shareholder News:



Congratulations to Dylan Robertson who graduated From Hyndman H.S. in Hyndman, PA. His Grandmother is Elizabeth (Silver) Dennison, & his great-grandparents are the late Winthrop & Ellen Silver.



Tyler Simon (middle) is pictured playing at the Festival of Native Arts (February 2008) with the Young Native Fiddlers. She has played the violin since 4th grade & will be entering the 10th grade at Lathrop H.S. in Fairbanks. Tyler likes to read & has received awards for carrying a high G.P.A. Her parents are Cecille Simon & Mitch Demientieff, & her grandparents are Jennie Ortiz & Joe Burgess.



Ryder Allan Pitka was born to Billy & Laura Pitka on July 21, 2008 in Fairbanks. Little Ryder's grand parents are Cheryl Mayo-Kriskka & the late William "Billy" Pitka



Evin Mayo-Titus played baseball this summer in Fairbanks. His parents are Cari Mayo & Joel Titus & his grandparents are Maureen Mayo & Gary Atlla



Jason Tritt also played baseball this summer. His parents are Gary Mayo & Faith Tritt & his grandparents are Marjorie Mayo & the late Charles Mayo, Jr.

Congratulations to
Kevin Smoke & Nikkitta Holguin
 for the birth of their son:
Moses Sam Smoke
 Born on 5/22/08 in Fairbanks.

Yvonne Attla & Jason Zottola exchanged wedding vows on June 20, 2008 at St. Matthews in Fairbanks. Yvonne & Jason are pictured here surrounded by Yvonne's family from Stevens Village & Huslia. Her parents are Maureen Mayo and Gary Attla.



Tyrese Pitka-Johnson
 won the Baby Contest
 in the "Indian Skin" clothing category
 at the July 2008 World Eskimo Indian Olympics (WEIO) games
 in Fairbanks

His parents are Jenny Pitka and Timothy Johnson
 of Northway

His grandparents are Don and Sylvia Pitka and Terry and Joyce Albert of Northway.

His great-grandparents are Lillian Pitka & the late William Pitka of Stevens Village.

Tyrese's mother, Jenny Pitka, wrote about him:
He is 23 months old and he will be 24 months on the 29 of July. His Indian name means "Sharp Eye". He loves to dance and sing, he really loves his grandpa Don and grandma Sylvia. He also loves to be outside playing on his bike or at the playground & he is very friendly to others. When he won his prize, he bent down and kissed the third place and second place winners. Then when they gave him his award, he started to Indian dance holding his award. His great-great-grandma, Jessie Joe of Burrawash Landing, made the skin outfit and his grandma, Elaine Sam of Northway, made the Slippers he wore. He was born July 29 of 06 and weighed 9 lbs 14 oz 24 inches long.

(Although no picture was available at the time of this newsletter printing, please look forward to seeing Tyrese's photo in a future edition of the Dinyee newsletter).



Stephanie Pitka, newly elected Board Member, is a 20-something go-getter who represents the younger generation with leadership potential. She currently lives in Anchorage and works in the Accounting Dept. at Doyon Drilling. Stephanie previously attended UAF as an Accounting student and is now pursuing her degree at University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). Her and partner, Stewart Erhart, are avid basketball players and have played in tournaments and leagues in Fairbanks and Anchorage, while raising two active boys, Dylan (pictured below) and Stewart. She also likes to bead in the traditional Athabascan style and makes items such as gloves and slippers. Stephanie is excited about being elected to the Dinyee Board and sees it as a good learning experience, as well as a way to be involved and stay close to the larger Stevens Village family whom she loves.



Dylan Erhart, son to Stephanie Pitka and Stewart Erhart, is pictured here after winning 2nd Place in the 50-yard Dash at Alyeska's Annual Track & Field Day in Fairbanks in June 2008. He is quite the athlete and was recently awarded MVP for his soccer team in Anchorage.



Natasha Singh (2nd from left) submitted the following article on her educational accomplishments. In it, she offers encouragement and inspiration to young people seeking higher education.

"This picture was taken at my ceremony in Seattle June 2007. My aunt, Dorothy Lord-Matthew is on my right and my aunt Margaret Matthew is on my left with my mom Renee Singh. After I graduated I took the Alaska bar exam in July 2007 and passed. I began my judicial clerkship with Superior Court Judge Niesje Steinkruger in August 2007 and was appointed to clerk for the Supreme Court in December. In a few weeks my clerkship will end and I am currently seeking employment. In the future I want to pursue a practice in Federal Indian law.

For those young people who are interested in pursuing an education or are currently in school I suggest you find something that you are passionate about because it helps to focus on your studies. Going into school I did not know what I wanted to major in, but I found a genuine interest in the law while studying the history of Alaska Native politics. I hope to use my law degree to protect Alaska Native subsistence rights, tribal sovereignty and help to improve the well-being of Alaska Native peoples.

In the seven years of my education not one day of studying was easy, but both the day I graduated from college and the day I graduated from law school could be the best days I have experienced so far. Obtaining a degree was not only a personal success, but a success I shared with my entire family for they have supported me throughout the years, and I could not have done anything without them-I believe this is why graduating is so special. For those young people reading this article I encourage you to pursue an education. No one can ever take your degrees from you, a degree will always be something you cherish and it will provide you with a means to support your family. If anyone has questions for me regarding my education or my experience please feel free to email me at natashavsingh@gmail.com. Baasee"

From Your General Manager

It has been a busy summer so far for your Corporation. The Board voted in June to continue to pursue a letter of agreement with Doyon on exploring for gas and oil in our part of Yukon Flats. I am working hard to make sure that 1) all qualified shareholders and tribal members will have the opportunity to work, 2) Dinyee and Stevens Village receive a fair share of any money from this, 3) Dinyee and Stevens Village will provide services to companies operating there, and 4) we protect the land from damage, now and in the future. We have hired a separate legal firm who has helped many Native corporations with these types of energy issues to help us with these negotiations. There could be seismic studies coming as early as next year.

Alaska Reclamation is having a fairly good construction season (better than last year so far). We have projects to complete in Anvik, Point Lay, Chitina, the Alaska Highway below Tok, Van Horn Road here in Fairbanks, Fort Greely, and Eielson AFB. Our lawn seeding business has been slow to take off this year, mostly because I began the season with prices too high. I have made adjustments and also Sam Pitka has taken over as the primary contact man for lawn seeding. Sam has done an excellent job in this new area of ARI in addition to being one of our crew bosses on the out of the town jobs. To get us ready for this and other jobs, ARI has purchased an additional truck and small capacity seeder so we are well positioned and equipped to do business.

Alaska Reclamation is still in need of quality employees and we are taking applications. ARI is exploring some new areas of business that will keep us busy in the winter months as well. Of course ARI wants to be involved in any of the activity in the Yukon Flats! Applications are open to all tribal members and their families.

I hope you and your families are enjoying the summer. May you all have good luck fishing and may the berries be plentiful!

River Villages, Inc. - Oil Spill Response Team (OSRT)

The 2nd quarterly Oil Spill training was held June 15 - 21, 2008. It was at the PTA (Pipeline Training Academy), which enables team members to obtain their 40-hour Hazwoper (Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response) qualification with Alyeska would be qualified to work on an actual oil spill. Deborah George was the Foreman on this training and did an outstanding job.

This PTA involved a combination of classroom and field work. The field work involved the deployment of oil "Boom" onto the Yukon River. Boom is lengths of barrier that contains spilled oil in waterways so that it can be retrieved from the water. A "Boom Vane" was attached to the end of the Boom, which is a device that carries the Boom out into the river with the current and works without the use of a boat or anchor.



Left: Decon Station (used to clean personnel & equipment). (L-R) Natalie Pitka, Angela Smoke, Elizabeth Smoke, & Lee Ann Ivey.



Right: Team members & Alyeska staff getting ready to deploy the Boom in the Yukon River.



Team members & Alyeska staff looking out on the Boom & attached Boom Vane.



Relaxing after a hard days work. Rear L to R: Natalie Pitka & Lee Ann Ivey. Seated in front L to R: Kevin Smoke, Angela Smoke, & Elizabeth Smoke.

If you are interested in getting involved with the OSRT Team, you must be 18 years of age, be able to pass mandatory pre-employment drug testing, be in good physical condition, and live in Fairbanks or Stevens Village. Please contact Howard Taylor or Maureen Mayo for more information. At this time, RVI is taking applications but not actively hiring as the training roster is full. Your application will be put on a Wait List for when openings come up.

Shareholder News

If you would like to share news and photos on shareholder and descendents graduations, births, weddings, and other celebrations in the Dinyee newsletter, please e-mail us at dinyeecorp@acsalaska.net or call us at (907) 452-7162. You may also e-mail us if you would like to receive the Dinyee quarterly newsletter by e-mail.

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