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# **New Regal theater opens at Tikahtnu Commons**

Regal Cinemas Tikahtnu Stadium 16 opens with digital projection, RealD 3D and Alaska's first IMAX

Regal Cinemas held a grand opening of its Tikahtnu Stadium 16 & IMAX theater at Tikahtnu Commons in northeast Anchorage on June 11.

Regal is packing 16 screens, including Alaska's first IMAX, and more than 3,000 seats into this 72,000-square-foot, state-of-the art theater complex that features all-digital projection, RealD 3D capability and two party rooms. RealD is the cutting edge 3D movie technology used by the

biggest blockbusters, including "Avatar," "Alice in Wonderland," "Shrek Forever After" and "Toy Story 3."

Tikahtnu Stadium 16 & IMAX opened its doors with special preview events on June 7, 8 and 10 and a grand opening on Friday, June 11. Audiences enjoyed \$2 movies, \$2 popcorn and \$2 sodas all day June 7, 8 and 10 with all proceeds benefiting local charities.

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Anchorage moviegoers pack the parking lot of Regal's new Tikahtnu Stadium 16 & IMAX theater at Tikahtnu Commons on June 15. The theater opened with special preview events on June 7, 8 and 10 and a grand opening on June 11.

## **CIRI** annual meeting election results

#### Four incumbents, one new director elected to Board

CIRI shareholders elected four incumbent directors and one new director to the CIRI Board of Directors at the Company's 2010 annual meeting held in Puyallup, Washington, on Saturday, June 5.

Charles G. Anderson, Michael R. Boling, Rolf A. Dagg and Thomas P. Huhndorf were re-elected and Hallie L. Bissett was elected to serve three-year terms on CIRI's 15-person Board of Directors. The Board met after the annual meeting and re-elected the following officers:

- Charles G. Anderson • Chairman • Vice chairman Patrick M. Marrs
  - Thomas P. Huhndorf
- Treasurer

Secretary

- Michael R. Boling
- Assistant Secretary **Douglas W. Fifer**
- Assistant Treasurer Penny L. Carty

Complete CIRI annual meeting election results will be posted on the Company website at www.ciri.com as soon as they are certified by the Inspector of Election.

# Laurus Energy, CIRI form UCG joint venture Stone Horn Ridge LLC will produce safe, responsible and environmentally sound energy

On June 8, CIRI and Houston-based Laurus Energy announced the formation of Stone Horn Ridge LLC, a company created to commercialize syngas from underground coal gasification (UCG). The Anchorage-based joint venture is developing syngas for power generation, ultra-clean liquid fuels and other consumer and industrial applications.

Stone Horn Ridge's production site will be on resource-rich CIRI-owned

underground. The company will produce an energyrich syngas, or synthesis gas, a domestic, secure and environmentally sound source of clean energy. UCG-produced syngas is produced from a well technology that eliminates the health risks associated with



land on the west side of Cook Inlet in Southcentral Alaska and will provide an alternative to natural gas, bringing price stability, clean reliable power and increased business competition to Southcentral energy needs.

"UCG is changing the way we think about coal and allows us to harness its power in a responsible, economic and environmentally sound way," said Ethan Schutt, CIRI's senior vice president of land and energy development. "By combining the abundant and otherwise unusable coal reserves on CIRI land with Laurus Energy's proprietary Exergy UCG<sup>™</sup> Technology, Stone Horn Ridge is creating a cost-effective energy source to meet increasing needs."

Stone Horn Ridge was formed to use the UCG process to expand energy options. UCG is a proven technology process that gasifies coal deep

traditional coal mining and has an environmental footprint similar to natural gas. As its first commercial application, Stone Horn Ridge will produce syngas to fuel a 100MW power plant in Southcentral Alaska. The company is also in discussions with potential customers to customize the product as a feedstock for other gas-based industries.

CIRI and Laurus Energy started working on the project in 2009 to develop a responsible and deliberate plan for providing Alaska with clean, dependable energy solutions. The company is well along with a test drilling program to validate the coal resource and geology as a high-value target for syngas production.

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# A word from the president By: Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO

### ANCSA in action: Board elections, planning for the future

CIRI just wrapped up its 37th Annual Meeting of shareholders on June 5. Gathering at the Puyallup Indian Tribe's Chief Leschi School in Puyallup, Wash., shareholders heard a report on CIRI's business activities and shared thoughts on the Company's performance. Sixty-one percent of CIRI's shareholders participated in person or by proxy to elect five directors to CIRI's Board.

As we mark this milestone of nearly 40 years of ANCSA in action, it is also important to remember those who helped lay the groundwork for Alaska Native rights. Elsewhere in this issue you will read about two pioneers in Alaska Native land claims – Point Possession matriarch Feodoria Pennington and former Interior Secretary Stuart Udall. Both played integral rolls in the settlement of Alaska Native land claims and the formation of the Alaska Native regional corporations. We honor their memory and hope to learn by their example of commitment and integrity.

I offer my congratulations to our returning directors Charles Anderson, Michael Boling, Rolf Dagg and Thomas Huhndorf. I also congratulate and welcome first-time director Hallie Bissett. And I would like to thank retiring director William English for his 21 years of service on the Board.

With the election season behind us, CIRI's Board and staff look forward to a year of promise. The Company recovered from the difficult business climate of 2008 and returned to profitability in 2009 – no small feat – but we're not stopping there. The Company is moving forward with its refreshed strategic plan, capitalizing on significant market trends and pursuing new business initiatives aggressively.

Our underground coal gasification (UCG) project reached a significant milestone with the formation of Stone Horn Ridge LLC, a joint venture between CIRI and Laurus Energy that will bring to fruition CIRI's plans to produce syngas from the otherwise unusable underground coal reserves on its lands on the west side of Cook Inlet. Laurus is a market leader in the emerging UCG field with the expertise and exclusive rights to technology that will enable our joint venture to produce clean, reliable, stably priced power from underground coal.

Another energy project that is moving forward is the Fire Island wind farm being built by CIRI's subsidiary, Fire Island Wind LLC (FIW). The recent signing into law of Senate Bill 277 streamlines the regulation process while still safeguarding the public interest in power pricing. Final geotech work and clearing continues on Fire Island this summer. FIW has worked cooperatively with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to assist the FAA's construction of its new VOR navigational beacon near Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport next month. This will allow the FAA to



Margie Brown

decommission the existing VOR facility on Fire Island next summer, removing a major obstacle to the wind farm's development. The wind turbines themselves will go up in summer 2012 and will generate power by fall 2012.

Our real estate projects in Alaska have made considerable progress recently. Regal's new 16-screen Tikahtnu Stadium 16 & IMAX theater opened at Tikahtnu Commons on June 7. The theater is the first stage of the development of the east side of the retail and entertainment complex and the first new theater built in Anchorage since 1998. CIRI Land Development Co. (CLDC), CIRI's wholly owned real estate development company, and partner Browman Development Co. are currently in discussion with potential tenants to build out the rest of the east side.

Another CLDC project in Alaska started construction on its first building last month. The "11000 C" project is a mixed-use office and retail project on a 22acre parcel of CIRI land in south Anchorage that could include up to 100,000 square feet of office space as well as additional retail and service businesses. The first structure under construction is a 40,000-square-foot office building pre-leased to Doyon Ltd. and its family of companies. The building should be completed and occupied early next year.

These are just a few of the projects our Board and staff will be working on this year. I am confident that the Company is well positioned to invest in projects and acquisitions that will generate strong cash flows in the near-term while continuing to build a prudent, diverse business portfolio. I thank all shareholders who participated in the annual election of directors and look forward to reporting on CIRI's accomplishments in the coming year.

#### Charles G. Anderson, Aleut, Chairman

Roy M. Huhndorf, Yup'ik, Chairman Emeritus

Patrick M. Marrs, Aleut, Vice Chairman Thomas P. Huhndorf, Yup'ik, Secretary

Michael R. Boling, Athabascan, Treasurer

Douglas W. Fifer, Tlingit, Assistant Secretary Penny L. Carty, Aleut, Assistant Treasurer Hallie L. Bissett, Athabascan B. Agnes Brown, Athabascan Rolf A. Dagg, Yup'ik Erik I. Frostad, Athabascan Jeffrey A. Gonnason, Haida Katrina M. (Dolchok) Jacuk, Aleut Ted S. Kroto Sr., Athabascan Louis "Lou" Nagy Jr., Yup'ik

# **Our Business**

**CIRI Board** 

of Directors

# Governor signs renewable energy regulation bill

Senate Bill 277 reduces unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles for renevvable energy projects



Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell signed Senate Bill 277 into law on June 2 at Kincaid Park Chalet. The bill removed a redundant layer of regulatory oversight from power generation facilities that generate electricity entirely from renewable energy sources and sell it to regulated utilities. This category includes the wind farm that CIRI subsidiary Fire Island Wind LLC (FIW) is building on Fire Island.

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) regulates pricing when producers sell power to utilities. As an independent power producer that is not also a utility (a first for Alaska), FIW also would have been subjected to an additional review by the RCA in the power generation process.

Senate Bill 277 removes this redundancy without interfering with the RCA's full regulation of power pricing at the utility level. The public is still protected by the RCA from illegitimate price inflation, while independent power production from renewable energy resources such as Fire Island are freed from an unnecessary bureaucratic hurdle.

Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell (seated) converses with CIRI President and CEO Margie Brown before signing Senate Bill 277. From left to right: Ethan Schutt, CIRI senior vice president of land and energy; Barbara Donatelli, CIRI senior vice president; Margie Brown, CIRI president and CEO; Reps. Charisse Millett and Harry Crawford; Sens. Lesil McGuire, Hollis French and Johnny Ellis.

The project will consist of 33 GE XLE 1.6-megawatt turbines and will generate approximately 46,000 megawatt hours of electricity annually, enough power to meet the needs of 18,000 Southcentral Alaska homes. FIW plans to start construction of project infrastructure in 2010, with the project potentially generating power by 2012.

For more information, please go online to www.fireislandwind.com.

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## **CIRI Spotlight:** Feodoria Kallander Pennington

Point Possession's matriarch dies

The matriarch of Point Possession, Feodoria Kallander Pennington, 88, died March 24. She was born to Julius and Cora Kallander on April 7, 1921, in her family's small village southwest of Anchorage just across Cook Inlet's Turnagain Arm.

Two of her children, Norman Kallander and Betty Gilcrist, issued a statement on behalf of the family: "We remember as children, being taught the ways of life by Moma. We were educated to know the difference of doing something right or wrong – not only in life – but in the ways of living the traditional lifestyle of being a Native with respect and dignity," they said.

"Moma made sure that her children grew up with the knowledge and respect for the land and water as they would become our livelihood also." Gilcrist recalled that after one moose hunting trip while cutting up the moose, Feodoria telling her son-in-law John after each piece she cut, "best part, best part."

"She was a true leader of our village – and is respected for all her hard work at making sure the village would stay occupied with her children and grandchildren and the generations that will follow."

Feodoria, as she was known to all, was the eldest of nine children. She was the granddaughter of Dena'ina Athabacan Chief Nicholi, head of the tribe at Point Possession, and Doris Nicholai. She was among 23 Alaska Native Elders featured in the oral history book "Our Stories, Our Lives," first published in 1986 by The CIRI Foundation and reprinted in 2002.

In 2003, Feodoria was also honored by CIRI during the 19th Annual CIRI Friendship Potlatch as one of two Elders named Shareholders of the Year and presented with an Athabascan chief's necklace made of moose and caribou skins and beads.

She married Robert "Bob" Pennington on Nov. 24, 1963. She and her husband spent 27 years together until his death.

In 1927, Feodoria and her sisters moved to Anchorage to attend school. In the summer, family members returned to Point Possession to fish, trap, log and hunt. As the oldest, Feodoria helped her mother raise her brothers and sisters.

Feodoria started her own family and reared them in Anchorage and Point Possession, teaching them the commercial and subsistence lifestyle, including making her famous smoked salmon. She was proud of her 10 children, 19 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



Feodoria Kallander Pennington receives her 2003 CIRI Co-Shareholder of the Year Award at the 2003 CIRI Friendship Potlatch.

One of Feodoria's favorite stories passed down by her family was of Capt. James Cook sailing into Cook Inlet, landing at Point Possession in June 1778. The name is from Cook taking possession of the land and meeting with her ancestors. The story (as documented in Cook's logbook) is that he buried a jar with some coins and a map somewhere at Point Possession. Feodoria recounted her desire as a child to find the treasure.

In the 1940s, Feodoria worked at the Alaska Railroad with her best friend, Johanna Kerr. Later, because cooking was her passion, Feodoria worked in Anchorage restaurants. At the time she retired from working as a cook, she was employed by the Hotel Captain Cook and had received awards from the company for her devoted service.

During the 1960s, Feodoria worked with many people in the Kenai and Anchorage areas supporting the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. She documented the history of Point Possession to help create the group status of Point Possession village. Feodoria was elected president of Point Possession Inc., a position she held until retiring at age 80. Her Native culture was always the backbone of the way she lived her life.

"I was proud to be a Native because that's what I am and that's what I'm going to be. It's my life," she said.

## **CIRI Shareholder News** CIRI holds Youth Vote program for descendants

CIRI again held a Youth Vote program to help CIRI descendants learn more about the company and its annual meeting voting process. Participants, who must be 17 or younger, study CIRI's election issues and vote in a mock CIRI Board election and on the resolutions brought forward by shareholders.

A total of 18 youths (10 from the 7-12 grade bracket, and 8 from the



pre-K through sixth grade) participated in the program this year. CIRI's Shareholder Participation Committees helped with the youth voting process. Six prizes were given away to youth who participated, including an iPod Nano, iPod Shuffles, and gift cards.

Two potential future shareholders after voting in CIRI's Youth Vote program at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Puyallup, Wash.

#### **Prosser wins June Stock Will prize**

Loren William Prosser won the June 2010 Stock Will participation prize. To be eligible for the monthly \$200 prize drawings, shareholders must have a will disposing of their CIRI shares on file in CIRI Shareholder Relations. The CIRI Stock Will form and instructions are located on the CIRI website at www.ciri.com. To verify whether you have a will on file, contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474.

Find more stock will information online at www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/estate.aspx.

# **Alaska Native land claims defender passes**

Stewart Udall remembered for Alaska "land freeze"

A courageous decision more than forty years ago opened the way for Alaska Native people to fight for and win a settlement of their ancestral claims to land in Alaska.

In 1966, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall froze the selection of lands in Alaska by the state until Alaska Native land claims could be resolved. By doing

so, he created an unprecedented opportunity for the newly organized Alaska Native land claims movement to press for and eventually win passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

"One of the other things that I took most satisfaction in the last two years, and again the President and his people gave me support right down the line on this – was in championing the cause of the Alaskan natives and their desire to have land in Alaska," said Udall in an interview in 1969.

The struggle for Alaska Native rights and lands had been ongoing since the 18th century, with little success. By the 1960s, although Alaska Native people comprised about one-fifth of Alaska's population, they were in the majority throughout rural Alaska, living in small villages. Away from Alaska's urban areas, their traditional use of the land continued as it always had.

The emergence of new threats to Alaska Native land rights in the 1960s galvanized Alaska Native communities into greater awareness of the need to respond to these threats. Local and

regional organizations such as Inupiat Paitot, Fairbanks Native Association, Association of Village Council Presidents, Gwitchya Gwitchin Ginkhye (Yukon Flats People Speak), Tlingit-Haida Central Council and Cook Inlet Native Association formed and began to press their claims. Howard Rock's "Tundra Times" newspaper gave Alaska Natives a means of communication statewide. Village councils became increasingly vocal with their concerns over land use and selections such as the proposed Rampart Dam.

The chief threat to Alaska Native land rights came from the Alaska Statehood Act, which, while recognizing Alaska Native land rights, did nothing to assure those rights. The Act also authorized the state of Alaska to select 103 million acres of land in Alaska, which the state began to do without consulting Alaska Native groups.

In October 1966 a strong statewide Alaska Native organization formed, the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN). Seventeen Native organizations were represented at its first meeting; at last, Alaska Native communities had an organization with the focus and resources to represent their interests. However, AFN still lacked leverage powerful enough to compel the state and federal governments to consider its claims.

Then, just a couple months later, Udall implemented his land freeze, and the issue of Alaska Native land claims took center stage in the development of the young state of Alaska.

Sograph in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior from 1960 to 1969, passed away March 20. He is remembered by many Alaska Natives for his "land freeze" that allowed the Alaska Native land claims movement to press for and win passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Official Administration photograph in the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston.

in the U.S. Air Force as a gunner during World War II. After the war, he earned a law degree and opened a law practice with his brother in Tucson, Ariz. He was elected to Congress in 1954 and served in the U.S. House of Representatives until 1960, when President John F. Kennedy appointed him as Secretary of the Interior. Udall served under both Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson in this role for eight years.

Udall's constituency as a congressman covered all of Arizona except Phoenix, including a number of Native American tribes and reservations.

"They were part of my constituency, which gave me a great deal of insight," said Udall. "In fact you had enough diversity of people and problems that it was a fairly good cross-section."

This insight was evident in Udall's understanding of the diversity of Native American cultures and peoples.

"The problem is so complex, because there isn't an Indian problem, there are eighty to ninety various Indian groups all over the West, in Alaska, all the villages in Alaska, and people with different resources, different leadership capabilities, different relationships to local governments. Therefore the problem is very diverse, has many facets to it...," said Udall.

Leadership was a family trait for the Udalls. Stewart's grandfather, David King Udall, served in the Arizona Territorial Legislature. His father, Levi Udall, served as a judge in the Arizona Superior Court and Arizona Supreme Court. Stewart's younger brother Morris Udall succeeded him in Congress and served for 30 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Stewart's son, Tom Udall, was elected as a U.S. senator from New Mexico in 2009, and his nephew, Mark Udall, was elected as a U.S. senator from Colorado in 2008.

Stewart Udall was a dedicated conservationist who left an enduring impact on the country during his terms as Secretary of the Interior. He presided over extensive increases in federal land holdings, including four national parks, six national monuments, eight national seashores and lakeshores, nine national recreation areas, 56 wildlife refuges and 20 historic sites. Udall's legislative achievements include The Wilderness Act of 1964, The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the creation of The Land and Water Conservation Fund.

But for Alaska Native people, he will always be remembered for his principled defense of their land claims and his courageous secretarial order that eventually led to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.



"And I put a freeze on; I deliberately picked a head-on fight with the state of Alaska and said we weren't going to let them select further lands until the natives got their lands," said Udall. "We said we weren't going to allow the State of Alaska to preempt land and property that the natives of Alaska were entitled to. What I was doing essentially was saying 'Well, we've made all these mistakes in the past.' The one area where we still have an opportunity to come up with the right policies initially was in Alaska, and at least we were going to try and achieve that."

Udall's land freeze brought pressure to bear on Congress, the State of Alaska and the oil industry to settle Alaska Native land claims, opening the way for Alaska Native leaders and AFN to advocate for a fair settlement. Their efforts culminated in the enactment of ANCSA in 1971.

Udall passed away on March 20 at home in Sante Fe, N.M. Who was this man who picked a "head-on fight" to ensure that Alaska Natives were given the chance to defend their ancestral claims to their land, all but ignored for centuries?

Udall's ties to the West played a strong role in his experience and outlook. He was born and raised in Arizona, the son of a Mormon pioneer family. He served

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall at the dedication of the Navajo Dam, Navajo Trail Highway and Four Corners Marker in New Mexico in 1962.

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# In Touch with shareholders



*Myrtle and Daniel Begen* 

#### Anchorage wedding

Myrtle and Daniel Begen proudly announce their marriage on May 14 at the Anchorage Hope Community Church in Anchorage. Pastor Davis and Laura Hobson performed the wedding ceremony. Myrtle is the daughter of Ethel Komakhuk, who passed away a few years ago. Daniel's parents are Carol York and stepfather Quentin York of Michigan and father Dennis Begen and stepmother Marylou Begen of Tennessee. There will be another wedding at a later date for family and friends. Myrtle would like to thank her daughter, Leah Komakhuk; sister, Janette Brown; and sister-in-law, Roberta Neeley, for attending the ceremony.



Myra Ann and Joseph Kupres



Gosta Nathan Dagg

#### Oregon coast wedding

CIRI descendant Myra Ann Boyaver married Joseph Kupres on May 2, 2009, at St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church in Forest Grove, Ore. The reception was held at the beach on the Oregon coast and was attended by family and friends from all over the country. The couple met in 2008 while on a business trip to China. Myra and Joe have three children: Christopher, Brittanee and Nicholas. Myra is the daughter of JoAnn Boyer, who is of Aleut descent and grew up on Kodiak Island, and the granddaughter of Susanna von Scheele and Harry Howe.

**Baby Gosta** CIRI shareholder Rolf Dagg and CIRI descendant Lilly Dagg of Palmer, Alaska, announce the birth of their son, Gosta Nathan Dagg, on Jan. 30. Baby Gosta was 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 22 inches long. He is the grandson of CIRI shareholder Gosta Dagg and wife Carole of Everett, Wash., and CIRI shareholder Reba Sickler of Talkeetna, Alaska.

#### Fort Lewis College graduate

Araina Marsden, CIRI descendent and shareholder through gifting, graduated from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., on May 1 with a Bachelor of



Dr. R. Albert Mohler and Francis J. Trascritti

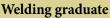


Kurt R. Hermansen-Jent

Arts in Art, emphasis in ceramics. Araina is the daughter of shareholder Dorthey Collard (stepfather Jim Collard) and shareholder John V. Marsden Sr. Araina has been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program at Indiana University in Indiana, Penn., where she will continue her ceramics studies. Ariana is grateful for and sincerely thanks The CIRI Foundation for the scholarships it provided toward completion of her undergraduate degree.

#### Kentucky graduate

Francis J. Trascritti, son of shareholder M. Teresa Trascritti and husband Dr. Fran Trascritti, graduated from Boyce College, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 7 with a Bachelor of Arts in Worldviews and Apologetics and a minor in Biblical and Theological Studies. Francis is the grandson of CIRI shareholder Ernest J. Watson and Virgie Watson. Francis plans to be an officer in the U.S. Army and will go to basic training in July 2010 and attend Officer Candidate School immediately following basic training. Francis is pictured with the president of the seminary, Dr. R. Albert Mohler, a noted Christian radio commentator and author.



Twenty-year-old CIRI descendant and CIRI Foundation Vocational Training Grant recipient Kurt R. Hermansen-Jent graduated June 2 from the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio. Kurt earned a welding certification in both Structural and Pipe Welding along with two National Welder Certifications in MIG and TIG Welding (GMAW 6G and GTAW 6G). Kurt plans to expand his welding training beyond Hobart and pursue a career as an Underwater Welding Specialist/Certified Commercial Diver and Emergency Medical/Dive Medic Technician. He is currently enrolled in the 2010 fall semester at the Commercial Diving Academy in Jacksonville, Fla.

## New Shareholder Participation Committee members

CIRI selected nine new Shareholder Participation Committee (SPC) members following the 2010 annual meeting of CIRI shareholders on June 5 in Puyallup, Wash.

The CIRI Board of Directors formed the Shareholder Participation Committees in 1995 to increase shareholder communications with CIRI specifically regarding the corporation's mission, business operations, corporate policies and other matters. The three committees represent shareholders living in Anchorage, in Alaska outside Anchorage and in the Lower 48 and Hawaii.



Each committee has nine members who are chosen by random drawing from shareholders interested in serving and who have correctly answered a questionnaire. Members generally serve staggered, three-year terms that begin at the time of selection and expire at CIRI's annual meeting three years later.



*Shareholder Participation Committee members at CIRI's 2010 Annual Meeting in Puyallup, Wash.* 

#### CIRI welcomes the following new members:

Anchorage Committee: David R. Cole Bonnie J. Jimenez John W. Steve Jr. Alaska Committee: Lillian Demoski Nicholas Kokotovich Jr. Robin Murphy **Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee:** Marsha R. Gray John R. Haney II George O. Rosser

# Condolences

#### Benjamin Howard "Hoopiiaina" Brown, 46

Benjamin Howard "Hoopiiaina" Brown died Nov. 22, 2009, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Ben was born Oct. 15, 1963, in Tacoma, Wash., and was a shareholder of the Tyonek Native Corp. and CIRI. He received degrees in the culinary arts and was most recently employed at Southcentral Foundation (SCF). At SCF, Ben worked in a variety of programs, including Procurement and Information Technology. Ben was also an active volunteer at SCF and CIRI events. His commitment to the community began early in life. As a young man, he was a leader in the local Boy Scouts and then, through service and dedication, went on to earn the prestigious distinction of Eagle Scout. He was also a strong supporter of SCF's Family Wellness Warriors Initiative. Ben was preceded in death by his father, Lloyd Edwin Brown Sr., and brother, Lloyd Brown Jr. He is survived by his mother, Bernice Agnes Brown; brother, James Andrew Brown; daughter, Mercedes Alexandra "Makaala" Brown; son, Benjamin Howard "Hoopiiaina" Brown; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Ben will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

#### Martha (Marty) J. Hickel, 67

Martha (Marty) J. Hickel died April 4 at home in Palmer, Alaska. Ms. Hickel was born Jan. 26, 1943, in Juneau, Alaska. She was of the Raven moiety. Ms. Hickel moved to Houston, Texas, with her family in 1972 and later lived in Singapore for several years. She returned to her beloved Alaska with her family in 1979, working at the Palmer Senior Center until retiring. She loved to crochet and made many Afghans for her family and friends. Ms. Hickel also enjoyed beadwork and working with quills. She is survived by her daughter, Cheryl (Robert) Evjen; sons, William Woodbury, Edward (Doreen) Woodbury, DJ Hickel, Randall (Cathy) Hickel, Darin (Kayla) Hickel and Allen (Rebecca) Hickel; sisters, Shirley Haynes and Lori (Edward) Dummler; brother, Arnold Hawkins; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friend, John Otcheck.

#### Peter (Pete) Komakhuk Jr., 62

Peter (Pete) Komakhuk Jr. died April 12 at home in Anchorage. Mr. Komakhuk is survived by his brothers, Charlie and Reggie Komakhuk.

#### Gilbert J. Konrad, 90

Gilbert J. Konrad died April 8 at home in Thornton, Colo. Mr. Konrad was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Lacona, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Winifred Konrad; daughters, Kathy (Mike) Styes and Diane (Gene) Brown; sons, Dale and Stuart Konrad; granddaughters, Melissa Brown and Christine Durnen; and great-granddaughters, Alexia and Rayna Durnen.

#### Lillian E. Mooney (a.k.a. Ost-Mooney), 68

Lillian E. Ost-Mooney died Mar. 22 in Tacoma, Wash. Ms. Ost-Mooney was born Jan. 25, 1942, in Council, Alaska, the child of John and Mary Lou Ost. She attended school in Council, Homer, Tacoma and the University of Alaska. According to her family, she was a kind, loving and generous person, often doing spur-of-the-moment fun activities. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth, Kristina and Michelle; son, Leon; grandchildren, Zsaklyn, Zsivon, Zsoelle, Nathan, Chelsea, Melissa, Kierene, Dakota, Joseph, Isaiah and Lavonte; sisters, Lola Austerman, Clara James and Lois Marsden; brothers, Donald, Emory and John Ost; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

#### Condolences

Irene Peglas Hartwig, 75

# **Regal theater opens**

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Monday, June 7 showcased super-hero films sponsored by KTUU NBC 2 to support the Alaska State Firefighters Association. Tuesday, June 8 featured movies that were based upon popular books and sponsored by the Anchorage Daily News to benefit the United Way of Anchorage. And all movies on Thursday, June 10 were family friendly and sponsored by Clear Channel Radio Anchorage to support Wish Upon the North Star.

Regal's Tikahtnu Stadium 16 & IMAX grand opening on June 11 featured first-run releases including "The A-Team," "Karate Kid" and "Shrek Forever After 3D" in the IMAX theater. The opening included sweepstakes, giveaways and radio remotes and every paid admission on June 11-24 included free popcorn and soft drink. "Toy Story 3" in 3D opened in the IMAX theater on June 18. The 70-foot-wide IMAX theater showcases Hollywood blockbusters and original documentary-style films projected on a specially-designed screen that is slightly curved and positioned to immerse the audience. The IMAX experience features exceptional image quality, proprietary digital surround sound and a patented theater geometry that makes audience members feel like they are in the movie.

CIRI and Oakland, Calif.-based retail developer Browman Development Co. broke ground in 2007 to start developing Tikahtnu Commons on 95 acres of CIRI land in northeast Anchorage. The project is growing into Alaska's premier shopping and entertainment center, featuring major national retailers including Target, Kohl's, The Sports Authority, Best Buy and Lowe's. When completed, Tikahtnu Commons is expected to include 950,000 square feet and cost more than \$100 million.





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