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## OVERVIEW OF SETTLEMENT TRUST AFTER 2017 TAX ACT

### Recently passed legislation paves the way for ANCs to generate tax-exempt distributions and other benefits

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Amendments of 1987 permit Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) to establish settlement trusts, which were designed as a mechanism for replacing or supplementing corporate dividends. In 2003, CIRI shareholders passed a resolution calling for the establishment of an irrevocable trust to benefit CIRI Elders, and the CIRI's Elders' Settlement Trust was established shortly thereafter. However, due to certain prohibitions posed by the Internal Revenue Service tax code, few ANCs, including CIRI, have established settlement trusts to deliver broad-based benefits to their shareholders.

This is starting to change. Thanks to the 2017 Tax Cuts Jobs Act (Tax Act), ANCs may now place assets in a settlement trust on an effectively pre-tax basis. The resulting tax savings could help to finance trust benefits, which can include shareholder distributions, including Elders' distributions and other initiatives promoting the health, education and welfare of trust beneficiaries.

#### 'An Extraordinary Achievement'

CIRI shareholder and former CIRI president and CEO Carl Marrs, who now serves as CEO of Old Harbor Native Corp., hails the Alaska Native provisions of the Tax Act as "an extraordinary achievement that will provide maximum benefit to the shareholders of Alaska Native corporations."

The Tax Act – signed into law in December 2017 – made several significant changes to the IRS tax code, including a reduction in the tax rates applicable to corporations.

Prior to its passage, Marrs and others had advocated to include an amendment allowing ANCs to transfer cash and/or assets to their settlement trusts on a pre-tax basis, while at the same time allowing for tax-free distributions to be paid to the shareholder-beneficiaries of the trust.

"We went through both sides of the House, Democrat and Republican, and our message was simple: Alaska Natives are among the poorest of the poor in the nation. How do we get maximum benefit to all our shareholders, and not just those born before 1971?" Marrs said.

To receive benefits under ANCSA, a person had to be alive on Dec. 18, 1971 (the date ANCSA was signed into law), at least one-quarter Alaska Native and an American citizen. Each eligible applicant became an original shareholder in his or her respective regional corporation, receiving 100 shares of stock. All Alaska Natives born after 1971 were ineligible for inclusion in the settlement.

"Providing distributions and other benefits through a settlement trust, rather than the ANC, is a far superior approach in most cases," Marrs added.

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## GROWING TOGETHER



ANJC staff join a walk to celebrate recovery. One of the organization's two primary programs helps those recovering from substance abuse. Photo courtesy of ANJC.

### One year after becoming a CITC subsidiary, ANJC looks back on its growth — and forward to its next phase

By CITC's Jamey Bradbury

"Do more with less." This is the constant struggle for most nonprofits — how to meet the growing needs of the increasing number of individuals seeking service, despite budget constraints and limited staff. Like other nonprofits, the Alaska Native Justice Center (ANJC) frequently asked this question as its employees worked to address the justice needs of Alaska Native and other people.

The answer came in the form of a new collaboration between two CIRI-affiliated nonprofits. In 2016, ANJC became a subsidiary of Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC). The new partnership was meant to more closely align ANJC's services with CITC's and to provide additional administrative and funding support for ANJC.

About a year and a half after this change, ANJC has grown tremendously and in more ways than one. But the growing pains normally experienced by a rapidly evolving organization have been eased by CITC's administrative assistance. And thanks to the alliance between the two nonprofits, ANJC is planning for an even bigger and brighter future.

#### Growing Fast

As CIRI shareholder Tammy Ashley, ANJC's director of operations, reflects on all that's changed over the course of one year, she looks slightly astonished.

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

It's difficult to believe that summer is winding down already. In Southcentral Alaska, the leaves are starting to change, the fireweed is at the tip of its stalk and flocks of Canada geese are flying south for the winter. It's also the time of year we start gearing up for back to school.

CIRI understands the importance of education. As a corporation, we have long supported United Way of Anchorage's 90% by 2020 Partnership, which brings individuals, businesses and organizations together to work with schools and families to find solutions to the issues that undermine student performance. Over the past decade, thanks in part to a groundswell of community support for our youth, Anchorage high-school graduation rates have increased from 59 percent to 81.4 percent.

However, nationally, we're still in a situation where a quarter of freshman high-school students fail to graduate on time. And in Alaska, only 55 percent of Alaska Native students graduate in four years.

Education imparts self-esteem, confidence and pride; it provides a path to long-term career opportunities and keeps America competitive. There is a clear business case for tackling the education crisis, which is why education is fast becoming a front-and-center issue for corporations like CIRI.

CIRI is proud to support causes such as the 90% by 2020 Partnership, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program and Anchorage School District's School Business Partnership Program. Additionally, CIRI is on the frontlines with innovative programs and opportunities of its own that encourage young

shareholders and descendants to become involved with the corporation, connect with their Alaska Native heritage and excel in school. These include an annual Youth Art Contest, educational incentives, Shareholder Participation Committee Youth Representative positions and Take the Next Generation to Work Day.

This month, we are excited to host the inaugural CIRI C3 Experience camp, a three-day, two-night camp that will focus on culture, college prep and careers. Fifteen shareholders and descendants ages 15 to 19 will hear from Alaska Native professionals and engage in collaborative exercises to hone their skills to successfully apply for college, draft the perfect essay, improve their public-speaking skills, learn about internship opportunities at Alaska Native organizations and create a professional resume. We had an impressive array of applicants from across the U.S. Look for a recap and photo spread in next month's Raven's Circle!

All of us can help encourage young people in their academic endeavors. If you are an educator or work in a school, thank you for all you do! If you are a parent or guardian, studies have shown that home-learning activities, such as reading and helping with homework, produce the longest-lasting academic gains. If you are an adult looking for a volunteer opportunity, consider youth-serving organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Covenant House, Junior Achievement or Scouts.

According to the nonprofit Education Week, if the U.S. achieves a 90 percent high-school graduation rate, almost 300,000 more high-school seniors each year will get the best possible shot at success – higher incomes,



better health and longer life expectancy. As a nation, we will see a return on this investment in the form of higher employment and tax revenues, reduced costs for social services and prisons, and greater voter turnout.

Working together, we can make this vision a reality.

Warm regards,

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"We more than doubled our grants for advocacy and reentry," she said, singling out ANJC's two main focus areas: Adult Reentry, which aims to effectively and successfully reintegrate those who have been in prison back into society; and Advocacy for Victims, which supports individuals who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused by a partner or are seeking assistance with civil legal issues related to family law. The Advocacy team also assists victims of human trafficking.

ANJC was already growing before its new partnership with CITC. The Advocacy team has expanded tremendously, with three new case managers, a project coordinator, a program manager and a tribal liaison now on board. Reentry has grown as well, with five new employees, including two practicum students who are completing hours needed for their degrees. And nearly 70 percent of these new hires have been people of Alaska Native heritage.

"We've grown so much in the last year," Ashley explained. "Not just in terms of capacity, but because of that, we were able to take on all the people who came to us seeking assistance. We've nearly doubled the number of reentry participants we're serving."

### More Staff, More Services

ANJC's enhanced capacity ensures that those who need justice help get it, while new methods of tracking participants' cases provide greater consistency in service.

It also allows the organization to focus on outreach to areas of the state outside Anchorage where

individuals might not have easy access to advocacy help. Already, ANJC has traveled to several communities across the state to raise awareness around its services. ANJC advocates can now also offer over-the-phone case management to those communities on a weekly basis.

"Privacy is a major barrier to getting help for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault who live in rural communities," Ashley explained. "An individual may not want to go to the local shelter because someone who works there is related to them or related to their abuser. That's why access to case management outside the community is important. And if they need more, we will refer them to the right place to get help."

### What's Next?

Over the next three years, in the hopes of establishing "hubs" from which surrounding smaller communities can access assistance, ANJC plans to take its services to 18 different communities. Staff will work closely with partners like local tribes, CITC's community liaisons and Indian Child Welfare Act advocates to see how they can address specific justice issues. Back in Anchorage, ANJC is becoming more integrated with other advocacy organizations like Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Alaska Legal Services, Hope Community Resources and Standing Together Against Rape.

Increased advocacy is just one of several goals the organization has for the near future. ANJC

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## NEW CIRI STOCK WILL COMPLETE CIRI'S NEWLY DESIGNED CIRI STOCK WILL FORM AND YOU MAY WIN ONE OF FIVE \$1,000 SPECIAL PRIZES!

CIRI urges shareholders to update their wills if someone named in the will dies. Wills that are not current can result in complicated and delayed estate settlements. **Because of this, a newly designed CIRI Stock Will form, which includes an alternate beneficiary clause, will be mailed to shareholders in September.** The alternate beneficiary clause allows shareholders to specify the person(s) or entity(ies) to inherit the CIRI stock in the event a primary beneficiary dies before the shareholder.

**CIRI is offering five \$1,000 special prizes to encourage shareholders to update their wills using the new form. To be eligible for these special prize drawings, simply:**

1. Complete a valid will on the new form that complies with CIRI's fractional share policy.
2. Submit the new will to CIRI so that it is received by Shareholder Relations no later than Nov. 16, 2018.
3. Ensure your CIRI mailing address is current.

If you don't submit an updated valid will on the new form by the deadline, you remain eligible for the \$200 monthly prize drawings and the quarterly iPad drawings, provided the requirements for those drawings are met.

Questions? Call Shareholder Relations probate staff at 907-263-5191 or toll-free 1-800-764-2474 and select option 4.





› Tournament participants enjoyed clear skies and warm weather. Photos by Yuit Communications.

# CIRI in the COMMUNITY



› CIRI Board members Douglas Fifer and Robert Harris.

## 2018 CIRI Golf Classic

Now in its 35th year, the 2018 CIRI Golf Classic raised more than \$150,000 for local youth and education nonprofits. The recipients of funds from this year's tournament were Abused Women Aid in Crisis (AWAIC), Cook Inlet Native Head Start and Covenant House Alaska.

The largest domestic violence safe shelter in Alaska, AWAIC provides emergency support services to women, men and children. Its core values of advocacy, collaboration, compassion and dignity empower those affected by domestic violence to make positive life decisions. The organization provides safe-shelter, intervention and prevention services.

With a mission of building strong foundations with Alaska Native families, Cook Inlet Native Head Start provides free, culturally relevant education through two programs: Head Start (youth 3 to 5 years of age) and Early Head Start (pregnant women and youth 6 weeks to 3 years of age). Its programs, which focus on language, social, emotional, physical and cognitive development, are available to Alaska Native and American Indian people of all income levels.

For nearly 30 years, Covenant House Alaska has served thousands of homeless, at-risk and trafficked youth in our state. Through three main programs – Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach and Transitional Living – and associated services, it meets the basic needs of youth in crisis while also providing them with the support to become healthy, self-sufficient and contributing members of our community.

This year's Golf Classic was held Friday, Aug. 3 at the Moose Run Golf Course in Anchorage. CIRI is grateful to the many generous sponsors and volunteers who helped make the tournament a success, including Platinum sponsor Weidner Apartment Homes and Major sponsors Alaska Airlines, Alaska Communications, Davis Constructors and Engineers Inc., Doyon Limited, GCI, Marsh and McLennan Agency, Northern Powerline Constructors Inc., North Wind, Pape Dawson Engineers and Stael Rives.

For more information on the CIRI Golf Classic, including a list of prior proceed recipients, visit [www.cirigolf.com](http://www.cirigolf.com).



› Wells Fargo team members jump for joy! L to R: Nicolle Welch, Anthony Snider, Judith Crotty and Alison Kear.



› A group of CIRI volunteers.

## SHAREHOLDERSPOTLIGHT

### DaJonee' Hale

By CIRI summer intern Charles "Chas" Anderson



› Photo courtesy of DaJonee' Hale.

"Starting at point guard, standing at 5-foot-8 out of Central Methodist University, DaJonee' Hale!"

Meet CIRI shareholder DaJonee' "Nene" Hale (Athabaskan), a recent graduate of Central Methodist University and a rising basketball star. Growing up in Anchorage, Nene was exposed to the sport at a young age and began playing when she was 7. "We had a little basketball hoop outside and I loved playing for fun with my brother," she recalled.

Those moments with her brother proved more than just an endearing memory, as they planted the seed for a life-long love of the game.

Nene began playing on an organized team in middle school. At Alaska's Houston High School, she was instrumental in advancing her team to the 2013 3A state championship quarterfinals. Her on-court talent was rewarded with a full-ride athletic scholarship to Central Methodist University (CMU), a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I women's basketball program located in Fayette, Mo. It was at CMU that Nene would reunite with Greg Ray, her former middle and high-school basketball coach. "I wasn't expecting to even play after high school," she said, but the chance to hone her skills under Ray's tutelage proved too good an offer to pass up.

At CMU, Nene came into her own – by her sophomore year, she was already averaging 20 points a game. A matchup nightmare for opposing defenses, she excelled at the point guard and shooting guard positions. Nene made scoring look easy, and she proved just as deadly connecting from the three-point range as she was driving in and attacking the basket. The ability to score was not the only trick she had up her sleeve – she showed a knack for distributing to teammates as well as rebounding the basketball, averaging 2.9 assists and 4.7 rebounds her senior year. "Year after year, I progressed as a player and developed my game," Nene said.

Nene led the NAIA in scoring her senior year, racking up 28.8 points a game, including an astonishing 50-point performance against Grand View University. Her athletic prowess caught the eye of sports enthusiasts and the public alike, and she was awarded the 2018 NAIA National Player of the Year title as well as the Trajan Langdon Award, given by the Alaska Sports Hall of Fame to an Alaskan athlete who demonstrates unparalleled leadership, integrity and sportsmanship. With regard to accepting the Trajan Langdon award, "I wasn't expecting that, and I wasn't expecting it to be such a big ceremony!" Nene said.

While playing professional women's basketball is her "ultimate goal," Nene has plenty of academic and professional achievements to fall back on. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from CMU, and in 2015, she interned in CIRI's Shareholder Relations department where she spent time tracking down missing shareholders, locating birth records and fielding shareholder questions.

"I thought it (the CIRI internship) was awesome," Nene said. "The Shareholder Relations

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department, it's like a family and they made me feel super welcome. I was there for my birthday, and they all came together and got me a gift. I got to meet new people and network as well. I really enjoyed it."

This summer she landed an internship with the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Education Foundation, helping the organization with communications and outreach. "I'm going with the flow right now and keeping my options open," Nene said. "I just want to take one thing at a time, but in the future, I may want to use my mathematics background to go into some type of engineering program."

While Nene has already cemented her legacy as a premier Alaskan athlete, she now moves on to her newest challenge: playing professional basketball overseas in Europe. Fresh off Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) tryouts in Columbus, Ohio, by playing for a season in Europe, Nene hopes to garner more exposure and attract the attention of WNBA scouts. "I'm nervous, but I feel ready to play at the professional level," she said. Her basketball idols include WNBA players Skylar Diggins-Smith of the Dallas Wings, Maya Moore of the Minnesota Lynx and Candace Parker of the Los Angeles Sparks.

"Ideally, I'd like to play (basketball) until my body gives out," Nene said. "Honestly, I love it. I've gotten experience playing at the college level, and now I see myself in basketball. Whatever can bring me around basketball, that's where I've found the most success in my life. It's just where I thrive." 📖



SETTLEMENT TRUST, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 01

### How the Provisions Work

Section 13821 of the Tax Act allows ANCs to claim a tax deduction for transfers of assets to a settlement trust, thereby allowing such transfers to occur on a pre-tax basis rather than the after-tax basis that was the rule prior to the new legislation.

"Under the new provisions, the settlement trust pays 10 percent tax on its ordinary income and no tax on capital gains and dividends received. The beneficiaries (shareholders) have no tax on settlement trust income that is distributed, versus approximately 7.5 percent if paid directly from the ANC," said Christopher Slottee, vice president/general counsel for Old Harbor Native Corp.

Established and registered under state law, settlement trusts can benefit shareholders, descendants and/or Alaska Native people at large. The money can be used to provide dividends, educational grants and scholarships, funeral benefits, programs for youth and Elders and/or any combination. "It was left up to the ANCs who they want to benefit," Slottee said.

### Breaking it Down

Benefits provided through a settlement trust are provided on a pre-tax basis, so in effect, tax savings help fund the benefits. The charts below illustrate the benefits of settlement trusts to both the ANC and and beneficiaries.

### Looking Ahead

"CIRI is excited about the possibilities Section 13821 opens up, and we are currently evaluating the best options to take advantage of the new rules to benefit our shareholders, including, of course, CIRI Elders," CIRI Chief Financial Officer Stig Colberg said.

"The legislation is new and there are still details to iron out, but we're optimistic," Colberg added. "The new law brings significant advantages to both ANCs and ANC shareholders, and it's a great step toward enhancing the economic benefits intended for Alaska Native people under ANCSA."

As CIRI continues to explore options for a potential new settlement trust, details will be made available in the Raven's Circle and through other means of communication. 📖

### Settlement Trust Benefit Breakdown:

What an ANC must earn to provide approximately \$1 million in net benefits:

	If paid directly from ANC	If paid indirectly through settlement trust
<b>Earned by ANC or settlement trust</b>	\$1,500,000	\$1,111,000
<b>Tax to entity</b>	(\$420,000) (@28 percent)	(\$111,100) (@10 percent)
<b>Before tax distribution</b>	\$1,080,000	\$999,900
<b>Tax to recipients</b>	(\$81,000) (@7.5 percent)	(\$0) (@0 percent)
<b>Desired net distribution</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

What recipients actually keep from \$1 million in corporate earnings distributed by an ANC versus a settlement trust:

	If paid directly from ANC	If paid indirectly through settlement trust
<b>Assumed income</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
<b>Entity tax (assumes no net operating losses or carryovers)</b>	(\$280,000) (@28 percent)	(\$100,000) (@10 percent)
<b>Available for distribution</b>	\$720,000	\$900,000
<b>Tax to shareholders vs beneficiaries</b>	(\$54,000) (@7.5 percent)	(\$0) (@0 percent)
<b>Kept by shareholders or beneficiaries</b>	\$666,000 (66.6 percent)	\$900,000 (90 percent)

## INTOUCH

### Professional Achievement

CIRI shareholder Jeffrey Hurlburt Jr. recently received a Mental Health Worker of the Year award. Jeff is a 14-year veteran staff member of a Connecticut psychiatric hospital. He is the son of original CIRI shareholder Julie and Bert Johnnie of Anchorage. Mr. Hurlburt resides in Connecticut with his wife and four children.

### Honor Roll

Original CIRI shareholder Mark Spangler and his wife, Jennifer, are pleased to share that their daughter Carleigh was named to the 2018 President's List of Pensacola Christian College for maintaining a 4.0 grade point average during her freshman year.



### Wedding Anniversary

Original CIRI shareholder Darlene Juliussen is pleased to share that her aunt and uncle, original CIRI shareholders Judy and Doug Darien, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple were married July 27, 1959, in Anchorage and still reside there today. 📖





also aims to develop a youth-focused program that would offer mentoring, support for education and employment, and other services that would prevent at-risk youth from entering the system. The organization is also targeting youth interested in careers in the criminal justice system. In 2019, ANJC will provide logistical support for the Color of Justice program, which introduces youth to law-related opportunities.

“We’re also looking at broadening our client base,” Ashley shared, adding that she hopes to facilitate training for some of ANJC’s case managers to be able to work with sex offenders. “It’s difficult for sex offenders to find treatment or a reentry program that will accept them, which makes it hard for them to comply with their requirements to stay out of prison. That’s a need we could meet.”

### The Power of Partnership

How is all this possible? Ashley cites the partnership between CITC and ANJC.

“Since we became a subsidiary, we’ve been able to apply for more grants,” she elaborated. “Through collaboration with CITC’s Human Resources department, we were able to really look at our internal policies and procedures, we’ve gotten support for employee issues and strategic hiring, plus we have access to new employee orientation



› CIRC shareholder Tammy Ashley, director of operations for ANJC. Photo courtesy of ANJC.

and training opportunities. CITC Accounting has taken on our finances and budget. We have computer support from CITC’s Information Technology department and development help from CITC’s fundraising staff, which made our Voices for Justice event last year a huge success. This integration has been very successful — we are part of the CITC family.”

The joining of CITC’s forces with ANJC’s specialized focus on justice issues is a testament to the power of partnership.

To learn more about ANJC, visit [www.anjc.org](http://www.anjc.org).

## INTERN-ai AFFAIRS

Each time I visit Alaska, I feel as if I am putting pieces of a puzzle together. This summer is no different.

My name is Mahalia Hunt and I hail from the Sargents of Kodiak, Alaska. My grandmother, Nancy Hunt, is an original CIRC shareholder as well as a shareholder of Koniag Inc.



descendant programs. Only a few weeks into my internship, I’ve already launched a social media campaign (#TraditionalTuesday), planned and executed cultural events and helped coordinate philanthropic opportunities. I’ve picked up some useful skills along the way, such as learning graphic design programs and trying my hand at videography.

I’m entering my junior year at Stanford University, majoring in anthropology and art history. My academic interests include media/digital anthropology, which explores how media and technology impact our society and culture. It’s an interest that perfectly aligns with my CIRC internship.

I am a planner, always wanting to make sure everything is going to happen the way I foresee it happening. As I get older, I realize you can’t force the stars to align. What I do know is that no matter where I go or what I do, CIRC will help me along the way.

Mahalia Hunt

My family left Alaska when I was a child, so for most of my life, I didn’t know what it meant to be a shareholder or descendant of an Alaska Native regional corporation. My father, CIRC shareholder Ron Hunt, never let me forget what it means to be an Alaska Native person, however. His own love of culture is often revealed in quirky ways – a car vanity plate that reads “ALUTIQ” and a well-loved CIRC Pendleton blanket are two examples. A wealth of information about Alaska Native issues and politics, my father is the one who encouraged me to apply for the CIRC summer internship.

I was fortunate to land a spot in CIRC’s Human Relations department working on shareholder and

## TOTCHAKET DRILLING UPDATE

Targeting a promising oil and gas prospect, CIRC joined fellow Alaska Native regional corporation Doyon, Limited (Doyon) in drilling the Totchaket #1 well in the Nenana basin this summer. Prior exploratory drilling in the basin, including a 2016 exploration well in which CIRC participated, verified the presence of an active hydrocarbon system that has produced both natural gas and oil, though commercial quantities had not yet been found.

Drilling of the Totchaket #1 well commenced June 6 and ended July 5. From a location

approximately 20 miles north of Nenana, Alaska, on the east side of the Tanana River, the well was drilled to a total vertical depth of approximately 11,225 feet. While Totchaket #1 did not discover commercial quantities of gas or oil, the well encountered multiple gas shows and CIRC continues to believe the basin holds considerable natural resources. The program was safely executed and responsibly drilled. The well will be permanently plugged and abandoned in accordance with Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regulations.

## IN MEMORY

### Vivian Jean Becker, 57

Vivian Jean Becker passed away May 31 at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. Ms. Becker was born Oct. 5, 1960, in Anchorage. She is survived by her mother, Marry Ann Swift; children, Christopher Klabunde, Desiree Phillips, Harley Becker and Dalton Becker; grandchildren, Gabriel Fletcher, Tatianna Fletcher and Zayden Becker; siblings, Brenda Harris, Kelly Anderson and Edward Swift; ex-husband, Eric Becker; aunt, Addie; and uncle, Bob.

### Constance (Connie) Ann Berg, 58

Constance (Connie) Ann Berg passed away March 3 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Ms. Berg was born May 19, 1959, in Seward, Alaska. She is survived by her son, Robert (Bobby) Berg; granddaughters, Alyssa and Layla Berg; brothers, Arne (Linda) and Gunnar (Debbie) Berg; sister, Robyn (Pete) Berg; and many nieces and nephews.



### Joel K. Blatchford, 63

Joel K. Blatchford passed away June 30 in Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Blatchford was born March 6, 1955. He is survived by his children, Jessica Hoak and Joshua Blatchford; brothers, Kevin Murray and Lance Blatchford; and sister, Barbara Blatchford.

### Richard Paul lone, 66

Richard Paul lone passed away Nov. 3, 2017, at St. Rose Hospital in Hayward, Calif. Mr. lone was born May 18, 1951, in Seward, Alaska. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Gloria Rivas lone; children, Bernadette Gloria lone and Richard Paul lone Jr.; granddaughter, Rae Michael lone; sisters, Rosemarie Francis and Bonnie Tobin; and many wonderful brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

### June K. “Toastie” Jardine, 68

June K. “Toastie” Jardine passed away June 9 at home in Peoria, Ariz. Ms. Jardine was born Jan. 14, 1950, in Bethel, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Jason Jardine, Nicole Jardine-Stevens and Carly Brooks; and grandchildren, Maliyah Nelson, Desmone’ Brooks-Conley, Sole’ Brooks-Martinez and Dimaggio Brooks-Martinez.

### Michael Anthony Kuphaldt, 39

Michael Anthony Kuphaldt passed away June 3 in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Kuphaldt was born July 24, 1978, in Bethel, Alaska. He is survived by his children, Alyssa Chayalkun, Christiane Chayalkun, Joann Kuphaldt, Angel Kuphaldt, Arizona Kuphaldt, Steven Kuphaldt and Zeke Kuphaldt; paternal grandmother, Margaret Kuphaldt; paternal uncle, Harold Kuphaldt; and paternal aunt, Ellen Leisner.

### Sharon Rae Oates, 70

Sharon Rae Oates passed away May 31 at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle. Ms. Oates was born Feb. 15, 1948, in Ada, Okla. She is survived by her daughter, Wendy G. Stanley; son-in-law, Bill Stanley; and grandchildren, Katie and Scott Stanley.

### Johnnie E. Richardson, 47

Johnnie E. Richardson passed away May 26 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Richardson was born Feb. 8, 1971, in Hampton, Va. He is survived by his father and

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## RECIPE



# RHUBARB COFFEE CAKE

Adapted from the recipe by Brenda Score, [www.afarmgirlsdbables.com](http://www.afarmgirlsdbables.com).

As the author wrote about this recipe, “*This tender coffee cake is studded with tart bites of rhubarb and topped with a thin and crispy sugar-baked crust.*”

### START TO FINISH:

1 hour 10 minutes (30 minutes active)

### SERVINGS: 20

### INGREDIENTS:

3 cups all-purpose flour  
 1½ teaspoons baking soda  
 1 teaspoon baking powder  
 ¾ teaspoon salt  
 ¾ teaspoon cinnamon, divided  
 3 eggs, separated  
 ½ cup butter, softened  
 2 cups white sugar, divided  
 1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
 2 cups sour cream or full-fat Greek yogurt  
 2¼ cups thinly sliced rhubarb

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 9-inch by 13-inch baking pan or two standard-size loaf pans with cooking spray.
2. In a medium-sized bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and ½ teaspoon of the cinnamon. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of a stand mixer, beat egg whites until stiff. Gently transfer whipped egg whites to a separate bowl and set aside.
4. Return bowl to stand mixer (no need to wash the bowl first, just get as much of the egg whites out as possible) and add butter and 1½ cups of the sugar; cream together for 2 minutes.
5. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Alternately mix sour cream and flour mixture into butter mixture in 2 additions each. Mix until batter is incorporated and smooth – it will be very thick.
6. Gently fold in whipped egg whites until incorporated. Then fold in 2 cups of the rhubarb.
7. With a rubber spatula, spread batter into bottom of prepared pan, smoothing the top. Sprinkle top of batter with remaining ¼ cup of rhubarb.
8. In a small dish or cup, combine remaining ½ cup of the sugar and remaining ¼ teaspoon of the cinnamon. Sprinkle mixture evenly over top of batter.
9. Place pan in oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until a tester inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Remove to cooling rack to cool completely.

The Raven's Circle would like to feature our readers' favorite recipes! To submit, visit [www.ciri.com/recipe](http://www.ciri.com/recipe).



## YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS

To encourage youth to attend and excel at school, CIRI conducts twice-yearly cash prize drawings for students in grades 7-12 who maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or above and students with perfect attendance. Each winner receives

a \$100 gift card. Please join us in congratulating the following CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants who qualified for the drawing on the basis of their first-semester GPA, attendance record or both.

### IN ANCHORAGE:

**Kristopher Anaruk,**  
*Yup'ik and Filipino*  
 Child of Samuel Anaruk  
 Anchorage, Alaska

### Mauri Butzke,

*Iñupiaq*  
 Child of Jonathan Butzke  
 Anchorage, Alaska

### Steven Brown,

*Athabascan*  
 Child of Elmer David Brown  
 Anchorage, Alaska

### IN ALASKA (outside of Anchorage):

**Mikylah Pinnow,**  
*Aleut, Athabascan and Shoshone*  
 Child of Christina Pinnow  
 Ninilchik, Alaska

### Koda Rhyce Poulin,

*Iñupiaq*  
 Child of Ashley Poulin  
 Kenai, Alaska

### Jamie Lee Kelly,

*Aleut*  
 Child of Claudia Kelly  
 Soldotna, Alaska

### OUTSIDE OF ALASKA

**Crystal Cooper,**  
*Aleut and Athabascan*  
 Child of Theresa Cooper  
 Sierra Vista, Ariz.

### Thomas Michael Carroll,

*Aleut*  
 Child of Michael Carroll  
 Phoenix, Ariz.

### Logan Hunter Radcliffe,

*Athabascan and Aleut*  
 Child of Robert Radcliffe  
 Maple Valley, Wash.

### Aleshanee Nikita,

*Athabascan*  
 Child of Daniel Nikita  
 Santa Fe, N.M.

### Abigayle Purdy,

*Athabascan*  
 Child of Meggan Purdy  
 Franklin, Ind.

### Morgan Purdy,

*Athabascan*  
 Child of Meggan Purdy  
 Franklin, Ind.

## WINNERS' CIRCLE

To increase participation in certain programs, CIRI holds periodic prize drawings from the names of those enrolled who meet certain criteria and have a current mailing address with CIRI. **If CIRI has returned mail, a different winner will be selected.** Visit the CIRI website or call (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 to learn more. The following shareholders have been selected as winners for the most recent CIRI drawings:

### STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES

#### \$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:

- April – Brigitta Auguste Lambert
- May – Brenda Ann Rebne
- June – Individual has asked to remain anonymous

#### Second quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

- Jennifer Renae Sonnen

Must have a valid will on file that complies with CIRI's fractional share policy.

### DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

#### Second quarter drawing for \$500:

- Lydia Kivounak Wilson

The direct deposit instruction must be current with CIRI to win.

### ENEWSLETTER DRAWING

#### Second quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

- Mary Wolcuff

Must be enrolled in the eNewsletter program with a valid email address on file.

### CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

#### Second quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

- Matthew Berry

Direct lineal descendants of CIRI shareholders who are not themselves shareholders, who have submitted legal documents substantiating descent and who have a valid email address on file.

### QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING

#### Second quarter drawing for an Echo Dot:

- Derald Robert Lee Jr.

Must have created a Qenek account or accessed an existing account during the preceding quarter. 🗨️



# THIRD QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

Payment type	Direct deposit sign-up deadline: 3 p.m.	Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribute date
CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust	Tuesday, Sept. 4	Thursday, Sept. 6	Friday, Sept. 14
Dividend	Monday, Sept. 10	Thursday, Sept. 20	Friday, Sept. 28

## Elders' Settlement Trust Payments

Third quarter CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust payments of \$450 will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. AKDT on Friday, Sept. 14 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6. The remaining 2018 Elders' payment is scheduled for Dec. 14. Original shareholders who are 65 years of age or older and who own at least one share of CIRI stock as of the distribution dates are eligible to receive the \$450 payments.

## Third Quarter Dividend

Third quarter dividends in the amount of \$8.87 per share (or \$887 per 100 shares) will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. AKDT on Friday, Sept. 28 to all shareholders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.

## Direct Deposit/Remote Deposit

CIRI urges shareholders who receive their dividends in check form to consider either implementing direct deposit or taking advantage of remote deposit. Both options are fast, easy and eliminate the need to drive to the bank and stand in line. The deadline to sign up for direct deposit or change an existing direct deposit instruction is 3 p.m. on Sept. 4 for the September Elders' distribution, and 3 p.m. on Sept. 10 for the third quarter dividend. (Note: When remotely depositing a check, it's a good idea to make a note on the check so you don't attempt to cash it again. If a check is cashed twice, you are legally liable to repay the amount of the overpayment.)

Shareholders who participate in direct deposit and have a current CIRI mailing address are also eligible to participate in quarterly prize drawings. Direct deposit forms are available from Shareholder Relations and at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com). To cancel direct deposit, please submit a signed, written request prior to 3 p.m. on the specified deadline. *If you have a Qenek portal account, you can cancel your existing direct deposit instruction online via the portal.*

## Address Changes

Checks and vouchers are mailed to the address CIRI has on record as of the specified deadline. If your address has changed, be sure to update your address with both CIRI and the U.S. Postal Service. These addresses must match or your CIRI mail may not reach you. When CIRI mail is undeliverable, distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated. This is true even if a shareholder has his or her dividends electronically deposited.

*CIRI address changes may be submitted online via the Qenek portal.* Alternatively, you may submit a completed CIRI address change form – available at [www.ciri.com](http://www.ciri.com) – or a signed, written request that includes a current telephone number. Address change forms and requests can be scanned and emailed to [shareholderrecords@ciri.com](mailto:shareholderrecords@ciri.com), mailed to CIRI at PO Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, or faxed to (907) 263-5186. If faxed, please call Shareholder Relations as soon as possible to confirm receipt. Forms and information on changing your address or submitting a mail-forwarding request with the U.S. Postal Service are available at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) or your local post office.

Please be aware that if you fail to notify CIRI of a new address before a specified deadline and your check is sent to your old address, CIRI cannot reissue that check to you unless it is either returned to us, or a minimum of 90 days has elapsed. A list of shareholders who do not have a current mailing address on record is continually updated and may be found on the CIRI website.

## Tax Reminder

As a reminder, CIRI does not withhold taxes from distributions; however, shareholders who anticipate owing tax on their distributions have the option of making quarterly estimated tax payments directly to the IRS. To find out more about applicable federal and state tax requirements or making quarterly estimated tax payments, please consult with a tax advisor or contact the IRS directly.



## REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING MIDTERM ELECTIONS BY OCT. 7

### Already registered? Make sure your voter information is current!

You have the power to shape our future, but only if you exercise your right vote! And that's a right that should never be taken for granted.

Did you know that Alaska Native people were not granted citizenship and the right to vote until 1924 – 54 years after African-Americans and four years after women? Even so, soon thereafter, the Alaska Legislature implemented a requirement that voters be able to read and write the English language, effectively blocking many Alaska Native people from voting. Until 1970, Alaska's Constitution also included an English literacy requirement for voting.

Fast forward to today, where the Alaska Division of Elections must provide language assistance to groups whose language is Spanish, Native American, Alaska Native or one of the Asian languages if more than five percent of the voting age population speaks limited English. Communities along the Aleutian chain are also covered for Filipino (Tagalog) and Spanish.

Alaska Native people worked long and hard to gain the right to vote. Honor the legacy by registering to vote or updating any outdated voter registration information no later than Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018. Eligible shareholders and descendants can register to vote at CIRI's Shareholder Relations department, and all Alaskans can register to vote online at [voterregistration.alaska.gov](http://voterregistration.alaska.gov). Any qualified, registered voter in the State of Alaska may apply for an absentee ballot and vote by mail. The election will take place Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Learn more at [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov). If you or someone you know requires language assistance, or if you are fluent in English and one of the Alaska Native languages or Filipino (Tagalog) and would like to serve as a bilingual worker, call 907-275-2533 or 866-954-8683 (toll-free), or visit [www.elections.alaska.gov](http://www.elections.alaska.gov).



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mother, Steve W. and Ellamae M. Eleshansky; twin brother, James E. (Renee) Richardson; nieces and nephews, K'Tiera, J. Caleb, Savannah, Talitha, Micaiah, Kadren and Elijah Richardson; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

## Condolences

- Betty J. Davis, 83
- Laverne Darlene Isaac, 33
- Ruby Anna Karaffa, 87
- Alfred Hansen Komok, 65
- Agapia Susie Kozerooff, 79
- Mildred C. Lowney, 91
- Virgil McCord Sr., 63
- Jasmin Pom O'Neill, 31
- Edward Lewis Swanson, 77
- Elsa Wanda Trover, 93



## MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. **When CIRI mail is returned as undeliverable, the distributions are held and the shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated.** Shareholders with Qenek portal accounts may update their addresses online. Alternatively, shareholders may visit CIRI's website or call Shareholder Relations at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 for address change forms and information.

(As of 8/21/2018)

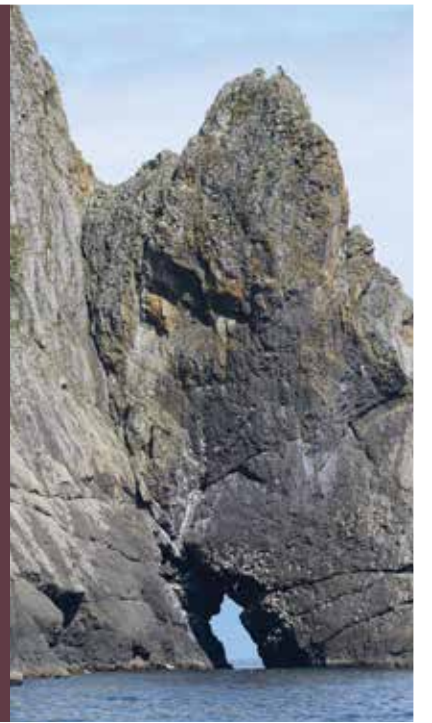
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[qenek.ciri.com](http://qenek.ciri.com)

- Print dividend confirmations and tax forms
- Update your contact information
- RSVP for shareholder events
- View information about your stock
- View and print payment information
- Request replacement checks

Maintain an up-to-date CIRI mailing address and access your Qenek account quarterly to be eligible for quarterly drawings for an Echo Dot!

## SHAREHOLDER ESTATES

### ALSO MISSING

When CIRI shareholders pass away, gathering the information necessary to settle the stock estate is often a difficult task and may delay settlement. CIRI is looking to contact the individuals listed below in connection with the following estates:

- Estate of Thomas William Highsmith – Tonya Lorraine Highsmith
- Estate of Lily Mae Marshall – Kamette R. Myers and Christian James Marshall
- Estate of Richard Lloyd Sargent (aka Lloyd Richard Sargent) – Derek Bernard Sargent and John Michael Sargent Clark
- Estate of Leonard Turgeon – Ashley Moore

If your name appears above or you know the whereabouts of any of the individuals listed above, please contact CIRI Probate at (907) 263-5191 or toll free at 1-800-764-2474, and select option 4.