

Fairbanks Native Association Highlights

Rooted in Culture and Community since 1964

Summer Issue 2014



Steve Ginnis with the 2014 FNA Princess Linda Rexford and the 2014 Miss FNA Chanda Simon

FNA sends a big 'Thank you'!

Annual Membership Meeting Results

- Welcome to the 2014 new and continuing board members: Roxanne Frank, Travis Cole, Lessa Peter, Rhonda Baker-Joseph, and youth representative: Linda Rexford
- Thank you to all those that came out and voted!

51st Annual FNA Potlatch

- Thank you for joining us at the potlatch! 500 people attended!
- Thank you to the hunters for the moose and the Kwik'pak Fisheries for the fish!
- Thank you to the cooks, servers, volunteers, and those that donated Native foods and other dishes
- Thank you to those that participated in the Miss FNA, Princess and Baby pageant and congratulations to the winners!
- More pictures inside this issue!



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Board of Directors

Dr. Poldine Carlo
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Brenda Krupa
Vice-President
Lessa Peter
Treasurer
Gerald "Jerry" Sam
Member
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Member
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Member
Susan Dayton
Member
Travis Cole
Member
Rhonda Baker-Joseph
Member

Steve Ginnis
Executive Director



Message from Executive Director, Steve Ginnis

With the arrival of the warmer weather we also welcome the arrival of the seasonal animals including the migratory birds and fish that help to sustain us throughout the winter months.

Congratulations to the new and returning FNA Board Members!



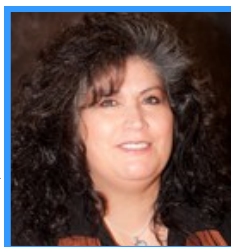
Roxanne Frank
President
2014-2017



Lessa Peter
Treasurer
2014-2017



Travis Cole
Member
2014-2017



Rhonda Baker-Joseph
Member
2013-2016

Congratulations to FNA Head Start 0-5 on their successful Federal Review!

Tri-Annually all federally funded Head Start and Early Head Start Programs are reviewed by a panel to ensure compliance with over 3500 Head Start mandates. With 97 areas of compliance to review the panel spent a week with our three Head Start and Early Head Start sites and staff members. We are proud to announce that out of 97 areas there were 94 areas of compliance and only 3 areas of concern. There were no deficiencies for the 2014 Federal Review.

Thank you to all of our wonderful Staff, Families, Policy Council and Board of Directors for your support and guidance throughout our review. Our FNA 0-5 Team appreciates this opportunity to serve and ensure that we are providing the best care for our children and families.

We look forward to serving all of the Fairbanks North Star Borough in the 2015 School Year.

Please contact us for enrollment opportunities today at 907-451-8814.



**Meet our FNA Board Youth Representative:
Linda Rexford**

We are proud to introduce Linda Rexford! Linda, Inupiaq and the daughter of Gerald and Donna Rexford, is sixteen years old and completed her junior at Effie Kokrine Charter School. Linda tells us, "I have been blessed with wonderful parents who have helped me to succeed in my life and taught me important cultural values such as respect for others, myself, and our environment. Although I have grown up in Fairbanks, outside of our Inupiaq community, I take part in cultural activities in our town and when I travel to Barrow. I understand that as an FNA Youth Representative, I have many important duties to fulfill. I am honored to voice the problems and opinions of our Fairbanks youth. FNA contributes so much to our people and helps with some of the biggest problems our Native people face, which is drug and alcohol abuse, and I would like to learn more about how the FNA does this." Linda enjoys playing basketball, beading, reading, artwork, and learning to speak Inupiaq.

Don't forget to wear your Life Jacket this summer!

FACT: An estimated 32% of fatal car crashes involve an intoxicated driver or pedestrian.

Despite increased public awareness, drinking and drugged driving continues:

- Nearly 13,000 people are killed each year in alcohol-related accidents
- Hundreds of thousands more are injured
- Alcohol-related crashes cost American taxpayers over \$100 billion
- Over 1.4 million arrests for DWI each year (less than 1% of 159 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving) and 780,000 are convicted
- Two-thirds of those sentenced to incarceration are repeat offenders

Other Vehicles- Not Just Automobiles: A growing number of alcohol-related crashes occur on water and snow while motor boating, jet-skiing and/or snowmobiling.



Congratulations Niki Guthrie!

Niki Guthrie, JOM Program Assistant, is the recipient of the 2014 Tanana Chiefs Conference Polly Hyslop Award for her leadership in sobriety.

Congratulations Ralph Manook!

Elder Ralph Manook received a Volunteer Award at the Senior Recognition day.



Congratulations Freda Williams on your 20 years of service to FNA!

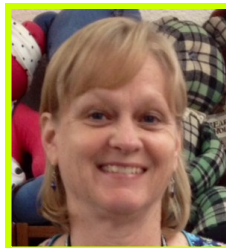
Freda Williams
Program Director
Community Services



A special graduation congratulations to FNA employees!



Jerri Lomax
Head Start
Degree: CDA
Early Childhood



Faith Miles
Head Start
Degree: CDA
Early Childhood

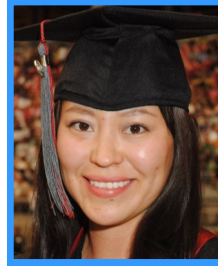


Riley Snow
Head Start
Degree: CDA
Early Childhood



Sherine Titus
Head Start
Degree: CDA
Early Childhood

A special graduation congratulations to FNA employees!



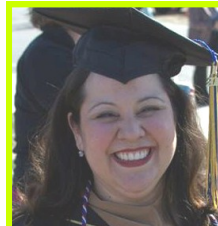
Twyla Cruger
FASAP Director
Degree: BSA
Business



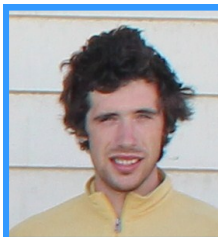
Esther Frykman
Community Services
Degree: AA
General



Robin Frank
Ralph Perdue Center
Degree: Certificate (CT)
Chemical Dependency



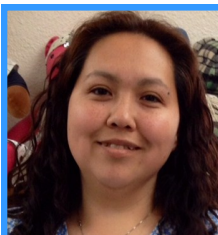
Maggie Matheson
Planning & Development
Degree: MBA
Business



Trevor Scott
JOM
Degree: Interdisciplinary
Program: STEM for
Education



Celanise Kozarik
GRAF
Degree: AA
Human Services



Deyone Shults
Head Start
Degree: CDA
Early Childhood



Get Out The Native Vote 2014

We encourage everyone to register, update registration, and cast your ballots in the 2014 election year!

Voting is the number one way citizens stay engaged and supportive of our communities and look after Native interests and this year is a critical election year for our people.

YOUR vote counts! YOU choose the leaders! YOU make an impact!

Remember to vote on the upcoming Election Dates:

*** August 19, 2014 Primary Election**

(register to vote by July 20, early voting begins August 4)

*** November 4, 2014 General Election**

(register to vote by October 5, early voting begins October 20)

Statewide seats up for election:

- U.S. Senate, currently Mark Begich
- US House of Representatives, currently Don Young
 - Governor, currently Sean Parnell
 - Lieutenant Governor, currently Mead Treadwell
- **ALL of the Alaska State House of Representatives (because of redistricting)**
- **14 of the 20 Senate seats are up for re-election**

There are important Ballot Measures that will need input from all Alaska residents!

Visit us at our booth and update your registration:

June 17-19 - Rural Providers Conference - Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall

July 7-11 - Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

July 16-19 - World Eskimo Indian Olympics - Carlson Center

July 17 - Get Out The Native Vote (GOTNV) Picnic - Growden Park

August 1-9 - Tanana Valley State Fair - Fairgrounds

September 8-12 - Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center

October 2 - Candidate Forum - Chief David Salmon Tribal Hall

**Planned event dates are subject to change.*

To register to vote, visit the Alaska Divisions of Elections website at: www.elections.alaska.gov, or contact GOTNV at gotnv@doyon.com.



Thank you to Julia Thorsness HOPEFUL CONNECTIONS

State employee Julia Thorsness, Coordinator for the Alaska Comprehensive Cancer Partnership, supported the Hopeful Connections support group with a \$4,000 sponsorship. The Alaska Comprehensive Cancer Partnership's vision is a "cancer free Alaska". They work statewide to support cancer survivorship education, cancer patient navigation and access to good care, being sure cancer clinical trials are available to all and that more people get their screenings for breast, cervical and colon cancer. Julia tells us, "Hopeful Connections Support Group is a beautiful example of what every Alaskan cancer survivor needs. A supportive place to share their story and a chance to support others. I am so impressed with everyone's love and care for each other. The beading is so very beautiful! We know that the life of survivors and their families improve when they have the opportunity to be a part of a group like this. Thank you all for your good work!" Join the Hopeful Connections Cancer Support Group on Saturdays 10AM at the FNA Community Services building located at 315 Wendell Ave.



Thank you JOM Tutors & Staff for an outstanding year!

The FNA Tutor Expansion Project has completed the second year of a three year grant. This project places additional JOM tutors in the schools to assist Alaska Native and American Indian (AN/AI) students at Anne Wien, Hunter, Woodriver, Ryan, Effie Kokrine, Lathrop, and West Valley. FNA expanded the tutoring program in order to serve students in more schools with the expectation to serve approximately 500 to 2,000 students over the life of the grant. To date, this program has exceeded goals and objectives in the first two years of implementation. FNA has provided highly qualified tutors with culturally and academically rich material and culturally appropriate methodologies to help students make meaningful connections between their academic work and their out-of-school experiences. The tutors have been very well received and their presence has had positive impacts on our youth in the targeted schools. Tutors are placed in schools that were ranked in order of greatest need; the number of AN/AI enrolled, Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports and the number of students with standard based assessments below and far-below proficiency. The students have warmed up to the tutors and have created positive relationships. Schools express their support of the tutors by stating: it is apparent that the tutors care about the children, they are very helpful, wish there were two of them (tutors), and they would like to have them the entire school day.

*"It would be wonderful if we could have the tutors every day of the week.
They are missed on the days that they are not in the classroom."*

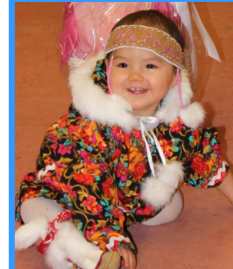


2014 FNA Annual Membership Meeting





FNA in our Community



Join the FNA TEAM!

Do you:

Want to make a difference in your
community?

Enjoy working with people?

**Apply online or in person to
work at FNA !**

www.fairbanksnative.org



**FAIRBANKS NATIVE
ASSOCIATION**

**FNA is proud to announce our
nominations for being a**

Family Friendly Workplace!

Programs that were nominated:

Administration

Early Head Start

Head Start

Tribal Home Visiting

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