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LEFT: A bird's-eye view of Fire Island's wind turbines. RIGHT, TOP: Aerial view of Fire Island AFS, established in 1951. RIGHT, MIDDLE: The Breakneck Hill ski area was built by USAF volunteers in their spare time. RIGHT, BOTTOM: Fire Island AFS was a continental defense radar station constructed to provide early warning of an attack by the Soviet Union on Alaska.

FIRE ISLAND WIND CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

For the past 10 years, CIRI's Fire Island Wind (FIW) Project has delivered renewable, emissions-free energy to more than 7,000 homes in Southcentral Alaska. FIW represents the area's first utility-scale independently owned wind project, and it helped redefine the future of energy in Cook Inlet and beyond.

"Fire Island Wind is important to CIRI for so many reasons," said Suzanne Settle, vice president, CIRI Energy, Land and Resources. "It was the first project CIRI developed and constructed on its own, and it put us on the map for additional investments in the clean energy industry."

FIW took more than a decade of planning. Various regulatory and other issues—including navigating the complexities of a power-purchase agreement and removing and rebuilding a key navigational aid for the nearby Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport—hindered progress, but CIRI never lost sight of its goal of offering a competitively priced, renewable addition to Southcentral Alaska's energy portfolio.

"We live in this community and care about our carbon footprint," Settle continued. "Because Fire Island Wind was important to us as a corporation, we stuck with it and saw it through, even when it was challenging."

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska approved a power purchase agreement between Fire Island Wind and Chugach Electric Association, Alaska's largest electric cooperative, on Oct. 10, 2011, which cleared the way for the construction of FIW. Parts and

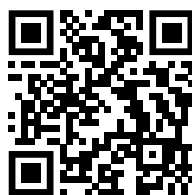
equipment began arriving in Anchorage in the spring of 2012, and the project commenced commercial operation on Sept. 24, 2012.

In 2016, Fire Island Wind was lauded by General Electric Company as one of the top four wind energy projects in the U.S.

"Fire Island Wind is important to CIRI because it was really the launch of our efforts to acknowledge and move in the direction of sustainable, clean energy for Alaska," CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich said. "Alaska doesn't have state-mandated renewable energy targets that power companies must meet, but every day brings with it new evidence of climate change in our communities, especially in our rural communities. As an Alaska Native corporation, CIRI recognizes we have a duty to continue responsible stewardship of our lands so that future generations of Shareholders and Descendants not only profit from our investments but continue to practice the customs and cultures of their ancestors."

FIW currently consists of eleven 260-foot-tall turbines whose blades sweep an area greater than an acre. CIRI has the capacity to expand the project and generate enough power to meet the needs of some 28,000 homes and businesses.

For a 10th anniversary video of the Fire Island Wind Project, scan the QR code or visit ciri.com/fiw10.



THE HISTORY OF FIRE ISLAND

- Location: Fire Island is situated 3.5 miles off the west coast of Anchorage.
- The Dena'ina name for Fire Island is Natul'iv, which means "object that stands in the water."
- Fire Island's modern-day name comes from Captain James Cook. Cook and his two ships, the *Resolution* and *Discovery*, sailed into Tikahtnu, later dubbed "Cook Inlet." Cook sent some of his men to explore an island near what is today the city of Anchorage. They built a fire there and ate. Because the fire served as a beacon to Cook, he dubbed the 5.5-mile stretch of land "Fire Island."
- According to a Dena'ina Elder, a village once existed on Fire Island, but an epidemic forced the survivors to evacuate sometime before 1934. Nonetheless, Fire Island was the site of Dena'ina fish camps from 1918 until the 1970s. From 1909 to 1955, the island was designated as a breeding ground for Alaska moose. During World War II, the U.S. Army used it as an observation point to guard against Japanese submarines.
- In 1951, an Air Force Station (Fire Island AFS) was established. The station closed in 1969, leaving the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as the sole user of the island. The FAA site closed in 1980.
- Fire Island was home to the Breakneck Hill ski area from 1957 to 1979. The area included a ski hill and toboggan run, one 800-foot rope-tow, a warm-up cabin and two sheds.
- CIRI acquired Fire Island as a surplus federal property in 1982.
- CIRI currently owns 90% of Fire Island's 4,000 acres, with the rest belonging to the FAA and the U.S. Coast Guard; the Coast Guard's navigational beacons are currently non-operational. The FAA maintains a private general aviation airfield on the east corner of the island, which has one runway. Access to the island is by permission only.
- At low tide, it is possible to walk across the mud flats of Cook Inlet to reach Fire Island. Hikers occasionally attempt the 3.5-mile trek from Kincaid Park, but the incoming tide can make the journey dangerous, and people have drowned.

CIRI IN THE COMMUNITY:

2022 CIRI Golf Classic at Moose Run Golf Course

On Aug. 5, more than 140 players from across the country arrived at the Moose Run Golf Course in Anchorage to raise money for two nonprofit organizations: The Alaska Children's Trust, the statewide lead organization in the prevention of child abuse and neglect, and the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, whose mission is to build student excellence through traditional cultural learning.

Thanks to participants and generous corporate sponsors, the Golf Classic raised approximately \$84,000 for this year's proceed recipients.

CIRI would especially like to thank Platinum sponsor Weidner Apartment Homes and its Silver and Major sponsors: Alaska Airlines, Alaska Communications, Baird, Bitterblue Inc., Calista Corp., Doyon, Limited, HighGold, Hilcorp, Kodik Brown Bear Center, Marsh & McLennan Agency, North Wind, Pape-Dawson Engineers and Tordrillo Mountain Lodge.

The CIRI Golf Classic is made possible by our sponsors and participants, many with long-standing relationships and partnerships with CIRI. Thank you for all that you do to make our community a better place!



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It's fall in Alaska! No matter where we live, autumn gives us the chance to slow down, settle back into our routines and savor the smaller moments. It is a time to reflect on what we have, reminisce with friends and loved ones, and recharge after a busy summer. I hope this season brings you peace and many moments of quiet joy.

On Sept. 24, CIRI celebrated 10 years of the Fire Island Wind Project. When we set out to build Southcentral Alaska's first utility-scale wind energy project, we knew we would encounter roadblocks and challenges—never before had a project the size and scope of Fire Island Wind been attempted in Alaska!

Working together, and with the support of our state and community partners, we overcame each obstacle. The success of Fire Island Wind is a testament of what we can accomplish when we rely on our values—strive for excellence, think creatively, deliver on promises and celebrate successes—and take seriously our responsibility of stewarding the land for future generations of CIRI Shareholders and Descendants.

According to the United Nations, to avoid the worst impacts of climate change, emissions need to be reduced by almost half by 2030 and reach net-zero by 2050. To achieve this, we need to end our reliance on fossil fuels and invest in alternative sources of energy that are clean, accessible, affordable, sustainable and reliable. Green energy is the

future, and we are excited to see what the next 10 years hold for the Fire Island Wind Project.

Looking ahead, I ask you to join me in casting your vote in the U.S. midterm election on Tuesday, Nov. 8! Many Native leaders have worked tirelessly to gain and protect our right to vote. Even today, Alaska Native/American Indian people are often faced with a unique set of limitations that further obstructs their access to the ballot. Many Alaska Native villages and Indian reservations don't have traditional street addresses recognized by the U.S. Postal Service; ballot drop boxes, polling places and election offices are sometimes located hundreds of miles away from these communities. Regardless of where we live, voting on Election Day may not be feasible due to work and family obligations, long lines at the polls or an unforeseen accident or illness. I urge you to make a plan to vote now, including absentee/by-mail and early voting options that may be available in your state. For more information, contact your local election office or visit vote.org. Thank you for doing your part to Get Out the Native Vote!

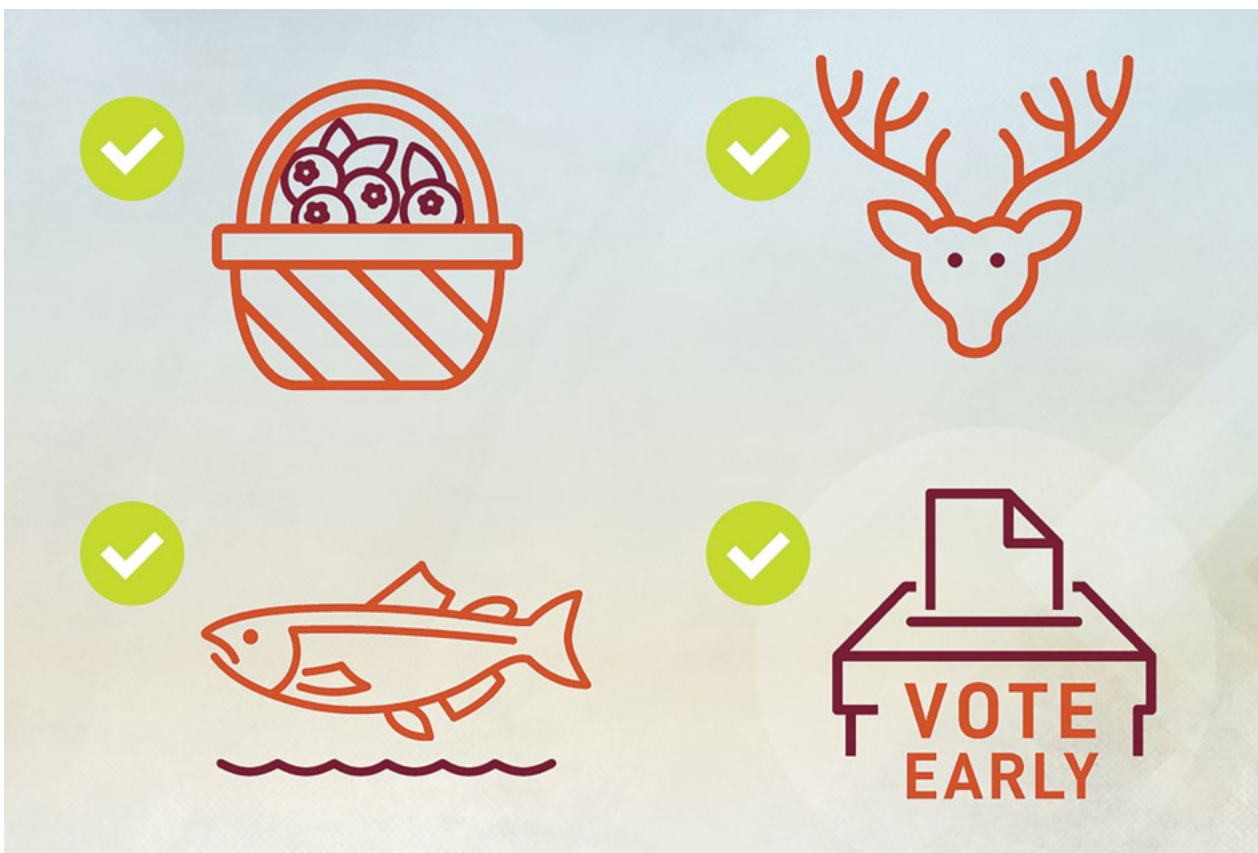
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CIRI President and CEO



AS SEEN IN OUR REGION

View of Mount Susitna, also known as Sleeping Lady (Dena'ina: Dghelishla), from CIRI's Fireweed Business Center in midtown Anchorage. *Photo by Kevin Bennett.*



#CIRIVOTES IN THE U.S. MIDTERM ELECTION!

Get Out the Native Vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8

Midterm elections, or midterms, are elections held during the second year of a president's four-year period in office. Many states also hold state and local elections in midterm years, so it's critically important to vote to elect leaders and weigh in on ballot measures that will impact your community and our nation. Alaska Native voices can shape the future of our communities. Make sure your voice is heard by voting in the 2022 U.S. general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8!

DATES AND DEADLINES

There is no national voter registration deadline; voters in each state and territory must follow their voter registration laws. Every state (except North Dakota) requires citizens to register if they want to vote. Some states require voters to register up to 30 days before an election, while others allow registration up to and on Election Day.

As you plan your vote, some dates and deadlines to keep include your state's:

- Deadline to register to vote or update an existing voter registration.
- First day to vote early in person.
- Absentee/by-mail ballot request deadline.

- Last day to vote early in person.
- Polling opening and closing times on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 8).
- Deadline to receive absentee/by-mail ballots.

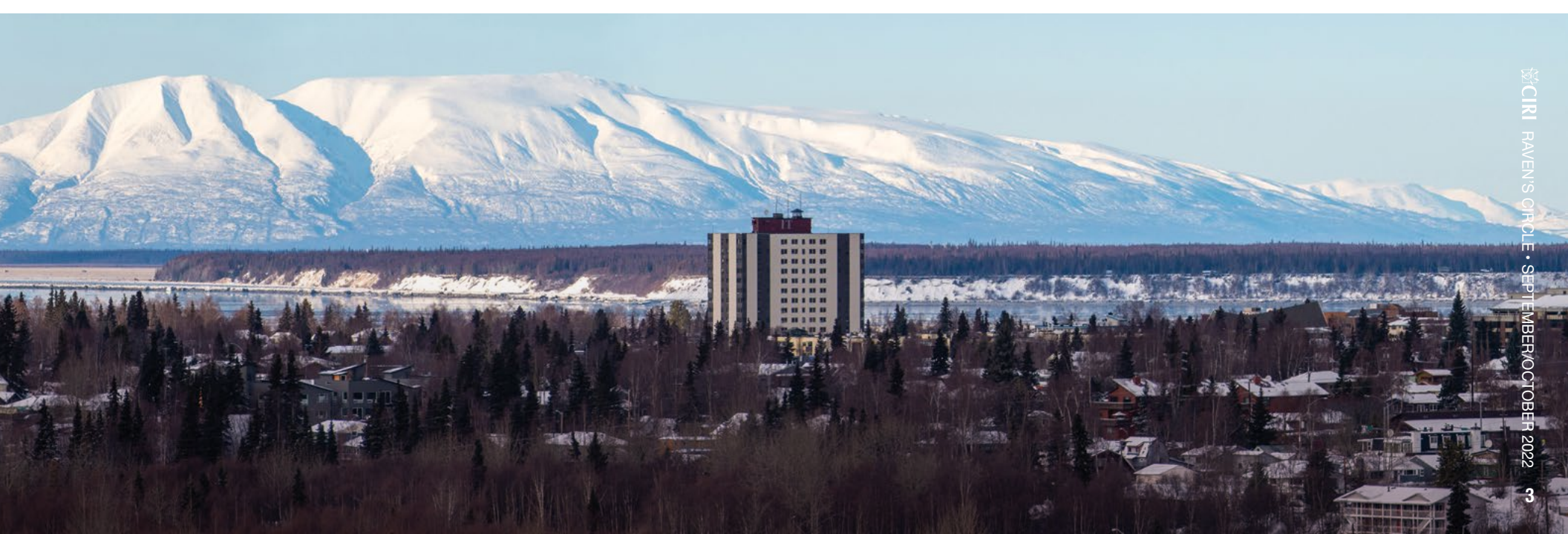
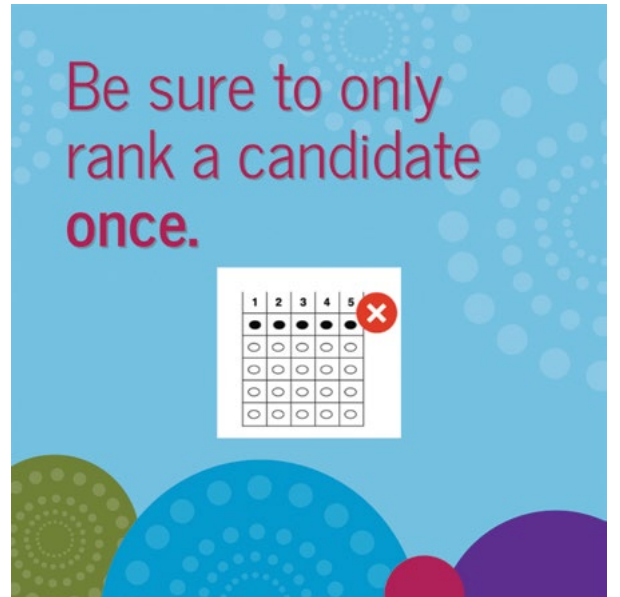
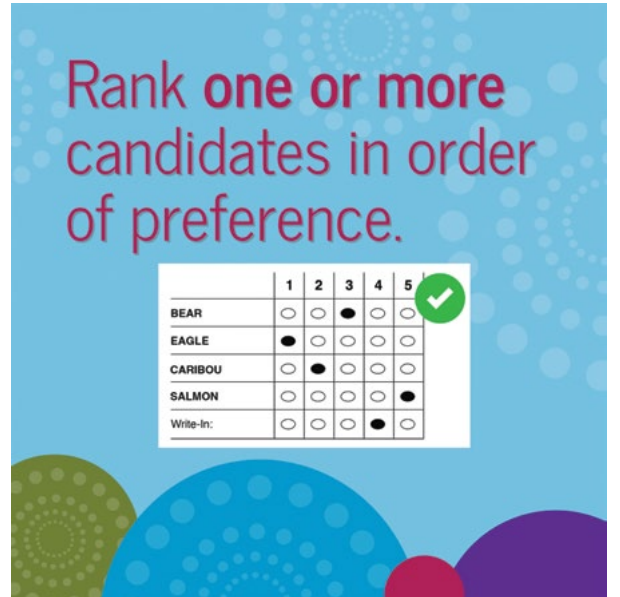
For election dates and deadlines for each state, visit usvotefoundation.org.

ALASKA—RANKED CHOICE VOTING

Alaskan voters may rank more than one candidate in order of preference on their ballot, OR they may rank just one. Votes are tabulated in rounds, with the lowest-ranked candidates eliminated in each round until there are only two candidates left. The candidate who receives the majority of votes (more than 50%) in the final round is declared the winner.

Be sure to rank a candidate only once, and don't give the same ranking to multiple candidates. Your vote only counts once. Your second (or later) choice only matters if your first-choice candidate receives the fewest number of votes and is eliminated, and so on for further rounds of counting.

For a video demonstrating ranked choice voting, visit elections.alaska.gov/RCV.php





RECIPE

TWO SISTERS SALMON CHOWDER

RECIPE BY CHEFS CARRI THURMAN AND SHARON ROUFA

Chowder is the ultimate comfort food. It's a meal all by itself, or serve with bread or a green salad.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large yellow onion, diced
- 3 large carrots, diced
- 3 or 4 potatoes, diced
- 1 cup flour
- 8 cups water or chicken stock
- 1½ cups heavy cream
- 1½ pounds salmon (preferably wild), skin discarded and cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt, to taste
- 1 teaspoon dried dill
- Lemon zest and juice from 1 lemon

DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt butter in a heavy-bottom soup pot. Sauté onion, celery and carrot for 5 minutes or until onions are translucent and celery and carrot are tender-crisp.
2. Add flour; stir until there is no dry flour visible. Add water or stock, salt (to taste) and potatoes. Cook on medium-low heat, stirring often.
3. Cook until potatoes are tender, then add the cream and dill. Bring to a simmer.
4. Add salmon and cook 5 minutes or until the fish is cooked through. Stir in lemon juice and zest.
5. Top with freshly ground black pepper and additional dill, if desired.

THANK YOU TO THE ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE CENTER FOR THIS RECIPE—WE APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP!

BOARD CORNER

Get to Know your CIRI Board of Directors: Vice Chair Samuel Spangler

My name is Sam Spangler, and it is my honor to serve my fellow Shareholders and Descendants as vice chair of the CIRI Board of Directors.

I am Aleut and an original CIRI enrollee. I grew up in Pennsylvania with very little exposure to my tribal cultures. In fact, my first trip to Alaska didn't occur until 2016.

My mother passed away when I was in my early teens. When I was in Anchorage for my first CIRI Board meeting, I decided to take a trip down to Ninilchik to visit my aunt. As I drove, I was awed by the incredible views and vastness of the terrain and stopped multiple times to take photos! Seeing the volcanoes across Cook Inlet from the vantage point of the Russian Orthodox church on the bluff above Ninilchik was indescribable. It helped me feel a bit more connected with my mother and a heritage that, at that time, I knew little about.

Since becoming a member of the CIRI Board, I have had the opportunity to attend Information Meetings, Annual Meetings, Friendship Potlatches and other cultural gatherings and events. I am always struck by the respect shown to Elders, from their meals being served first to the way others sincerely listen to the stories and lessons that they share. I continue to seek out the wisdom of the Elders I encounter in my own life and to show them the reverence and compassion they deserve.

Our Elders and ancestors fought for Alaska Native people's right to vote. One way we can show our respect and honor their efforts is to exercise our right to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 8! The right and opportunity to vote and participate in our government is fundamental to our democracy, and there is still much to do



to improve the lives of Alaskan Native/American Indian people. Voting also helps ensure that the hard-won rights and opportunities afforded to us by our Elders are not lost.

Ironically, my most memorable voting experience is the time I failed to vote in a presidential election. I had just moved to a new state and didn't know my polling location; I was tired after a long day and an early season snowstorm had set in. I rationalized that my vote wasn't going to make a difference, gave in to these excuses and went home. I have thought about this experience many times in the years since and always make a point to vote, even if I'm busy or traveling.

If you already participate in elections, thank you! Your vote, and your voice, make a difference. If you don't, I would ask you to consider that voting is more than just electing a candidate—it's choosing the right policies and people who have your best interests in mind when making decisions. Voting decides how your tax dollars are spent and impacts everything from jobs, roads and schools in your community to broader issues like Social Security, climate change and defense spending.

Thank you for doing your part to Get Out the Native Vote. I'll see you at the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8!

2022 VIRTUAL FRIENDSHIP POTLATCH

Available Online Mid-November

We invite all Shareholders, Descendants and their families to join us for this year's virtual Friendship Potlatch! The pre-recorded Potlatch will feature a village visit, cooking demonstration, cultural elements and more! The recording will be released mid-November and announced via social media and on the CIRI website.

CIRI HOLIDAY CLOSURE

CIRI Offices Closed Dec. 23, 2022,-Jan. 2, 2023

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, CIRI will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, through Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Staff will return to CIRI offices on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2022. During the closure, Shareholders and Descendants may continue to access the Qenek portal.



2023 BOARD RECRUITMENT

Applications Available Nov. 28

Voting CIRI Shareholders age 18+ are invited to apply to the CIRI Board of Directors. Board application materials will be available Monday, Nov. 28 at ciri.com/board-election. Application materials are due Jan. 9, 2023. For the most up-to-date information, visit the CIRI website and follow us on social media.



IMPORTANT DATES

NOV. 24, 2022	Thanksgiving: CIRI offices closed
NOV. 25, 2022	Native American Heritage Day: CIRI offices closed
NOV. 29, 2022	Fourth quarter change of address deadline; CST Elders Distribution change of address deadline
DEC. 7, 2022	Quarterly CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) Distribution
DEC. 9, 2022	Quarterly CST Elders Distribution
DEC. 23, 2022 - JAN. 2, 2023	Christmas and New Year's holidays: CIRI offices closed
DEC. 31, 2022	Quarterly participation prize drawing deadlines: confirmed Descendant, direct deposit, eNewsletter, GreenLink, Qenek, stock will

2022 FOURTH QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

Dates and amounts for the CST Distribution and CST Elders Distribution Fund

PAYMENT TYPE	DIRECT DEPOSIT SIGN-UP DEADLINE: 3 P.M.	ADDRESS CHANGE AND CANCEL DIRECT DEPOSIT DEADLINE: 3 P.M.	DISTRIBUTION DATE
CST Distribution	NOV. 15, 2022	NOV. 29, 2022	DEC. 7, 2022
CST Elders Distribution	NOV. 15, 2022	NOV. 29, 2022	DEC. 9, 2022

CST DISTRIBUTION FUND

Fourth quarter payments from the CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) Distribution Fund, in the amount of \$12.02 per share (or \$1,202 per 100 shares), will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Time on Wednesday, Dec. 7 to all CST beneficiaries who own CIRI stock and have a valid mailing address on file with CIRI as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

CST ELDERS DISTRIBUTION

Fourth quarter payments from the CST Elders Distribution Fund will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, Dec. 9 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29. CST beneficiaries who are original CIRI Shareholders and are 65 years of age or older on the record date of Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, are eligible to receive the \$450 payment, providing they either own at least one share of CIRI stock or gifted all their CIRI stock to family members prior to July 31, 2003.

DIRECT/REMOTE DEPOSIT

CIRI urges Shareholders who receive their distributions in check form to consider signing up for direct deposit or taking advantage of remote deposit. Both options are fast, easy and environmentally friendly. (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 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 account, you may cancel your existing direct deposit instruction online via the portal.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Checks 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 is signed up for direct deposit.

CIRI address changes may be submitted online via the Qenek portal. Alternatively, you may submit a completed CIRI address change form—available at ciri.com—or a signed, written request that includes a current telephone number. You may scan or take a photo of your completed form or request and email it to shareholderrecords@ciri.com, mail it to CIRI at P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, or fax it 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 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 previous 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

Neither CIRI nor the CST withhold taxes from distributions; however, Shareholders or beneficiaries 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. As a reminder, distributions made by the CST are expected to be tax-free to beneficiaries in most cases.

CONTACTING US

The Fireweed Business Center is open to Shareholders, Descendants and visitors from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Alaska Time) Monday through Friday. The Shareholder Relations department may also be reached by phone at (907) 263-5191 / (800) 764-2474 and via email at shareholderrecords@ciri.com during normal business hours. Additionally, the Qenek portal provides access to a wealth of news and information and allows many tasks and record changes to be completed online, including generating payment confirmations and reprinting tax forms.

IN MEMORY

TAMARA DIANE CONE, 61

Tamara Diane Cone passed away July 2 at home in Kenai, Alaska. She is survived by Teresa Reid.

DOUGLAS ALEXANDER DARIEN SR., 87

Douglas Alexander Darien Sr. passed away April 30 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Darien was born May 3, 1934, in Kenai, Alaska. He is survived by his spouse, Judy Ann Darien; children, Robert Neil Darien and Gabriel James Darien; and grandchildren, Dylan Alexander Darien and Hunter Douglas Darien.



FLORENCE "BETH" DILLINGER, 50

Florence "Beth" Dillinger passed away Nov. 6, 2021, at home in Eagle River, Alaska. Ms. Dillinger was born Oct. 29, 1971, in Anchorage. She is survived by her children, Edward Anthony Darien and Chantilly Bayes; and brother, Eli Darien Jr.

FRANCIS B. HALDANE, 94

Francis B. Haldane passed away May 11, 2021, at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Haldane was born June 21, 1926, in Metlakatla, Alaska. She is survived her children, Mark Haldane, Sandra Haldane-Anderson, Steven Haldane, Corbin Haldane and Mona Kinder; and sisters, Eleanor McGlothlin and Florence Bradford.

DENNIS "DENNY" ARLAN HEIMDAHL, 57

Dennis "Denny" Arlan Heimdahl passed away May 17 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Heimdahl was born July 23, 1964, in Petersburg, Alaska. He is survived by his siblings, August Ivanoff and Symsi Denson.

JASON JOSEPH JARDINE, 51

Jason Joseph Jardine passed away June 3 at Doctors Medical Center in Modesto Calif., Mr. Jardine was born April 11, 1971, in San Leandro, Calif. He is survived by his sister, Nicole Jardine-Stevens.

STARLETT MAY KOMAKHUK, 57

Starlett May Komakhuk passed away April 12 in Anchorage. Ms. Komakhuk was born May 18, 1964, in Anchorage. She is survived by her daughter, Danielle DelReal; son-in-law, Gerardo DelReal; grandsons, Diego Antonio and Daniel DelReal; brother, Roy Komakhuk; and nieces, Kristel and Tanya Komakhuk.

MARY JANE MCNEIL, 77

Mary Jane McNeil passed away June 13 at Mat-Su Regional Hospital in Palmer, Alaska. Ms. McNeil was born May 17, 1945, in Caswell, Alaska. She is survived by her son, Victor D. McNeil.

LEE MODROK, 62

Lee Modrok passed away May 19 at Summerlin Hospital in Las Vegas. Mr. Modrok was born March 15, 1960, in Anchorage. After graduating high-school, he relocated to Nevada. Following in the footsteps of his father, Mr. Modrok was an artist. He opened ROKART studio in 2014 and had multiple showings in Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada. He is survived by his brother, Bill Modrok; and sister-in-law, Antoinette Modrok.

MARY CHARLOTTE PAGANO, 74

Mary Charlotte Pagano passed away May 18 in Greeley, Colo. Ms. Pagano was born June 3, 1947, in Dillingham, Alaska. She is survived by her husband, Ralph T. Pagano; and children, Theodore A. Pagano and Helena A. Schmitz.

HOWARD STEVEN PALMER, 70

Howard Steven Palmer passed away July 15 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Palmer was born Jan. 19, 1952, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Karen Jackson; children, Steven Palmer, Jason Palmer, Molly Holbrook and Jared Palmer; granddaughters, Callie Palmer, Izabel Holbrook and Jasmine Palmer; and siblings, Gary (Sandy) Palmer, Sandra Anderson and Robert Palmer.

MEH-URIT MAATI RA, 55

Meh-Urit Maati Ra passed away June 28 in Moore, Okla. Ms. Ra was born May 10, 1967, in Anchorage. She is survived by her children, Qebhut Qetlah, Amen-T Qetlah, Sekhet Qetlah and Atum Qetlah; mother, Alice Thomas; and siblings, Stephen Thomas and Kari Thomas.

VIRGINIA LUCY RUDE, 80

Virginia Lucy Rude passed away April 11 at Alaska Regional Hospital in Anchorage. Ms. Rude was born May 7, 1941, in Flat, Alaska. Together, she and her husband founded United Christian Fellowship in Eagle River, Alaska. Ms. Rude was awarded a Doctor of Divinity in November 2014 and became a licensed member of the clergy and a member of the clergy ordained the following month. She is survived by her husband, Robert W. Rude; children, Johanna L. Rude and William R. Rude; and granddaughters, Loressa L. Rude and Brittany R. Rude.

GRACE ANN SAMUELSON, 66

Grace Ann Samuelson passed away July 15 in Anchorage. Ms. Samuelson is survived by her daughter, Flora Samuelson; and grandsons, Derek Young and Sheldon McCallister.

ELIZABETH SCARLETT, 94

Elizabeth Scarlett passed away Nov. 17, 2021, at Saint Luke's South Hospital in Overland Park, Kan. Ms. Scarlett was born Jan. 2, 1927, in Juneau, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Elizabeth Wiedner, Cynthia Kifer, Grandal Scarlett, Marilyn Strehlow, Carolyn Scarlett, George Scarlett and Billy Scarlett; and granddaughter, Ashley Wilson.

DEBRA ANNE STEIK, 57

Debra Anne Steik passed away March 2 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Steik was born Aug. 27, 1964, in Torrance, Calif. She is survived by her children, Janelle Gassler, Bailly Crocker, Robin Crocker, Brian Gassler and Russell Crocker; siblings, Susan Mossman, Laura Daly, Marie Collins, Michelle Partridge and Christopher Steik; and father, John Steik.

RUTH L. SUNDBERG, 79

Ruth L. Sundberg passed away July 13 at Comfort Haven Adult Family Home in Silverdale, Wash. Ms. Sundberg was born July 14, 1942, in Kodiak, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Cheryl Hole, Daniel Petersen, Laurie Dotson and Arthur Dickow; siblings, Esther DeMato, Richard Sundberg and Viola Kimsey; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and former husband, Dan Petersen.



IN TOUCH

MARY ANN SWIFT, 86

Mary Ann Swift passed away April 29 at Atlas Assisted Living Home in Anchorage. Ms. Swift was born Aug. 10, 1935, in Anvik, Alaska. She grew up along the Yukon River and relocated to Anchorage as a teenager, where she remained for the rest of her life. Ms. Swift retired from the Alaska Native Medical Center and is remembered for the compassion she showed the sick and less fortunate. She is survived by Brenda Harris, Edward Swift, Mariah Tracy, Alexandra Harris, Steven Harris, Tanek Tracy, Eva Tracy and Christopher Klabunde.



RITA "BONNIE" ALICE HELGA TOBIN, 73

Rita "Bonnie" Alice Helga Tobin passed away Dec. 31, 2021, at Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento, Calif. Ms. Tobin was born Aug. 17, 1948. She was an excellent gardener and loved to travel with her husband and family. She is survived by her children, Terri Estrada and Michael Soto; grandchildren, Xavier and Adrian Soto and Anthony, Scott and Felicia Estrada; and great-grandchildren, Junior and Aleana Soto.



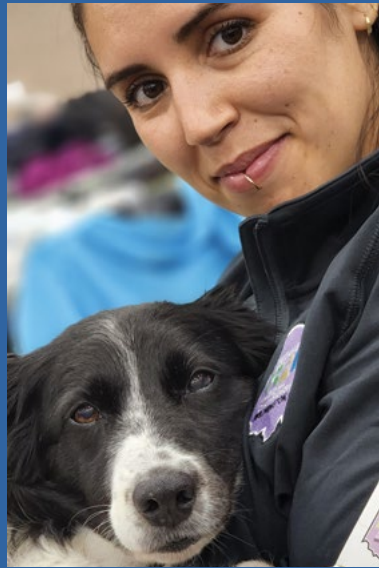
RUBY DELORIS TOLEN, 77

Ruby Deloris Tolen passed away May 8 at Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Ms. Tolen was born Sept. 5, 1944, in Ketchikan, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Tammy Tolen and Timothy Tolen Sr.; daughter-in-law, Janine Tolen; grandchildren, Rhandi Allard, Aaron Tolen, Tyna Tolen, Eric Tolen, Timothy Tolen Jr. and Taylor Tolen; great-grandchildren, Tusiata, Aiden, Oakland Meavao, Hinano and Ruby Filio; siblings, Roderick Wagner, Judith Kennedy and Victoria Hunt; and additional family Kari and Dennis McFeron, Greg Tolen and Sandy.



ART ACQUISITION: DANIELLE LARSEN

Congratulations to CIRI Descendant Danielle Larsen (Inupiaq, Koyukon Athabascan and Unangan/Aleut), whose painting "Pilot Boy Summer" was recently purchased by the Alaska State Council on the Arts Contemporary Art Bank. The piece was on display at the Arts office through September and is now available for loan to publicly accessible spaces. Danielle's piece was one of 14 selected out of 861 applications. The Art Bank was created in 1975 to expose Alaskans to work by contemporary Alaskan artists through the loaning of original art to public offices and to invest in Alaska's creative industry through direct purchase of artists' work.



ACHIEVEMENT: JASMINE HALDANE

Original CIRI enrollee Sandra Haldane is pleased to share that her niece, Jasmine Haldane and Jasmine's dog, Foxy, recently competed at the 2022 American Kennel Club (AKC) Rally National Championship. "I started working with dogs over 12 years ago in Chicago," Jasmine shared. "When I adopted Foxy, she was wild and unfocused, but so sweet and a great teacher. I spent five years working with Foxy before our first trial. That first trial, Foxy brought home only blue ribbons. Since that fateful day, Foxy and I have competed in well over 100 trials... My life goal with Foxy was met this March when Foxy and I earned her AKC Rally Champion title (and received) an invitation to the Rally National Championship. Foxy and I ranked 85th at the Rally National Championship—an especially impressive feat for Foxy who is now 11 years old! Foxy has now earned her retirement and a cozy place on the couch." Jasmine is the daughter of original CIRI enrollee Corbin Haldane.



MASTER'S DEGREE: RINNAH ANDREW

Original CIRI enrollee Tony Andrew and Nancy Luke-Andrew are pleased to announce that their daughter, CIRI Descendant Rinnah Andrew (Yup'ik), received her MBA degree with a dual emphasis in public sector and nonprofit management and leadership this spring from the University of Alaska Anchorage. The family would like to thank CIRI, The CIRI Foundation and the CIRI family of socially driven enterprises for their support.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: BEAU DOUGLAS BILGER

CIRI Shareholder James A. Hightower is pleased to announce the birth of his great-grandson, Beau Douglas Bilger, who was born Feb. 14 to CIRI Descendant Mitchell Bilger and Rylee Slauson. Little Beau is the grandson of CIRI Descendant James S. Hightower and represents the fourth generation of the Hightower family in Alaska.

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