



RAVEN'S CIRCLE

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CIRI summer interns Chloe Tetpon, Elyse Decker and Maddie Mulcahey package salmon as part of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's educational fishery program. Photo by Darla Graham.

CIRI SUMMER INTERNS GAIN REAL-WORLD WORK EXPERIENCE WHILE IMMERSING THEMSELVES IN CULTURE

CIRI was thrilled to host interns Elyse Decker, Maddie Mulcahey and Chloe Tetpon this summer!

In addition to interning in their respective departments, Elyse, Maddie and Chloe participated in numerous cultural activities, including attending a traditional tattooing workshop, touring the Alaska Native Heritage Center and Anchorage Museum, and making akutaq (Eskimo ice cream). They created their own Dena'ina counting cords, learned to bead earrings and hosted a networking event for interns from the other Alaska Native regional corporations. In late July, they visited the villages of Seldovia and Ninilchik and fished with the Kenaitze Indian Tribe's educational fishery program.

Thank you to our interns for a fantastic summer!

ELYSE DECKER (ALUTIIQ/SUGPIAQ)

Hometown: Seattle, Washington

College: Swarthmore College

Major: Global studies with an Indigenous studies specialization, minor in Japanese

Graduation/expected graduation: May 2023

CIRI department: Shareholder and Descendant Programs

Favorite traditional activity: Beading

Hobbies and interests: Music (I've played the piano for 15 years and the Celtic lap harp for six years) and food (I'm a foodie and have been so grateful to try traditional foods this summer, such as moose and caribou).

Astrological sign: Pisces

Post-college/career plans: Pursue a Ph.D. and become an Indigenous studies professor

Other CIRI experiences: I was a member of the inaugural class of the CIRI virtual mentoring program (2021), which is also where I heard about the summer internship program!

Favorite Alaska experience: This summer has been my first time to Alaska, and I've enjoyed everything! The No. 1 thing would probably be visiting the village of Seldovia, where my relatives are from.

MADDIE MULCAHEY (INUPIAQ)

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

College: West Chester University

Major: Anthropology, minors in Native American studies, geographic information systems, and sustainability and resilience

Graduation/expected graduation: 2024

CIRI department: Shareholder and Descendant Programs

Hobbies and interests: Beading, hiking and yoga

Favorite color: Forest green

Post-college/career plans: Attend law school. I am especially interested in the intersections between environmental law and Native American law/federal Indian policy.

Other CIRI experiences: Shareholder Participation Committees (now CIRI Participation Committee) youth representative (2017)

Most rewarding aspect of your CIRI summer internship:

I have gained a deeper understanding of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, its role in establishing Alaska Native corporations and its impact on Alaska Native peoples. Gaining this perspective has been the most meaningful aspect of my summer, and I feel inspired to be part of the next generation of Alaska Native leaders!

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CHLOE TETPON (INUPIAQ)

Hometown: Amenia, New York

College: Kennesaw State University

Major: Marketing

Graduation/expected graduation: 2024

CIRI department: Corporate Communications

How did you hear about the CIRI summer internship, and what inspired you to apply?

I read about the internship in the Raven's Circle eNewsletter. After searching and interviewing with numerous internships, none of them felt as meaningful to me as this one.

What is your advice for young Shareholders and Descendants considering the CIRI summer internship opportunity? My advice is to apply! I never thought I would be in Alaska, learning about my culture and interning in my career field. This internship is more than I could have imagined, and it is something I will be proud of the rest of my life.

Hobbies and interests: Art, music and skateboarding

Post-college/career plans: I have learned so much during this internship that my expectations have changed in many ways. I hope to find a job in marketing for a company I respect.

Family: I am connected to CIRI through my father, original CIRI enrollee Sean Tetpon. I also have a twin brother! 🦋



A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In June, I was fortunate to lead an executive breakout session during our spring Ciri Participation Committee (CPC) meeting. The CPC (formerly Shareholder and Descendant Participation Committees) is comprised of Shareholders and confirmed Descendants who reside in Anchorage, elsewhere in Alaska, and across the Lower 48 and Hawaii. Twice a year—in the spring, to coincide with our Annual Meeting, and in the fall—CPC members dedicate their time to learning more about their corporation and providing feedback to the Ciri Board and executive team. In the spring, they also offer boots-on-the-ground assistance during our Annual Meeting.

We have an incredible group of CPC members this year, and their collective role in our corporation is such an important one! It was an honor to participate in the spring meeting. Engaging and sharing information with those we serve is essential for the health and success of our corporation. At the same time, hearing directly from our CPC members helps us better understand the concerns and priorities of our Shareholders and Descendants.

A big thank you to our Shareholder and Descendant Programs team for putting together a robust agenda and leading the day! In addition to updates on Ciri's business operations, corporate goals and numerous other topics, the meeting included tours of Ciri's Fireweed Business Center and several of Cook Inlet Housing Authority's affordable-housing communities, lunch with Ciri Board

members and executives, and information on Ciri's stock gifting campaign.

"It was very enlightening getting to know Ciri and my fellow committee members," one CPC member reported on the post-meeting feedback survey. "It was a moving experience to listen to so many parallel life stories, and I felt truly 'In the Family.'"

"I learned so much and I am so glad I was there," another wrote. "I have shared with my mom, sisters and their families just how impressed I am with our team there at Ciri, and how much I hope our (young Shareholders and Descendants) can add to Ciri's future."

While feedback was resoundingly positive, a few suggested improvements included more time for CPC members to interact with one another, more breaks/downtime built into the meeting schedule and the opportunity to attend all breakout sessions. We will be keeping this information in mind as we plan future meetings. For more information, visit ciri.com/CPC.

Our next in-person Shareholder and Descendant events are our Friendship Potlatches. I look forward to seeing you this fall in Kenai, Alaska (Oct. 14), Anchorage (Oct. 22) and the Seattle area (Nov. 4)!

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich
Ciri President and CEO

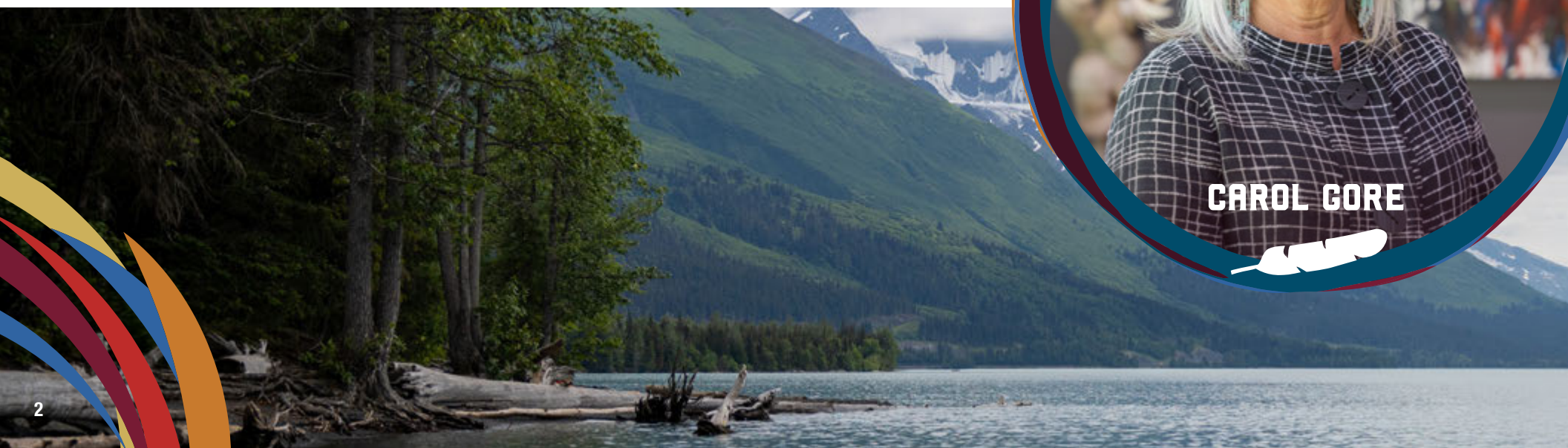
CAROL GORE RETIRES AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CIHA



On June 2, original Ciri enrollee Carol Gore (Aleut) retired from Cook Inlet Housing Authority (CIHA) after having served as its president and CEO since 1999.

On "loan" from Ciri, Gore initially worked at CIHA on an interim basis while the organization searched for its permanent leader. She found that, "I wanted to stay because I'd fallen in love with what was an important opportunity—providing affordable housing opportunities that empower our people and strengthen our communities."

In June, Gore was elected by her fellow Shareholders to serve on the Ciri Board of Directors. She remains part of CIHA's Legacy Council and serves as its president/CEO emeritus.



SALAMATOF LAUNCHES FORESTRY AND FIRE DIVISION



Warming temperatures have fueled a spruce bark beetle epidemic across Southcentral Alaska.

There are currently 1.6 million acres of beetle-kill spruce in Southcentral Alaska, and at least 195,000 acres on the Kenai Peninsula. In 2022, Salamatof Native Association Inc. (SNAI) decided it wanted to “be part of the solution,” said CIRI Shareholder Heather Daniels (Aleut), who serves as SNAI’s residential coordinator and board treasurer.

Salamatof is located on the Kenai Peninsula between the communities of Kenai and Nikiski. The historic village site overlooks Cook Inlet and Mt. Redoubt volcano across the inlet. “Salamatof owns a lot of land, and none of us wants to see it go up in flames—we live here, this is our home,” Daniels emphasized. “Our vision in starting up the new Forestry and Fire Division is to reduce the risk of wildfire across the Kenai Peninsula by removing hazardous fuels.”

SNAI’s Type 2 Wildfire Crew consists of 10 individuals—including SNAI tribal members,

Alaska Native/American Indian people from other tribes, and members of the community—who perform fire-suppression and fuels-management duties. They do not fight active wildfires, which requires an agreement with the State of Alaska, “but we’ve been in touch with the state, and they know of our interest in working toward that when we are ready,” Daniels said.

The division tackled its first large-scale project last summer, which consisted of removing dead trees without disturbing the soil or nearby living trees and vegetation. “We accomplished that—we removed the trees with minimal equipment,” Daniels said. “We used a skid-steer and a mulcher, and then we had a couple of four-wheelers that were able to haul logs out. When we were done, you could walk in between the healthy trees as if it was a park. Our guys did a fantastic job. It’s nice to drive by and see it looking so clean.”

The work was done on a Native land allotment. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) fire program provides direct and indirect services for Native allotment owners (allottees). These services include wildland fire fuels management, which allows tribes to mitigate wildfire risk by managing wildfire fuels in and around their communities with BIA funding. Federally recognized tribes in

Alaska are eligible to receive funding through the BIA Alaska Region.

“We did receive the award to do the second phase this year on that same allotment,” Daniels said. “Native allottees should know the BIA does provide this service (wildland fire fuels management), so they should reach out if they’re interested.”

Though only in its second season, the SNAI crew is busy. In addition to fuels-management duties, it runs a free firewood program for Salamatof shareholders and veterans and performs land-preservation work. Salamatof is in the process working up an agreement with Natural Resources Conservation Service to perform work on federal lands.

“We’d really like to be able to develop some strategic partners that will eventually lead to a contract award so we can accomplish the work that needs to be done,” Daniels said. “It’s such a big job, and the forest is very important to us. If the trees weren’t here, it would feel like part of our identity is gone.”

For more information, visit salamatof.com. If you are a Kenai Peninsula resident interested in fire fuels management services, call (907) 283-7864 or stop by SNAI’s office at 230 Main Street Loop in Kenai. 📍

CIRI SUMMER INTERNS VISIT SELDOVIA

By CIRI summer intern Chloe Tetpon (Iñupiaq)

Our trip began July 23 in Anchorage, where we caught an early flight to Homer on a small-cabin plane. Along for the trip were my fellow interns, Elyse Decker (Sugpiaq/Alutiiq) and Maddie Mulcahey (Iñupiaq); CIRI Shareholder and Descendant Programs staff members Darla Graham (Yup’ik) and Jordyn Ransom (Athabascan); and CIRI Chief Strategy Officer Sarah Lukin (Sugpiaq/Alutiiq). Once in Homer, we were greeted by the beautiful water and charming town, bustling with fishermen. From there, a ferry took us across Kachemak Bay—where we spotted orcas and sea otters—and delivered us to the village of Seldovia.

We were greeted by Crystal Collier, president of Seldovia Tribal Council, who shared stories of the village’s rich history. Seldovia was traditionally home to Aleut, Alutiiq, Athabascan and Yup’ik peoples, and it is only accessible by boat or plane. Today, the Seldovia Bay Ferry, which is owned and operated by Seldovia Village Tribe, serves

as the primary source of transportation for Seldovia’s approximately 240 residents and for visitors to this coastal community.

Crystal told us about the early settlements of the town. The 1964 Good Friday earthquake caused the land beneath Seldovia to drop several feet, forcing residents to rebuild much of their community on higher ground.

It was also a first-time visit for CIRI summer intern Elyse. Elyse’s Alaska Native relatives came from Seldovia, and she was able to visit the cemetery where some of them are buried. “It was an incredible experience,” she shared. “I was finally able to see the village my family lived in and pay my respects to my great-great-grandma and great-aunt. I plan to return to spend more time on my family’s plot of land.”

After sharing her extensive knowledge of Seldovia’s history, Crystal spoke of the future. She hopes to preserve Native traditions while



CIRI summer interns Chloe Tetpon, Maddie Mulcahey and Elyse Decker hike the Otter Bahn trail in Seldovia. Photo by Darla Graham.

embracing innovation. The village’s quiet beauty attracts people from all walks of life, and its future is ever-evolving—a melting pot of cultures and traditions, acquiring new perspectives with each visitor. It is truly a special place for everyone. 📍

AS SEEN IN OUR REGION

View from Trail Lake Campground on the Kenai Peninsula looking south toward the community of Primrose, Alaska.

Photo: Kevin Bennett



RECIPE

WHIPPED WILD ALASKA BERRY DESSERT

Thank you to CIRI Shareholder Sonita Cleveland for sharing her recipe with us!

Ms. Cleveland wrote about this recipe: "Here is one of my favorite recipes that is a healthy alternative to traditional Eskimo ice cream. I use wild Alaska berries for this recipe and don't use exact measurements. It's not Eskimo ice cream (akutaq), but it's just as good!"

INGREDIENTS:

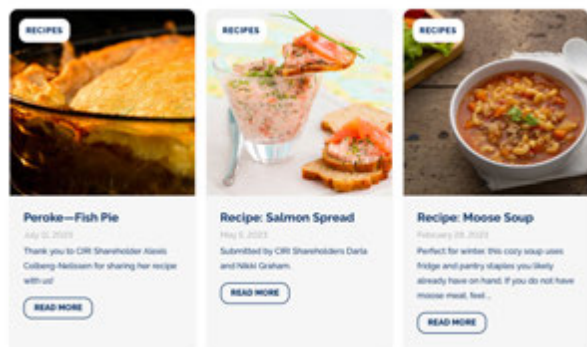
- Low-fat Greek yogurt, plain or flavored
- Whipped topping, such as Cool Whip
- Berries, fresh or frozen (author's note: "I've used cloudbberries, tundra blueberries, low-bush cranberries and blackberries in this recipe")
- Banana and/or strawberries, sliced
- Optional add-ins: raisins, dried berries, shredded coconut, chia seeds, chopped nuts, honey

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a large bowl, combine yogurt, berries, banana and/or strawberry slices and any add-ins.
2. Gently fold in whipped topping and dish into serving bowls. Top with additional berries or add-ins, if desired.

THE RAVEN'S CIRCLE WOULD LIKE TO FEATURE OUR READERS' FAVORITE RECIPES!

To submit and view more, visit CIRI.COM/RECIPES



AS SEEN IN OUR REGION

View of Cook Inlet and Mt. Iliamna from the Kenaitze Indian Tribe campus in Kenai, Alaska.

Photo: Kevin Bennett

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 and Descendants have been selected as winners for the most recent CIRI drawings:

DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

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

Second quarter drawing for \$500:

- LUCILLE JOHNSON

eNEWSLETTER DRAWING

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

Second quarter drawing for an iPad or \$400 cash:

- JARED CALLISTER

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

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.

Second quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:

- JACKSON RECCHIO-COX (YOUTH)
- KAITLIN TURNER (ADULT)

QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING

Shareholders and confirmed Descendants who have created a Qenek account or accessed an existing account during the preceding quarter.

Second quarter drawing for a YETI cooler:

- TRINA REICH

GREENLINK DRAWING

Shareholders who have a valid direct deposit instruction and email address on file and who have opted into electronic delivery of certain materials.

Second quarter drawing \$500:

- TODD KING

IMPORTANT DATES

OCT. 9, 2023	Indigenous Peoples' Day: CIRI offices closed
OCT. 14, 2023	Friendship Potlatch—Kenai, Alaska
OCT. 19-21, 2023	Annual AFN Convention—Anchorage, Alaska
OCT. 22, 2023	Friendship Potlatch—Anchorage, Alaska
NOV. 4, 2023	Friendship Potlatch—Seattle area
NOV. 5, 2023	Daylight Saving Time ends
NOV. 23, 2023	Thanksgiving: CIRI offices closed
NOV. 24, 2023	Native American Heritage Day: CIRI offices closed
NOV. 30, 2023	Fourth quarter CST and Elders Distribution change of address deadline

BOARD CORNER

Get to know your CIRI Board of Directors: Treasurer Rolf Dagg

My father, Gosta Dagg (Yup'ik), was born in 1939 in Anchorage. His parents lived in a cabin by the mouth of Ship Creek. They eventually moved to Washington State, but spent half the year in Naknek as my grandfather, also named Gosta, was a Bristol Bay fisherman.



Gosta Dagg and Rolf Dagg

One summer, my dad departed Washington after his parents had already left for Alaska. He was dropped off at Bristol Bay, and his parents had a delay in coming to pick him up. Instead of waiting around for them, he got a job on a cannery tender as a cook. He continued to work this job during the summers through both college and law school.

While I was growing up in Everett, Wash., my dad frequently traveled to Alaska for CIRI Board meetings. He was elected to the CIRI Board of Directors when I was a toddler, so I don't remember a time when he was not involved with CIRI. He served on the Board from 1974 to 2006. I would accompany him to Shareholder meetings at the Sea-Tac Red Lion. I was just a kid and would entertain myself looking for coins in the hotel lobby couch cushions. I think I found 85 cents once.

My dad was an attorney and worked primarily in private practice. One of the things he was most proud of in his work was assisting Alaska Native adoptees, ensuring those born by the ANCSA enactment date of Dec. 18, 1971, were enrolled with their regional and/or village corporation.

When I first ran for the CIRI Board, I would hear about how my mom had typed up address labels for my dad's proxy mailings.



I discussed with my dad about whether CIRI should open enrollment and issue stock to Descendants of original Shareholders. His position was that gifting shares to your family members was the best way to include the next generation in CIRI. He demonstrated this by gifting me shares when I was young, and I have continued this legacy by gifting my sons their own shares.

My dad, who passed away in April at the age of 83, was proud of all CIRI had accomplished in its first 50 years. As his son, I know his legacy to CIRI will carry on for generations to come. /

CIRI IN THE COMMUNITY

Kenaitze and Salamatof come together to celebrate opening of the net



Photos by KIT's M. Scott Moon.

Members of Kenaitze Indian Tribe (KIT) were ready to set the net during the Opening of the Net celebration on June 1. The eagles were ready, too.

"I like to see the eagles out," said Chris Ross, pointing to eagles perched along the shore and on a rock a little way out into Cook Inlet. "They know, once we get a fish, we'll toss them a carcass. Maybe they'll leave a feather behind. My grandmother always said if you want an eagle feather, you've got to give them something, too."

KIT and Salamatof tribal members celebrated fishing the first tide of the season and cut the ribbon on the new KIT Kahtnuht'ana Dena'ina Community Hall and Harvest Pavilion.

In her opening remarks, KIT Chair Ronette Stanton noted the importance of the fishery, which the Tribe has operated since 1989. In recognition of their partnership and unity, CIRI supported this summer's Kenaitze and Salamatof educational fishery program with \$10,000.



"The net preserves our culture and traditions and brings us together with our children and our Elders, creating a sense of unity, and represents resiliency of our people," Stanton said.

Ross said he is grateful to have learned the techniques for picking fish from the net as a youth and looks forward to teaching the next generation when his family fishes the net later this summer.

Thank you to M. Scott Moon for contributing to this article! /

IN TOUCH

ASSOCIATE DEGREE: OLIVIA HURLBURT

CIRI Shareholder Jeff Hurlburt is pleased to announce the graduation of his daughter, Oliva, from Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts. Olivia received her associate degree in mathematics and plans to continue her education at the University of Connecticut this fall. Mother is Taneone Hurlburt. Grandmother is original CIRI enrollee the late Julie (Bert) Johnnie (Dena'ina Athabascan).



HIGH-SCHOOL GRADUATION: MACKENZEY CHRISTOFFERSEN

CIRI Shareholders Tiffany Deason and Kenneth Christoffersen Jr. are pleased to announce the graduation of their daughter, Mackenzey, from Bartlett High School in Anchorage. In July, Mackenzey was sworn into the U.S. Navy and left to attend boot camp in Chicago. Grandmother is CIRI Shareholder Mary Sims-Deason and grandfather is Bobby Deason.



MASTER'S DEGREE: MARIN WADSWORTH

CIRI Shareholder Holly Spencer is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter, Marin Wadsworth, from Northern Illinois University. Marin received her master's degree with honors in anthropology with a minor in linguistics. She is currently teaching ballet at a local dance center and plans to teach women's studies at the college level.



IN MEMORY

LUCILLE LARRISSA SETZER, 73

Lucille Larrissa Setzer passed away June 5 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash. Ms. Setzer was born Dec. 1, 1949, in Port Graham, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Christie Butler and Teresa Charinaik; and grandchildren, Larissa Mumchuck and Diamon Herrick.



PEGGY SUE TAYLOR, 60

Peggy Sue Taylor passed away June 11 in San Francisco. Ms. Taylor was born Jan. 19, 1963, in Anchorage. She is survived by her mother, Zoe A. Taylor; brother, Bruce R. Taylor; children, Justin C. Taylor, Laura Z. Taylor and Jared S. Taylor; and grandson, Austin Griffin.



ROBERTA M. HARTLEY WILLIAMS, 73

Roberta M. Hartley Williams passed away April 3 in Vancouver, Wash. Ms. Hartley Williams was born Aug. 13, 1949, in Anchorage. After she moved to Vancouver, she and her husband made frequent trips back to Anchorage and she always considered herself an Alaskan. Her family remembers her as someone who loved life and never met a stranger. She loved to travel and explore new places and was very active in her faith. Ms. Hartley Williams is survived by her husband, David Q. Williams; daughter, Marie A. (Daniel) Montgomery; and brothers, John and Jim Hartley.



CONDOLENCES

BERNICE ADA ADAMS, 67
JOHN CARL ASTAD, 67
JOANN BERNICE BOYER, 91
CRYSTAL LEE CONSIEL, 61
ROBBIN SOPHIE COOKS, 59
VALERIE GAYE COREY, 65
HENRY LAWRENCE FRAZIER, 81
GIOVANNI LUIGI GELANO, 71
CHARLES A. JOHNSON JR., 61
WILLIE LYNN JOHNSON JR., 61
CHRISTINA MARIE JUSTICE, 66
ELIZABETH ANN KIRSCHNER, 77
KATHRYN FRANCES KNUDSEN, 81
WAYNE MITCHELL KRUGER, 66
PHILLIP BRYAN MACIAG, 64
BRITTON LEE METROKIN, 59
WILLIAM NICHOLI, 61
SARA DIANE ONDOLA, 35
RICHARD WAYNE PERRY, 52
ALLYSON ANN ROWDEN, 46
ROBERT E. ROWELL, 60
JACKIE REE SINGLETON, 70
JOSEPH STANDIFER, 75
DONALD TAKAK JR., 83
JOSEPH LEE TELLO, 34
RAYMOND BENJAMIN TEPP, 39
ELSIE THIELE, 72
GREGORY LEE TOLEN, 71
JUSTIN ROLANDO TOOTS, 37
LINDA DIANNE TROYER, 61
KRISTINA DAWN WATSON, 30
RONALD WILLIAMS, 77
ROXCENIA WORKMAN, 93

THIRD QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

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

Payment type	Direct deposit sign-up deadline: 3 p.m.	Address change and cancel direct deposit deadline: 3 p.m.	Distribution date
Third quarter CST Elders Distribution	AUG. 28, 2023	SEPT. 1, 2023	SEPT. 8, 2023
Third quarter CST distribution	SEPT. 11, 2023	SEPT. 22, 2023	SEPT. 29, 2023

CST Elders Distribution

Third quarter payments from the CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) Elders Distribution Fund will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, Sept. 8 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1. CST beneficiaries who are original CIRI Shareholders and are 65 years of age or older on the record date of Thursday, Sept. 7 are eligible to receive the \$450 payment, providing they either own at least one share of CIRI stock or gifted all their CIRI stock to family members prior to July 31, 2003.

CST Distribution Fund

Third quarter payments from the CST Distribution Fund, in the amount of \$9.75 per share (or \$975 per 100 shares), will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, Sept. 29 to all CST beneficiaries who own CIRI stock and have a valid mailing address on file with CIRI as of 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22.

Direct/Remote Deposit

CIRI urges Shareholders who receive their distributions in check form to consider signing up for direct deposit or taking advantage of remote deposit. Both options are fast, easy and environmentally friendly. (Note: When remotely depositing a check, it's a good idea to make a note on the check so you don't attempt to cash it again. If a check is cashed twice, you are legally liable to repay the amount of the overpayment.)

Shareholders who participate in direct deposit and have a mailing address

current with CIRI are also eligible to participate in quarterly prize drawings.

Direct deposit forms are available from Shareholder Relations and at ciri.com. To cancel direct deposit, please submit a signed, written request prior to 3 p.m. on the specified deadline. If you have a Qenek account, you may cancel your existing direct deposit instruction online via the portal.

Address Changes

Checks are mailed to the address CIRI has on record as of the specified deadline. If your address has changed, be sure to update your address with both CIRI and the U.S. Postal Service. These addresses must match, or your CIRI mail may not reach you. When CIRI mail is undeliverable, distributions are held, and the Shareholder does not qualify to participate in any prize drawings until the address is updated. This is true even if a Shareholder is signed up for direct deposit.

CIRI address changes may be submitted online via the Qenek portal. Alternatively, you may submit a completed CIRI address change form—available at ciri.com—or a signed, written request that includes a current telephone number. You may scan or take a photo of your completed form or request and email it to shareholderrecords@ciri.com, mail it to CIRI at P.O. Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, or fax it to (907) 263-5186. If faxed, please call Shareholder Relations as soon as possible to confirm receipt. Forms and information on changing your address or submitting a mail-forwarding request with the U.S. Postal Service are available at usps.com or your local post office.

Please be aware that if you fail to notify CIRI of a new address before a specified deadline and your check is sent to your previous address, CIRI cannot reissue that check to you unless it is either returned to us or a minimum of 90 days has elapsed. A list of Shareholders who do not have a current mailing address on record is continually updated and may be found on the CIRI website.

Tax Reminder

Neither CIRI nor the CST withhold taxes from distributions; however, Shareholders or beneficiaries who anticipate owing tax on their distributions have the option of making quarterly estimated tax payments directly to the IRS. To find out more about applicable federal and state tax requirements or making quarterly estimated tax payments, please consult with a tax advisor or contact the IRS directly. As a reminder, distributions made by the CST are expected to be tax-free to beneficiaries in most cases.

Contacting Us

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

SAVE THE DATE: 2023 FRIENDSHIP POTLATCHES

We are pleased to host in-person Potlatches for the first time since 2019!

CIRI's fall Friendship Potlatches offer CIRI Shareholders and Descendants an opportunity to socialize and celebrate important cultural traditions with family and friends. The program includes cultural entertainment, children's activities, Alaska Native arts and crafts booths, door prizes and a meal that includes traditional Alaska Native foods.

Potlatches are open to CIRI Shareholders, confirmed Descendants and their immediate family members (i.e., spouse, children and parents). The wearing of traditional regalia is encouraged! Location/venue information will be available in the coming weeks. For the most up-to-date information, visit ciri.com. 📄

Kenai, Alaska

Saturday, Oct. 14
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Anchorage, Alaska

Sunday, Oct. 22
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seattle area

Saturday, Nov. 4
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RSVP by 3 p.m. on
Monday, Oct. 9

RSVP by 3 p.m. on
Monday, Oct. 16

RSVP by 3 p.m. on
Monday, Oct. 30

ARTS AND CRAFTS

CIRI Shareholders and confirmed Descendants who are interested in displaying or selling arts and crafts should email cbickley@ciri.com or call (907) 263-5502 for information and to reserve space.

RSVP

There are three ways to RSVP:

1. Via the Qenek portal (qenek.ciri.com)
2. Via the CIRI website (ciri.com/RSVP)
3. By phone at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free (800) 764-2474 (choose option 5).

LEARN WHY YOUR RSVP IS IMPORTANT

More info can be found at ciri.com/RSVP



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For updates and information, visit nativefederation.org/convention

This year's Convention keynote speakers include CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich!