

raven's circle

Photo by Jason Moore



Cupiit Yarartet Dancers performing at the Annual Meeting in Puyallup, Wash.

CIRI Annual Shareholder Meeting

Board-recommended slate wins re-election

CIRI shareholders came together for the 40th Annual Meeting of CIRI Shareholders and elected five incumbent directors to the CIRI Board of Directors. The meeting was held in Puyallup, Wash. June 1 at the Chief Leschi School.

According to preliminary results, the five Board members elected to fill three-year terms include Charles G. Anderson, Hallie L. Bissett, Michael R. Boling, Rolf A. Dagg and Thomas P. Huhndorf. The five incumbents were all included on the slate of candidates recommended by the Board of Directors.

The Board convened after the Annual Meeting concluded and elected the following officers:

- Thomas P. Huhndorf, Chairman
- Douglas W. Fifer, Vice Chairman
- Jeffrey A. Gonnason, Secretary
- Michael R. Boling, Treasurer
- Louis "Lou" Nagy Jr., Assistant Secretary
- Penny L. Carty, Assistant Treasurer

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2013 Denali Centennial Climb commences

The first person to summit Denali remembered by family

On June 7, a team began retracing their ancestors' steps in a centennial climb to honor the first successful summit of North America's highest mountain, Denali. The original team included Hudson Stuck, Archdeacon of the Yukon Territory; Robert Tatum, a postulant for holy orders; Harry Karstens, an experienced outdoorsman; Walter Harper, a 21 year old Athabascan man; and two Athabascan boys, John Fredson (15 years old) and Esaias George (14 years old). The centennial team includes Dana Wright who is a direct lineal descendant of CIRI shareholder Johanna Harper and a descendant of Walter Harper, the first person to summit the mountain on June 7, 1913. In addition, Walter Harper

has a significant number of descendants enrolled with CIRI including former Shareholder Participation Committee member, Jan Harper Haines, who wrote *Triumph to Tragedy: The Short Life of Walter Harper*.

The 2013 Denali Centennial Climb seeks to inspire Alaska Native youth by celebrating Athabascan heroes while educating others about the history of the original climbing team. You can follow the Denali Centennial Climb online at www.denali2013.org. The May 2013 *Raven's Circle* newsletter featured part one of the *Triumph to Tragedy* short story and is available online at www.ciri.com.

Triumph to Tragedy: The Short Life of Walter Harper, Part 2

By Jan Harper Haines, CIRI shareholder

They had no modern-day equipment; just a few photographs from a prior failed expedition, which were useless because of an earthquake that struck later. According to Walter Borneman in Alaska, *Saga of a Bold Land*, the quake altered the smooth ridge at Muldrow Glacier, and "Karstens and Harper (spent) an exhausting three weeks chopping a three mile long staircase in the shattered ice of the ridge."

Excerpts from Harper's diary:

May 10, 1913, It blew a gale all day and we had to stay in camp waiting for it to subside.... Mr. Karstens experimented with an alcohol stove...the stove burns long enough to boil a pot of tea.

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A word from the president

President's Message

By: **Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer**

As the summer months are upon us, I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying the season and making the most of the longer days and warmer temperatures. Summer is always a busy time in Alaska, and that is certainly the case for CIRI.

I'm pleased to report that CIRI had a positive and successful annual shareholder's meeting on June 1. The meeting was held in the Pacific Northwest at the Chief Leschi School in Puyallup, Wash. I'm grateful for the shareholders who took the time to participate in person, particularly those who drove hundreds of miles to attend. It was great to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

CIRI shareholders elected the five incumbent directors who were part of the Board-recommended slate. Congratulations to Charles Anderson, Hallie Bissett, Michael Boling, Rolf Dagg and Thomas Huhndorf on their election to another three-year term. And, to all of the shareholders who voted their proxies and participated in the election – thank you. As shareholders, electing directors is the most important duty that we perform each year to help guide the direction of CIRI and ensure the long term strength of our corporation.

The support received for the candidates and the positive feedback from shareholders signals that CIRI is moving in the right direction – balancing a healthy dividend policy with the need to invest and grow the company and provide sustainable benefits for current and future shareholders.

After the annual meeting, the Board of Directors met to elect the officers. After serving six years as Chairman, Charles Anderson decided to step down as chair and was appointed Chair Emeritus. The Board elected Thomas Huhndorf as the new CIRI Board Chair.

The entire CIRI family extends our deepest gratitude to Charles for his many years of service and the dignity he brings to Board meetings. His leadership set a respectful tone in meetings, allowing for spirited debate while maintaining the integrity of the process and courteous discourse. As Mr. Anderson continues to serve on the Board, his wisdom and professionalism will remain valuable assets.

For shareholders, an important element of the recent election is consistency. At a retreat in the fall of 2012 the Board established a set of six strategic focus areas for CIRI and those will remain the top priorities for the CIRI team going forward. These include organizational development, financial goals, bolstering CIRI leadership in the community, a strategy to expand CIRI's investment in Alaska resource development and identify new opportunities in the area of energy infrastructure outside Alaska.

Another important focus area which was discussed at the annual meeting pertains to shareholder relevance. CIRI seeks to strengthen its engagement with shareholders, as well as the villages and tribes in our region.

CIRI recognizes that as the stock of original shareholders is transferred through gifting and inheritance, there will be more shareholders

with fewer shares. This is not unique to CIRI, as most Alaska Native corporations are experiencing the same dynamic. The challenge for us is to make CIRI as relevant for the next generation of shareholders as it has been for the original shareholders.

We recognize there are many aspects – financial, social and cultural – that are involved in the goal of enhancing shareholder relevance. Healthy and consistent dividends are key. The Board's dividend policy, which sets the dividend amount according to Shareholders' Equity, ensures the payouts will be consistent and it motivates all of us – the Board, shareholders and management – to achieve the overarching goal of increasing Shareholders' Equity. We are exceedingly proud that, this year, CIRI's cumulative distributions to shareholders will top one billion dollars.

At the same time, we know that dividends alone cannot fulfill CIRI's mission of promoting the social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders, now and into the future. The CIRI family of nonprofits plays an important role in helping to fully realize the mission of CIRI. Their contributions – the educational scholarships delivered by The CIRI Foundation, the social programs offered by Cook Inlet Tribal Council, health services made available by Southcentral Foundation and the cultural enrichment programs provided by the Alaska Native Heritage Center – touch many CIRI shareholders and descendants, improving self-sufficiency and lifelong fulfillment.

Along with CIRI's ongoing commitment to support our family of nonprofits, we are working on several initiatives to enhance shareholder engagement, particularly among our younger generation of shareholders.

One example that we were able to announce at the annual meeting was the decision to appoint a youth member to each of the three shareholder participation committees. Youth representatives will have the opportunity to meet directors, executive and management staff from CIRI and CIRI-affiliated nonprofit organizations, and to hear about CIRI initiatives and business developments. In turn, the addition of youth representatives will allow CIRI to learn more about what is important to the next generation of CIRI shareholders. Interested youth will submit an application, a letter of introduction, a reference letter and a short essay explaining why they want to serve on the committee and what they know about CIRI and their Alaska Native heritage.

You will be hearing more about this and other initiatives in future Raven's Circle articles. It is an example of how CIRI is reaching out to our diverse shareholders and encouraging active participation in the company as we work together to accomplish the CIRI mission.

Sophie Minich



CIRI Board of Directors

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Chair Emeritus*

*Roy M. Huhndorf, Yup'ik
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Ted S. Kroto Sr., Athabascan

Patrick Marrs, Aleut

Our Business

Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge Grand Opening

New lodge welcomes its first guests

With spectacular views of Resurrection Bay, the new Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge hosted its first guests earlier this month. The 3,300-square-foot building sits on the cobbled beach of Fox Island outside of Seward, Alaska, and became the latest addition to the CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation (CATC) portfolio.

The log cabin lodge features large windows that face Resurrection Bay and the towering mountains beyond. Inside, a large sitting room allows guests to relax in comfort and they can enjoy gourmet meals in the dining room while they take in the sights of the bay and wildlife that make frequent appearances.

Photo by Joel Irwin



View of the new Wilderness Lodge on Fox Island.

To mark the opening of the lodge, several members of the CIRI Board of Directors and executive team traveled to Fox Island for a ribbon-cutting event.

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CIRI Spotlight: April Kyle

Recipient of Top 40
Under 40 award

CIRI shareholder April Kyle received a Top 40 Under 40 award from the Alaska Journal of Commerce. A committee selected the 2013 winners from more than 140 individuals and 200 submissions.

Growing up in Eagle River with summers spent in Ninilchik, Kyle is of Athabascan descent and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Montana State University with the support of The CIRI Foundation's educational scholarships and grants. At age 25, she joined Southcentral Foundation as the organization's employment and recruitment manager. As the organization grew, April grew with it. At 28 years old, Kyle accepted the employment and recruitment administrator position; two years later, Kyle became a senior administrator within the organization of 1,400 employees. By age 32, she was leading the human resources department as its director for which she has served the past three years.

As Southcentral Foundation's Human Resources Director, Kyle oversees 24 employees directly contributing to SCF's ability to attract and retain "best fit" employees for SCF's unique and innovative Nuka System of Care model. The model is focused on developing relationships that support customer-owners on their journeys to reach their health goals.

Kyle has been actively involved in changing the way interviews are conducted and the competencies valued during the hiring process. The changes and improvements correlate to how Southcentral Foundation hires, trains, promotes and rewards differently than other health care organizations. As a result, SCF attracts and retains a workforce that fits into the organizational culture while continuously building SCF's workforce capability.

Kyle was nominated by her colleagues for her championship of many initiatives. Among these are Kyle's efforts to help develop and implement family-friendly benefits, including an on-site childcare/early learning facility serving infants to preschoolers of full- and part-time employees. Kyle's passion for family and her own three boys are a catalyst for creating a family friendly work and life balance approach to workforce development at Southcentral Foundation.

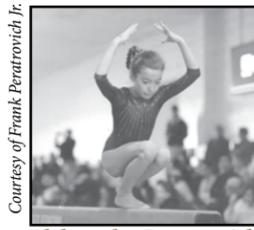
As Southcentral Foundation is increasingly looked to by other health care systems as a model for best practices and innovation, Kyle shares her experiences in workforce development at various conferences all over the world including being the youngest presenter at a five-day conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.



April Kyle

Courtesy of SCF

In Touch with shareholders



Aleksandra Peratrovich

Courtesy of Frank Peratrovich Jr.

Award announcement

CIRI descendant Aleksandra Peratrovich placed 2nd on the Uneven Bars and 4th in the All-Around during the 2013 Maryland State Gymnastics Championship (Level 4) held April 13. Showing confidence and composure that one would not expect from a 2nd grader, she made few mistakes during her routines and was able to out perform many of her more experienced competitors with an All-Around Average of 35.9 including a 9.175 score on the uneven bars-an amazing performance for her first year in competitive gymnastics. Aleksandra is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Frank Peratrovich Jr. and the great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Peratrovich.

CIRI Annual Meeting of Shareholders

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The Board also appointed Charles Anderson as Chair Emeritus. CIRI Board member Roy Huhndorf also serves as Chair Emeritus. Shareholders did not submit any resolutions for consideration at the meeting. Final election results will be posted on www.ciri.com after they are certified by the inspector of election.

In her presentation to shareholders, CIRI President and CEO Sophie Minich debuted the "Investing at Home" video highlighting CIRI's investments in the Cook Inlet region. The video, which was produced by CIRI, is online at www.ciri.com.

Minich discussed the other initiatives CIRI has undertaken in the company's on-going commitment to fulfill the CIRI mission. Minich said a priority for CIRI is to increase engagement with shareholders.

"A hallmark of our success will be measured by the degree to which CIRI is as important for the next generation of shareholders as it has been to my generation and those who came before," Minich said.

"Maintaining strong dividends is a key to this strategy; but it involves much more, including our support of the CIRI family of nonprofits, assisting shareholders with career opportunities and enhancing our cultural heritage. This is an important strategic focus of the Board and management."

Due to shareholder demographics, CIRI rotates the schedule for its annual meeting between Anchorage, Kenai and the Pacific northwest. Next year's annual meeting will be held in Anchorage.

CIRI Board members re-elected

Photos by Chris Arend Photography



Charles Anderson, Aleut



Hallie Bissett, Athabascan



Michael Boling, Athabascan



Rolf Dagg, Yup'ik



Thomas Huhndorf, Yup'ik

Shareholder / descendant-owned business

Robert Darien • Darien's Drywall and Painting

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CIRI shareholder Robert Darien provides construction and contracting services including drywall, insulation, painting and wall covering through his business, Darien's Drywall and Painting. For more information, please contact the shareholder-owned business directly at clarkalvina@gmail.com; (907) 727-2079.

Meyer wins Stock Will Prize

The winner of the April 2013 \$200 Stock Will Participation Prize is James Warren Meyer. To be eligible for the \$200 monthly prize drawings and the quarterly iPad drawings in 2013, you must have a valid will on file in CIRI's Shareholder Relations Department and your will must comply with CIRI's fractional share policy. The CIRI Stock Will form, instructions and additional information on the fractional share policy may be found on the CIRI website. Contact CIRI's probate staff at (907) 263-5191 or toll-free at (800) 764-2474 and select option 4 to verify whether you have a will on file.

Annual Meeting early bird prize winners

The following CIRI shareholders who voted early won 2013 Early Bird cash prizes. The winners were chosen by random drawings conducted by Sramek Hightower, the independent accounting firm retained to assist with vote tabulation. Shareholders became eligible for the Early Bird drawing when a valid proxy (for any proxy holder or candidate) was submitted to CIRI or the Inspector of Election by the 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time deadlines on the following dates:

April 22, 2013	Carmen Grace-Marie Blair	Seattle, Wash.
April 22, 2013	Debra Kay Dejesus	Anchorage, Alaska
April 29, 2013	Susan Diane Brown	Anchorage, Alaska
April 29, 2013	Abbie Nicole Kenezuroff	King Cove, Alaska
May 6, 2013	Arnold Elli Oskolkoff	Kenai, Alaska
May 6, 2013	Annie N. Armstrong	Fairbanks, Alaska
May 13, 2013	Jeffrey Lee Abate	Morgan Hill, Calif.
May 13, 2013	David Paul Rudolph	Anchorage, Alaska

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Walter Harper, first person to summit Denali.

May 11, 1913, *The sun was shining brightly...we had heavy packs on our backs and we toiled up the ridge gasping for breath...*

May 14, 1913, *The weather is still uncertain... Archdeacon gave me dictation lesson*

from one of Shakespeare's small pocket edition(s). Mr. Tatum had neuralgia in his jaw all day and I think if we can go out tomorrow he will be unable to go with us.

May 15, 1913, *We got up at five o'clock...the sun shone brightly, beating down on the ice ridges and the snow slopes, causing many avalanches. We went up the ridge... an altitude of thirteen thousand feet.*

May 17, 1913, *We heard an avalanche... it was rolling down the mountainside like a roaring of thunder.... raising a cloud one thousand feet or more.*

May 18, 1913, *Snowing heavily. We had morning service... Today is Trinity Sunday. It has been two months and two days since we left Nenana. It is very tedious staying in the tent all day waiting for the weather to clear.*

June 7, 1913, *Saturday. Mr. K (Harry Karstens) had a headache and Tatum had another and the Archdeacon could not move without losing his breath and our spirits were all pretty low... It was one o'clock when we got to the top. I was ahead all day and was the first ever to set foot on Mt. Denali. We lost no time in setting up the little instrument tent and while the Archdeacon was reading the mercurial barometer I boiled the boiling point thermometer.*

June 8, 1913, *We took a last glimpse at the north and south peaks of Mt. Denali and turned our faces toward the lowlands.*

June 9, 1913, *We made our way down to the base-camp and found Johnnie (John Fredson) well and happy and the dogs rolling fat.... This morning we were at the glacier camp in the season of winter and now we are at the base camp in the season of summer...*

A year later, Hudson Stuck entered Harper in the Mount Hermon School for Boys in Massachusetts where he earned good marks and was a popular student. Three years later, back in Alaska, Harper contracted typhoid fever. He was treated at Fort Yukon's Mission Hospital where he met his future wife, a young nurse named Frances Wells.

On October 23, 1918, two weeks after Walter and Frances were married, they boarded the Princess Sophia in Skagway. The Sophia would steam south through the Lynn Canal and was the last ship leaving Alaska before freeze up. Walter wanted to attend a university to fulfill his dream of a career in medicine. They boarded that evening with about 300 others: passengers and crew, plus a number of horses and dogs.

Red and black buoys marking Vanderbilt Reef in Lynn Canal were visible during the day, but invisible and quite useless at night. Soon after leaving Skagway, the Sophia found herself in the midst of a ferocious gale. Battling heavy rollers in the blinding storm, she ran aground on the reef with a grinding jolt that flung her crew about and knocked passengers from their beds.

Ten ships responded to her distress call, but the Sophia's Captain Locke realized they could crash into the Sophia and reluctantly warned them away. His remaining hope was that when the tide came in, the Sophia would float free.

Two days later, when the tide came in, however, the storm was still raging. As the Sophia lifted in the water, she spun, grinding against the rocky reef and shattering her hull. When her boiler burst, thousands of gallons of bunker oil spilled and congealed in the icy storm. Panicked passengers began leaping overboard and were instantly weighed down with the windblown oil.

Coates and Morrison wrote in *The Sinking of the Princess Sophia* that all ten lifeboats sank. The sole survivor was an English setter (dog) that managed to reach Auke Bay.

In my research, I came across three faded black and white photographs of the Sophia in her final moments. They are sobering and eerie and I felt something come over me as I studied them. The tragedy of Walter and his bride and the hundreds of others on this death ship is shocking.

Walter left a significant legacy for Alaska's Native people. His determined ascent of Denali and his dream to serve the people of the Yukon as a medical doctor will forever mark him as an icon for achievement.

Walter's legacy to our family is more personal. He was my mother's uncle. He was the first love of my grandmother when she was a girl. As I look at photographs of the handsome six-footer, I have to smile. Who could blame her?

Jan Harper Haines is the author of "Cold River Spirits: Whispers from a Family's Forgotten Past," available for purchase at local bookstores and online at www.epicenterpress.com.

KNBA American Graduate

Koahnic Broadcast Corporation conducted a weeklong intensive youth training, the KNBA American Graduate program, from June 3 through June 7. KNBA is one of few radio stations to receive a national grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to prevent high school students from dropping out of school through public media. The KNBA American Graduate teens produced stories featuring elders and public service announcements that will air on KNBA 90.3 June 17 through June 30.

Koahnic's President and CEO Jaclyn Sallee said, "The KNBA American Graduate program is a pilot program that increases our engagement with Native youth, and helps us to create future youth activities and mentoring opportunities at KNBA."

The program is made possible with funding from The CIRI Foundation, the Charlotte Martin Foundation, CPB, UIC, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, and BP of Alaska. Collaborative partners in designing the program include the Alaska Teen Media Institute and



Courtesy of KNBA

Youth participants conducting an interview for a broadcast piece on KNBA 90.3.

Cook Inlet Tribal Council. To learn more about Koahnic's programs, visit www.knba.org.

Annual Meeting prize winners

The 2013 annual meeting of CIRI shareholders included cash door-prize drawings for shareholders who submitted a valid proxy by the proxy deadline for any proxy holder or candidate, or registered to vote in person at the annual meeting. The cash prize winners are:

\$ 5,000	Connie Sue Judson
\$ 2,500	Steanie Matea Vouvakis
\$750	Lenhart Alex Grothe
\$750	Alissa Jeanette Bate
\$750	Terri Lynn Houston
\$750	Amelia Victoria Mainord
\$750	Phillip Graham
\$500	Dakota Ethan Palmer
\$500	Virgil Dasius McCord Jr
\$500	Beverly Ann McCord
\$500	Marie Ann Price
\$500	Pola Ann Farve
\$100	April Deana Herzog
\$100	George Julius Gardner III
\$100	Ruby Munson
\$100	Bruce William Holt
\$100	George Shafter Toshavik
\$100	Barbara Hochmuth
\$100	Raymond Jackson Ozenna
\$100	Wanda Jean Haugdahl
\$100	Virginia Mae Hand
\$100	Mitchel Leion Rondeau

TCF Vocational Training Grant deadline, June 30

The CIRI Foundation's (TCF) Vocational Training Grant application period opened June 1 for students enrolled in a technical skill training program at an accredited or recognized institution and earning a certificate/certification or a professional license. The deadline for applications is June 30. Vocational Training applications are now submitted online and must be received by TCF on or before the deadline in order to receive consideration.

TCF offers scholarship and grant awards to CIRI original enrollees and their direct lineal descendants at various deadlines throughout the year. For more information on TCF's funding opportunities, deadlines and eligibility requirements, please visit www.thecirifoundation.org.





North Wind completes a 4-Star Project

CIRI subsidiary North Wind Services, LLC successfully completed a massive renovation project at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.

North Wind renovated all electrical, communications, and workstation areas of the Air Force's Space Command headquarters building. The 174,000-square-foot office building houses several 1-, 2-, 3-, and 4-star generals as well as approximately 1,600 employees, who were relocated to an adjacent building during construction.

According to Project Manager Brad Frazee, "Throughout this large renovation, we were committed to causing as little disruption as possible to the building occupants. Furthermore, we worked to accelerate the schedule so they could return to the renovated space as soon as possible."

In 2012, as part of the overall renovation, North Wind completed a trial energy efficiency project in one 16,000-square-foot section of the building. More than 100 lighting units were changed out to high efficiency LED's. This was the first time

the Air Force had used this type of lighting in such a large quantity. Prior to the installation, electrical panels were metered to document the baseline electrical load for the older fluorescent lights. As a result of this trial project, the Air Force is preparing to change out the remaining 1,000 lighting fixtures in the building.

As part of the "green initiatives" on the project, North Wind recycled more than 50 percent of the debris removed from the building – approximately 40,000 pounds of steel.

North Wind's team of approximately 30 people completed the renovation March 25, three months ahead of schedule.

North Wind Services LLC is an SBA 8(a)-certified company that provides environmental services, engineering, facilities management, construction, public involvement and information management services. To learn more about North Wind, visit www.northwindgrp.com.

Courtesy of North Wind Services LLC



North Wind Project Manager Brad Frazee and Air Force General Shelton commemorate project completion.

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"My first impression was 'wow!'" said Patrick Marrs, a CIRI Board member and chair of the CATC Board of Directors. "CIRI has a propensity to do things first class and this is definitely first class."

Kenai Fjords Tours, another CATC operation, offers guests several options to enjoy Fox Island. The day lodge is part of the Resurrection Bay Tour and the National Park Tour, where guests depart the tour boats and spend an hour on the island to feast on a lunch of prime rib and Alaska salmon. They are also treated to a presentation by the National Park Service about the wildlife, geology and early inhabitants of the Southcentral Alaska coastal region.

Guests who prefer to overnight on Fox Island can book a stay at one of the guest cabins and enjoy the amenities and meals at the Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge. While there, they can take advantage of the kayaks available for rent, go on short hikes, hone their stone skipping skills on the cobbled beach or just relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery.

CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation offers special discounts to CIRI shareholders. Information about the discounts can be found at www.ciritourism.com/shareholder.html.

Views of the Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge

Photos by Joel Irwin



CATC receives three Awards of Excellence from TripAdvisor

The world's largest travel site, TripAdvisor, awarded CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation's (CATC) Kenai Fjords Tours, Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge and the Resurrection Roadhouse at Seward Windsong Lodge with their prestigious Award of Excellence. Only 10 percent of worldwide businesses listed on TripAdvisor receive this prestigious accolade, which honors hospitality excellence and is given only to establishments consistently achieving outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.

To qualify for the Certificate of Excellence, a business must maintain an overall rating of four or higher, out of a possible five, as reviewed by TripAdvisor travelers. Additionally, the volume of reviews in the previous 12 months is also considered as part of the criteria for the award.

Kenai Fjords Tours, Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge and the Resurrection Roadhouse all strive to offer customers the best possible experience of Alaska which is translating into positive reviews on TripAdvisor.

For more information about Trip Advisor reviews, please visit: www.ciritourism.com.

Photo by Joel Irwin



Chef Bryan Eddy of Kenai Fjords Wilderness Lodge.

In Memory

Virginia Mae Cullers, 75

Virginia Mae Cullers passed away Dec. 16, 2012, in Willow, Alaska. Ms. Cullers was born Dec. 10, 1937, in Talkeetna, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Rosalie Johnson, Carolann Miller, Karen Ostby, Debra Bissett and Karen Rousseau; sister, Donna Schweitzer; brother, Billy Nicoli; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Darryl Lee Essman, 45

Darryl Lee Essman passed away April 2 in Portland, Ore. Mr. Essman was born Feb. 10, 1968, in Anchorage. He is survived by his father, David Spear; mother, Alice Skookum; sisters, Vera Bossenberry and Shirley Craig; brothers, Ed Skookum, Allen Skookum and Douglas Spear; many nieces and nephews, cousins and friends in the Yukon Territory, Canada, throughout Alaska and Portland, Ore.

Anna Mae Knigge, 90

Anna Mae Knigge passed away April 5 at Osprey Court Memory Care Community in McMinnville, Ore. Ms. Knigge was born July 17, 1922, in Kenai,

Alaska. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Vanderger, and son, Finis Bassham Jr.

Malcolm McKinnon Jr., 78

Malcolm McKinnon Jr. passed away Jan. 6 at the Kakanak Hospital in Dillingham, Alaska. Mr. McKinnon is survived by his wife, Oleanna McKinnon; son, Larry McKinnon; sister, Arlene Kurty; brother, Peter McKinnon; stepdaughters, Tatiana Gust and Sophie Hansen; stepsons, John Hansen Jr., Nick Hansen and Gusty Hansen; granddaughter, Theresa Yako; grandsons, Trefon Yako and Herman Hansen; and great-granddaughter, Bessie Hanson.

Kayleen Mulligan, 42

Kayleen Mulligan passed away March 4 at Providence St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Ore. Ms. Mulligan was born Nov. 22, 1970 in Anchorage. She travelled to many states and was a devoted mother who will be missed by her family and friends. She is survived by her daughter, Anais Mulligan; mother, Tanya Panko; father, Andrew Mulligan; and brother, Shane Mulligan.

William R. Petaja, 73

William R. Petaja passed away April 19 at Bartlett Regional Hospital in Juneau, Alaska. Mr. Petaja was born Sept. 25, 1939, in Anchorage. While playing high school basketball in Anchorage, the announcer nicknamed him "The Flying Finn" since he could jump higher than the rest and was the shortest man on the court. The name stuck as he carried that name into his flying business. Mr. Petaja was a well-known Southeast Alaska aviation mechanic and bush pilot, finishing his career as a pilot for the Department of Fish and Game. He is survived by his wife, Karin Petaja; daughter, Brenda Petaja; and sons, William J. and Brandon Petaja.

Condolences

Louise Lydia Kaye, 87

Gerald Dean Peavy, 66

Anastasia Ritter, 75

Robert T. Swanson Sr., 56

Walter Wesley Jr., 69

Wilbur Kenneth Westcoast, 54

Help locate shareholder addresses

The following CIRI shareholders do not have a current mailing address on record. Shareholders can fill out the change of address form at CIRI's offices, download it from the CIRI website or send a signed and dated letter that includes the new address, telephone number, birth date and the last four digits of their social security number.

Reuben Joseph Attatayuk	Krista Lynn Coates	Felecia Nichole Foster	Dana Loren Kallander	Hoyt Allan Ogle	Gina Rene Smith	Ignatius A. Tyson
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Steven Patrick Bright	Louise Ann Copeland	Andrew Jaquie Galaktionoff	Alyssa J. Kashevaroff	John David Peterson	Ricky Moore Soonagrook	Brian Thomas Watson
Diana Marie Call	David Bryan Curtis	Kimberlee Kay Gilligan	Ronald Pete Komok Jr	Michael Gary Peterson	J Michael-A Soto Jr.	Steven John Whitley
Benjamin Conan-James	Danny Ray Danes	Krystal Joyce Holmes	Michael Fredrick Kost	Sherri Anne Peterson	Viola M. Soxie	Walter Stanislaus
Charles	Randall Wayne Danes	Karl Wayne Honea	Rita Victoria Kostenborder	Kenneth Leo Powell	Ruth Ann Stephan	Whitley Jr.
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