North Wind Group names new company president

After a lengthy search, Christopher P. Leichtweis has been named the new president and chief strategic officer of the North Wind Group, a wholly owned CIRI subsidiary based in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Leichtweis replaces Sylvia Medina, the founder of North Wind, who retired from the company in March. Leichtweis started in his new position July 8.

North Wind is one of the nation’s leading small businesses providing engineering, construction and environmental services to federal and state agencies and private industry. Founded in 1997, North Wind has grown to a group of companies that employs more than 300 scientific, engineering, management and professional personnel in 21 office locations throughout the country.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Leichtweis to North Wind and the CIRI family of companies,” said North Wind Group Chief Executive Officer Gregory Razo. “His experience in the service industry and government contracting will ensure a smooth transition as he takes the helm of North Wind. Our talented group of companies looks forward to a bright future under his leadership.”

Leichtweis said he is eager for the opportunity to grow North Wind’s capabilities. “I’m impressed by the quality of the team at North Wind and the leadership at CIRI,” Leichtweis said. “We face challenges as public agencies address budget constraints, but I’m confident the North Wind commitment to quality, safety and customer service will enable us to increase market share and deliver results for CIRI shareholders.”

Leichtweis comes to North Wind from Knoxville, Tenn., where he was a senior vice president and executive officer of Perma-Fix Environmental Services, Inc. In 1991, Leichtweis founded Safety and Ecology Corporation, which was acquired by Perma-Fix in 2011. Leichtweis previously worked for Bechtel National and Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc. He has more than 30 years’ experience in the environmental service industry and government contracting.

Learn more about the North Wind Group at www.northwindgrp.com.

Affordable Care Act update

The Obama Administration announced new changes to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act that could impact Alaska Natives and American Indians. The nation’s new health care law required every American to demonstrate health coverage beginning January 1, 2014, or pay a tax penalty to the federal government.

American Indian and Alaska Native people are exempt from this tax penalty if they can provide evidence that they are 1) a shareholder of an Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) village or regional corporation, or 2) enrolled in a federally recognized tribe.

Realizing that not all Alaska Native people fall within either category, the Obama administration issued a final rule on June 26 exempting American Indians and Alaska Natives who are eligible to receive services from an Indian health care provider, such as the Indian Health Service (IHS), from the tax penalty if they do not maintain minimum essential health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

For more information on the Affordable Care Act, visit www.healthcare.gov or email hhsia@hhs.gov. The final rule is available at www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection.

CIRI seeks nominations for 2013 awards, including new Youth Recognition Award

Nominations due August 15

CIRI is seeking nominations for the following 2013 CIRI awards: Shareholder of the Year, Elder Shareholder of the Year and the new CIRI Youth Recognition Award. The awards will be presented at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall.

The CIRI Shareholder of the Year and the CIRI Elder Shareholder of the Year Awards recognize shareholders for their exemplary dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities.

New to the award categories is a CIRI Youth Recognition Award. The award recognizes a youth for his or her 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. CIRI shareholders or descendants who are 12 to 17 years of age, may be nominated for this award.

CIRI is also accepting nominations for its recommendations for the 2013 Alaska Federation of Natives President’s Awards. For award criteria and the nomination form, visit www.ciri.com/content/shareholders/awards.aspx.

Nomination forms for each of the above categories are available online at www.ciri.com. Please consider nominating a CIRI shareholder that you feel deserves recognition.

Submit completed nomination forms and supporting documents by Aug. 15 to: CIRI Corporate Communications P.O. Box 93330 Anchorage, AK 99509-3330 Fax: (907) 274-8836 Email: info@ciri.com

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President’s Message

By: Sophie Minich, CIRI president and chief executive officer

Thank you for taking the time to catch up on the latest news and events at your corporation. Here in Alaska, it’s hard to believe the summer season is already halfway over. I hope yours has been filled with sunny days, friendly visits and fortunate fishing.

At CIRI, we have been busy with exciting new developments at our family of companies, many of which you can read about in this issue of the Raven’s Circle. As you may have read on the front page, we are pleased to welcome Chris Leichtweis as the new president and chief strategic officer of the North Wind Group.

The North Wind Group became part of the CIRI family in 2009 and has consistently delivered strong financial results. CIRI conducted a lengthy, nationwide search to select North Wind’s new president and now, with Chris on the team, we are eager to benefit from his strong leadership and impressive experience in the field of environmental services.

Summer is also the time of year CIRI begins accepting nominations for the CIRI Shareholder and Elder Shareholder of the Year Awards. The Awards recognize shareholders who have shown dedication to Alaska Native culture, heritage and communities. As I meet with many of you and read about your accomplishments in the newsletter and elsewhere, I am continually amazed at the success, innovation and dedication of CIRI shareholders. These awards are an important recognition of our shareholders’ accomplishments and commitment to CIRI and our Native heritage.

CIRI looks forward to receiving many nominations and I encourage you to reflect on who you think best fits the criteria for these awards. CIRI has recently updated our Shareholder and Elder of the Year nomination form and simplified the submission process. The form is now located on the CIRI website at www.ciri.com.

To give you an idea of the characteristics that impress the award selection committee, last year’s winners are highlighted below.

2012 Shareholder of the Year: B. Agnes Brown
I could fill all of the pages of this newsletter with the contributions Agnes has made to CIRI and the larger Alaska Native population. More than 40 years ago, Agnes was active in helping to win passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and was a founding board member of the Alaska Federation of Natives. She took her spirited enthusiasm onto the CIRI Board of Directors and played a critical role as a member of the Land Negotiating Committee that worked to ensure CIRI obtained resource-rich lands in the Cook Inlet region. Agnes has the distinction of being the longest serving woman on CIRI’s Board, having served from 1974 to 2011.

2012 Elder of the Year: Ernie “Big Bear” Berestoff
Big Bear is never one to let obstacles get in the way of pursuing his goals. Born hard of hearing, Big Bear was placed in the Jesse Lee Home orphanage at a young age and was eventually taken in by a Seattle family. He went on to excel in boxing and basketball at the Washington School for the Deaf, becoming an All Star and All American athlete.

Big Bear helped establish the Hearing Loss Center in Spokane, Wash., and, in 2011, he was inducted into the Washington School for the Deaf Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Big Bear stays active in his corporation and it was great to see him again at the CIRI Annual Meeting in Puyallup last month.

These are just two examples of the wonderful, dedicated CIRI shareholders who have made a difference and we are honored to recognize their achievements and contributions. I encourage all of you to go to the CIRI website and nominate the shareholder you feel deserves recognition in 2013.

2013: Youth Recognition Award
We are particularly excited this year because CIRI is adding a new award category – a Youth Recognition Award. CIRI knows the importance of engaging the next generation of shareholders and descendants and wants to recognize their achievements and contributions. Youth who are CIRI shareholders or descendants, age 12 to 17, can be nominated 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. The new Youth Recognition Award nomination form can also be found on the CIRI website.

The CIRI Shareholder and Elder of the Year, along with the Youth Recognition Award, will be announced at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches in the fall. We will have more details on the times and locations of the potlatches in upcoming issues of the Raven’s Circle. Until then, I sincerely hope you can make the most of the remaining summer months before the salmon have spawned and the fireweed has fully bloomed.

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Cruz Marine update

Cruz Marine LLC, a CIRI company, acquired a 1,250 horse-powered tug May 2013 and named it Ari Cruz. Ari Cruz joins the shallow draft vessels Millie Cruz and Dana Cruz. Ari Cruz offers tug and barge services and vessel assistance including contractor equipment transportation, oilfield service barging in the Cook Inlet and tail boat assistance on rivers. Since May, the vessel has provided lightering work in Port Heiden, rock-hauling services in Unalakleet and, beginning in September, will be available for rig moving in the Cook Inlet.

To learn more about Cruz Marine services and vessels, visit www.cruzmarine.com.
CIRI Spotlight: Kurt Hermansen-Jent

From Commercial Underwater Welder to Cutlery Artist

With funding support from The CIRI Foundation, CIRI descendant Kurt Hermansen-Jent achieved structural and pipe welding certifications from Hobart Institute of Welding in 2009, and Underwater Welding Commercial Diving and Dive Medic and Hyperbaric Technician certifications in 2010 from the Commercial Diving Academy in Jacksonville, Florida. In 2010, he joined the Alaska File Driver and Diver Union and also worked two years as a Commercial Diver for American Marine.

In 2012, Hermansen-Jent had future sights set on obtaining a degree in Welding at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. To offset college expenses, a business idea sparked and ignited a whole new adventure for Hermansen-Jent. It all started when a family member saw an art piece on Pinterest and asked him to create a “like item” from silverware for a Christmas gift. The gift was a big hit and he was soon taking requests.

Hermansen-Jent brought his childhood friend Kyle Thilmany on board and took his bending and welding of recycled forks, spoons and knives a little further. With support from family and friends, the business, Bending and Welding Spoon Art, was created and has evolved into a business full of promise and silverware.

Bending and Welding Spoon Art carries a wide range of flatware products from functional to display or simply witty.

Herimanen-Jent’s and Thilmany’s creations are currently sold at 10 Alaska stores, and their business was featured on Channel 11’s “Made in Alaska.”

Along with creating silverware art, Hermansen-Jent also has a fabrication welding shop where he specializes in aluminum boat welding and produces custom metal fabrication including unique stair railing banisters and art designs. Hermansen-Jent is well-equipped and trained to do just about any welding project from snow machines and food service carts to mailboxes and gates.

To learn more about this CIRI descendant-owned business or place an order, visit www.bendingandwelding.com.

In Touch with shareholders

Graduation announcement

CIRI shareholder Oliver Blumenstein graduated with honors earning an Associate Technical Arts degree in Chemical Dependency Counseling June 2013 with a 3.77 GPA from the Olympic College in Bremerton, Wash. She was accepted into an internship program at Olalla Recovery Center in Olalla, Wash. where she is currently a Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee (CDPT).

Award announcement

CIRI descendant Meghan Ashley Kolb graduated from Aim High School in Snohomish County, Wash. and seeks to continue her education to become a video game artist. She is the daughter of CIRI shareholder Frederich Kolb and granddaughter of the late Gladys Kolb (Shell).

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Graduate announcement

CIRI shareholder Mari Stevman recently earned her Master of Business Administration degree from Alaska Pacific University (APU). Stevman earned her Associate of Arts in 2007 from the University of Alaska, Anchorage and a Bachelor of Human Services degree from APU in 2009. She has worked at Southcentral Foundation for more than 16 years and is currently the administrator of the Family Wellness Warriors Initiative program. Stevman said, “Thank you to my family and many friends who supported me, those who have given me scholarships and to the professors who put in the extra time for our study groups. You have helped me become the person I am today and I will never forget any of you.”

Achievement announcement

CIRI descendant Kavelina Torres received the Sundance Institute’s 2013 Native Lab Fellowship. The Fellowship is a two-stage development opportunity for filmmakers with short film scripts. Torres has had several short plays produced, has been placed in front of an audience for Overnights and One Mic Stand and has had readings with the Alaska Native Playwrights Program, Famous for Fifteen and The Last Frontier Theater Conference. She was the assistant director on two feature film shoots: “The Messenger” and “Mining for Ruby.” Her screenplay, “Ave and the Uglies,” will be in preproduction this year. She anticipates “The Trail Home” will be in production in 2014. She is the granddaughter of the late CIRI shareholder Catherine Ann Green-Terry. For more information about the Fellowship, visit www.sundance.org/native.
2013 Denali Centennial Climb successfully comes to a finish

Congratulations to the 2013 Denali Centennial Climb Team for reaching the summit of Denali on June 28 and safely finalizing their descent on Wednesday, July 3.

The team included CIRI descendent Dana Wright, who is a descendent of Walter Harper, the first person to summit Denali in 1913, and the son of CIRI shareholder and employee Johanna Harper. Mr. Wright followed his ancestor’s steps in this centennial climb, summiting Denali one hundred years after Walter Harper.

The 2013 team also included Ken Karsten, Ray Schuenemann, Dan Hopkins, and Sam Alexander, all descendants of members of the first team to summit Denali. Accompanying the team were four Alaska Mountainiering School guides.

The May 2013 and June 2013 Raven’s Circle newsletters featured further information about the project and are available online at www.ciri.com. You can also learn more about the Denali Centennial Climb at www.denali2013.org.

CITC launches new approach to cultural storytelling and youth empowerment

Cook Inlet Tribal Council (CITC), along with development and publishing partner E-Line Media, announced the launch of the first indigenous-owned video game company in the U.S., Upper One Games, LLC. The partnership includes mutual investments to help ensure both companies are aligned across their impact and financial goals.

Through Upper One Games, CITC is embracing technology and new media to preserve and share Alaska Native culture, giving new meaning to the oral tradition of storytelling and offering exciting new ways to engage and motivate youth throughout the world.

The drive for sustainability and empowerment of Alaska Native youth are at the core of what led CITC to invest in video games.

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A thabascan language training opportunities

The Alaska Native Heritage Center (ANHC) is coordinating two week-long Athabascan language trainings this summer. Instructors will lead each group on personal introductions, storytelling and hands-on games with the help of two apprentice instructors and guidance from elder speakers.

The upcoming session will teach Denä’kä’, the Koyukon Athabascan language. ANHC will host the training in Anchorage at the Athabascan Ceremonial House Aug. 4 through Aug. 9. Koyukon occupies the largest territory of any Alaska Athabascan language, is spoken in 11 villages along the Koyukuk and middle Yukon Rivers and has three dialects: Upper, Central and Lower. Susan Paskvan of Koyukuk/Fairbanks and Esther McCarery of Hughes/Ruby are the main instructors.

The first session provided the opportunity to learn Nee’aaneg, the Upper Tanana Athabascan language. It was hosted July 15 through July 20 up river from Northway at the Native Village of Northway’s culture camp. Upper Tanana Athabascan is spoken mainly in the Alaska villages of Northway, Telin and Tok, but has a small population across the border in Beaver Creek, Canada. Ruth Johnny of Northway/Beaver Creek and Cheryl Silas of Northway/Fairbanks were the main instructors.

The Athabascan language training opportunities are free and open to those committed to strengthening their language in a fun and family-friendly environment. Travel and lodging are not provided; however, food and all materials are supplied.

For more information, contact Dewey Klöeyer Hoffman, ANHC development manager, at (907) 330-8914 or by email at dhoffman@alaskanative.net. The registration forms are available online at www.alaskanative.net.

Carol Gore appointed to the Census Bureau’s National Advisory Committee

CIRI shareholder and Cook Inlet Housing Authority President and CEO Carol Gore was appointed to the Census Bureau’s National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and other Populations.

The 32-member National Advisory Committee advises the Census Bureau on a wide range of variables that affect the cost, accuracy and implementation of the Census Bureau's programs and surveys, including the once-a-decade census.

The National Advisory Committee members, who serve at the pleasure of the Census Bureau director, are chosen based on expertise and knowledge of the cultural patterns, issues and statistical needs of “hard-to-count” populations. The new members will be seated on Aug. 1.

Thomas Huhndorf receives Chief’s Necklace at SCF’s 2013 Nuka Care Conference

For thousands of years, Alaska Native people have been working together for the good of the whole community and sharing responsibility for improvements. Southcentral Foundation (SCF) continues these traditions today with SCF’s Nuka System of Care. Nuka is built around the value of shared responsibility and ensuring systems and services are respectful and culturally appropriate. It is about achieving excellence in customer-owner satisfaction and connecting the Native Community with services that benefit everyone.

Over the past decade, SCF has received an increasing number of requests from organizations around the world to visit SCF and learn more about the continuing journey with the Nuka System of Care. As a result, SCF hosted the 3rd Annual Nuka System of Care Conference in June with the theme “Customer-ownership, relationships and a focus on holistic and multidimensional wellness.”

During the opening of the 3rd Annual NUKA System of Care Conference, CITI Board Chair Thomas P. Huhndorf was presented with an Athabascan Chief’s necklace, honoring him as a tribal leader, by SCF President and CEO Kathleen Gottlieb and SCF Board Chair James Segura.

Attendees of the five-day conference learned how SCF deploys, aligns and integrates its relationship-focused approach to health care delivery and how the Nuka System of Care can be applied to other settings. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from the United States’ leading advocate for high-quality health care Don Berwick. Berwick is a former administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and founding CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

To learn more about the SCF Nuka System of Care, visit www.southcentralfoundation.com/nuka.
**Shareholder Participation Committee news**

**Call for youth representative applications and art contest submissions**

The CIRI Board established a set of strategic focus areas at a 2012 planning retreat that are a priority for the Board and executive management team, including making CIRI as relevant for the next generation of shareholders as it has been for the original shareholders. It is important to teach the next generation about CIRI so that they are engaged and ready to lead the organization tomorrow. With that in mind, CIRI is intent to facilitate robust outreach to young shareholders and descendants.

Based on discussions with the Shareholder Participation Committees (SPC), CIRI seeks to appoint youth representatives who are 13 to 17 years of age to each of the three SPC committees. For younger CIRI shareholders or descendants who are 5 to 12 years of age, we are pleased to announce an art contest.

**Youth Representative Applications**

Any youth interested in serving as an SPC Youth Representative must either be a CIRI shareholder or descendant and 13 to 17 years of age, and must submit (a) an application, (b) a letter of introduction, (c) a reference letter and (d) a short essay explaining why they want to serve as a youth representative and what they know about CIRI and their Alaska Native heritage.

Youth representative applications must be received by CIRI by 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Aug. 15 to receive consideration. The forms may be downloaded and printed at www.ciri.com and are available in the Shareholder Relations Department.

Completed packets, received by the deadline of Aug. 15, will be reviewed by a selection committee and winners will be contacted. Youth representatives will participate in the two-day October 2013 meeting, which is when new SPC members -- brought on after the annual meeting -- receive general information about CIRI and its affiliated nonprofit organizations. CIRI believes it will be useful for the youth representatives to hear this information, and to have an opportunity to meet CIRI Board members and executive staff.

**Youth Art Contest Submissions**

Interested CIRI shareholders or descendants who are 5 to 12 years of age may submit original artworks interpreting the theme, "Proud to be Native in the 21st Century," and a completed entry form to CIRI to be entered in the 2013 Youth Art Contest. Winning entries will be displayed at the CIRI and The CIRI Foundation Friendship Potlatches this fall.

Youth Art Contest entry forms may be downloaded and printed at www.ciri.com and are also available in the Shareholder Relations Department. Completed art contest entry forms and submissions must be received by CIRI on or before 5 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time on Aug. 15.

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**North Wind Construction Services wins Coeur d’Alene Basin Cleanup contract**

The Coeur d’Alene Trust selected North Wind Construction Services, LLC for the East Fork Ninemile Creek Waste Consolidation Area and Infrastructure project. The project is located seven miles north of Wallace, Idaho, within the Upper Basin of the Coeur d’Alene River.

North Wind, in conjunction with its teaming partners Zanetti Brothers, Inc. and Peak Sand & Gravel, will build a waste consolidation area that will support cleanup projects in the Coeur d’Alene Basin. Through the project, contaminated soils and mine tailings will be taken from the old mine sites throughout the Ninemile area and contained into a much smaller, isolated location to help control the primary sources of heavy metals, including lead and zinc. Work on this project will be carried out under the Environmental Protection Agency’s record of decision for the Superfund cleanup.

According to North Wind Construction Services President Kevin Redmond, “We are extremely pleased to continue our ongoing relationship with the Coeur d’Alene Trust and are committed to environmental cleanup in the Coeur d’Alene Basin. This project will be completed using primarily local, highly skilled labor resources.”

North Wind Construction Services is based in Kellogg, Idaho, and provides heavy civil construction services with an emphasis on environmental remediation and reclamation. Learn more at www.northwindgrp.com.

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**Stock Will Prize Winners**

The winner of the May 2013 $200 Stock Will Participation Prize is Cynthia Laura Thieie and Brandy Prosser Bland is the winner of the second quarter drawing for an Apple iPad 3.

Shareholders will have two more opportunities to win an Apple iPad 3 in 2013, with drawings conducted for the quarters ending September 30 and December 31. 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.

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**CITC launches new approach to cultural storytelling**

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"As an organization, we want to be able to chart our own destiny," said CITC President and CEO Gloria O’Neill. "This isn’t about the status quo; this is about pioneering a new approach to sustainability, as well as meaningful and scalable impact by creating a global video game brand infused with our values and culture."

New York’s E-Line Media is a developer and publisher of game-based learning products and services that engage, educate and empower; helping to prepare young people for meaningful, successful lives and careers in the 21st Century.

"CITC brings a deep commitment and powerful, new perspective to the games and impact sector," said E-Line Media Co-Founder and President Alan Gershfenfeld. "We are very excited to partner with them to help pioneer new models of game-based learning that truly inspire youth throughout the world."

In this unique partnership with E-Line Media, Upper One Games will co-develop and publish a variety of innovative, impact-focused commercial games that cross both the formal and informal learning. Projects currently in development include a groundbreaking game for the consumer market based on traditional Alaskan stories, introducing a new approach to game-based cultural storytelling, a game-infused history curriculum slated for middle school students and a new game-infused strategy for delivery of social services at CITC.

The projects are being developed by world-class game designers with leadership and development experience on many of the industry’s top games, including Tomb Raider and Madden NFL. All team members are committed to working with Alaska Native elders, cultural storytellers and social entrepreneurs, along with leading scientists to harness the power of games to engage youth.

"Not only do we expect Upper One Games to provide additional financial flexibility to deepen and expand our educational investment, we aim to inspire the imaginations of a broad global audience and be part of pioneering new approaches to highly engaged learning in the U.S. and throughout the world,” said O’Neill.
In Memory

Mary Anowruk Alexander, 88
Mary Anowruk Alexander passed away June 27, in Anchorage. Ms. Alexander was born Feb. 19, 1925, in Wales, Alaska. She worked as a bilingual teacher, sewing instructor, 4H club assistant, foster parent and student chaperone. Her hobbies included knitting, sewing, crossword puzzles, reading her bible and service gathering. Ms. Alexander is survived by her children, Charles Oxeerok Sr., Lorna Smith, Gilbert Oxeerok, Lois Pointer and husband Nathaniel and Leona Oxeerok and companion Ron; sisters-in-law, Betty Oxeerok, Edna Senungetuk and Barbara Beebee; grandchildren, Charles Jr. and Jonathon Oxeerok, David, John and Kahani Donajkowski, Cindy Alexander, Natasha Smith, Jaclyn Torres-Perez, Zenita Wendt, Arnold Olanna and Agnes Babb. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren who loved her dearly.

Marie Andrews, 62
Marie Andrews passed away Oct. 11, 2012, in Anchorage. Ms. Andrews was born in Anvik, Alaska. She is survived by her daughters, Edith, Ivy and Jolene Andrews; sons, Timothy Bidwell and Curtis Satterl; and sisters, Anita Litchfield and Janet Beetz.

Robert Gene Cooper, 68
Robert Gene Cooper passed away May 4, at home in Somerville, Texas. Mr. Cooper was born Sept. 6, 1944, in Ninilchik, Texas. Mr. Cooper was proud of two things, being Alaska Native and having served in the Navy. He was a fisherman, crane operator and worked in Antarctica in 2003. He loved to garden, woodworking and visit friends and family. Mr. Cooper is survived by his wife, Dena Cooper, and brother, Jon Liebenthal.

Annette Louise Stanford, 53
Annette Louise Stanford passed away May 30, at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Ms. Stanford was born Feb. 29, 1960, in Anchorage. She lived in Kenai all of her life and enjoyed clamming at Clam Gulch and camping at Whisky Gulch. Her family wrote that she was a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother, auntie and friend who had a hearty laugh and a contagious smile. She is survived by her husband, Lonnie Lamar Stanford; son, Lonnie Lamar Stanford Jr.; daughter, Katrina Pierce and her husband, Ryan; grandchildren, Taylor, Ryan and Addison; sisters, Jeannette Tautfest and Tanya Lochbaum; and many family members and friends throughout the state.

Jack Eugene Stedman Sr., 86
Jack Eugene Stedman Sr. passed away May 5, at Valley Healthcare Center in Fresno, Calif. Mr. Stedman was born April 24, 1927, in Petersburg, Alaska. He is survived by his wife, Miriam Stedman; son, Jack Stedman; and daughter, Eva Stedman.

Condolences
Kathy Lynn Kvasnikoff, 40
Joseph David Petro, 51
Twila Nadel Webster, 52

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.