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BETWEEN HARD ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

North Wind Construction helps Idaho's Silver Valley on road to recovery



› The city of Kellogg, Idaho, (in the distance) and the massive pile of mine tailings, known as the Central Impoundment Area, from the Bunker Hill Mine. Photo by Jason Moore.

When you live in Idaho's Silver Valley, toughness comes with the territory. For more than 100 years, the miners of this region drilled into the hard rock valley walls to access some of the deepest and richest underground silver mines the world has ever known.

While some mines remain in operation, most have long since closed. The giant smelter that spit more than 100 million tons of toxic metals into the air above the city of Kellogg closed in the 1980s. The skeletal remains of the silver boom are littered throughout the valley.

Residents of Kellogg, Wallace and other communities along the I-90 corridor still proudly reflect on the region's mining heritage. But confronting the legacy left by that industry requires a toughness every bit as challenging as muscling a jackleg drill 5,000 feet underground.

Scarred environment, collapsed economy

Along the main drag in the city of Kellogg, there is an eerie stillness broken only by an occasional passing car. For sale and for rent signs are unusually abundant. The population is down a third from what it was in 1980, before most of the silver mines closed.

Just west of Kellogg sits a massive 220-acre pile of mine tailings, remnants of the valley's largest mine, the Bunker Hill Mine. The waste rock is loaded with metals

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– KEVIN REDMOND, NORTH WIND CONSTRUCTION

– lead, cadmium, arsenic and zinc – that dissolve into the groundwater and drain into the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River. The soils surrounding Kellogg remain contaminated with lead from the tailings and smelter operation. Thirty years after the smelter closed, some hillsides still refuse to support vegetation following decades of acid rain.

Alarming high lead levels detected in area children finally prompted the federal government to intervene. In 1983, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declared the area around Kellogg and the Bunker Hill Mine a Superfund site, adding it to the National Priorities List of abandoned hazardous waste sites. It was later expanded to encompass the entire 45-mile valley and South Fork watershed, home to more than 300 mines and a mind-boggling clean-up effort.

Enter CIRI subsidiary North Wind Construction.

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WORK IT: FIREWEED BUSINESS CENTER PROVIDES SHAREHOLDER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

When CIRI shareholder Anthony Chudocken rides the elevator to the top of the work-in-progress that is the Fireweed Business Center, he looks down and sees the past, present and future.

"I remember this area when it used to have the Fireweed Theater, and the drive-in before that," he says. "I used to go there when I was a little guy. CIRI's Fireweed Business Center is a good upgrade for this area – I think it will be a good asset for CIRI."

Chudocken is often the first person on the job site, starting his day at 6:45 a.m. and operating the elevator that carries workers, equipment and material to each of the tower's eight floors. Employed by Davis Constructors and Engineers Inc., Chudocken is one of many CIRI shareholders and descendants for whom the new building has provided employment opportunities.

"Our goal is to promote and support CIRI shareholder and descendant hire for open positions associated with the Fireweed project," says Debra Ahern, senior director of CIRI Human Resources. "We're proactively collaborating with Davis Constructors and Engineers and the



› Davis Constructors and Engineers Inc. employee Anthony Chudocken operates the elevator that carries employees and equipment on the Fireweed Business Center construction site. Courtesy of Anthony Chudocken.

WORK IT CONTINUED ON PAGE 08

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

We are pleased to present the featured article, "Between Hard Rock and a Hard Place," in this edition of the *Raven's Circle* to better inform our shareholders about some of the exciting work our subsidiary companies are engaged in around the country – in this case, North Wind Construction Services. The work our company is doing in Idaho is helping to set the standard for large-scale environmental remediation.

Through proven expertise and professionalism, North Wind Construction is helping to repair decades of accumulated environmental contamination while significantly contributing to the revitalization of the northern Idaho economy. We're proud of the team's commitment to excellent work and dedication to the local community. These attributes have helped North Wind grow to become a nationally recognized contractor enabling numerous agencies to successfully accomplish their missions.

Like North Wind Construction, many of CIRI's companies that perform government contracting are witnessing an increase in the pace of work. This follows a couple of difficult years for this sector as inaction in Congress caused spending from the federal government to tighten.

As we have reported here and in the CIRI Annual Report, failure by Congress to pass a budget and adoption of mandatory budget cuts, known as sequestration, forced a slowdown in government contracting. The resulting uncertainty compelled federal agencies to slow their projects, and resulting contract opportunities.

Late last year, Congress finally passed a budget, giving federal agencies the resources necessary to complete mandated federal work. The polarization we see in

Congress has been frustrating to watch, and hopefully the worst of the federal budget battles are behind us.

CIRI realizes that solving the political divisions in our federal government is out beyond our control. That is why our government contractors are striving to do all they can to ensure that our long-term success is not left to the whims of a political stalemate in Washington, D.C. We know this is best accomplished by delivering excellent quality in our work, building a solid reputation with our clients and having the flexibility to respond quickly to changing market conditions.

In Alaska, this strategy has proven successful with Weldin Construction. Led by CIRI shareholder Dick Weldin, Weldin Construction remains a premier contractor on Alaska military bases. Our military clients can be confident the projects will be completed on time, on budget, with exceptional quality. Weldin's reputation is built on a proven track record that is rewarded with additional opportunities. CIRI's new company Silver Mountain Construction is beginning to chart a similar course, and we're excited to see the company embark on its first major project this year at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks.

Whether these companies operate in Alaska or the Lower 48, the overall mission remains the same – to generate revenues that support greater dividends for shareholders and strengthen CIRI for long-term success.

Finally, the fall season is upon us and that means the November general election is approaching. A strong Alaska Native turnout at the polls is important for CIRI, and I would like to encourage all of you to make sure you are registered to participate in the upcoming election. **For Alaska residents, the deadline to register to vote or update your registration is Oct. 5.**



PHOTO BY YUIT, LLC.

HIGHLIGHTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Many of CIRI's companies that engage in government contracting are witnessing an increase in the pace of work.
- Weldin Construction remains a sought-after contractor on Alaska military bases, while North Wind Construction is helping to repair decades of environmental contamination in Idaho, and Silver Mountain Construction is embarking on its first major project this year at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks.

If you live outside Alaska, I encourage you to inquire with your state's department of elections to ensure that your registration is up-to-date.

While it's sad to see the summer coming to an end, I look forward to visiting with many of you at the upcoming Friendship Potlatches this fall.

Sophie Minich

FOR ALASKA SHAREHOLDERS VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 5

To learn more, visit the State of Alaska website at http://elections.alaska.gov/vi_vr_how.php. To learn more about the **Get Out the Native Vote campaign**, visit <http://www.aknativevote.com>.

KOAHNIC, KNBA TO BROADCAST AFN LIVE

CIRI shareholder selected as co-keynote speaker

For the nineteenth consecutive year, KNBA will provide live coverage of the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Convention proceedings, Oct. 23 through Oct. 25, broadcasting from the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage to public stations across Alaska.

KNBA President and CEO and CIRI shareholder Jaclyn Sallee (Iñupiaq) said, "KNBA is proud to offer this award-winning broadcast that connects Native communities throughout Alaska. This year's AFN Convention theme, 'Rise As One,' reflects the call for unity in the Native community from last year's conference. The broadcasts will carry the convention's discussions about working together and meeting our challenges to listeners statewide."

KNBA's AFN live gavel-to-gavel convention coverage will be hosted by KNBA News Director Joaqlin Estus (Tlingit). National Native News Anchor Antonia Gonzales (Navajo) hosts the award-winning "Alaska's Native Voice" live panel discussion from the convention for an hour each day at mid-day. Once again, KNBA will produce special five-minute convention updates each day in English, Athabascan, Inupiaq, Tlingit and Yup'ik.

In recognition of their efforts to unite and strengthen communities, CIRI shareholder Miriam Aarons and Anchorage resident Mao Tosi have been selected to co-present this year's keynote address. The keynote address will take place on Thursday, Oct. 23.

KNBA, the nation's only urban, Native public radio station, is operated by Koahnic Broadcast Corporation. Learn more at KNBA.org.



KNBA News Director Joaqlin Estus. Photo courtesy of Koahnic Broadcast Corporation.

Listen to the AFN proceedings online or on your mobile device at KNBA.org or NV1.org, or by tuning in to your local public radio station.





PHOTO BY JOEL IRWIN

Gretchen Sagan
The art in vulnerability

Imagine a seal slicing through frigid water, climbing through fathoms toward a hole in the ice. Just before he breaks the surface to take a breath: This is the moment that interests CIRI shareholder Gretchen Sagan (Iñupiaq).

“It’s an extreme case of vulnerability – the seal could be harpooned or swatted by a polar bear – but coming up for air is still essential to its survival,” Sagan describes.

Her latest collection of paintings, a series she calls “Coming Up for Air,” explores those moments of vulnerability that we experience when we transition from one situation to the next. She completed the series while serving as an artist-in-residence at the Santa Fe Art Institute – a residency that was made possible by the new Rasmuson Foundation Artist Residency Program.

In “Coming Up for Air,” Gretchen worked in acrylics on birch panels, and used simple forms, lines and voids to evoke landscapes and sea life.

“My Native heritage is intrinsic to my work,” she says. “It defines how I see the world. I’m inspired by our Native sense of direction, perception, distance and how we cross real and imaginary lines.”

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– GRETCHEN SAGAN

Gretchen is keenly aware of how we make ourselves vulnerable through travel. Having grown up in Anchorage, she attended college in Estonia as a young woman to gain a classical European art education. “I was the only American, the only Alaska Native,” she recalls. “I was very different from the onset, so I felt like I had to work harder and prove myself to gain acceptance. It was a great experience.”

Scholarships from The CIRI Foundation (TCF) helped fund Gretchen’s bachelor of fine arts degree from the Estonian Art Academy in Estonia; for two summers, she gave back by working as a TCF intern, helping other shareholders and descendants apply for scholarships. “I was fortunate to be a TCF award recipient,” Gretchen shares. “I’m indebted to CIRI for supporting my education and my profession.”

Later, in 2004 when then CIRI president and CEO Carl Marrs retired, Gretchen was given the

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED ON PAGE 06

CITC’S NEVER ALONE TO LAUNCH IN NOVEMBER

Get a sneak peek at the 2014 Elders and Youth Conference

“Gather close and I will tell you an unipkaa, a story that has been passed to me from generations past.”

How many stories have started with similar words? For Alaska Native people, storytelling has long been a method for preserving culture, sharing wisdom and passing on tradition. Now, with the first commercial video game ever to explore the world of Alaska Native people, Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) is bringing storytelling to a whole new platform.

“The big event this month is that we will be demonstrating portions of the game at the Elders and Youth Conference Oct. 20 thru Oct. 21.”

– PITA BENZ

Never Alone (Kisima Ingitchuna), which will be released in November and is available for preorder in late October, was developed by CITC partner E-Line Media in cooperation with Iñupiat elders, storytellers, linguists, artists, youth and cultural advisors. Together, they created a first-of-its-kind, 1- to 2-player video game designed to appeal to gamers across generations.

Featuring two controllable characters, *Never Alone* is set in the harsh but beautiful Arctic, where the

environment becomes part of the game. Players solve puzzles that require both characters to work together to progress through levels that feature interviews with elders and traditional Iñupiaq art and language.

The game is already garnering attention from media outlets like National Public Radio, Smithsonian.com and gaming-specific sites, but CIRI shareholders attending the 2014 First Alaskans Institute’s Elders and Youth Conference can get a sneak peek into the world of *Never Alone*.

“The big event this month is that we will be demonstrating portions of the game at the Elders and Youth conference Oct. 20 thru Oct. 21,” said Pita Benz, CITC vice president of Social Enterprise. “All delegates should come by and check it out!”

CITC President and CEO Gloria O’Neill will also make a presentation during the conference about the collaborative and inclusive process used to develop *Never Alone*.

The Elders and Youth Conference will take place at Anchorage’s Dena’ina Center. Conference tickets are available online at www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-elders-youth-conference-tickets-12065705851.

To learn more about *Never Alone*, visit www.neveralongame.com.

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▶ A glimpse into Never Alone. Courtesy of CITC and Upper One Games.

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STOCK WILL PRIZE WINNER

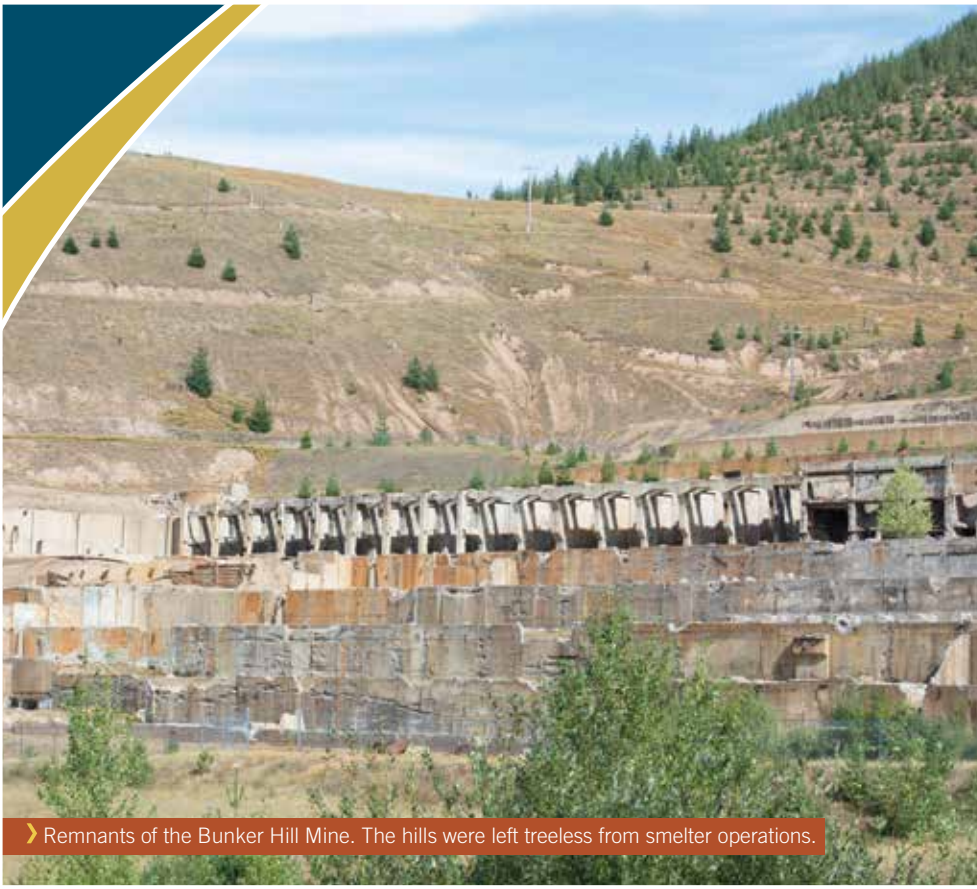
The winner of the Aug. 2014 \$200 Stock Will Participation Prize is **Jennifer Lee Stephan**. Shareholders will have two more opportunities to win an Apple iPad Mini in 2014, with drawings conducted for the quarters ending Sept. 30 and Dec. 31.

To be eligible for the \$200 monthly prize drawings and the quarterly drawings for an iPad Mini with Retina display, you must have a valid will on file in CIRI’s Shareholder Relations Department and your will must comply with CIRI’s fractional share policy. The CIRI Stock Will form, instructions and information on the fractional share policy may be found on the CIRI website.

DO YOU HAVE A VALID STOCK WILL ON FILE?

As of August 26, **2,584 CIRI shareholders** did not have stock wills on file at CIRI. There are issues with the stock wills of an additional 416 shareholders, and these shareholders have been so advised. Contact CIRI’s probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 and select option 4 to verify whether you have a will on file.





› Remnants of the Bunker Hill Mine. The hills were left treeless from smelter operations.



› North Wind employees decontaminate a dump truck as it leaves the Big Creek Repository.

HARD ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 01

Growing to meet demand

North Wind Construction set up shop in the Silver Valley 11 years ago after securing a federal contract to perform remediation work. At that time the company had three employees based at its office along Big Creek Road, less than a mile from the legendary Sunshine Mine just east of Kellogg. The Sunshine Mine was once recognized as one of the world's most profitable silver mines, but it also carries the unshakable stigma as the site of one of the worst mining disasters in American history. In 1972, a fire at the mine claimed the lives of 91 miners who suffocated 3,000 feet underground.

After living in the Silver Valley for nearly two decades, North Wind Construction President Kevin Redmond has learned to navigate the sensitivities of local residents who, despite the massive contamination, fondly refer to the Bunker Hill Mine as "Uncle Bunker," and blame the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and federal government for destroying their livelihood.

"It's a very close-knit community; outsiders are really not welcome," Redmond said. "I've lived here for 17 years, and it took about half of those years to really feel comfortable here."

Now with 53 employees, North Wind Construction has grown into one of the valley's major clean-up contractors, managing four large repositories for contaminated mine waste. The pace at the repositories is constant. Large dump trucks collect contaminated mine tailings from throughout the valley and arrive every few minutes to dump their loads. Every few minutes, another load. Every day. Millions of cubic yards of waste have accumulated at the repositories, with the goal to consolidate and manage it more effectively to reduce human health risks and improve water quality.

The scope of the contamination is difficult to comprehend. Over the years, contaminated rock was used as property fill and in road construction. The finer tailings were used to sand icy roads in the winter. Flood waters dispersed the waste widely, to as far away as Lake Coeur d'Alene 40 miles away. On the roadways, in the rivers and on people's property – the metal contamination is everywhere.

North Wind Construction also oversees a program for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to remediate private and public properties that have been contaminated with historic mine wastes. Contractors strip the top foot of contaminated earth and replace it with clean soil at no cost to the homeowner or business. More than 6,000 properties have already been remediated.

HARD ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, CONTINUED ON PAGE 05

NORTH WIND IN THE SILVER VALLEY



› Heavy equipment operates at the Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area.



› The Sunshine Mine, located near North Wind Construction's office, and the site of a fire that claimed the lives of 91 miners in 1972.



› North Wind Safety Manager Woody Sweet (left) and Coeur d'Alene Trust Program Manager Dan Meyer survey work at the Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area.

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– DAN MEYER, COEUR D'ALENE TRUST



› North Wind Construction's office along Big Creek Road outside of Kellogg.

PHOTOS BY JASON MOORE.

HARD ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 04

Moving mountains

In 2009, a settlement with the American Smelting and Refining Company provided \$436 million for clean-up in the Silver Valley. To hold and administer the funds, the Coeur d'Alene Trust was established, and with the help of North Wind Construction, has created one of the most ambitious projects yet: the East Fork Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area.

The Ninemile Waste Consolidation Area is a 20-acre patch of land high in the mountains that has been blasted and contoured to handle the contaminated waste rock from several mines lower in the drainage. The project seeks to eliminate a major source of metal contamination in the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River.

North Wind Construction built the site and now manages it. Dump trucks large enough to haul a small house bring as many as 200 loads of tailings a day from the mine sites, where bulldozers spread it out. When the site is full it will be capped and will become, literally, a mountain of mine waste, locking the tailings deep underground.

The Coeur d'Alene Trust expects to spend about \$20 million a year on clean-up efforts. Managed like an endowment, the Trust is hopeful the settlement funds can extend 20 years or longer.

"The goal is to earn more money than we spend, which is currently what we're doing," said Dan Meyer of the Coeur d'Alene Trust, who spent the previous 30 years working for the mines. "The Trust currently has \$100 million more than what we started with."

Patient progress

Despite the sheer enormity of the problem, there are indications the Silver Valley is coming back.

"I remember years ago driving through the valley and thinking, 'My goodness, a bomb went off in this place,'" said Kevin Redmond. "In the 17 years I've been

here, I've seen noticeable improvements. Lots more vegetation, all the residential and commercial properties getting re-landscaped. It's nice to be part of it."

The hills that rise south of Kellogg used to look like a barren wasteland. As late as 1995, there were no trees and no vegetation. But an aggressive re-vegetation effort by the mine and soil treatments by the EPA have led to a forest with 30-foot-high white pine trees covering the slopes.

The children of Kellogg, who regularly receive blood tests, no longer show dangerously high lead levels in their systems. Most of the property owners in the city have had the soil remediated around their homes. And the EPA is aggressively funding a program to repave area roads, hauling the contaminated asphalt to the repositories.

The South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River remains a concern. But it, too, has seen dramatic improvements.

"I can remember as a kid coming up to the valley, you stayed out of the South Fork. It was called Lead Creek," recalls Dan Meyer. "The tailings from the mine used to dump directly into the South Fork and it ran kind of a milky gray color. Just thick."

The waters are clear today but still test high for metal contamination, which remains a primary focus of the EPA and the Coeur d'Alene Trust. The two major contributors to the contamination are Ninemile Creek, which is being addressed by the new Waste Consolidation Area that North Wind built, and the 220-acre tailings pile just west of Kellogg known as the Central Impoundment Area (see photo on page 1).

"There's large-scale groundwater moving off the South Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River in the city of Kellogg," said EPA's Ed Moreen. "It's the number one loader of zinc and cadmium to the South Fork." Zinc is a killer for macroinvertebrates that fish feed on,

Moreen said. Because of that, the South Fork remains nearly void of aquatic life.

The agency's next big project is to install a series of groundwater wells below the Central Impoundment Area and pump the contaminated water to a renovated water treatment facility before discharging the clean water into the river.

Still, many residents in the area hesitate to embrace the clean-up efforts, clinging to the way of life they used to know – easy-to-find jobs in the brute, underground world that defined this valley for a century.

Kevin Yrjana, a project manager with North Wind Construction who grew up in Kellogg and spent time in the mines, has his own theory about the attitude in the valley. "It's a generational thing," he says. "The mining lifestyle was ingrained in the community for so long, it will take a younger generation who sees the world differently to be able to embrace what becomes the next chapter for the Silver Valley."

Meanwhile, Kevin Redmond knows that each new hire incrementally changes the prevailing local attitude. Ninety percent of North Wind Construction's employees are local residents. While the contamination itself has been a multi-generational blight, it also has brought opportunity. Between the EPA, the Coeur d'Alene Trust, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and others, the clean-up efforts bring more than \$30 million a year to the Silver Valley. This revenue stream is expected to continue for the next 20 years and likely much longer.

"Uncle Bunker" left town more than 30 years ago. The mining companies carted off an estimated \$6 billion in metals from the Silver Valley, largely due to the gritty toughness of the local residents who endured hardships that most would not begin to consider. But today, the residents continue to confront what is perhaps their toughest challenge yet: change. ☰

When CIRC mail is returned as undeliverable, the CIRC records are placed on hold and any distributions are held pending receipt of a valid address. The address on the CIRC records must match the address on file with the United State Postal Service to prevent mail from being returned to CIRC. **The third quarter dividend address change deadline is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22.** Shareholders can fill out the change of address form at CIRC's offices, download it from the CIRC website or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and the last four digits of their social security number.

As of 09/16/2014

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opportunity to paint his portrait, which hangs in the CIRC Building today alongside the portraits of other past CIRC presidents.

That portrait was a small step outside of Gretchen's comfort zone; her usual work is abstract, creating impressions or evoking emotions, rather than representing real objects or figures.

"Some people might see my work and say, 'I don't get it,'" she explains. "But if people connect with it or feel something about it, that's what I care about."

Her residency culminated in April with a show at the South Bay Contemporary Gallery in California. This month, from Sept. 5 through Sept. 28, Gretchen's "Coming Up for Air" collection appears at Anchorage's Alaska Humanities Forum during the Humanities and Art Series. Visit www.sagan-art.com to learn more about Gretchen and to view some of her work. ☰

HIGHLIGHTS SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

- CIRC shareholder Gretchen Sagan served as an artist-in-residence at the Santa Fe Art Institute, a residency that was made possible by the Rasmuson Foundation.
- Her collection appears at Anchorage's Alaska Humanities Forum during the Humanities and Art Series from Sept. 5 through Sept. 28.
- Gretchen painted the portrait of CIRC president and CEO Carl Marrs that hangs in the CIRC Building alongside the portraits of other past CIRC presidents.

Joann F. Banks, 65

Joann F. Banks passed away June 24 at home in Wooster, Ohio. Ms. Banks was born June 11, 1949, in Seattle, Wash. She is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Tracie and Brent Bass, and Tina and Archie Harris; grandchildren, Catherine Harris, Stormie Banks, Caitlyn Harris, Cassidy Harris, Sydney Miles, Cayleen Harris and Jason Coley; and great-grandson, Landon Banks Riscile.

Robert Jason Groller, 45

Robert Jason Groller passed away July 24 at Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Mr. Groller was born Dec. 11, 1968, in Anchorage. He is survived by his parents, Alfred and Janice Groller; sisters, Carolee Johannes and Kelly Groller; and brother, Randy Groller.

Kenny J. Kankanton, 49

Kenny J. Kankanton passed away June 25 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Kankanton was born Sept. 3, 1964. He is survived by his son, Rollin Kankanton; mother, Irene (Larry) Harwell; sisters, Georgia Erickson, Caroline (Douglas) Finney and Laura (Don) Mulligan; brothers, Harold and Allen Kankanton; foster brother, Father Michael (Dolly Ann) Trefon; sister-in-law, Eva Kankanton; 17 nieces and nephews; and 15 great-nieces and nephews.

Ronald Kelly Mullins, 51

Ronald Kelly Mullins passed away Aug. 6 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Mullins was born July 6, 1963, in Nome, Alaska. He is remembered for his willingness to lend a helping hand and spent his free time camping and fishing,



his favorite spots being the Russian River and Chitina River. He also had a love for high performance vehicles from the Chrysler Corporation. Mr. Mullins is survived by his mother, Alma Mullins; daughter, Jennifer Mullins; brother, Michael Mullins; sisters, Michelle and Cherise Mullins; step-brother, Bill Nayokpuk; step-sister, Debra Nayokpuk; granddaughters, Keelia and Keira Krick; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Irene Marie Nielsen, 52

Irene Marie Nielsen passed away July 31 at Granny's Log Cabin in Wasilla, Alaska. Ms. Nielsen was born Aug. 3, 1961, in Anchorage. She enjoyed fishing, gardening, playing Apples to Apples with friends and family, laughing and cruising around in nice cars with her husband, her best friend for 36 years. She is remembered for her contagious laugh that affected everyone and for the many family traditions she passed down to her daughters. She is survived by her husband, Sterling Nielsen; daughters, Sheila Woods and Shala Cravens; and four grandchildren.



Condolences

Ronald George Alexander, 56 Emma Sanguinetti, 90
Henry Joseph Bartels, 53 Timothy A. Twitchell, 67
Andrew Raymond Newlon, 46 Patricia Mae Wade, 69

CHICKALOON STORYTELLER AND ACTIVIST REMEMBERED

Family and friends gathered Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Ya Ne Dah Ah School in Chickaloon, Alaska, to celebrate the life of CIRC shareholder Patricia Mae Wade, a member of the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council and an Ahtna Athabascan storyteller, mother, writer and activist, who passed away in Seattle, Wash., on July 31, at the age of 69, while visiting her son Dimi Macheras and adopted daughter Kelly Wooster.

Patricia Wade was a fixture in school classrooms in Chickaloon and Anchorage, and throughout the Mat-Su Valley, sharing Alaska Native culture through storytelling.

After working for the Tribe for several years beginning in 1995, it became clear to Wade that Ahtna history and storytelling was a disappearing craft in the Matanuska-Susitna area. To share the Ahtna history and cultural stories with others, Patricia enlisted her son's artistic talent to illustrate several legends. Patricia began taking the presentations into the schools and community and their new blend of talents combined the old ways of storytelling with modern technology to add a new dimension of excitement. "She made it okay to be Alaska Native in the school system," said niece and CIRC shareholder Lisa Wade in a Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman article.

On a recent trip to Chickaloon, CIRC employees were treated to the fruits of Patricia's efforts when a classroom full of students eagerly shared the songs she had taught them. They sang in Ahtna and danced, displaying the pride in their culture they'd learned from Patricia.

"She taught them self-esteem," Lisa Wade said. "She was a champion for everyone."



COURTESY OF CIRC SHAREHOLDER LISA WADE.

"She taught them self-esteem. She was a champion for everyone."

— LISA WADE

Patricia Wade was born in Palmer on Aug. 17, 1945, to Richard Wade and culture bearer Katherine Wickersham Wade, who started the Ya Ne Dah Ah School in 1992. After graduating from Palmer High School, Patricia explored several careers, including working as a secretary, a business owner, a writer, a musician and a storyteller. She worked for the Chickaloon Village Traditional Council as editor of The Chickaloon News. ☰

ATTENTION SHAREHOLDERS AND DESCENDANTS

Telephone survey and focus groups

This fall, CIRI will launch a telephone survey and host several focus groups, each of which will be conducted by Craciun Research Group, Inc. This is an opportunity for shareholders to share with CIRI opinions on a variety of topics. Please note: Not every shareholder will be contacted. The survey firm will select an appropriate random sample size.

If you are contacted and have questions or concerns about the legitimacy of the phone call, please call CIRI Shareholder Relations at 907-263-5191 or 1-800-764-CIRI.

CIRI thanks you, in advance, for your participation in this valuable feedback opportunity.



First Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar CIRI SHAREHOLDERS, DESCENDANTS AND ALASKA NATIVE ARTISTS!

Thursday, Dec. 4, and Friday, Dec. 5
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2525 C Street, first floor lobby and conference center

CIRI is seeking shareholders, descendants and Alaska Native people to showcase and sell their handmade Alaska Native arts and crafts during CIRI's First Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar. The bazaar will be held on Thursday, Dec. 4, and Friday, Dec. 5, at the CIRI building, located at 2525 C Street.



The event is open to the public and will host approximately 15 artists per day, selling a range of unique and gorgeous handmade Alaska Native arts and crafts items such as hand woven baskets, kuspuks, acrylic paintings, holiday ornaments and more!

Contact Carolyn Bickley, Front Desk Coordinator, no later than Oct. 31 to register as a vendor for the event at (907) 274-8638. Preference will be given to CIRI shareholders and descendants.

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You've probably already liked CIRI on Facebook, but did you know you can follow CIRI on Twitter, too?

Follow @CIRI today for a chance to win a special prize!

If the @CIRI Twitter account reaches 300 followers by Oct. 31, we'll randomly select one lucky shareholder from those followers to win a CIRI logo waterproof bag.

So get out your phone, iPad or computer and follow @CIRI today for the latest CIRI news!



Sign up for Twitter: all it takes is an email address, then follow @CIRI.



Share your announcement in the newsletter

Shareholders and descendants may submit an announcement or achievement for consideration to include in the newsletter by dropping it off to the CIRI reception desk at 2525 C Street, Suite 500, Anchorage, AK, e-mailing it to info@ciri.com or by mailing it to the attention of:

CIRI Newsletter, CIRI
P.O. Box 93330
Anchorage, AK 99509-3330



SHAREHOLDEREVENTS

SAVE THE DATE CIRI, TCF FRIENDSHIP POTLATCHES

It's that time of year again! CIRI and The CIRI Foundation's annual Friendship Potlatches are just around the corner, so mark your calendars.

First held in 1985, the Friendship Potlatches offer CIRI shareholders an opportunity to socialize and celebrate important cultural traditions with family and friends. Every year, the potlatch program includes cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, CIRI-affiliated nonprofit information booths, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native foods.

Please RSVP and help CIRI plan for enough food for attendees and their families: Visit www.ciri.com/RSVP to RSVP online or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-CIRI and choose option 5.

CIRI shareholders who are interested in displaying or selling arts and crafts can email info@ciri.com or call (907) 263-5113 for more information.

KENAI FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Saturday, Oct. 11
Kenai Middle School
Kenai, Alaska
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
RSVP by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3

ANCHORAGE FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Sunday Oct. 19
Clark Middle School (new location)
Anchorage, Alaska
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
RSVP by 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13

NORTHWEST FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Saturday, Nov. 8
Chief Leschi School
Puyallup, Wash.
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
RSVP by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

CIRI shareholder Dorothy C. Bismark and Joseph "Ben" Peters were married on July 27 at Saint Innocent Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Anchorage. Father Jonah Andrew performed the service. Dorothy is the daughter of CIRI shareholders Tania Bismark and the late Frederick T. Bismark Sr. of Tyonek, Alaska. Ben is the son of the late George and Axinia Peters of Holy Cross, Alaska. They have one son, Derek.



➤ Dorothy and Ben Peters. Courtesy of Dorothy Peters.

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subcontractors assigned to the project to recruit shareholders and descendants. And we'll continue to do so as subcontractors have additional hiring needs on the project."

"I remember this area when it used to have the Fireweed Theater, and the drive-in before that. The Fireweed Business Center is a good upgrade for this area – I think it will be a good asset for CIRI."

– ANTHONY CHUDOCKEN

The department's efforts to broaden shareholder and descendant employment are part of CIRI's comprehensive commitment to deepening the company's engagement with its shareholders.

Twenty-one-year-old CIRI shareholder Christopher Raduege had just finished studying industrial electricity at the Alaska Vocational Technical Center, with help from The CIRI Foundation, when he was hired by Redi Electric as a material handler on the Fireweed Business Center project. Redi Electric was one of several companies that set a goal of 70 percent Alaska Native hire for this project. To date, companies involved with the Fireweed Business Center project have achieved 41.6 percent Alaska Native hire.

"I move pretty much everything the journeymen and apprentices need on the job," describes Raduege, who will move on to an IBEW apprenticeship once this job ends. "The building is going to be really cool once it's all done, and to know that I helped construct the building my Native corporation owns – I take pride in that." 

4TH ANNUAL Elizabeth Peratrovich Legal Clinic

Friday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Alaska Federation of Natives Convention
Dena'ina Center, Anchorage
RSVP to epclc@alaskabar.org

In honor of civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich, volunteer lawyers will assist Alaska Federation of Natives Convention attendees and other Alaska Native people by appointment with civil legal issues including family law, difficulties with receiving public benefits, safe housing, consumer issues and completing a simple will. The Alaska Native Justice Center, a CIRI-founded nonprofit, is cosponsoring the event. For questions about this event, please contact the Alaska Bar Association at (907) 272-7469.

In conjunction with this event, CIRI representatives will be present to assist CIRI shareholders with completing a CIRI stock will.

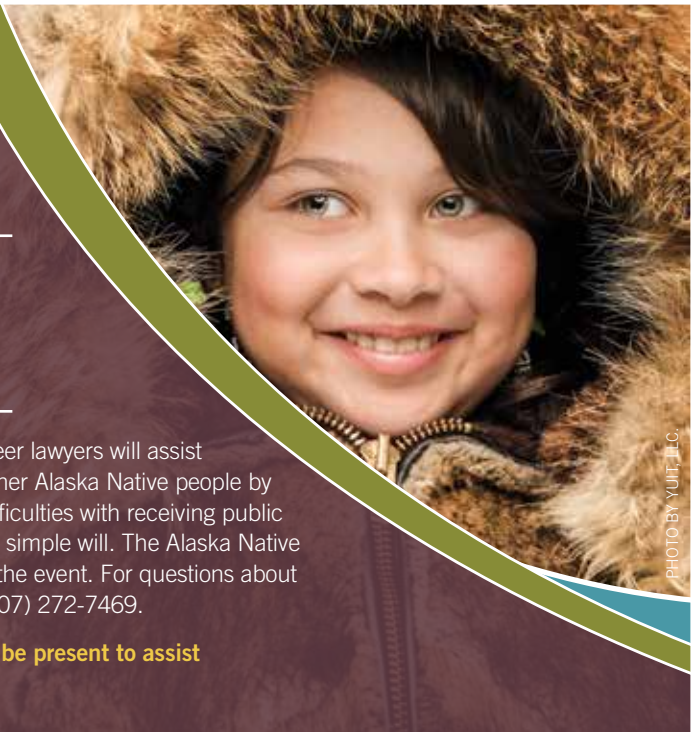


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SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION BREAKS GROUND ON ITS NUKA INSTITUTE

In July, Southcentral Foundation (SCF) broke ground on its new Nuka Institute building, which is slated to open by winter 2015 or early 2016. Located on the Alaska Native Health Campus in Anchorage's University-Medical District, the project – a three-story, 59,000-square-foot facility – was made possible in part by a major grant award from the Rasmuson Foundation, with additional funding from the State of Alaska and SCF, including start-up funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.


"Southcentral Foundation is responding to tremendous demand for training on the health care system it pioneered," said Diane Kaplan, Rasmuson Foundation president. "Like the Dental Health Aid Therapist program, Nuka is an example of Alaska innovation that can be replicated around the state and country to solve one of the biggest challenges of our time: improving health while containing costs."

Once open, the Nuka Building will house the SCF Nuka Institute; a therapy center to serve the growing needs of SCF's Family Wellness Warriors Initiative; and space for the growth of Learning Circle opportunities as a core service option for approaching better health and wellness. The new facility will also include group therapy rooms, administrative offices

and training rooms where health care professionals and educators can learn more about SCF's Nuka System of Care, a customer-owned health care system that focuses on whole-person wellness.

Part of the Rasmuson Foundation funding will support the development of curriculum and training programs, helping to enable the SCF Nuka Institute to support organizations throughout Anchorage and

Alaska. The reach of the award-winning Nuka System has extended far beyond Alaska as other institutions, from Harvard Medical School to CareOregon, have implemented core tenets of the system.

Congratulations to SCF on the groundbreaking of this exciting new building and its commitment to improving the health and well-being of Alaska Native people! 



➤ SCF President and CEO Katherine Gottlieb, members of the SCF board of directors and Rasmuson Foundation President Diane Kaplan during the Nuka Institute building groundbreaking ceremony. Photo courtesy of SCF.