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NATIVE CORPORATIONS DRIVE ALASKA ECONOMY



The results are in: Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) are a major force in Alaska's economy. Of the 49 top revenue-grossing Alaskan-owned businesses, 22 are ANCs – more than any other industry. Eight of the top 10 are ANCs. (CIRC comes in at No. 12.)

The figures come from a report published in the October 2017 issue of *Alaska Business Monthly*. In 2016, ANCs accounted for 15,365 Alaska jobs, 63,740 total jobs and \$11 billion in revenue.

"For over 45 years, ANCs have been building their businesses and, in the process, diversifying the Alaska economy," said Kim Reitmeier, executive director of the ANCSA Regional Association. "They represent a diverse range of industries, companies, regions and cultures; it is this diversification that has allowed them to grow and thrive. The annual revenue generated by the twelve Alaska Native regional corporations is nearly 17 percent of Alaska's gross domestic product."

"THE BEGINNING OF A GREAT ERA"

In order to settle Alaska Native people's aboriginal land claims and provide a means by which they could derive economic benefits from the resources around them, in 1971 the U.S. Congress passed the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). The legislation awarded rights to 44 million acres of land and a settlement of nearly \$1 billion as

compensation for lands not returned – and the creation of regional and village corporations to manage the allocation of land and money. A purposeful alternative to the reservation system, ANCSA was the first settlement of its kind between Native Americans and the federal government. Alaska Native leaders fought for the corporate structure for holding land and capital, with the freedom to control their own economic and social future. Passage of the act represented a significant victory for Alaska Native people. When ANCSA was signed into law, the *Tundra Times* heralded it as "the beginning of a great era for the Native people of Alaska."

One of the key mandates of ANCSA was the formation of 12 for-profit corporations, including CIRC, which would represent Alaska Native people with ties to twelve geographic regions of the state. (Later, a 13th corporation, representing Alaska Native people who had moved outside of the state, would be created.) The act also created more than 200 village corporations.

Each corporation has interpreted its ANCSA mandate to benefit current and future generations of shareholders in its own way. For its part, CIRC has participated in a wide array of business sectors, including energy development, government contracting, oilfield and construction services, real estate and technology services, with the well-being of its shareholders at the center of every decision. With

cumulative distributions to shareholders of nearly \$1.1 billion, CIRC remains focused on delivering meaningful and sustainable economic benefits to its shareholder-owners.

CIRC also created and initially funded a family of independent nonprofits to provide social, educational, health care and cultural services to CIRC shareholders, descendants and others.

A LOOK AHEAD

Given Alaska's current fiscal crisis, the ongoing success and growth of ANCs is critical. "As key drivers of Alaska's economy, ANCs have come into their own," said Bill Popp, president and CEO of the Anchorage Economic Development Corp. "In many cases, ANCs are multinational in scope and cut a broad path in the lines of business they represent. They are a key foundational element in the growing diversification of Alaska's economy and will play a critical role in the future expansion of our state."

CIRC's financial strategy centers on a diversified portfolio comprised of industries the company knows well, along with new investments that leverage both the company's experience and its network of expert partners.

"As always, CIRC's primary goal is to grow net income, increase shareholders' equity, and ultimately achieve our objective of steady and growing dividends for CIRC shareholders," said CIRC President and CEO Sophie Minich. "The success of CIRC and other ANCs benefit not only Alaska Native shareholders and descendants, but all Alaskans." 🦅



▶ Alaska Native regional corporations like CIRC annually generate nearly 17 percent of Alaska's GDP. Photo by Ken Graham Photography.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

Each fall, I look forward to our Friendship Potlatches. Put on by CIRI and The CIRI Foundation, the Potlatches provide an opportunity to socialize, celebrate our shared Alaska Native heritage and memorialize those who have recently passed on. The traditions we share at our Potlatches are similar to those that have served our people for thousands of years – to celebrate life and help families and communities heal from their losses.

Our Friendship Potlatches have evolved over the years to reflect the realities of our time and the diverse heritage of CIRI shareholders, but the core values remain as relevant today as at any time in our history. The family and friends who have left us still play important roles in our lives, and they always will. By gathering together, we strengthen the identity and unity of our people and reaffirm the importance of family and cultural traditions.

CIRI takes its role as a cultural steward seriously. Not only is it our mission to enhance the economic self-sufficiency of our people, but we must also work to preserve and perpetuate our Alaska Native heritage. Potlatches are just one way we accomplish this.

One look around the state and it's easy to see the importance of Alaska Native corporations (ANCs) like CIRI to the regions they represent and the state as a whole. ANCs own some of the state's largest enterprises and are among the largest employers of Alaskans.

As you will read in this month's lead story, ANCs are a major driver of the Alaska economy. Congress enacted the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) 46 years ago to provide a means by which Alaska Native people could derive economic benefits from the resources around them. CIRI has done just that, with projects like Fire Island Wind leading to involvement in eight other energy investments. Through its ability to seize opportunities and forge alliances with strategic partners, CIRI delivers sustainable economic returns to its nearly 8,900 shareholders.

According to a 2016 economic report by the ANCSA Regional Association, not only has the ANC model worked well for Alaska Native people, it has also worked well for Alaska. ANCs are measured in terms of the real economic benefits they return to their shareholders and descendants – employment, dividends, scholarships and contributions to nonprofits that serve Alaska Native people. Unlike most for-profit corporations, ANCs dedicate a significant portion of their annual earnings to shareholders each year. When combined with the substantial long-term employment and professional development opportunities ANCs provide to shareholders, it's clear they are delivering upon the original intent of ANCSA – to return tangible benefits to our Alaska Native shareholders and descendants.

As we move into the holiday season, I would like to give thanks to you, our shareholders. Together, we have experienced great accomplishments and I look



forward to strengthening the bonds that connect us all.

Warm regards,

HITTING THE STREETS TO HELP THE HOMELESS



CITC Recovery Services employees Wesley Brewington (center), Rashad Arnsworth and Logan Cook hand out bottled water to those in need as part of a new outreach initiative. Photo by Jamey Bradbury.

CITC's Peer Support Team Gives Back

By Jamey Bradbury, courtesy of Cook Inlet Tribal Council

What started as a small idea from the Peer Support Group has blossomed into an all-out effort by Cook Inlet Tribal Council's (CITC) Peer Support Recovery team to lend Anchorage's homeless community a helping hand. Since July of this year, the Peer Support team has distributed items like socks, hats, hygiene kits and water bottles to over 300 homeless individuals.

"This all started when the Peer Support Group wanted to do something more active instead of just meeting and talking," explained Peer Support Recovery Supervisor Wesley Brewington. The Peer Support Group is one of several support groups

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CIRI in the COMMUNITY

As part of its responsibility to support the organizations that fight hunger, poverty and homelessness, and promote education, CIRI supports various charitable organizations and participates in fundraising events throughout the year. Most recently, CIRI supported the following nonprofits' fundraising efforts:

Alaska Native Justice Center

The Alaska Native Justice Center, a CIRI-affiliated nonprofit, ensures Alaska Native voices are heard within the criminal justice system. On Oct. 17, ANJC's Voices for Justice event raised more than \$100,000 that will go toward social justice advocacy, restorative justice, victims' advocacy and education.

AWAIC

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC) provides domestic violence safe shelter, intervention and prevention education. On Nov. 4, attendees of the Silent Nights, Starry Nights Gala donned their best "Alaska formal wear" (flannels and Carhartts) as they raised money to benefit the organization's shelter program.

Correction:

An article in the October 2017 Raven's Circle indicated that, if confirmed, Tara Sweeney would become the first Alaska Native person nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to fill a senior government position. However, in 1973, Morris Thompson was confirmed as President Nixon's Commissioner of Indian Affairs. We apologize for the error.



CIRI executive Greg Razo helped kick off Koahnic's fall membership drive. Photo by Rachel Batres.

Camp Fire Alaska

Camp Fire Alaska gives children the opportunity to discover the best in themselves and others in a fun and safe learning environment. On Nov. 8, more than 500 supporters turned out for Camp Fire's Champions for Children breakfast, which raised funds for the organization's school programs, summer camps, rural Alaska program and community centers.

Covenant House Alaska

For nearly 30 years, Covenant House Alaska has served thousands of homeless, at-risk and trafficked youth in our state. On Nov. 16, Covenant House hosted a candlelight vigil for homeless youth. Members of the community shared their words of hope and remembered the thousands of homeless youth who have entered the doors of Covenant House.

Koahnic Broadcast Corporation

Through great programs like "Native America Calling," "National Native News" and "Earthsongs," Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, a CIRI-affiliated

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DESCENDANT SPOTLIGHT

Ben Jacuk

Without CIRI, Ben Jacuk jokes, “I’d probably be uneducated and single.”

With a new wife and a second master’s degree in the works, Ben credits CIRI with helping him along the path to both higher education and love.



Ben Jacuk. Photo courtesy of Katrina Jacuk.

“The CIRI Foundation

has supported me throughout my schooling – I absolutely would not be at the place I am without their help,” he said. “And working at CIRI Alaska Tourism Corp. (now Alaska Denali Travel), that’s where I met my wife! Being connected through CIRI, to the region of my ancestors, has been wonderful.”

Having grown up in Oklahoma, “in terms of being an Alaska Native person, I did have some feelings of disconnect,” Ben said. “But during the summers we would visit with relatives in Alaska. Those experiences – of fishing, of helping Elders with the net – made my Alaska Native heritage feel like it wasn’t some distant kind of thing. It is, and always has been, something I’ve felt extremely close to.”

Being a member of a devoutly Christian family also fostered a strong faith. Ben is connected to CIRI through his mother, Katrina (Dolchok) Jacuk (Aleut), who serves on the CIRI Board of Directors. His father is of Russian descent. Ben’s maternal grandfather, Mack Dolchok, served as an Assemblies of God missionary in Fort Yukon, Alaska; his maternal great-grandfather, Mike Dolchok, assumed the role of “second priest” in his village’s Russian Orthodox church. “He was called the second priest because he took the place of the priest when he was gone to another village,” Ben said. “He was going to be ordained, but he passed away before that happened. He was the lead singer when the priest was there and took care of the priest’s duties when he was away.”

Ben’s desire to learn and deepen his faith led him to Biola University, a private Christian college in Los

Angeles, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in biblical and theological studies.

After graduating, Ben came to Alaska to work. “I was here for the summer trying to figure out what I wanted to do, and I wasn’t sure I wanted to leave Alaska,” he recalled. “I applied to five different graduate schools; Princeton University was my first choice. I told myself, ‘If I don’t get into Princeton, I’ll stay in Alaska.’ I got in. Then I said, ‘If I don’t get fully funded, I won’t go.’ I got fully funded. I kept throwing out stipulations, and they kept getting pushed aside.”

Ultimately, Ben earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton, and he is currently pursuing a Master of Theology degree, which will qualify him to teach at the university level. He is a recipient of an Achievement Annual Scholarship from The CIRI Foundation, a competitive, merit-based scholarship designed to recognize and appreciate academic excellence, community service, civic activities and contribution to the Alaska Native community.

According to Ben, he is the second Native person to ever graduate from the Princeton Theological Seminary. Having been founded in 1812, “it’s a really old seminary,” he said. “What became really difficult for me, aside from not having a Native community here, is when I was doing some research for a term paper, I realized Princeton Theological Seminary was actually responsible for starting the Alaska Native boarding school program. That was tough. Upon learning that, it’s when a lot of my understanding began to shift.”

Princeton Theological Seminary was founded by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. It is the second-oldest seminary in the U.S. and the largest of 10 seminaries associated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Beginning in the late 1800s, Presbyterians ran schools in Cordova, Barrow and Gambell, Alaska. Led by Presbyterian minister Sheldon Jackson, missionaries also ran a boarding school in Sitka and an early boarding school in Wrangell, where the Bureau of Indian Affairs later operated a school of forced assimilation at which many Alaska Native children suffered abuse, cruelty and neglect.

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that meets at CITC; this one is focused on those in all facets of recovery.

Inspired by wanting to act, the group went to Bean’s Café in July 2016 to hand out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the homeless. “It was a huge hit,” Brewington remembered. “People really loved doing it. And it had huge therapeutic value for the folks in our group. People kept saying, ‘This is the best thing we’ve ever done!’ So we wanted to do something similar again, if we could.”



“It’s getting cold now, so it matters even more that we get out there and get gloves and socks to the people who need them,” said Brewington, who helped start CITC’s homeless outreach initiative. Photo by Jamey Bradbury.

After that first outing, the Peer Support Recovery team began posting flyers in CITC’s Nat’uh Service Center asking for donations of socks. They left a bin in the main lobby, and once they had enough donations, they took the socks into the community, giving them out to homeless individuals wherever they could be found. Since then, the group has refined its efforts, partnering with willing collaborators like Heart of the City Church, where community members have filled a donation barrel to the brim, twice, with donations for the homeless.

While the effort is intended to give the homeless population a hand, especially during the winter months, reaching out and helping the community in this way has huge benefits for those in recovery, Brewington said.

“I’ve been in recovery for almost five years, myself, and after all that I’ve taken from our community, having this opportunity to give back does a lot for me. Our vision is to give back as much as we can.

“We take a lot for granted,” he added. “Like socks — how many pairs do you have in your drawer? Dozens? Yet one pair of socks could be a treasure to someone living on the street.”

Anchorage has one of the highest per capita rates of homelessness in the country, and as the weather gets colder, Brewington pointed out, it only gets harder out on the streets. That’s why he and his co-workers will continue their effort into the winter.

Donation bins can be found at CITC and Heart of the City Church. To volunteer, contact Wesley Brewington at (907) 793-3221. 📞

KOAHNIC SWEEPS NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

As the media center for Alaska Native and Native American voices, Koahnic Broadcast Corporation delivers music programming, news and popular shows to a broad listenership in Southcentral Alaska, with special attention given to Alaska Native people and other ethnic minorities.

On Sept. 8, Koahnic took home awards in six categories at the 2017 Native American Journalists Association awards. The annual competition recognizes excellence in reporting by Native and non-Native journalists across the U.S. and Canada.

In the radio category of General Excellence, CIRI descendant Alexis Sallee received first place for the programs “Earthsongs” and “Native Voice 1.” Koahnic also placed in the radio categories of Best Feature Story and Best News Story. For its collaboration with New Mexico PBS, Koahnic received first place in three separate television categories: Best Feature Story, Best News Story and General Excellence.

“We don’t put our all into the work we do to win awards, but it’s always rewarding to be recognized by



our colleagues and peers in the business,” said Art Hughes, Koahnic executive producer of national programs.

CIRI-affiliated Koahnic Broadcast Corporation is a nonprofit, Alaska Native-governed and -operated media center based in Anchorage. For more information, including a live radio stream, visit www.KNBA.org. 📻

RECIPE



RUSSIAN TEA CAKES

Submitted by CIRI shareholder
Bernadene Henrie of Anchorage

START TO FINISH: 75 minutes (55 minutes active)

SERVINGS: About 48 cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup butter, softened
- ½ cup sifted powdered sugar, plus more for rolling
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract (Mexican vanilla preferred)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ¼ teaspoon salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Cream the butter. Add vanilla and ½ cup powdered sugar to butter. Beat until light and fluffy.
3. Sift the flour, measure out 2 cups, and sift again with the salt.
4. Mix the flour mixture with butter mixture. Add chopped pecans.
5. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
6. Bake for 20 minutes until set but not brown. Remove from cookie sheet. Cool slightly on wire rack.
7. Roll warm cookies in powdered sugar; cool completely. Roll in powdered sugar again.

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

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For Ben, his theological shift happened when he began researching the traditional beliefs of his Alaska Native ancestors. "When you look at Christian and indigenous spiritual practices side by side, the similarities are striking," he said. "Some of the Russian Orthodox priests that came over literally said, 'These people (Alaska Natives) already know God.'

"In religious and even academic circles, I'm used to hearing you're either a Christian or an Indian," Ben continued. "But the first act of the Holy Spirit in revealing Himself was through culture. I do believe that's how God still works."

Ben has worked with the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and he helped edit the apology the Presbyterian Church made at last year's Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention for its past treatment of Alaska Native people, and especially for abuses in boarding schools. His "ultimate goal" is to become a minister, "but there's something inside me where I feel like I need to write," Ben said. "There has to be a theological rebuttal against what happened to Natives in the names of Christ. I want to contribute and be a part of those conversations." 📖

2017 FRIENDSHIP POTLATCHES



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2017 CIRI SHAREHOLDER ELDER AND YOUTH AWARDS



SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR
Richard "Greg" Encelewski
 Ninilchik, Alaska

For his exemplary dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities, Richard "Greg" Encelewski received CIRI's 2017 Shareholder Year Award. Along with a career that included the State Highway Department and 25 years with ConocoPhillips, Greg became the first president of Ninilchik Natives Association Inc. (NNAI). His leadership also helped forge stronger ties between the village corporation and the Ninilchik Traditional Council.

Greg is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in the Vietnam conflict. A hunter and commercial fisherman with a deep appreciation of traditional food resources, he has helped fight for subsistence rights for the people of Ninilchik and was instrumental in guiding the finalization and settlement of NNAI's land selections under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.



ELDER OF THE YEAR
Gemma Gaudio
 Anchorage, Alaska

CIRI's Elder of the Year award recognizes a CIRI Elder who exemplifies the values and qualities important to CIRI shareholders and Alaska Native people. Born in a sod house in 1937 in Hooper Bay, Alaska, Gemma drove a dog sled and gathered ice for drinking and cooking. She was one of the first women to leave the village to attend the Mt. Edgecumbe nursing school in Sitka. Over her more than 20 years as a nurse Gemma fiercely advocated for children, with a particular focus on anti-bullying initiatives and access to medical care and services for all.

Married for 46 years to the late Kenneth Gaudio, Gemma has two daughters and four grandchildren. She still weaves the famous Hooper Bay-style grass baskets, practices a subsistence lifestyle and shares her Yup'ik culture, stories and wisdom with youth.

SHAREHOLDER AWARDS, CONTINUED ON PAGE 07

IN MEMORY

Bernice Charity Blatchford-Greiner, 85

Bernice Charity Blatchford-Greiner passed away Sept. 1 at the North Auburn Rehabilitation and Health Center in Auburn, Wash. Along with her twin, Ms. Blatchford-Greiner was born on June 8, 1932, in Golovin, Alaska, to a 17-child family. Her family remembers her as a woman possessed of a strong spirit and with a passion for life whose hobbies included berry picking, canning fruit, cooking and sewing. She is survived by her husband, Martin L. Greiner; children, Jenny Yingling, David (Kari) Greiner, Mary Greiner, Wesley (Janice) Greiner, Mark (Sandy) Greiner and James (Laura) Greiner; grandchildren, Lauden, Jordan, Merlin Ivanoff, Ben Ivanoff, Kristen, Roger, Delbert, Mark Sr., April and Sarah; and great-granddaughter, Jenny Kartes.



➤ Bernice Charity Blatchford-Greiner

Robert J. Ekstrom Sr., 93

Robert J. Ekstrom Sr. passed away July 26 at the Regency Florence Care Facility in Florence, Ore. Mr. Ekstrom was born on Jan. 30, 1924, in Anchorage. His family remembers him as a man known for his charisma, independence, personal pride, sense of humor and charm. A veteran, he was stationed in Seattle, the southern United States, the Aleutian Islands and eventually the Philippines during World War II. Mr. Ekstrom and his wife operated a successful restaurant, Shirleyville, in Tyonek, Alaska. He is survived by his children, Roberta Hallam, Robert James Ekstrom Jr., Georgia Marie Dieringer and Pete Ekstrom; grandchildren, Leanne N. Shuck, William Shannon Ashmore, Kenneth Dieringer, Michelle Mahoney, James Strongheart and Georgette Hope Ekstrom; and great-grandchildren, Ian, Dustin, Evan L. Ashmore-Honan, Shane J. Shuck, Samuel R. Shuck, Ty R. Shuck, Shawna A. Ashmore, Ava V. Ashmore, Allister K. Ekstrom, Brenda L. Ekstrom, Amanda N. Ekstrom, Cisco S. Mahoney and Zane M. Mahoney.



➤ Robert J. Ekstrom Sr.

Floyd (Smokey) F. Poage Jr., 62

Floyd (Smokey) F. Poage Jr. passed away Sept. 13 at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage. He was born on July 17, 1955, in Everett, Wash.

Condolences

Paula May Brill, 60
Warren C. Kruger, 93
Mary Louise Lee, 78
Kenneth Lloyd McCord, 57
Darrel Walter Whitley, 34

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Cinderella Services is owned by CIRI descendant Iris M. Sipes. The business specializes in cleaning services for home, business, new construction and move-ins/move-outs.

To list your shareholder- or descendant-owned business on CIRI's website, submit an online Shareholder-Descendant Business Registration form via the CIRI website. 📄

IMPORTANT CIRI DATES

DEC. 2, 2017	CIRI's Holiday Craft Bazaar: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fireweed Business Center, 725 E. Fireweed Lane, Anchorage
DEC. 7, 2017	Fourth quarter dividend distribution
DEC. 8, 2017	Fourth quarter Elders' Settlement Trust distribution
DEC. 22-25, 2017	Christmas holiday: CIRI offices closed

CIRI HOSTS SPC MEETING

The goal of the Shareholder Participation Committees (SPCs) is to increase two-way communication between CIRI and its shareholders. SPC members do this through identifying issues of immediate and long-term importance to shareholders and descendants, and assisting CIRI in educating shareholders and descendants on the corporation's mission and values, business operations, corporate policies, shareholder and descendant opportunities and other matters.



➤ CIRI hosted its SPC members Oct. 23-24 at the Fireweed Business Center in Anchorage. Members helped the corporation identify areas in which it is doing well and where it has room to improve. Photos by Joel Irwin and Charlene Juliussen.

Over the years, the SPCs have addressed a range of matters, from ways to increase and enhance shareholder and descendant outreach and opportunities, to the establishment of an Elders' settlement trust. They've also raised funds to help purchase a new easy-to-use washer and dryer for a Cook Inlet Housing Elder facility in Anchorage, solicited money and raised membership awareness for the Alaska Native Heritage Center, and initiated a book drive focused on Alaska Native cultural themes for the Chief Leschi School in Puyallup, Wash., where CIRI holds a number of events, including the Northwest Potlatch, which became an annual event at the behest of shareholders who raised the possibility with SPC members. To date, 10 former SPC members have gone on to serve on the CIRI Board of Directors.

The SPCs are comprised of three subcommittees – the Anchorage Committee; the Alaska Committee, made up of shareholders who live in Alaska outside of Anchorage; and the Lower 48 and Hawaii Committee. There are youth representative positions as well, selected via an application process from CIRI shareholders or confirmed descendants 13 to 17 years of age.

Most recently, CIRI hosted its SPC members Oct. 23-24 at the Fireweed Business Center, the company's corporate headquarters in Anchorage. The two-day meeting covered a range of topics and issues, including an overview of how CIRI uses technology to manage its lands; a discussion of youth opportunities, including a potential youth leadership summit; and a discussion of cultural



awareness led by Loren Anderson, director of cultural programs at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich also met with members to provide a brief update on CIRI's business operations and answer questions.

Also on the agenda was a visit to the Nat'uh Service Center, where members learned about Cook Inlet Tribal Council's youth programs and toured CITC's "fab lab"; heard from Susan Anderson, a CIRI shareholder and the CEO of The CIRI Foundation, about scholarship and grant programs; and discussed Alaska Natives' unmet needs regarding the Alaska civil and criminal justice system with Tammy Ashley, a CIRI shareholder and director of program operations for the Alaska Native Justice Center.



"Not only is serving on the SPCs a way to learn more about CIRI, but members often gain deeper insight into the services and opportunities available through CIRI's affiliated non-profit organizations," said CIRI's betsy Peratrovich, senior director, Shareholder Relations. "CIRI's executive team and its Board of Directors rely on the SPCs to help them identify areas in which the company is doing well, and to offer feedback and ideas in areas in which it has room to improve. For shareholders who are interested, the SPCs are a great way to get more involved with the company."

For more information on the SPCs, including how to apply, visit www.ciri.com/shareholders. 📄



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YOUTH RECOGNITION AWARD

Julianne Wilson

Kenai, Alaska

The CIRI Youth Recognition Award recognizes young people for superior academic achievements, demonstrated leadership qualities, dedication to Alaska Native culture and heritage, outstanding contributions to community and family, and exceptional determination and stamina in overcoming significant life challenges.

Julianne Wilson of Kenai, Alaska, excels in both academics and athletics. She is a member of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe and has been involved in the educational and cultural programs of the Tribe since she was 3. A natural leader, she was a high school honor student, earning many awards and taking advanced-placement classes. Julianne has 14 years' experience as a dancer and took first place in the one-foot high kick and seal hop at the 2017 Arctic Winter Games. A full-ride track and cross-country running scholarship recipient, Julianne is in her first year at Valley City State University in North Dakota.

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:

- July – Ann Marie Oskolkoff
- August – Paul Alexander Shadura II
- September – Leticia S. Belardi

Third quarter drawing for Apple iPad Air 2:

- Andrew Angus Topkok

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

DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for \$500:

- Mary Jane McNeil

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

ENEWSLETTER DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD:

- Bil Wayne Mantor

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

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD8:

- Kaytlynn Walden

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

Third quarter drawing for an Echo Dot:

- Lawrence McCord

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

TAKE THE NEXT GENERATION TO WORK DAY



**Jan. 15, 2018
 Fireweed Business Center, Anchorage
 Application Deadline: Jan. 5, 2018**

CIRI shareholders and confirmed descendants ages 10 through high school are invited to apply for CIRI's Take the Next Generation to Work Day, which will be held Monday, Jan. 15.

Selected participants will spend a day at CIRI's corporate headquarters in Anchorage learning about CIRI's businesses and exploring future career paths. The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. Alaska time on Friday, Jan. 5.

For more information and an application, visit www.ciri.com/nextgenday.

MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

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

(As of 11/17/2017)

Byron Keith Abell	David Michael Karabelnikoff
Edgar Ailak	Savanna Bre Mercedes
Matthew Jacob Anahonak	Kayouktuk
Egan Hugh Askay	Dustin Mitchel Kilborn
Jean-Marie Lea Barr	Virginia Lee King
Howard Rock Batt	Cindy Lee Kirsch
Natasha Mae Beasley	Micah Kaimilani Kupihe
Rebecca Lynne Bellin	Edward John Labarge Jr.
Thomas Michael Bellinger	Doris Jean Lageson
Jennifer Kay Belman	Alexandra Nicole Lochbaum
Kenneth Lawrence Boyle	Tony Dean Long
Richard Kenneth Bright	William Dean Luttrell Jr.
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Saturday, Dec. 2**

Fireweed Business Center,
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Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping while you support Alaska Native artists! Carvings, jewelry, ornaments and paintings will be a few of the items on offer. A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Craft Bazaar, the proceeds of which will benefit The CIRI Foundation. **For more information, contact Carolyn Bickley at (907) 263-5502.**



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nonprofit, brings Native voices to Alaska and the nation. CIRI supported Koahnic's fall membership drive, held Oct. 5-11. CIRI executive Greg Razo helped kick off the drive live on the air, and CIRI matched gifts dollar for dollar during this hour.

YWCA Alaska

YWCA Alaska is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. On Nov. 8, the YWCA Alaska/BP Women of Achievement and Youth Awards honored 10 Alaskan women who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and excellence in their professional and personal endeavors, as well as their contributions to the larger community, and five youth who have overcome major obstacles in their lives while embodying the mission of the YWCA. 🇺🇸

SHAREHOLDER ESTATES

ALSO MISSING

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

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

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