



Next Gen Day attendees, L to R: Kristopher Anaruk, James Anaruk, Kingston Paquin, Andrew Lopez, Heaven Lopez, Maya Edwards and Winter Anaruk. Photos by Darla Graham.

#### **NEXT GEN DAY REVAMPED FOR 2019**

Now in its fifth year, CIRI Shareholder Engagement Senior Manager Darla Graham decided Take the Next Generation to Work Day needed a facelift. First up: shorten and simplify the name. Second, create fresh, engaging program content. Third, incorporate CIRI's mission, vision and values.

"We completely revamped the program this year," Graham said. "With active, collaborative activities, we hope to plant the seed for future engagement with the company."

Next Gen Day is open to CIRI shareholders and confirmed, registered descendants 10 years of age through high school. The event is held the third Monday in January to coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Anchorage School District holiday. Participants spend the day at the Fireweed Business Center, CIRI's corporate headquarters in midtown Anchorage.

Next Gen Day not only provides an inside look into CIRI and future opportunities available to youth, but it does so through activities that combine technology with education and mentorship. For instance, all seven of this year's participants engaged in a minivideo challenge, which required them to interview CIRI staff. Videos were edited with the help of former CIRI summer intern John Sallee, who now works as a program manager for The RIVR.

2019 Next Gen Day began with ice-breaker activities led by staff of The RIVR, a youth-oriented online radio



> Kingston Paquin interviews Community Relations Manager Rachel Batres for the mini-video challenge.

stream that is a program of CIRI-founded Koahnic Broadcast Corp. Graham then led the group through "CIRI 101," which gave an overview of the company's founding, history and business segments, its family of nonprofits, and the many programs and benefits available to CIRI shareholders and descendants. A mini-video challenge was followed by a presentation from The CIRI Foundation, the purpose of which was to share information about post-secondary scholarship and grant opportunities. Cook Inlet Tribal Council's mobile "Fab Lab" (fabrication laboratory) led the cultural activity, which consisted of using a

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## »» SHAREHOLDERSPOTLIGHT»»»

#### Max Dolchok Jr.

Most kids dread going to the orthodontist, and it's no wonder – headgear, braces and retainers can lead to physical discomfort, self-consciousness about one's appearance, and missing out on yummy



treats like popcorn and chewy candy. However, it was quite the opposite for CIRI shareholder Maxim "Max" Ricardo Dolchok Jr.

"When I entered college, I was kind of an aspiring dentist," Max said. "I had a good experience as a kid with orthodontia. My orthodontist was really cool, and he inspired me to study sciences and look at dental schools."

Max (Dena'ina Athabascan) is connected to CIRI through his parents, Tanya and Maxim Dolchok. His late grandfather, also named Maxim Dolchok, served as the first chair of Southcentral Foundation's (SCF) board of directors and was honored as CIRI's Elder Shareholder of the Year in 2014.

Max graduated high school in 2002. In 2003, he enrolled in SCF's Dental Assisting Training Program. "Before I committed to eight years of dental school, I figured I'd at least dip my toe in the water," Max explained.

SCF's Dental Assistant Training Program (now the Dental Assisting Technology Program) trains students to become dental assisting professionals. Within five months, students earn 52 college credits at no cost, as well as develop the skills and knowledge through instruction and clinical experience to open career opportunities. Upon completion of the program, graduates obtain a certificate of completion in dental assisting technology and are eligible to take the Dental Assisting National Board exam to become a certified dental assistant.

While Max eventually shifted his focus in college from dentistry to business, he worked as a dental assistant at SCF for 15 years. And he still works at SCF. "SCF dental assistants really strive and advocate for prevention – that's the key," Max said. "Our dental program services

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#### A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

f you've been following the news in the Raven's Circle for the past few months, you're aware the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (Tax Act) contains provisions that could provide maximum benefit to shareholders of Alaska Native corporations (ANCs).

New tax savings available under the Tax Act offer distinct advantages to Settlement Trusts, which include tax advantages for both shareholders and ANCs. In a nutshell, the Tax Act made small reductions to income tax rates for most individual tax brackets and also significantly reduced the income tax rate for corporations.

Specific to ANCs, Section 13821 of the Tax Act allows ANCs to claim a tax deduction for transfers of assets to a Settlement Trust, thereby allowing such transfers to occur on a pre-tax basis, rather than the after-tax basis that was the rule prior to the new legislation. Essentially, ANCs may now place assets in a Settlement Trust on an effectively pretax basis to help finance trust benefits, which can include shareholder distributions - including Elders' distributions - and other initiatives.

The Tax Act also allows for tax-free distributions to be paid to the shareholder-beneficiaries of the Trust.

Settlement Trusts are not new: In 1988, Congress enacted the 1987 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Amendments, which authorized ANCs to establish Settlement Trusts "to promote the health, education and welfare of its beneficiaries and preserve the heritage and culture of Natives."

But the Amendments did not address the myriad tax issues inherent in the creation, funding and

operation of Settlement Trusts. The 2017 Tax Act changed this.

Prior to the Tax Act, CIRI shareholders voted in 2003 to approve the establishment of the irrevocable CIRI Elders' Settlement Trust. In accordance with the vote, CIRI initially funded the Trust with a \$16 million contribution. At the time, it was anticipated that Elders would receive quarterly distributions of \$450 until 2023. This projection was based on assumptions regarding the performance of Trust investments over time and the number of beneficiaries.

However, due to the 2008 global economic downturn on investments and the fact that shareholders are (thankfully) living longer than anticipated, it is anticipated that the Trust portfolio will only be able to fund Elders' payments for the first three quarters of 2019. The Trustees have been working with CIRI to explore options to ensure Elders continue to receive quarterly payments. In the interim, the CIRI Board has approved funding to cover any shortfall, thereby ensuring that all eligible Elders will receive full payments in 2019.

Due to the Tax Act, a long-term solution may be on the horizon in the form of a new Settlement Trust. CIRI has been evaluating the best options to take advantage of the new rules to benefit its shareholders and plans to present a resolution to shareholders at the 2019 Annual Meeting, allowing shareholders to decide whether a new Settlement Trust should be established.

Shareholders of Alaska Native regional corporations Calista Corp. and Bering Straits Native Corp. recently voted overwhelmingly in favor of establishing Settlement Trusts. For a CIRI Settlement Trust



resolution to pass, a majority (more than 50 percent) of voting shares present or represented by proxy at the 2019 CIRI Annual Meeting must vote "yes."

This year's Annual Meeting will be held June 1 in Puyallup, Wash. In the coming months, more details regarding the establishment of a new Settlement Trust will be made available in the Raven's Circle and through other means.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich











## CIRI in the COMMUNITY

#### Dale Tran's New Year's Day of Giving

Kaladi Brothers Coffee President Tim Gravel describes the company's Dale Tran's New Year's Day of Giving as a "catalyst for community and a way to start the year out right."

Each Jan. 1, Kaladi donates 100 percent of all beverage proceeds to a local charity nominated by its staff. The recipient of this year's funds was Covenant House Alaska, which helps to transform and save the lives of homeless, runaway and trafficked young people, and, more specifically, its Covey Café job training program, which equips young people with the skills needed to work as a barista.

CIRI is pleased to be a long-time sponsor of Kaladi's Day of Giving, which in 2018 was renamed Dale

Tran's New Year's Day of Giving after Dale Tran, Kaladi's chief financial officer, who passed away unexpectedly the year before at the age of 42, leaving behind a wife and two young daughters.

In his almost 10 years with the company, Tran was instrumental in developing the company's "Catalyst for Community" brand, expanding Kaladi's popular New Year's Day annual giving program and championing other philanthropic events.

New this year were retail items, including 1-pound bags of coffee called the Covenant House Blend, and commemorative coffee mugs accented with orange, Tran's favorite color. In all, the 2019 event raised more than \$48,000 for Covenant House.



#### **FAREWELL SHEEP HUNTING PERMITS**

About 200 miles west of Anchorage, near Farewell, lie two townships of mountainous CIRI property. As in previous years, recreational use permits will be issued for access to portions of the Farewell area for Dall sheep hunting in 2019.

Access permits to CIRI lands near Farewell are awarded through a random drawing. The general public may apply for access; however, CIRI shareholders and their immediate family members, confirmed, registered descendants and CIRI employees are drawn in a separate priority lottery, ensuring first choice of hunting periods. There is no charge to apply, and permits are issued free of charge.

Additionally, CIRI is pleased to again make access permits available by lottery for the Unit 19 Youth

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Left: Siblings Kristopher, Winter and James Anaruk at Next Gen Day. Right: CITC's mobile Fab Lab led the day's cultural activity.

laser-powered cutter and etcher to create wooden masks—another example, Graham said, of "combining cutting-edge educational tools with traditional Alaska Native cultural values." The day wrapped up with Letters to Leadership, which asked participants to write letters to CIRI executives and staff with any questions they might have. Employees will answer the letters personally.

"2019 Next Gen Day participants were on their feet, active and engaged, for most of the day," Graham said. "They were walking around the building, talking to staff, working collaboratively and trying to get the most out of their experience. The CIRI value of Excellence—producing high-quality work, thinking creatively and considering new ideas—shone throughout the event. Participants had awesome feedback, and I'm already looking forward to next year!"

For information about Next Gen Day and other opportunities available to CIRI youth, visit www.ciri.com/youth-programs. To register as a CIRI descendant, visit www.ciri.com/descendantregistration.

### **NEXT GEN DAY POP-UP ART CONTEST**

In conjunction with 2019 Next Gen Day, CIRI hosted a popup art contest. CIRI shareholders and confirmed, registered descendants ages 10 through high-school age were invited to submit a theme and original artwork that answered the question,



"What does CIRI's Next Gen Day mean to YOU?" Fourteen-year-old Maya Edwards (Athabascan and Apache) was chosen as the winner. Her theme was "The Elders helping young people succeed and soar in life." In addition to being a talented artist, Anchorage-based Maya was also an attendee at 2019 Next Gen Day.

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56 rural Alaska communities, from McGrath to St. Paul to Tatitlek. Through community health clinics, we provide preventive and emergent care. We inject ourselves into the communities and really try our best to learn about the people and their specific challenges."

The need for dental care in rural Alaska is huge. The rate of cavities among rural Alaska Native children is four and a half times as severe as the general population of U.S. children. Tooth decay and other serious dental problems in adults occur at more than twice the national rate. Lack of water fluoridation, frequent soda and energy-drink consumption, lack of access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and tobacco use all contribute to poor dental health outcomes in Alaska villages.

While Max worked as dental assistant primarily in Anchorage, "my most memorable experiences nave been in rural communities," ne said. Dentai is not the most portable profession; there's a lot of equipment you have to pack. A full pack is like 1,300 pounds of equipment. But bringing dental services to rural Alaska really is great fun. When you show up in town, it's like you're a rock star. Your plane lands, and everyone knows you're coming. The community pulls together to help you set up and unload. I also saw a lot of really cool places in Alaska I never would have seen otherwise."

A CIRI-affiliated nonprofit, SCF provides a range of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health and wellness services for Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Southcentral Alaska. Its Nuka System of Care is a relationship-based, customerowned approach to transforming health care, improving outcomes and reducing costs.

Max has been involved with SCF for more than half his life, starting with SCF's RAISE program at age 14, which provides opportunities for on-thejob workforce experience in the context of Alaska Native cultural values. He rose through the ranks of the dental program, starting as a dental assistant and advancing to supervisor and dental manager. In August 2018, Max was hired as the special assistant to Dr. Kevin Gottlieb, SCF's chief of staff and vice president of resource and development. Dr. Gottlieb oversees several programs and departments, including SCF's dental program.

In addition to a busy professional and home life— Max and his wife, Stephanie, recently became first-time parents—Max is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Alaska Anchorage. As for the future, he hopes to stay at SCF.

"It's such a good organization to work for," he enthused. "I've been with SCF for 16 years, but it doesn't seem that long at all. They really believe in work-life balance; I have a life outside of work, and it's great because I can embrace that. I also get to help the Alaska Native community achieve health and wellness. Employees who voluntarily leave SCF often rejoin at a later date because it's such a great organization."

For information about SCF's Dental Assisting Technology Program, visit www.southcentralfoundation.com/datprogram.



#### FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL **HEALTH MONTH**

Dental decay is the most common chronic childhood disease in the U.S., and rates are even more prevalent among Alaska Native children. The good news is, with consistent care at home and regular visits to the dentist, cavities in children are almost entirely preventable. Southcentral Foundation recommends the following:

#### **Brushing Tips:**

- Starting at birth, clean your child's gums with a soft cloth and water.
- As soon as your child's teeth erupt, brush them with a soft-bristled toothbrush.
- For children under the age of 2, use a small smear of toothpaste. If they're 2-5 years old, use a pea-size amount of toothpaste.
- Use an American Dental Association-accepted fluoride toothpaste and make sure your child does not swallow it.
- A child's teeth should be brushed by a parent until the child is old enough to do a good job on his or her own.

#### Flossing Tips:

- Flossing removes plaque between teeth and under the gumline where a toothbrush can't
- Flossing should begin when any two teeth touch.
- Be sure to floss your child's teeth daily until he or she can do it alone.

#### **Good Diet = Healthy Teeth:**

Healthy eating habits lead to healthy teeth. Like the rest of the body, the teeth, bones and the soft tissues of the mouth need a well-balanced diet. Children should eat a variety of foods from the five major food groups. For snacks, choose nutritious foods such as fruits and vegetables, low-fat yogurt and low-fat cheese, which are healthier and better for children's teeth. Drinks should be exclusively water, milk or unsweetened nut milks. Avoid juice even 100-percent fruit juice—soda and energy drinks. For more information, visit www.southcentralfoundation.org.

#### **DIVIDEND AND** RESOURCE REVENUE **DISTRIBUTION REMINDER**

dividend payment to shareholders in any given after CIRI's annual audited financial statements for the prior year are approved. This typically occurs shortly before the date of record for the first quarter dividend, which, this year, falls on Thursday,

The yearly amount of CIRI's resource revenue

### **≫I**OTOUCH



#### **Birth Announcement**

CIRI shareholder Myrtilda Morgan is pleased to announce the birth of her fourth grandchild, Evan Roger. Little Evan was born weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces on Jan. 8 to Sarah and Eric Ehlers of Seward, Neb. Grandparents are Marie and Roger Ehlers, and great-grandparents are Lorraine and Monte Dodd.

## »»» INMEMORY»»

#### **Ernest Lee Escholt, 65**

Ernest Lee Escholt passed away Nov. 29, 2018, in Anchorage. Mr. Escholt was born July 13, 1953, in Alaska. He is survived by his children, Nevada Escholt and Natasha Escholt; and brother, Albert Escholt.

#### Julie (Keen) Johnnie, 59

Julie (Keen) Johnnie passed away Dec. 25, 2018, at home in Anchorage. Ms. Johnnie was born April 18, 1959, in Limestone, Maine. She is survived by her loving husband



of 21 years, Bert Johnnie Jr.; children, Jeffrey Hurlburt Jr. (Taneone) and Jeromy Hurlburt; brothers, Daniel Bushey and James Lombardi; sister, Tammy Keen; stepchildren, Bernard, Charlie and Angela Johnnie; grandchildren, Taylor, Olivia, Madison, Julia, Jameson and Ahndria; and great-grandson, Gregory.

#### **Rhonda Agnes Lewis, 80**

Rhonda Agnes Lewis passed away Jan. 9 in Anchorage. Ms. Lewis was born Nov. 20, 1938, in Pilot Point, Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Irma Lee Meticgoruk; and sister, Pearl Reamer.

#### Marilyn Mae Seetomona, 63

Marilyn Mae Seetomona passed away
Nov. 14, 2018. Ms. Seetomona was born
Oct. 24, 1955, in Nome, Alaska. She is survived
by her son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and
Jamie Seetomona; grandchildren, Novalee and
Terrace Seetomona; sister, Lorena Seetomona;
sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Everett
Cutshall; brothers, Stephen and Coolidge
Seetomona; sisters-in-law, Linda and Viola
Seetomona; and many nieces and nephews.

#### Edna Metalokok Senungetuk, 86

Edna Metalokok Senungetuk passed away Dec. 11, 2018, at the Quyanna Care Center in Nome, Alaska. Ms. Senungetuk was born June 10, 1932, in



Teller, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara (Rocky) Beebe, Gloria (Russell) Walluk, Sarah Johnson, Joann Fugatt, Bessi (Warren) and Sharlene (Gary) Beck; son, Curtis (Sheryl)

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## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Real-life work experience, career exploration, professional development, and mentorship and networking opportunities – summer internships provide myriad opportunities for college students and recent graduates to develop and improve their job skills. What's more, employers overwhelmingly point to internship experience as one of their most important hiring considerations.

Considering a summer internship? Check out these opportunities:

## **CIRI Summer Internship** Application deadline: May 10, 2019

CIRI is now accepting applications for its 2019 Summer Internship program. Whenever possible, students' interests are aligned with positions available within the company and through partnerships in the community, which could include accounting and finance, communications, construction management, environmental sciences and engineering, human resources, IT, land and resources, project management, real estate and shareholder programs. This is a paid opportunity.

Students may apply online before the May 10, 2019, deadline by visiting the careers page on the CIRI website.

To be eligible for consideration, students must:

- Be a CIRI shareholder or confirmed, registered descendant;
- Have a 2.0 GPA or higher; and
- Be in junior or senior standing and enrolled in a four-year degree program; or graduated from a four-year program within the past year; or enrolled in or recently graduated from a relevant vocational program.

For more information, visit www.ciri.com/internship. For any questions regarding the program or application process, contact CIRI Shareholder Engagement Senior Manager Darla Graham, dgraham@ciri.com. Visit AlaskaNativeHire.com for information on other employment opportunities.

## CITC Summer Internship Application deadline: March 15, 2019

CITC, a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit, is recruiting for highly motivated Alaska Native/American Indian college students currently enrolled in or recently graduated from an undergraduate or graduate degree program, or currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a technical training school. Internships are offered in a variety of disciplines. This is a paid opportunity.

Submit application packets by March 15, 2019. To apply, visit citci.org/citc-careers/citc-internship-program.

## First Alaskans Institute Application deadline: March 15, 2019

First Alaskans Institute, which helps develop the capacities of Alaska Native people and their communities to meet the challenges of the future, is seeking to place Alaska Native, American Indian, indigenous, and rural undergraduate and graduate students into organizations around Alaska. This is a paid opportunity.

Applications must be received by March 15, 2019. Visit www.firstalaskans.org to apply.

#### Alaska Southcentral/Southeastern Sheet Metal Workers Local Union 23 JATC Apprenticeship Program Application deadline: Rolling admission

Local Union 23 Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) is committed to providing quality training for all union apprentices and journeypersons. Through education and practical, on-the-job training, JATC trains a skilled workforce of journeypersons.

JATC is currently looking specifically to recruit Alaska Native/American Indian trainees. First-year apprentices are dispatched at 50 percent of journeyman scale, which is \$21 per hour wages, with an additional \$22.03 per hour paid in fringe benefits. Apprentices are paid a progressively increasing schedule of wages during their apprenticeships, based on the acquisition of increased skill and competence on the job and in related instruction.

Local Union 23 JATC's sheet metal workers program is accredited by the U.S. Department of Labor, with a training facility located in Anchorage, Alaska.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a high-school diploma or GED and a valid, unrestricted Alaska driver's license. For information, visit www.local23jatc.org.



## **SCF HELPING LEAD STUDY** ON PRECISION MEDICINE

#### By Elizabeth Earl, Peninsula Clarion

A group of researchers is working on a study to take a broad look at how precision medicine could be used to benefit the health of Alaska Natives and American Indian (AN/AI) people in the Lower 48.

Funded with \$2.1 million through the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Precision Medicine Initiative, the study has three main goals: how precision medicine research may benefit tribal people and align with tribal health priorities, how to return research results to tribal participants and their communities and how to address issues of data stewardship.

Dr. Erica Woodahl of the University of Montana, Vanessa Hiratsuka with Southcentral Foundation (SCF) and Bert Boyer of Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland are leading the study.

Precision medicine is a term applied to medical treatments tailored to individuals based on their genetic and environmental backgrounds. Former President Barack Obama launched a national Precision Medicine

Initiative to advance research on the topic in 2015, focusing largely on cancer.

Within that effort, the NIH committed about \$50 million specifically to study health disparities among minorities in the U.S. using precision medicine.

The new study is just one more addition to the ongoing work at CIRI-affiliated nonprofit SCF to understand how genetic and environmental factors play into health outcomes in Alaska Native people, Hiratsuka said.

Her other work includes a study on how diet, exercise, and other lifestyle and cultural activities impact chronic disease and facilitating a conversation with the tribal community on the ethical, legal and social implications of genomic research.

The other public health researchers at SCF are working on a host of projects related to Native health as well, from using text messaging to increase colorectal cancer screening rates to developing

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#### **WINNERS' CIRCLE**

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

#### **STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES**

\$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:

- October Chad Michael Bouwens
- November Kathleen Anne Dennis
- December Kenneth Gordon Olson Jr.

Fourth quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

Allan Ole Pickett

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

#### **DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING**

Fourth quarter drawing for \$500:

• Steven Patrick Brown

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

#### **ENEWSLETTER DRAWING**

Fourth quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

• Bernadine Louise Erickson

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

#### **CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING**

Fourth quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

Amber Johnson

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

#### **QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING**

Fourth quarter drawing for an Echo Dot:

• David Lee Shassetz

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

#### **QENEK ACCOUNT POP-UP DRAWING**

Special drawing for a Pendleton blanket featuring the northern lights:

Jared Jay Hoyt

Shareholders who created or logged into an existing Qenek account between Jan. 28 (the date 2018 IRS Form 1099 information was available in Qenek) and Feb. 8, 2019. ■

### RECIPE



#### **HERBED GNOCCHI AND MUSHROOMS FOR TWO**

Adapted from the recipe by Kelli Foster, www.thekitchn.com.

As the author wrote about this recipe, "What makes this dinner for two stand out is how everything comes together (spoiler alert: fast and easy!), and still delivers a meal with layers of fresh, distinct flavors."

**START TO FINISH:** 30 minutes

**SERVINGS:** 2

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

8 ounces gnocchi, fresh or frozen

4 tablespoons butter, divided

4 ounces cremini ("baby bella") mushrooms

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/2 cup dry white wine, or chicken or vegetable broth

1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped Juice from 1/2 medium lemon

Salt

Black pepper

Grated parmesan cheese, for serving (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS:**

- 1. Cook the gnocchi according to the package instructions. Drain and set aside.
- **2.** While gnocchi is cooking, heat 2 tablespoons butter in a large frying pan over medium heat. When the butter is melted and bubbling, add the mushrooms to the pan. Season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened and lightly browned, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.
- **3.** Pour in the wine or broth to deglaze the pan, scrape up any browned bits at the bottom of the pan, and cook until the liquid is reduced by half. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons butter, gnocchi, basil and lemon juice. Swirl the ingredients around the pan so everything is well-coated, and cook until heated through and the flavors meld, 1 to 2 minutes. Serve immediately, topped with grated Parmesan cheese if desired.

The Raven's Circle would like to feature our readers' favorite recipes! To submit visit www.ciri.com/recipe.

## 'FIGHTER IN VELVET GLOVES'

Alaskan author pens book about Alaska Native civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich

For her efforts to fight discrimination and stand up to the unfair, inhumane and degrading treatment of Alaska Native peoples, Alaska civil rights leader Elizabeth Peratrovich



(Tlingit) was chosen as the subject for a biography by Alaskan author Annie Boochever. The book, "Fighter in Velvet Gloves," is geared toward young teens. It is currently being sold through Amazon and the University of Alaska Press, with wholesale orders available through the Chicago Distribution Center. Peratrovich's eldest son, Roy Jr., worked with Boochever to provide resources and personal stories for the book.

Born July 4, 1911, in Petersburg, Alaska, Peratrovich and her husband Roy, along with many others, fought against the cruel treatment that consigned Alaska Native people to a second-class existence. Peratrovich's testimony was instrumental in the passage of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945, which prohibited racial discrimination in Alaska.

Peratrovich's late son, Frank, was an original CIRI shareholder. Frank's sons, Frank Jr. and John, are also original CIRI shareholders. ≒

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Nayokpuk; son-in-law, Joe Hill; grandchildren, Thomas (Joanna), Jeanette, Wilfred (Starla), Elliot, Melissa, Angela, David, Andrew, Sandra, Teena, Mabel, Randy, Ralph (Krista), Victoria (Gyver), Esau, Frederick, Stevie, Dustin, Melinda (Randy), Sandra, Curtis Ray (Brenda), Walter, Sylvia, Travis (Michelle), Donna (Mark) Barr, Wanda (Jason) Hollingsworth and Robert Joseph Hill; greatgrandchildren, James (Ida), Sonny (Brandi), Zander (Mamie), Brittany (Skylar), Hayley (Darin), Josh, Joseph and Jaxon; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and sisters-and brothers-in-law.

#### **Ruby Louise Stratton, 64**

Ruby Louise Stratton passed away Nov. 21, 2018, in Anchorage. Ms. Stratton was born Oct. 22, 1954, in Anchorage. She is survived by Lonnie, Vernon and Gary Stanford.

#### **Leroy Williams, 74**

Leroy Williams passed away Jan. 7 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Williams was born June 26, 1944, in Nenana, Alaska. He is survived by his siblings, Rebecca Sophie Williams, Alberta Delores Newton and Ronnie Williams.

#### **Condolences**

Mae Bergstrom, 82 Sharon Lee Culhane, 74 Terry Ann Kelly, 61 Christopher Paul Ollestad, 54 Sophie Phillips, 70 Eldrine Rose Richardson, 73 Carole Rae Sassaman, 73 Steven John Whitley, 58

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

MARCH 8, 2019	First quarter Elders' Settlement Trust distribution
MARCH 10, 2019	Daylight Savings Time begins
MARCH 11, 2019	Deadline to sign up for direct deposit for the first quarter dividend and resource revenue distribution: 3 p.m.
MARCH 15, 2019	Deadline to apply for the CIRI C3 Experience; deadline to apply for CITC Summer Internship
MARCH 20, 2019	Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline for the first quarter dividend and resource revenue distribution: 3 p.m.
MARCH 25, 2019	Seward's Day: CIRI offices closed
MARCH 29, 2019	First quarter dividend distribution
MARCH 31, 2019	Deadline to apply for Farewell sheep hunting permits
APRIL 1, 2019	Resource revenue distribution



# YOUTH EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE PRIZE WINNERS

To encourage youth to attend and excel at school, CIRI conducts twice-yearly prize drawings for students in grades 7-12 who maintain a GPA of 3.5 or above and students who miss no more than four classes in the reporting period. Each winner receives a \$100 gift card. Please join us in congratulating the following CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants who qualified for the drawing on the basis of their first-semester GPA, attendance record or both:

#### **IN ANCHORAGE:**

#### Kristopher Anaruk,

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

#### Winter Anaruk,

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

#### Steven Brown,

Athabascan Child of Elmer David Brown Anchorage, Alaska

#### Kaitlyn Knox,

Iñupiaq and Athabascan Child of Margaret and William Knox Anchorage, Alaska

#### **IN ALASKA**

## (outside of Anchorage): Anna Gilliam,

Aleut Child of Denise Gilliam Soldotna, Alaska

#### Jamie Kelly,

Aleut Child of Claudia Kelly Soldotna, Alaska

#### Mikylah Pinnow,

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

#### Koda Poulin,

*Iñupiaq* Child of Ashley Poulin Kenai, Alaska

#### **OUTSIDE OF ALASKA:**

#### Brenna Brown, Athabascan

Child of Catherine Brown San Antonio, Texas

#### Grace Carlson,

Aleut, Athabascan, Iñupiaq and Yup'ik Child of Teresa Carlson Las Vegas, Nev.

#### Katelynn Carroll,

Aleut
Child of Michael Carroll
Chandler, Ariz.

#### Thomas Carroll,

Aleut
Child of Michael Carroll
Chandler, Ariz.

#### Israel Damon,

Athabascan and Navajo Child of Cynthia Demientieff Vian, Okla.

#### Aleshanee Nikita,

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



## SAVE 2019 INFORMATION **DATE AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

#### **INFORMATION MEETINGS**

#### Saturday, April 20 | Anchorage, Alaska

Southcentral Foundation's Nuka Learning and Wellness Center 4085 Tudor Centre Drive, Anchorage, Alaska Registration opens at 10:30 a.m.

Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, April 11 Child care available upon advance request.

#### Saturday, April 27 | Kenai, Alaska

Kenai Middle School

201 North Tinker Lane, Kenai, Alaska Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, April 18 Child care available upon advance request.

#### Saturday, May 11 | Shoreline, Wash.

Shoreline Community College 16101 Greenwood Avenue North, Shoreline, Wash. Registration opens at 10:30 a.m. Please RSVP by noon on Thursday, May 2

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

#### Saturday, June 1 | Puyallup, Wash.

Chief Leschi School

5625 52nd Street East, Puyallup, Wash. Registration: 8-11 a.m.

While it is not required to RSVP for the Annual Meeting, it helps us ensure the proper amount of food if you do. Child care available upon advance request.

#### THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO RSVP:

Letting us know you will attend and how many people will be in your party helps us plan for the appropriate number of guests. Please note the RSVP deadlines listed for each event and respond by the indicated date one of the following ways:

- 1. Via the shareholder portal at https://Qenek.ciri.com (By RSVP'ing via Qenek, your name will be entered into a drawing for a YETI Tundra 35 Cooler!)
- 2. Online at www.ciri.com/RSVP
- 3. By phone at (907) 263-5191 or (800) 764-2474 (select option 5)



#### SCF PRECISION MEDICINE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 05

interventions to increase alcohol abstinence among AN/AI people.

"We're an organization that's very interested in learning from our members," Hiratsuka said. "As the lead of this project, there are many other things we're doing to improve (approaches to Native health)."

AN/AI people experience disproportionately high incidences of cancer, earlier death and chronic disease compared to other groups in their regions. In Alaska, cancer is the leading cause of death of Native peoples. From 2009-13, Alaska Native people experienced higher rates of the nine leading causes of death in the U.S. than white populations, according to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

Overall cancer rates for AN/AI populations increased from 1990-2009, while rates among white populations went down in the same time period, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Cancer can include a suite of diseases with a multitude of possible factors or causes, some genetic and some environmental, Hiratsuka said.

"When it comes to ... multi-health issues like cancer that have a multitude of causes, I think precision medicine becomes a research opportunity," she said.

Essentially, the study involves collecting data on patients to evaluate how individualized treatment can affect outcomes for specific groups. That data includes everything from electronic health records to data from wearable health devices to genetic information.

That's why part of the study will include a data stewardship component, Hiratsuka said. Health information is sensitive and tightly guarded under the restrictions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, or HIPAA, and who is authorized to have what data tends to be fairly fragmented within the medical system.

"We're working on several deliverables — what the return of results to an individual might look like, and results being returned to a provider as well," Hiratsuka said. "Who among that team has access, where that information might be stored and what might be actionable."

As sovereign entities within the U.S., each Tribal group or nation has a health organization. Part of the study also considers how to incorporate the research and health outcomes into the tribal health organizations' goals.

SCF is already involved in personalized health care delivery through its Nuka System of care. The system, which received the Malcolm Baldridge Quality Award in 2017, places patients at the center of a care continuum designed to prioritize relationships.

SCF refers to patients as "customer-owners," a term that frames them both as purchasers of health care services that come first in service but also puts them in charge of their own wellness, Hiratsuka said.

The researchers are currently in the second year of work on the study.



• For the Gathering' oil painting by Alaska Native artist Danielle Larsen. Image courtesy of KBC.

## **KBC 2019 ALASKA NATIVE ART AUCTION**

6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4 Hotel Captain Cook, 939 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage

This annual fundraising event and celebration of Alaska Native culture features artwork by Alaska Native artists from throughout the state. The proceeds from the auction support the Native programming heard on KNBA 90.3 FM. For more information about donating artwork or reserving seats at the auction, visit www.nativeartauction.org.

SHEEP HUNTING PERMITS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 02

Hunt. Though available through the same lottery system as the general hunt, permits are limited to CIRI shareholders, confirmed, registered descendants and children of CIRI employees.

- Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2019, with the drawing held in early April.
- The Youth Hunt will be held Aug. 1–5, 2019.
- The general season hunting period is Aug. 10-Sept. 20, 2019.

As in past years, hunters will access the area via Veleska Lake to the north and Smith Lake to the south. For conservation purposes, access permits will be issued for up to 10 days, nine nights, and each hunting party (up to four individuals) will be limited to taking two legal rams. All state hunting regulations apply.

For additional details and to complete the online permit application, visit www.ciri.com/our-lands/ permitting. To register as a CIRI descendant, visit www.ciri.com/descendant-registration.

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dividend hotline, which may be reached at (907) 263-5100 or toll free at (800) 764-2435 (CHEK),

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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.

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With the goal of fostering leadership skills and helping prepare shareholders and descendants ages 15 to 19 for college and careers, the CIRI C3 Experience is a camp like no other. While at camp, participants will hear from Alaska Native professionals; engage in collaborative exercises to hone their skills to successfully apply for college and draft the perfect essay; and learn about internship opportunities at Alaska Native organizations. The CIRI C3 Experience also immerses participants in Alaska Native culture.

#### **Application Deadline is March 15!**

The camp is open to CIRI shareholders and confirmed, registered descendants ages 15 to 19 and is scheduled for Aug. 12-15, in and near Anchorage. All transportation (including airfare, if required), housing and meal costs will be covered by CIRI.

For more information and application materials, visit www.ciri.com/C3. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. AKDT on Friday, March 15.



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## » SHAREHOLDERESTATES

#### **ALSO MISSING**

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

- **Estate of Thomas William Highsmith Tonya Lorraine Highsmith**
- **Estate of Lily Mae Marshall** Kamette R. Myers and Christian James Marshall
- Estate of Richard Lloyd Sargent (aka Lloyd Richard Sargent) -**Derek Bernard Sargent and John Michael Sargent Clark**
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- **Estate of Robert William Wescott Robert William Wescott Jr.**

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.