



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

Happy holidays! 2020 hasn't been easy, and our celebrations may look different this year. Please know that I send you warmest wishes for faith, hope, peace and, above all, good health this holiday season. I know we are all looking forward to a new year and new beginnings!

While it's human nature to dwell on the negative and overlook the positive, there are many things I am grateful for; namely, our shareholders and descendants, our team of talented CIRI employees, and the strength and wisdom of our Board. In reflecting upon 2020, a few highlights include:

## CIRI's Family of Nonprofit Organizations

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, CIRI's family of nonprofits have stepped up in new and exciting ways to provide education, employment, health care, housing and other services to Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) people residing in our region and elsewhere in Alaska. A few examples include Cook Inlet Housing Authority providing affordable housing and working with residents who are struggling to find appropriate, available resources; Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Fabrication Laboratory providing personal protective equipment to health care workers; and Southcentral Foundation offering telehealth visits, which allow customer-owners to see their health care providers from the comfort and safety of home.

## North Wind Group

CIRI subsidiary North Wind Group continued its trajectory of success, winning important long-term contracts in the federal environmental services market, achieving project-performance and safety milestones, and earning industry awards and recognition. Based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, North Wind Group oversees several companies primarily focused

on environmental, engineering, construction and technical-consulting services.

## U.S. Census

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that 99.98% of all housing units and addresses nationwide were accounted for in the 2020 Census as of the end of self-response and field data collection operations. This is an incredible statistic—thank you to everyone who responded! The census is especially important to AN/AI people, as they are historically undercounted and effective policymaking depends on precise and reliable data. An accurate count means the proper allocation of hundreds of billions of dollars in funding for public services and infrastructure—such as hospitals, emergency services, schools, roads and bridges—each year over the next 10 years.

## U.S. General Election

More Americans voted in the 2020 election than in any other in more than 100 years. Alaska's turnout was the highest since at least 2008, and much higher than the last two presidential elections. Many AN/AI leaders have worked tirelessly to gain and protect our right to vote. Elections go beyond who will be president; your vote is your voice on issues affecting housing, education, employment and health care. There is no greater tool in helping create the future than by being civically active. Thank you to everyone who cast their vote and made their voices heard!

## Virtual Events

While I truly missed seeing our shareholders, descendants and their families at this year's Information Meetings, Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Friendship Potlatches, CIRI was pleased to offer these events virtually. There is no

substitute for in-person interaction, and I look forward to the day we can all be together. However, by bringing these events online, we were still able to connect—without risking health and safety.

## Youth Opportunities

As part of its commitment to engage and support the next generation of shareholders, CIRI continued to offer several youth programs, including its annual art contest and youth educational incentive prize drawings. A number of shareholders and descendants ages 10 through high-school age also attended Next Gen Day in January, where they received a behind-the-scenes introduction to CIRI, engaged in cultural activities and participated in professional-mentoring sessions. Thanks to Cook Inlet Tribal Council's Internship Partner Program, CIRI was even able to virtually host a summer intern! Keep an eye out for new youth opportunities in 2021.

As 2020 draws to a close, let us set our sights on the promise of a hopeful tomorrow. With the new year on the horizon, may we embrace it with an open heart and go forward with faith, hope and courage.

Warm regards,



## BOARD CORNER

A Message from CIRI Secretary Louis "Lou" Nagy Jr. 

My name is Lou Nagy Jr. I am Yup'ik and I received my CIRI shares as a gift from my mother, Helen. In addition to being a CIRI shareholder, I am a tribal member of Seldovia Village Tribe and a shareholder of Seldovia Native Association.

Growing up in Seldovia, Alaska, Native culture was incorporated into nearly every aspect of our lives. This was particularly true of subsistence; we always put up fish and picked berries. I still have a strong connection with Kachemak Bay and the environment in which I grew up, and I'm fortunate to have family still living in the region.

Professionally, I am professor of aviation maintenance technology at the University of Alaska Anchorage. I've been teaching for the past 27 years and I love my job—helping students and seeing them launch into their careers gives me great satisfaction. Before that, I worked in the aviation industry, and I didn't realize until I started teaching how much I missed seasonal work. As an instructor, I have summers off and I wouldn't trade that for anything. It all goes back to subsistence. Growing up, salmon fishing, crabbing, digging clams, hunting and gathering – it was all seasonal, and you had to pay close attention to what was happening in your environment.

One of CIRI's five corporate values is respect, which asks us to embrace the history and heritage of CIRI—its land, resources and people—and promote responsible stewardship of CIRI resources. Just as our ancestors were good stewards of the land, we, too, must act as responsible stewards. Entrusted with

some of the richest and most delicate lands in Alaska, your Board prioritizes striking a balance between sustainably developing resources to improve opportunities for our shareholders and protecting the land for future generations. After all, the land, with its abundant resources, is a key element of CIRI's existence today.



When shareholders and descendants ask me what the Board looks for in selecting its Directors, I always say that number one is integrity, and number two is just being yourself. We are looking for people who are not afraid to use their voices, can help us make good decisions and are able to work effectively with fellow Board members in providing direction for the company. We're looking ahead to the next 100 years—how do we strategically and responsibly grow this corporation while remaining relevant and managing and controlling risk?

The Alaska Native value of subsistence—knowing when and how much to harvest, utilizing resources without depleting them—also informs how we make decisions as a Board. Being grounded in our culture and working toward the collective success of our people, giving something of yourself and being proud of being able to provide—these are the types of individuals we hope will put themselves forward for Board service.


CIRI Board of Directors

# Interested in Board Service?

The deadline to apply is Monday, Jan. 11

More info: [ciri.com/2021-board-election](http://ciri.com/2021-board-election)



If you have questions for me or any of the other CIRI directors, I invite you to email us directly at [board@ciri.com](mailto:board@ciri.com). 

perform a variety of record changes, produce payment confirmation reports and find the answers to many frequently asked questions.

### Staff and Building Operations

To protect the health and safety of employees, shareholders and visitors, CIRI offices remain closed to the public, and with COVID-19 cases continuing to rise, we have not established a target date for reopening. The company will continue to follow the guidance of national, state and local health officials while implementing its own best practices to protect the community.

CIRI implemented a telework policy in mid-March and remains fully operational. The Shareholder Relations department can be reached by phone and by emailing shareholderrecords@ciri.com Monday through Friday during normal business hours. With no on-site staff, calls will go to voicemail, but if you leave a message a Shareholder Relations team member will return your call. Please note that because staff are working from home, calls made to shareholders will not display CIRI's name or phone number.

Qenek remains available 24/7, allowing shareholders to access and make certain changes to their CIRI records. For the most current information, please visit the CIRI website, follow us on social media and enroll in the eNewsletter Program. 📧

## 2020 TAX INFORMATION

### 2020 CST payments are nontaxable

CIRI shareholders approved the creation of the CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) in June 2019. Thereafter, CIRI's Board of Directors rescinded CIRI's dividend policy in favor of contributing amounts that CIRI would have issued as quarterly dividends to the CST Distribution Fund, with the CST trustees agreeing to distribute the contributed amounts to CST beneficiaries who are CIRI shareholders. Beginning in 2020, the CIRI Board also authorized CIRI to contribute amounts to permit the CST Elders Fund to distribute \$450 to qualified Elders on a quarterly basis. The quarterly payments issued in 2020 from the CST Distribution Fund and the CST Elders Fund are nontaxable; thus, tax forms will not be issued and the payments will not be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

### Tax status of 2020 CIRI payments

CIRI IRS Forms 1099 for the 2020 tax year will be mailed no later than February 1, 2021. **Shareholders with portal accounts will be able to access their 1099s at qenek.ciri.com before the forms are mailed, with an email sent to advise when the forms are available.** Tax information remains accessible in Qenek for seven years, allowing shareholders to easily view and print their forms, if desired.

2020 tax forms will reflect all payments made to affected CIRI shareholders in 2020, and such shareholders may receive more than one type of Form 1099 depending on type of CIRI income received. These include:

- **Form 1099-DIV (estate payments).** If you inherited CIRI shares in 2020, any held dividends paid by CIRI in connection with the inherited shares will be reported in Boxes 1a - Ordinary Dividends and 1b - Qualified Dividends on Form 1099-DIV. If you have held your shares for less than one year, please consult your tax advisor regarding the proper treatment of qualified dividends.
- **Form 1099-MISC (resource revenue payments, prizes, SPC fees).** Resource revenue—or 7(j)—payments derive from resource revenue sharing obligations among the 12 Alaska Native regional corporations, as required by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). Shareholders who owned at-large stock on March 24, 2020, received an \$18,895.1 per at-large share (or \$1,889.51 per 100 shares) 7(j) payment from CIRI in 2020. Additionally, if you inherited at-large stock in 2020 and received an estate settlement payment, a portion of that payment may have consisted of held 7(j) funds.

Resource revenue payments are not dividends, and are not considered investment income, and are reported in Box 3 - Other Income on a Form 1099-MISC. ANCSA requires that resource revenue amounts distributed in connection with CIRI village-class stock be paid to the associated village; therefore, CIRI does not report these payments as individual shareholder income.

Shareholder prizes and fees paid to Shareholder Participation Committee members during the tax year are also reported in Box 3 - Other Income on a Form 1099-MISC.

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		13 State \$	14 State identification no. \$	
		15 State tax withheld \$		

Shareholder CIRI estate payments

Museum of the American West. In 2014, he co-founded Dark Winter Productions, an ensemble theater group promoting Native playwrights, directors, and actors. And in 2016, he completed an Artist Residency at the Tyrone Guthrie Centre in Ireland where he completed a draft of a full-length play.

After returning to Alaska from Ireland, Richard and some friends organized a cooperative called Shared Universe where writers, artists and others in the arts community can share skills and learn from one another. Most members of the cooperative are Alaska Native people.

“The idea, and what I felt was important for Shared Universe, was that it’s important for me to be able to share stories that are real, that speak to Alaska Native people. It is a space that’s for and by Alaska Native people, where they can see their faces and hear their stories,” Richard explained. One of the projects the group is working on has twice received TCF Heritage Project Grant funding, which supports projects that affect and/or involve Alaska Native beneficiaries of CIRI and further the heritage goals of TCF.

After CITC, Richard landed a job as a public-relations specialist with CIRI nonprofit affiliate Southcentral Foundation and then spent three years in the for-profit arena. He has been with TCF since June 2019 where his job entails reviewing applications, fulfilling check requests and writing letters on behalf of those with special circumstances.

“I really like working at TCF because it supports helping people with their education and future plans,” Richard affirmed. “Sometimes the person we’re helping is someone who’s just finishing high school and is moving on to college, and other times it’s a nontraditional student making a career change. Helping people transition to something they care about and have a passion for is important to me.”

Richard is currently working on a comic based on Alaska Native folklore. He is also one of five members of the Perseverance Theatre Playwright’s Circle, which includes commission for a two-year period of time to write and develop a play. The goal of the Playwright’s Circle is to develop diverse Alaska plays and to amplify the voices of Alaska Native people and other underrepresented voices in American theatre.



“My experience of being an Alaska Native person growing up without a connection to that culture is not uncommon,” Richard said. “My wife has a similar background—she’s Inupiaq and a CIRI shareholder who moved to Alaska and came to better understand her heritage as an adult, just as I did.”

For those seeking a connection, “I think the biggest thing is surrounding yourself with other Alaska Native people, either virtually or in person,” Richard advised. “If you can connect with an Elder, that’s just some of the richest experiences you’ll have. Hearing stories and asking questions is the key that helped me better understand my culture. And working around other Alaska Native people has been very impactful. It can be difficult in the Lower 48 to connect with Alaska Native cultures, but I’ve always discovered that you find what you seek. If you put in the time and effort to foster relationships, it will happen.” 📧

## INTOUCH

### Birth Announcement

CIRI shareholder David Kroto and Marie Kroto are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Evangeline Sierra, born Oct. 15 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Little Evangeline is the granddaughter of original CIRI shareholders Ted Kroto Sr., who serves on the CIRI Board of Directors, and Bertha Kroto. She is the great-granddaughter of Adam Kroto, Violet Kroto, David Trenton and Virginia Trenton, all of whom were original CIRI shareholders.



### Birth Announcement

Original CIRI shareholder Sharlene Beck is pleased to announce the arrival of her granddaughter, Leliana Edna Rae Beck, born Aug. 19. Little Leliana's parents are Dustin Beck and Rhonda White.



### Veterans Day Tribute

The late Herbert Alex (Dena'ina Athabascan) served as vice president of the Native Village of Eklutna from 1961 until his death in 1971. Along with two other servicemen, Sgt. Alex died in a military airplane crash in the Wrangell Mountains in eastern Alaska. Their bodies remain at the crash site. In honor of Veterans Day, the Alaska National Guard Public Affairs office published an article about Sgt. Alex entitled "Sgt. 1st Class Herbert Alex: An Alaskan Legacy." The article may be accessed at [dvidshub.net/news/382799/sgt-1st-class-herbert-alex-alaskan-legacy](http://dvidshub.net/news/382799/sgt-1st-class-herbert-alex-alaskan-legacy). The late Sgt. Alex is the father of original CIRI enrollee Charlene Alex Shaginaw. 📖



## 2020 AFN AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) awards honor Native and non-Native leaders in recognition of their dedicated efforts to serving the Native community. Congratulations to Katherine Gottlieb and Samuel Schimmel, both of whom were honored Oct. 17 at the virtual 2020 AFN Convention. Former CIRI employee Lisa Rieger was recognized as well.

Recipient of the Citizen of the Year award, original CIRI enrollee **Katherine Gottlieb** (Alutiiq/Sugpiaq) recently resigned her position as president and CEO of Southcentral Foundation (SCF) after overseeing a period of massive growth and change, including the organization twice receiving the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (2011 and 2017) for performance excellence and innovation.



During her 30 years with SCF, the organization grew more than 100-fold and transformed primary care services for Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) people residing in Southcentral Alaska. In 2004, Gottlieb was the first Alaskan to receive a MacArthur Fellowship, known as a "genius grant." A celebrated leader of AN/AI health care and wellness, she serves on the faculty of Harvard Medical School as a part-time lecturer on global health and social medicine.

This year's Roger Lang Youth Leadership award was bestowed upon CIRI descendant **Samuel Schimmel** (Siberian Yup'ik and Kenaitze Indian) for his work studying how climate change impacts Arctic communities. Schimmel has served as an intern for Alaska's Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C., and as a youth panelist for the Western Region Generation Indigenous Youth Conference where he joined Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski in signing a bill to create a commission for Alaska Native children.



For his efforts to improve the health, safety and wellbeing of Native youth, Schimmel was selected as one of five youth from across the country named to the Center for Native American Youth's 2017 class of Champions for Change and was appointed to the Center's youth advisory board. He was also CIRI's 2018 Youth Recognition Award recipient.

The Denali Award recognizes the contributions of a non-Native person who has demonstrated strong commitment, dedication and service to the Alaska Native community and to rural Alaska. This year's recipient is **Lisa Rieger**, who served as in-house counsel for CIRI from 2001 to 2005. Rieger currently serves as chief legal officer for Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC) where she engages in non-partisan research and study in the areas relevant to CITC's services and creating systemic change to improve outcomes for AN/AI people with federal and state agencies and legislative bodies. 📖



## YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVES

### Submit report cards by Jan. 31 for a chance to win \$100!

CIRI encourages youth to attend and excel at school by conducting \$100 cash prize drawings for students who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and students with excellent attendance (defined as missing no more than four classes in the reporting period). CIRI shareholders and confirmed CIRI descendants enrolled in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to participate.

Drawings are conducted twice a year. In February, and again in July, nine winners in each category are randomly selected to receive \$100 cash cards, including three youth who reside in Anchorage, three youth who reside in Alaska outside of Anchorage, and three youth who reside outside of Alaska. Youth may not win more than one award per semester.

To enter, eligible youth must submit a copy of the report card for the immediately preceding semester to CIRI Shareholder Relations by Jan. 31 or June 30, as applicable. The report card must clearly show the minor's name, the time period being reported on, the minor's grades and attendance record, and the name and contact information of the minor's school.

CIRI will attempt to contact the winner using the contact information in its files. If the winner cannot be contacted within 10 days of attempts, the prize will be awarded to an alternative winner, selected in accordance with contest rules.

Learn more about the drawings and how to register as a descendant at [ciri.com/nextgen](http://ciri.com/nextgen). 📖

## COMING SOON: CULTURES OF CIRI AND VIRTUAL MENTORING PROGRAM

CIRI is rolling out two exciting new web-based programs in early 2021—Cultures of CIRI and virtual mentoring, both of which offer shareholders and descendants the opportunity to connect, share and learn from one another from the comfort and safety of home.

### Cultures of CIRI

Alaska Native peoples have long used storytelling as a means of communication—to educate, present ideas and values, and simply to entertain.

An innovative story-sharing platform, Cultures of CIRI will provide shareholders and descendants an opportunity to share "sukdu"—Dena'ina Athabascan for "stories"—and connect with one another. An interactive Cultures of CIRI website will allow visitors to both share their own stories and hear the stories of others.

### Virtual Mentoring

With the goal of providing professional and personal enrichment to maximize potential, develop skills, improve performance and achieve goals, CIRI's virtual mentoring program will provide mentorship in several areas—careers, culture, board service and more. Unlike traditional top-down mentoring, CIRI's program will cultivate a reciprocal relationship between mentor and mentee where each develops through a two-way transfer of experience and perspective. Matching will be done through a competitive process, and CIRI will help guide and support the program.

More information on Cultures of CIRI and the virtual mentoring program will be provided in early 2021. Questions may be directed to Darla Graham, senior manager, shareholder engagement, at [dgraham@ciri.com](mailto:dgraham@ciri.com). 📖



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City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ANCHORAGE AK 99509-0000		10 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney \$	11 Section 409A deferrals \$		
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Form 1099-MISC (keep for your records)		15 State tax withheld \$	16 State/Payer's state no. \$		

Shareholder prizes, 7(j) payments and SPC fees are reported on Form 1099-MISC

Please note that it is your responsibility to accurately report your CIRI income on your tax returns; CIRI cannot provide tax advice. The proper IRS forms and schedules to use when completing individual tax returns may vary depending on the types of CIRI payments received. Shareholders are encouraged to consult with a tax advisor regarding individual circumstances and applicable federal and state tax requirements.

## RECIPE



### SALMON MOUSSE

Adapted from the recipe by Elise Bauer, simplyrecipes.com.

As the author wrote about this recipe, "An easy-to-make, delicious salmon mousse, not too rich and quite flavorful. Perfect for spreading on crackers and crudité dips."

#### START TO FINISH:

15 minutes, plus 6 hours chill time

#### SERVINGS:

12 as an appetizer

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound cooked or canned salmon
- ½ cup diced celery
- ½ cup diced green bell pepper
- ¼ cup chopped onion or 1 tablespoon dried, minced onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or 1 tablespoon dried dill
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup plain unsweetened yogurt
- 1 8-ounce package of cream cheese
- 1 can concentrated tomato soup or 8 ounces pureed tomato sauce
- Tabasco sauce to taste, or substitute your favorite hot sauce, chili powder or cayenne pepper
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- ¾ cup cold water
- 4 teaspoons (2 envelopes) unflavored, unsweetened gelatin

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. In a bowl, mix salmon, celery, bell pepper, onion, dill, mayonnaise, yogurt and lemon juice.
2. In a saucepan, melt the cream cheese. Add tomato soup or tomato sauce and continue cooking over low heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture is smooth and creamy. Add several dashes hot sauce. Pour the cream cheese and tomato mixture into the salmon mixture and mix thoroughly.
3. Pour the cold water into a small pot and stir in the gelatin. (Be sure to use cold water; gelatin needs this to disperse properly.) Slowly heat the water and gelatin just until the gelatin dissolves. Do not boil the gelatin or it will not set properly.
4. Add the dissolved gelatin to the salmon mixture and mix well.
5. Pour the mixture into a decorative mold or into serving bowls and refrigerate 6 hours, or until firm.

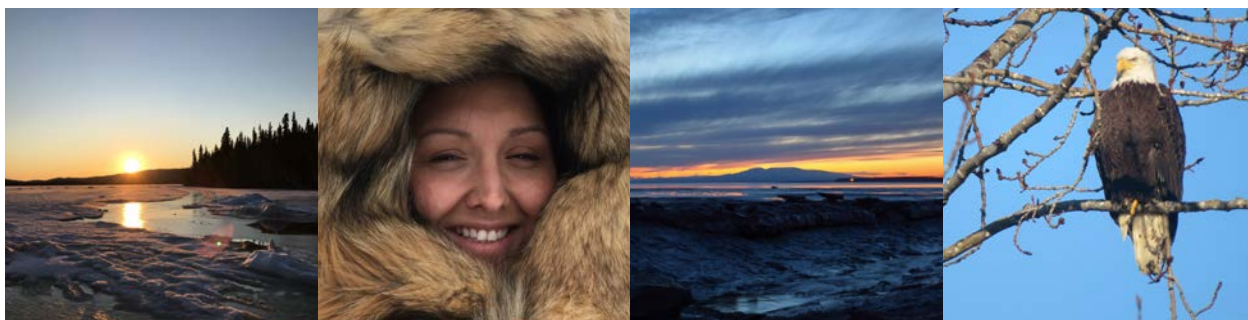
The Raven's Circle would like to feature our readers' favorite recipes! To submit visit [www.ciri.com/recipe](http://www.ciri.com/recipe).

# 2021 CIRI CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST

Thank you to all those who submitted entries for the 2021 CIRI Calendar Photo Contest! Out of nearly 300 entries, the following photos were selected for the calendar cover and each of the 12 months of the year – no easy task given the number and quality of the submissions. CIRI extends its sincere appreciation to the shareholders and descendants who, through original photographs, interpreted the theme "Celebrating Every Day"!



**Cover:**  
Sage O'Neill  
Anchorage, AK



**January:**  
Steve Kakaruk  
Fairbanks, AK

**February:**  
Angeli Kristovich  
Palmer, AK

**March:**  
Sage O'Neill  
Anchorage, AK

**April:**  
Connie Sedlac  
Placer Valley, AK



**May:**  
Robin Murphy  
Twenty Mile Valley, AK

**June:**  
Sierra Rife  
Resurrection Bay, AK

**July:**  
Sonita Cleveland  
Quinhagak, AK

**August:**  
Dora Lefor  
Beluga Point, AK



**September:**  
Teresa Thiele  
Anchorage, AK

**October:**  
Steffani Coxwell  
Cantwell, AK

**November:**  
Tia Hale  
Seward, AK

**December:**  
Charlene Lane  
Gambell, AK

## IN MEMORY

### Breck Abell, 61

Breck Abell passed away July 16 in Anchorage. Mr. Abell was born July 1, 1959, in California. He is survived by his children, Andrew Enright, Breck Jr. and June Cagunung; and brothers, Bryon, Tim, Russ and Danny Abell.



### Anna Vigluak Beebe, 89

Anna Vigluak Beebe passed away Sept. 25 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Beebe was born Feb. 8, 1931, in Napakiak, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Carrie E. Alexie; grandson, Angel Bruce Alexie; and great-grandchildren, Tony Alexie-Johnson and Angela, Angeline, Alexander and Carrie-Jayne Alexie.

### Elmer Roy Bradley, 63

Elmer Roy Bradley passed away Sept. 29 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Bradley was born Nov. 13, 1956, in Unalakleet, Alaska. He is survived by Elliot Bradley and Irene Balnis.

### Carol Marie Carroll, 80

Carol Marie Carroll passed away Sept. 16 at home in Livermore, Calif. Ms. Carroll was born July 22, 1940, in San Antonio, Texas. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing, she accepted a commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and was engaged in the care of seriously wounded sailors and Marines returning from Vietnam. She eventually earned a Master of Nursing degree and ultimately accepted an appointment to the position of nurse manager at the large U.S. Veterans Affairs Clinic in Corpus Christi, Texas. Ms. Carroll dearly loved having the opportunity to again provide medical care for veterans. After retirement, she enjoyed travel, including three transatlantic cruises, and growing orchids. She and her husband were both certified in the Texas A&M Master Gardener Program and provided support to local botanical gardens and the learning-to-grow program at elementary schools. Ms. Carroll is survived by her husband, Paul Carroll; daughter, Elizabeth (Kevin) Forde; sons, David and Michael Carroll; and grandchildren, Katelyn Carroll, Thomas Carroll, Conor Forde and Caroline Forde.



### Thomas John Cheemuk Sr., 66

Thomas John Cheemuk Sr. passed away April 26 in St. Michael, Alaska. Mr. Cheemuk was born Jan. 22, 1954, in St. Michael. He is survived by his wife, Elsie Cheemuk; children, AidaAnn, Thomas Jr., Tamira, Axel, Tommicina and Leon; and 14 grandchildren.

### Maria K. Larsen, 64

Maria K. Larsen passed away June 16 in Memphis, Tenn. Ms. Larsen was born Oct. 11, 1955, in St. Paul, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Windy Dix, Stacey Short, Ramona Lorenz and Loren Larsen.

### Lois "Lala" Marsden, 76

Lois "Lala" Marsden passed away Aug. 4 at home in Sterling, Alaska. Ms. Marsden was born May 31, 1944, in Golovin, Alaska. She earned a degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage in 1968 and enjoyed a career as a nurse. She is survived by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and countless nieces, nephews, friends and extended family.



### Jerry N. Peter Jr., 60

Jerry N. Peter Jr. passed away Oct. 12 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Peter was born March 20, 1960, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Mary J. Eaddy Peter; siblings, Vera Trenton, Annie Peter, Emma Constantine, Elsie Roehl, Samuel Peter and Gordon Peter; stepson, Leonard Trenton; and stepfather, Bill Standifer.

### Ronald A. Piersen, 62

Ronald Ailak Piersen passed away Oct. 19 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Piersen was born Sept. 4, 1958, in Cape Nome, Alaska. He is survived by his nephews, Daniel Mearkle and Robin Mearkle.

### Leon R. Stephan, 59

Leon R. Stephan passed away May 22 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Stephan was born Nov. 19, 1960, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Annie Stephan; daughter, Shawna Stephan; son-in-law, Eddie Myas; grandchildren, Tiana Myas, Eddie Myas Jr. and Eliejah Myas; father, Leo Stephan; siblings, Gloria Lorah, Mary Charley, Angela Waskey, Robbin Cooks, Raven Stephan, Lee Stephan, Lester Stephan and Lewis Stephan; 17 nieces and nephews; and 25 great-nieces and -nephews.

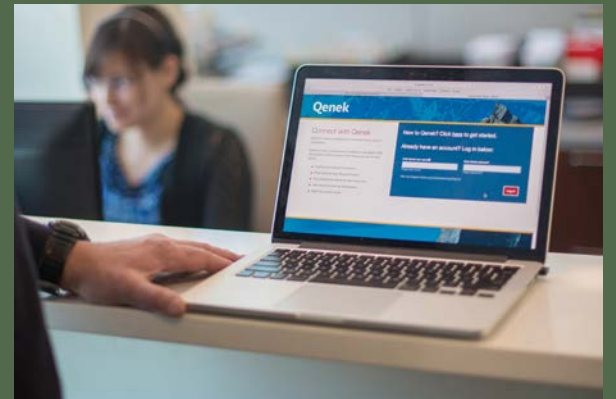


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## QENEK PORTAL ENHANCEMENTS

### Qenek is better than ever!

Qenek is a Dena'ina Athabascan word that means news or information. CIRI's Qenek portal is a free online resource that provides easy access to a wealth of news, information and forms, while also offering the convenience of performing certain tasks and record changes online. Recent improvements have rendered Qenek an even more valuable tool.



### Expanded eDelivery options

We are excited to offer new electronic delivery options that allow both shareholders and CIRI to lessen our environmental impact. These include eDelivery options for Annual Meeting materials, tax forms, CIRI Settlement Trust materials and other communications from CIRI and its affiliated nonprofits. Because some shareholders have said they do not wish to receive them, we've also included an option to opt-out of receiving CIRI calendars, and there's even an option that allows us to communicate with you via text messages.

Signing up is easy. Click on the Update my Contact Info or the View or Change my Mailing Preferences hyperlink to view options, change your delivery preferences and reduce paper waste and clutter.

### Enhanced security through two-factor authentication

Two-factor authentication offers an extra layer of security designed to help ensure that you are the only person who can access your Qenek account. With two-factor authentication, along with your password, you must now also enter a unique, temporary verification code when signing into Qenek. The code will be sent via text message to the cell phone number or email address you have on file with CIRI. Once you are signed in, you may change the method of two-factor authentication by selecting the My Account hyperlink on the top right side of the Qenek home page. As always, Qenek sign-in information should be treated confidentially and not shared. Visit [qenek.ciri.com/Account/Security](http://qenek.ciri.com/Account/Security) for more security tips.

### Wills

The dates of all Wills a shareholder has on file for their CIRI stock now display in Qenek, making it easy to consider if the most recent Will might be outdated. As a reminder, CIRI urges each shareholder to update his or her Will after giving or receiving a gift of stock, upon the death of a designated beneficiary or if additional shares are inherited. Marriage, divorce, the birth or adoption of children and other life changes are also reasons to complete a new Will. As before, an alert displays on the Qenek home page if there is an issue with the most recent Will on file with CIRI.

### Descendant access

Adult CIRI descendants who have registered with CIRI may now create Qenek accounts to access news and information, more easily keep their contact information updated and even request replacement ID cards. Along with having their names entered into quarterly descendant prize drawings, registered descendants with valid email addresses on file will now also be entered in quarterly Qenek drawings for a YETI cooler!

Our Alaska Native ancestors relied on and worked in harmony with the earth to feed themselves and their families. Today, we respect and embrace our history and heritage through responsible stewardship of our land and resources. We hope you will consider reducing your environmental footprint by accessing the Qenek portal to manage your CIRI records and take advantage of the new eDelivery options.

Mailing Type	Description	Mail Delivery Selection
Newsletter	CIRI's Raven Circle newsletters.	ELECTRONIC
Annual Meeting Materials	May include, but is not limited to, annual reports, notices of annual meetings and special meetings of shareholders, and proxy statements, voter's guides and voting reminders related to such meetings, and may also include a link to the eProxy website and instructions for online voting. Please note that by selecting electronic delivery, you may still receive a proxy or other piece of paper with your online voting PIN by mail.	ELECTRONIC
Tax Forms	Tax reporting forms, such as IRS Form 1099s.	ELECTRONIC
Settlement Trust Materials	Settlement Trust communications and materials which may include, but are not limited to, notices, financial statements and other reports. Delivery may be by email or online posting.	ELECTRONIC
Other Company Communications	Miscellaneous communications from CIRI, which may include, but are not limited to, information about upcoming events and opportunities and other important announcements and information.	ELECTRONIC
Calendar	CIRI's annual shareholder calendar.	PAPER
Nonprofit Communications	Communications from CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organizations regarding programs and opportunities and other important news. If you select electronic, your email address will be shared with CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organizations.	ELECTRONIC
Allow Texts	Allow CIRI to send informational text messages to your cellular phone number on file.	YES

Save

## New Prizes with GreenLink

To encourage shareholders to reduce their carbon footprint by opting for electronic delivery, CIRI is introducing **new GreenLink drawings for a \$1,000 prize, which will be conducted for the months ending Jan. 31, Feb. 28 and March 31, 2021**, with quarterly drawings for \$500 conducted thereafter.

To have your name included, you must have a valid email address and direct deposit instruction on file and must have opted into electronic delivery of all of the following:

- Newsletters
- Annual Meeting materials
- Tax forms
- Settlement Trust materials
- Other company communications

Winners will be notified by phone, text or email, after which the winnings will be directly deposited to the bank account designed in CIRI's records. Another winner will be selected if CIRI is unable to contact the winner within one week, mail sent to the selected shareholder has been returned as undeliverable or the deposited funds are rejected. 📧

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>DEC. 24, 2020- JAN. 1, 2021</b>	Winter holiday: CIRI closed
<b>DEC. 31, 2020</b>	Quarterly participation prize drawing deadlines: confirmed descendant, direct deposit, eNewsletter, Genek, stock will (details at ciri.com)
<b>JAN. 5, 2021</b>	Deadline to apply for CIRI Virtual Next Gen Day
<b>JAN. 11, 2021</b>	CIRI Board slate application deadline: 3 p.m. AKST
<b>JAN. 18, 2021</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; CIRI Virtual Next Gen Day
<b>JAN. 29, 2021</b>	CIRI Board write-in candidate information packets available no later than today; visit ciri.com for details
<b>JAN. 31, 2021</b>	Youth Educational Incentive Drawing deadline: 3 p.m. AKST; GreenLink \$1,000 prize drawing deadline
<b>FEB. 1, 2021</b>	IRS Forms 1099 mailed to shareholders no later than today (available in Genek sooner)
<b>FEB. 15, 2021</b>	Presidents Day; Elizabeth Peratrovich Day observed: CIRI offices closed
<b>FEB. 16, 2021</b>	Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
<b>FEB. 17, 2021</b>	CIRI Board write-in candidate packet deadline: 12 p.m. AKST
<b>FEB. 28, 2021</b>	GreenLink \$1,000 prize drawing deadline
<b>MAR. 1, 2021</b>	CST Elders Distribution direct deposit deadline
<b>MAR. 4, 2021</b>	CST Elders Distribution change of address deadline

## CIRI HOLIDAY CLOSURE

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, CIRI will be closed Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, through Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4.

**During the closure, shareholders may continue to access the Genek portal at [genek.ciri.com](http://genek.ciri.com).**

We wish all our shareholders, descendants and their families a safe and happy holiday season!



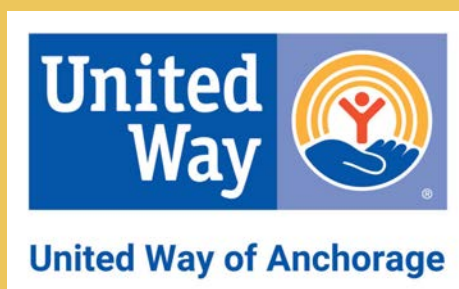
## CIRI *in the* COMMUNITY

### United Way Employee Giving Campaign

Strong, financially stable families, successful, prepared kids, healthy communities and putting an end to homelessness—United Way of Anchorage works to advance the common good by mobilizing the caring power of community.

The work United Way is doing is more important now than ever. In March, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, approximately 100,000 Alaskans became unemployed virtually overnight. Thanks to United Way and its donors, more than 500 Alaskan families received assistance before federal stimulus checks arrived.

"CIRI has long supported United Way's efforts in the areas of education, income and health," said CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich. "In fact, over the years, CIRI and its employees have invested approximately \$2 million in Southcentral Alaska through ongoing support to United Way. As communities respond, recover and rebuild amid the COVID-19 pandemic, our support to United Way is even more vital."



CIRI's United Way Employee Giving Campaign was held Nov. 13-20, with nearly three-quarters of employees participating. In addition to the employees' contributions made by payroll deduction, CIRI matched 50% of each contribution. Employees also bid on "mystery boxes" that held items like electronics, gift cards and airline tickets, with all proceeds benefitting United Way.

"Many families go without gifts during the holiday season, and sometimes even without a hot meal or a warm place to sleep," Minich said. "United Way works to create positive, permanent change in our communities, and CIRI is proud to be a long-time supporter of such a worthy organization."

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### Condolences

Sandra Pauline Aaron, 64  
Exenia Dushkin, 46  
Matthew Lee Fox, 40  
Chester William Koonuk Jr., 53  
Patrick Timothy Watts, 67  
Paul Walter Woods Jr., 61

## STATEMENT ISSUED IN SUPPORT OF ANCs RECEIVING CARES ACT FUNDING

On Sept. 25, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ruled that Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) are ineligible for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. In October, both Alaska Native regional and village corporations and the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury appealed the decision to the Supreme Court of the United States.

In November, the ANCSA Regional Association (ARA) and Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) issued a statement following the filing of an amicus brief from the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) in support of ANC eligibility to receive COVID-19 relief funding under the CARES Act.

The statement, in part, reads that "AFN notes how Congress carefully chose the statutory definition of 'Indian Tribe' to determine funding eligibility for the CARES Act to specifically include Alaska Native corporations, recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic affects us all. AFN also highlights how the appellate court's misinterpretation of ANCs wrongfully disqualifies our communities from CARES Act funding and sets a dangerous precedent that could undermine the self-determination of Alaska Native people and threaten access to current and future federal programs that our communities rely on."

For more information, visit [ancsaregional.com/cares-act/](http://ancsaregional.com/cares-act/)

## APPLY NOW: 2021 VIRTUAL NEXT GEN DAY



Learn about CIRI and its family of companies, gain exposure to future career paths and participate in Alaska Native cultural activities—shareholders and descendants 10 years through high-school age are invited to apply to participate in CIRI's 2021 Next Gen Day, which will be held virtually!

Next Gen Day provides an inside look into the company and future opportunities available to CIRI youth. The event will be held Monday, Jan. 18, which coincides with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Anchorage School District holiday.

The application deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 5. For more information and an application, visit [ciri.com/nextgen](http://ciri.com/nextgen). Eligible CIRI youth, no matter where in the world they live, are encouraged to apply!

## 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 12/21/2020)

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## ALASKA 2-1-1

If you or someone you know is in need of help during the holidays or at any other time of the year, 2-1-1 is a good place to start. A program of United Way, 2-1-1 is a one-stop resource for finding help in communities across the U.S. Simply dial 2-1-1 or visit 211.org to be connected to a specialist who will work with you to understand your needs and connect you to programs and services that may be able to help.

Connect with  
**Qenek**  
Shareholder Portal  
[qenek.ciri.com](http://qenek.ciri.com)

- Enroll in eDelivery
- Update contact information
- Access news and forms
- RSVP for events
- View information about stock and payments
- Request replacement checks

Maintain an up-to-date CIRI mailing address and access Qenek quarterly to participate in quarterly drawings for a YETI cooler!

## 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 Patrick Joseph Gutmann – Buffy Switzer
- Estate of Francine M. Morris – Flo Steitz

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.