ANCSA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), signed into law Dec. 18, 1971, settled Alaska Native peoples' aboriginal land claims and distributed 44 million acres of land and nearly $1 billion to 12 land-based Alaska Native regional corporations—including CIRI—and more than 200 village corporations. It enabled economic development across the state, including construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. And it empowered some 80,000 Alaska Native people who enrolled as shareholders to improve their lives through the support of culture, economic, heritage, health care and stewardship of traditional lands.

The Establishment of CIRI

One of the key mandates of ANCSA was the formation of 12 land-based, for-profit corporations that would represent 12 geographic regions of the state. ANCSA would provide seed capital and land to each corporation, and Alaska Native people born by the enactment date (Dec. 18, 1971) would enroll in regional and/or village corporations, receiving 100 shares of stock. With regional boundaries that roughly follow the traditional Dena'ina territory of southcentral Alaska, CIRI was one of those 12 original regional corporations, incorporated June 8, 1972.

Our Shareholders

CIRI is known as the “melting pot” of Alaska Native regional corporations, and virtually every Alaska Native group is featured among our more than 9,100 shareholders—Aleut/Unangax, Alutiq/Sugpiaq, Athabaskan, Haida, Inupiat, Tlingit, Tsimshian and Yup'ik. The diversity of CIRI’s shareholders is a key to the company’s success. While a significant percentage of CIRI’s original shareholders were of Dena’ina and Athna Athabascan descent, CIRI is the corporation of Alaska’s urban center, where many Alaska Native people relocated from other regions and subsequently enrolled with CIRI. Presently, approximately 40% of CIRI shareholders live outside Alaska.

Socially Driven Enterprises: CIRI’s Tribally Designated Organizations and Affiliated Community Nonprofits

Distributions alone cannot fulfill CIRI’s mission of promoting the social well-being and Alaska Native heritage of our shareholders. Since its inception, CIRI has provided financial support and worked with community partners to create and build a family of tribally designated organizations and affiliated community nonprofits that serve the needs of shareholders, descendants and other Alaskans, providing needed services and education programs that reflect traditional Alaska Native values. • Service Providers: Tribally Designated Organizations

CIRI is recognized as a tribal entity under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 and delegates its tribal authority to three organizations that serve more than 60,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people in the Cook Inlet region, regardless of their affiliation with CIRI. Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Cook Inlet Tribal Council and Southcentral Foundation.

• Community Nonprofits

CIRI helped establish and continues to support a family of nonprofit organizations that serves our community, providing cultural education and outreach, Native-focused media, and scholarships and career development. Alaska Native Heritage Center, Koahnic Broadcast Corporation and The CIRI Foundation.

2022 BOARD RECRUITMENT

The CIRI Nominating Committee is seeking CIRI shareholders interested in nomination to the 2022 CIRI Board of Directors’ candidate slate. Among other eligibility requirements, candidates must be a voting CIRI shareholder at least 18 years of age. Additionally, in selecting the Board-recommended slate, the CIRI Board looks for demonstrated decision-making, leadership and communication skills, as well as individuals committed to preserving and perpetuating Alaska Native culture and heritage, and protecting and maintaining CIRI-owned land and resources.

Applicants should have a strong understanding of business and basic financial knowledge, along with a college degree or equivalent business experience. In addition, an applicant should exhibit professionalism, sound judgment, leadership, and integrity. Familiarity with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and involvement in the Alaska Native/American Indian community are also essential.

CIRI’s primary business segments include energy and infrastructure, financial investments, government services, land and natural resources, and real estate. Shareholders with relevant industry experience in one or more of these segments are encouraged to apply. Candidate nominee applications are due Jan. 30, 2022. For more information and an application, visit ciri.com/board-election.
A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
Sophie Minich, CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

E very Alaska Native person with a living memory of the passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) has a story to tell.

Some remember gathering their birth certificate and Certificate Degree of Indian Blood document and enrolling with an Alaska Native corporation. Others recall the act ushering in an exciting time of growth and development for the state of Alaska, from the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System to the creation of the Alaska Permanent Fund a few years later. For some, the memories are personal: CIRI Board Assistant Secretary Katrina (Dolchok) Jack was a young girl when ANCSA passed, and she remembers using her first CIRI dividend check to purchase a new bicycle.

To tell my story, I must go back in time long before ANCSA passed.

My mother was an Alaska Native person of Gwich’in Athabascan descent, born and raised in Fort Yukon, Alaska. Her mother died of tuberculosis when she was 13, after which time she was taken from her village and enrolled in the Eklutna Boarding School. We’ve all heard stories of the neglect and abuse that took place at Alaska Native boarding schools. The removal of generations of Indigenous children created intergenerational trauma that continues to impact Alaska Native and American Indian people today.

For my mother, her way of life was basically erased. She couldn’t wear her traditional clothing; she was punished if she spoke her native language. Her pride in being an Alaska Native person was stripped away.

Fast-forward to my childhood, and I didn’t know I was an Alaska Native person. We lived in Kodiak, Alaska, when I was a young child, and heritage and culture were not discussed. I was 5 years old when my family moved in 1970 from Kodiak to Glenrock, Wyoming. I vividly remember the day my mom said, “There’s something going on in Alaska. I’m not sure what it all means yet, but it concerns Alaska Native people and we need to be a part of it.”

Since my mother was from Fort Yukon, we enrolled with Doyon, Limited, the Alaska Native regional corporation of Alaska’s Interior. Shortly thereafter we started receiving checks, but I was still a child and didn’t understand the implications of ANCSA or what it all meant.

We moved back to Alaska several years later and settled in Seward. In a tragic repeat of history, just as my grandmother had passed away when my mother was 13, I, too, lost my mother when I was 13.

It wasn’t until high school that a guidance counselor encouraged me to enroll in a leadership program for Alaska Native students. That’s when the tide began to turn for me—not only acknowledging my Alaska Native heritage but beginning to take pride in it.

My brother John was an original CIRI enrollee, and he urged me to apply for a job with CIRI after college. I started working for the company in 1993, and it was at that time I began to understand more fully the mission of Alaska Native corporations and the precedent ANCSA had set forth.

At the eve of the 50th anniversary of ANCSA, I am thankful. There is still work to be done, because there are still Alaska Native people like my mom who never knew pride in their heritage. If she were alive today, what would she think? Would she be proud to be an Alaska Native person? Would she tell her experiences, her stories, maybe even speak her native language to her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren?

There’s still opportunity to continue to tell the story, and that’s why I say our work is not done. Our shareholders and descendants have stories to tell too, and one day this company will be theirs. We want them to be part of it. While I have an immediate family, our CIRI family is part of my family as well, and I cherish and welcome all members of this special family.

Warm regards,

Sophie Minich,
CIRI President and Chief Executive Officer

BOARD CORNER
A Message from CIRI Director Tom Huhndorf

My name is Tom Huhndorf. I am Yup’ik and an original CIRI enrollee. It has been my honor to serve on the CIRI Board of Directors since 2004.

I was born in Anchorage and raised in Nikiski, Alaska. I grew up in a commercial-fishing family that proudly relied on subsistence to bring in both food and income. I was a young teen when the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) was signed into law in 1971, settling Alaska Native peoples’ aboriginal land claims and leading to the creation of 12 land-based Alaska Native regional corporations and more than 200 village corporations. I am a shareholder, tribal member and former chair of Salamatof Native Association (SNA), where I was during my time on the SNA board that I became interested in CIRI.

As we celebrate ANCSA’s 50th anniversary this year and reflect upon our journey so far, I am reminded of what we can accomplish when we work together. The positive impact Alaska Native corporations have had on Alaska Native people and all Alaskans is immeasurable.

With the allocation of 44 million acres of land, ANCSA ensured that Alaska Native people retain valuable and significant properties throughout Alaska. These lands are sacred to us all, and we have a great responsibility to ensure they remain viable for future generations. ANCSA ensures that Alaska Native people get to decide—collectively, through their respective ANCs—how best to manage, protect and develop our lands.

ANCs have sustainably enhanced the quality of life of thousands of Alaska Native people, income levels, graduation rates, employment, and health and wellness for Alaska Native people have continually improved over the last 50 years. The passage of ANCSA also had effects that reached far beyond Alaska Native people: by creating Alaska Native-owned, for-profit corporations, ANCS brought additional economic diversity to the state that has benefited all Alaskans, both directly and indirectly.

ANCSA is the success story it is today because Alaska Native people collectively worked for what was rightfully ours. It is a remarkable agreement that continues to empower Alaska Native people.

I hope you will join me in celebrating the successes of the past 50 years of ANCSA while looking to the future, engaging and collectively working toward a future where Alaska Native people thrive.
The Next 50 Years

ANCSA is a statute, not a treaty, and therefore establishes a balance between formalism and flexibility. ANCSA created self-sufficient Alaska Native corporations empowered to develop and utilize their resources to support current and future generations of shareholders’ needs through corporate growth, dividend payments, job creation, and other social and cultural services. While recognizing the positive impacts we have seen from ANCSA over the past 50 years, the importance of the next 50 years is critical for ANCSA’s continued success.

Alaska Native corporations will continue to have a major cultural, economic, and social impact on Alaska. As we celebrate the passage of ANCSA on Dec. 18 and look ahead to CIRI’s own 50th anniversary in 2022, we recognize the Native people who worked so hard to bring about the profound changes that came with the passage of ANCSA. Collectively, we must honor the legacy of ANCSA and train our focus ahead on providing cultural, economic, educational and social benefits to shareholders, descendents and all Alaskans for the next 50 years.

CIRI in the COMMUNITY

INDIGENOUS PLACE NAMES PROJECT

Adapted from an article by the Anchorage Park Foundation

For more than a decade, CIRI shareholder Aaron Leggett (Dena’ina Athabaskan) has been working to weave Dena’ina language into the fabric of Anchorage. Leggett, who serves as chair and CEO of the Native Village of Eklutna and as senior curator of Alaska history and Indigenous culture at the Anchorage Museum, reached out to the Anchorage Park Foundation to introduce placenames to parks and trails. In 2018, the Rasmuson Foundation donated a gift to get the project started.

The first signs have been installed at Chanshtnu Muldorn Park and Westchester Lagoon. The sign features artwork by CIRI descendant Melissa Shaginoff (Ahtna Athabaskan). Her metal sculpture encircling the post is inspired by the dentilum bead pattern, and the Dena’ina fire bag. Fire bags were used by the Dena’ina people to store and transport fire-making materials like tinder and embers; the bag represents living with the land. The “Chanshtnu” sign shares the Dena’ina place name for Chester Creek (“Chanshtnu” means “grass creek”). The sign also features Dena’ina phrases: “You are walking on Dena’ina land” and “Living with the outdoors.” Phrases were supplied by CIRI shareholder Joel Isaak (Dena’ina Athabaskan), an artist and Dena’ina linguist.

OPENING CEREMONY

More than 150 community members attended the opening ceremony of the Indigenous Place Making project Aug. 3 at Westchester Lagoon. The celebration was led by Leggett and featured performances by Dena’ina artists and speakers, including the Ilda’ina K’ejleshna dance group led by CIRI shareholder Steven Holley (Dena’ina Athabaskan).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Anchorage Park Foundation is looking for organizations and individuals to support both the larger Indigenous Place Names movement and the specific Dena’ina signage project. CIRI is proud to be a contributor, and CIRI shareholder and employee Darla Graham (Yup’ik) serves on the Project’s advisory committee. For more information or to get involved, visit anchorageparkfoundation.org or email beth@anchorageparkfoundation.org.

At Issue

Achievement

Congratulations to CIRI shareholder Peter DuBois, who recently became an adjunct instructor in Alaska Native Studies at the University of Alaska Anchorage. In addition to teaching, he is also working toward a Ph.D. in American Indian Studies at the University of Arizona. Peter’s mother is original CIRI enrollee Katherine Ellen Larsen, and his grandparents are original CIRI enrollees Mabel and James Larsen. Congratulations, Peter!

High-School Graduation

CIRI shareholder Katrina Leiva is pleased to announce the graduation of her daughter, Lili, from Huntington Beach High School Academy for the Performing Arts in Huntington Beach, Calif. Lili was awarded top female vocalist of the year in 2021 and plans to study communications at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, Calif. Lili is the granddaughter of the late Brenda Gregoire of Homer, Alaska, an original CIRI enrollee; and the great-granddaughter of Violet Blatchford of Kenai, Alaska. Congratulations, Lili!

Care of others—were absolutely instilled in us,” she recalled. “Our house was always open to any relative who needed a meal or a place to stay.”

Rebecca’s mother worked as a middle, attending to more than 1,000 births. “She never made a dime—doing it, she called it—pun intended—’her labor of love,’ Rebecca said. “She and my father both had a spirit of wanting to help people, and it was instilled in their children.”

Rebecca parlayed the traditional Alaska Native values she grew up with into a career focused on the affordable housing industry. She spent six years working on housing issues for Native Americans, who recently she coordinated the development of housing and cultural resources for Native Americans living in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 2008 she joined Wakeland Housing & Development Corporation (Wakeland), rising through the ranks to become the vice president and chief operating officer (COO).

Founded as a non-profit in 1996, Wakeland works with municipalities, developers and redevelopment agencies throughout California to acquire, develop and rehabilitate affordable housing. Since its founding, the organization has constructed more than 7,500 affordable homes at 51 properties throughout the state.

“Wakeland focuses on housing for low-income families, low-income seniors, and recently we’ve been constructing housing for people who have experienced homelessness or people who’ve experienced homelessness who might also have a serious mental illness or another special need that might require assistance to live independently,” Rebecca said. “In addition to housing, we also provide services to help our residents gain independence and meet their goals—after-school programs, financial-literacy classes, cooking classes.

As the COO, Rebecca assists in site selection, financing and development of housing communities and supervising the department that services and maintains the properties while she admits her job is “pretty all-consuming,” the rewards far outweigh the challenges. “I’ve gotten to see people move in literally off the street in a day or less. I’ve gotten to see people with serious disabilities who’ve been living on the streets, in encampments, watch as these people move in, and within days of having a door that closes and a bed they can sleep in and access to income, see an extraordinary transformation starts to take place.”

While COVID-19 has impacted almost all Americans in some way, those with the lowest incomes have been the hardest hit. High rates of unemployment, shelters that have closed or severely limited services, and an increase in the number of renters at risk for eviction have exacerbated the U.S. homelessness and affordable housing crisis. In San Diego, where the median home price is $599,000 and the unemployment rate is higher than the national average, more than 100,000 low-income renters do not have access to affordable housing.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Rebecca and her staff—who she describes as “the mission-driven and hardworking team I am so grateful to have on my team”—shifted their focus from providing services like after-school programs and meals to meeting their residents’ basic needs. “That was really the big shift,” she said. “Trying to acquire the basics—food, masks, baby products—and then figuring out how to stave off isolation and engage our residents.”

Outside of work, Rebecca is a busy wife and mother to two school-aged daughters. She has received an Innovation Grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for her development of a training program for staff at all supportive-housing communities. While she was named one of San Diego’s Most Influential Women of 2019 by the San Diego Daily Transcript.

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT

SHAREHOLDER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 02

Wakeland’s board, which includes Wakeland CEO Rebecca Leggett, has been active in the community and has been involved in a number of successful development projects. The board has been working to create affordable housing for people who are homeless or have experienced homelessness. The organization has a strong focus on providing supportive services to residents, including after-school programs, financial literacy classes, and cooking classes.

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CIRI is pleased to posthumously honor original CIRI enrollee Penny Carty (Aleut) for her many accomplishments during her lifetime, especially for her fierce and thoughtful advocacy of the advancement of Alaska Native people, particularly among original Salamatof shareholders, the Salamatof Tribal Council, the Salamatof Native Association, and CIRI shareholders and descendants.

From 2005 to 2017, Carty served on the CIRI Board of Directors. In addition to her service on the CIRI Board, she was a long-time board member of Cook Inlet Housing Authority (2004-2021), most recently serving as its vice chair. Over the years she served on many other boards and committees, including Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Kenai/Salamatof Housing Authority, Salamatof Tribal Council and The CIRI Foundation.

Carty served on the board of Salamatof Native Association (SNA) prior to her tenure as its president and CEO, where she worked to ensure that the mission, vision and values of the original SNA board were the basis for operations. She was instrumental in ensuring that Salamatof became a federally recognized Tribe and that all 129 original Salamatof shareholders were allotted land selections.

Carty passed away April 14, 2021, in Anchorage at the age of 72.

CIRI Next Gen Day provides an inside look into the company's future opportunities available to CIRI youth. The event will be held Monday, Jan. 17, which coincides with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, an Anchorage School District holiday. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 7. For more information and an application, visit ciri.com/nextgen. Eligible CIRI youth, no matter where in the world they live, are encouraged to apply.

Native American Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse ancestry, cultures, histories and traditions of Alaska Native/American Indian (AN/AI) peoples. According to the National Congress of American Indians, the month of November presents “an opportunity to educate our workforce, raise awareness about the uniqueness of Native people, and [honor] the myriad ways in which tribal citizens have conquered challenges to maintain voice and dignity and remain an influencing presence in a rapidly evolving nation.”

In 1986, Congress passed Pub. L. 99-471, which authorized and requested the president to proclaim the week of Nov. 23-30 as “American Indian Week.”

Both the law and the proclamation recognized ANAI peoples as the first inhabitants of the lands and honored their contributions to American society. This year’s theme, “Resilient and Enduring: We Are Native People,” reflects the determination and courage that Indigenous communities continue to exhibit.

For more information, visit nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov. The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association has a list of ways to celebrate and commemorate Native American Heritage Month available at alaska.org/NAHM. For year-round exhibitions, events and educational resources, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center at alaskanative.net.

CIRI shareholder Ivan Encelewski (Dena’ina Athabascan) currently serves as executive director of the Ninilchik Village Tribe/Ninilchik Traditional Council, overseeing the Tribe’s operations, including its health clinic, environmental activities, housing programs, tribal services, resource-management activities and educational assistance. He has helped significantly grow the Tribe’s membership, led community-improvement initiatives, spearheaded the opening of the Ninilchik Traditional Council Community Clinic and expanded housing resources.

A strong supporter of subsistence rights, Encelewski has fought for the rights of Alaska Native people to set a community gill net in the Kenai River and to self-regulate their own fisheries. He currently chairs the boards of both Cook Inlet Tribal Council and Get Out the Native Vote; serves on the board of the Alaska Native Justice Center; and acts as the Ninilchik village representative to the Cook Inlet Treaty Tribes.

Through years of dedicated leadership, Encelewski has positively affected his community and Alaska Native people. He has successfully brought communities together and fostered relationships between regional and village corporations, Tribes, and Native and non-Native communities.

Grace Carlson (Athabascan, Inuit and Yup’ik) recently graduated from Northwest Career and Technical Academy in Las Vegas as her school’s valedictorian with a 5.6 GPA. Her many extracurricular activities included speech and debate clubs, the Health Occupations Students of America Club, National Honor Society, the Distributive Education Clubs of America and serving as a peer tutor.

Carlson is connected to CIRI through her grandfather, original CIRI enrollee Otto Thiele Jr., and her great-grandparents, original CIRI enrollees Otto Thiele Sr. and Flora Meehan Thiele. She participated in the inaugural CIRI C3 Experience in 2018 and has received several CIRI Youth Educational Incentive awards.

Described by her teachers as intelligent, professional, dependable and mature, Carlson’s career goals include becoming a veterinarian and serving Alaska Native communities.
The Raven’s Circle would like to feature our readers’ favorite recipes! To submit visit www.ciri.com/recipe.

TURKEY POT PIE
Adapted from the recipe by Holly Nilsson, spendwithpennies.com.
As the author wrote about this recipe, “The perfect way to enjoy leftover roast turkey. A creamy filling loaded with turkey and veggies is tucked inside a flaky pie crust and baked until golden and bubbly.”

START TO FINISH: 1 hour 20 minutes (20 minutes active)

INGREDIENTS:
1 egg, beaten
1/3 cup butter or margarine
1 onion, diced
1/3 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1/4 teaspoon thyme
1 cup chicken broth
2/3 cup milk or cream
1 potato, diced and cooked
1½ cups frozen mixed vegetables, defrosted
2 cups leftover turkey, or substitute leftover rotisserie chicken
1 double pie crust (if crusts are frozen, let package stand at room temperature 60 to 90 minutes before unrolling)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Whisk egg with 1 tablespoon water. Set aside.
2. Sauté onion in butter or margarine over medium-low heat until tender, about 5 minutes. Add flour, poultry seasoning, thyme, and salt and pepper. Cook 2 additional minutes.
3. Whisk in chicken broth and milk a little bit at a time, stirring after each addition. You may add a bit more broth if mixture is too thick. Bring to a boil over medium heat, simmer 1 minute and remove from heat. Stir in turkey and vegetables.
4. Line a 9-inch pie plate with one of the crusts. Fill with turkey filling. Brush edges of crust with egg wash and top with second crust. Pinch edges to seal and cut a few slits to vent pie. Brush with egg wash.
5. Bake 35-40 minutes or until lightly browned and filling is bubbly.
CIRI’S VIRTUAL MENORTING PROGRAM

BY CIRI INTERN JORDYN RANSOM

With the goal of providing professional and personal development for CIRI shareholders and descendants, CIRI’s inaugural Virtual Mentoring Program kicked off on Oct. 8. Mentor and mentee pairs will meet virtually and communicate regularly for the program’s six-month duration. Matches were chosen based on compatibility and personal and professional objectives, with participants spread across the country. Mentor interests include Alaska Native culture, architecture, education, health care and sports statistics, as well as developing skills like communication, leadership and professionalism. Both mentors and mentees will have the chance to learn about CIRI and its family of socially-driven enterprises, as well as Alaska Native culture and history.

CIRI hosted a kick-off orientation in early October and will facilitate monthly workshops. Orientation provided an opportunity for matches to meet via Zoom and for CIRI to explain the participation timeline and assist in creating a development plan.

Participants will have the opportunity to network, form lasting relationships, and take advantage of resources and information to benefit their personal and professional advancement.

Since the program takes place virtually, location is not a limiting factor; CIRI is pleased to offer this program to our shareholders and descendants wherever they may live. We look forward to sharing more about the CIRI Virtual Mentoring Program in the months ahead!

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for the CIRI Virtual Mentoring Program are accepted year-round. Participants must be 18+ and can live anywhere in the world. Mentee applicants should be CIRI shareholders or descendants; prospective mentors can come from the broader community.

The second cohort application deadline is April 30, 2022. Both mentees and mentors must commit to the program for six months. To apply, complete the online application form at ciri.com/mentorship.

TIA HALE
MENTOR

Tia currently works as a labor and delivery nurse at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. She holds bachelor’s degrees in both exercise and sports science and nursing. Tia and her family moved from Arizona to Oregon in 1997, and she moved back to Alaska with her husband and children 20 years later. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in nursing at the University of Alaska Anchorage and working to balance a career, parenthood and graduate school. After she obtains her master’s degree, Tia plans to become a commissioned corps officer with the U.S. Public Health Service.

ANNALISE SCHLAFER
MENTEE

Current graduate student and aspiring health-care worker Annalise is working toward a master’s degree in nursing, with the long-term goal of becoming a nurse practitioner, doctor or advanced clinician. Her goal in joining CIRI’s Virtual Mentoring Program is to find a mentor who works in health care and can offer advice and perspective. Annalise is also interested in learning more about CIRI and the Alaska Native community.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:
- Personal and professional development
- Networking and relationship-building
- Improve stress-management and communication skills
- Learn about CIRI and Alaska Native culture; become more involved in her corporation and gain a deeper understanding of her heritage

CIRI descendant
Student
Currently pursuing a master’s degree at the University of San Diego

Jaison “Jake” Standifer, 63

Jaison “Jake” Standifer passed away June 18 at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage. Mr. Standifer was born Jan. 16, 1956, in Tyonek, Alaska. He is survived by his son, Jared E.J. Standifer; and stepmother, KC E.C. Chickalusion and Christopher E.C. Chickalusion.

Robert Eugene Wolchief, 70

Robert Eugene Wolchief passed away July 11 in Layton, Utah. Mr. Wolchief was born June 25, 1951, in Fort Ord, Calif. He is survived by Courtney Merino, Brittany Garza and Justin Wolchief.

Condolences

Analis Corinne Annemcheck, 87
Rosa Marie Allen, 63
Patricia Ann Griffeth, 79
Thomas Edward Glauser, 78
Francis Boyd Haldane, 94
James Robert Hill, 73
Floyd Stephan Kakaruk, 70
Ella Louise Kalvik, 58
Maggie Reichluth, 80
Jeffrey Reid Lamont, 66
Maggie Kochutin, 80
Floyd Siguilluk Kakaruk, 70
James Robert Hill, 73
Francis Boyd Haldane, 94
Thomas Edward Glauser, 78

Anna Marie Bass, 92
Georgia Marie Bass passed away June 12 at home in Anchorage. Ms. Bass was born Sept. 29, 1928, in Anchorage. She is survived by her children, Alana Fehrenbach, and Bruce and Kevin Brandon.

Lance Scott Breeden, 35
Lance Scott Breeden passed away Sept. 27 at home in South Bovina, Ill. Mr. Breeden was born April 26, 1986, in Wasau, Wis. He is survived by his siblings, Shannon Breeden (Rich) Edfi and Victor (Brent) Breeden, nieces, Madalyn and Leighton Edifi, nephews, Jerson and Landon Edifi, and girlfriend, Grace Falco.

Ronald Wesley Carver, 50
Ronald Wesley Carver passed away July 27 at home in Butteville, Okla. Mr. Carver was born Sept. 24, 1970, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Carver; and siblings, Stephanie and Richard Carver.

Navada “Jappy” Lee Escholt, 42
Navada “Jappy” Lee Escholt passed away July 20 in Salt Lake City. Mr. Escholt was born Sept. 30, 1978, in Anchorage. He is survived by his wife, Connie Medina; son, Lazario Talaro; mother, Rhonda Escholt; and siblings, Stephanie and Richard Carver.

Nancy S. Harper, 100
Nancy S. Harper passed away June 6 at Baton Rouge General Hospital in Baton Rouge, La. Ms. Harper was born Dec. 8, 1920, in Dudley, Texas. After earning degrees in English and business and completing the Advanced Management Program at the University of Washington, she co-authored a self-instructional course that is now being used extensively throughout the U.S. and has gone through its third printing. She was a frequent guest lecturer at colleges and on radio and television. In 1981, Ms. Harper received a Special Achievement Award from the Seattle Office of Personnel Management. She was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and a veteran of World War II. She is survived by her husband, Arra Richardson; and nieces, Nancy Howe Boiter, Sally Howe Garwood, Mary Howe Hawkins and Alice Howe Norman.

Patricia Ann Johns, 57
Patricia Ann Johns passed away Aug. 28 at home in Indianapolis. Ms. Johns was born July 14, 1963, in Anchorage. Her family remembers her as someone who loved to spend time with her family and grandchildren and counted among her many hobbies crochet, cross-stitch, puzzles, and arts and crafts. She is survived by her children, Melissa (Jason) Brewer, Jennifer (Shawn), Jetti Vega and Stephanie Eaton (Vega) siblings, Betsy (Nunnally) Busby and Howard Nunnally; and nine grandchildren.

Edward Norman Kehl, 55
Edward Norman Kehl passed away Aug. 17 in Willow, Alaska. Mr. Kehl was born Jan. 27, 1966, in Kodiak, Alaska. He is survived by Donna Kehl and Mary Kehl.

Michael Fredrick Otto, 51
Michael Fredrick Otto passed away June 19 in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Otto was born July 13, 1969, in Anchorage. He is survived by his father, Ronald L. Otto; and stepmother, Vicki A. Otto.

Rita Frances Lorraine Smagge, 77
Rita Frances Lorraine Smagge passed away June 23 at home in Kenai, Alaska. Ms. Smagge was born Dec. 29, 1943, in Kenai, Alaska. She dedicated her life to the Kenaitze Indian Tribe, serving in many capacities from secretary to executive director. She is survived by her brothers, Jim, Rick and El Segura; sister, Clare Cear, children, Todd, Lorne and James Smagge, and Suzanne (Paul) Jackson; grandchildren, Brandon, Terri, Logan, Lorne and Troy Smagge, Slade Corrao, Justin Cox, Mandee Cagley, Bryan Wolfchief, Justin Wolfchief, Dylan and Rylee Jackson; and great-grandchildren, Joseph and Jacob Smagge.

Vassa K. White, 85
Vassa K. White passed away July 18 at home in San Antonio. Ms. White was born Jan. 22, 1936, in Kashaga, Alaska. She is survived by her children, Alana White Sr., Jerry C. White Jr. and Michael E. White.
### FOURTH QUARTER DISTRIBUTIONS

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**CST Distribution Fund**

Fourth quarter payments from the CST Distribution Fund, in the amount of $131.31 per share (or $1,313.10 per 100 shares), will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Thursday, Dec. 9 to all CST beneficiaries who own CIRI stock and have a valid mailing address on file with CIRI as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

**CST Elders Distribution**

Fourth quarter payments from the CIRI Settlement Trust (CST) Elders Distribution Fund will be mailed or directly deposited by 6 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on Friday, Dec. 10 to eligible Elders with a valid mailing address on file as of 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. CST beneficiaries who are original CIRI shareholders and are 65 years of age or older on the record date of Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, are eligible to receive the $150 payment, providing they either own at least one share of CIRI stock or gifted all of their CIRI stock to family members prior to July 31, 2003.

**Direct/Remote Deposit**

CIRI 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.)

**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.

**Shareholders**

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 PO Box 93330, Anchorage, AK 99509, or fax it to (907) 263-5186. If taxed, 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 old 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 Qenek 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**

While the Fireweed Business Center remains closed to shareholders and visitors, the Shareholder Relations department can nonetheless 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 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.

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### 2021 VIRTUAL POTLATCH

again this year, CIRI’s annual Friendship Potlatch is available virtually! Log on from anywhere in the world to enjoy Alaska Native culture, a village visit to Ninilchik, a recipe demonstration and more! The recording is available on the Qenek portal at qenek.ciri.com.

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### Intern-AL AFFAIRS

Hello everyone! My name is Jordyn Ransom, and I am thrilled to return for my second internship with CIRI.

I was raised in California’s San Fernando Valley and Orange County. Though I love my home state and its many attractions, I found myself in search of something different. I recently graduated from California State University Fullerton with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology and was looking to enter my next phase of life and build a career.

The transition into work evolved effortlessly through the resourcefulness of my mother, an original CIRI enrollee of Athabaskan decent, I owe her credit for introducing me to the CIRI internship opportunity, which she first read about in the Raven’s Circle newsletter. It was the perfect opportunity to try something new while also learning about my heritage. I first interred with CIRI during summer 2019, helping plan and execute the CIRI C3 Experience and assisting with Human Resources-related tasks.

Growing up outside of Alaska, I was far removed from my Alaska Native heritage and CIRI. The promise of meaningful work and gorgeous Alaska scenery was enough to convince me to return for a second internship. Driven by opportunity and the desire for self-discovery, I decided this summer to move the 3,000 miles to Alaska and establish some roots.

Working in CIRI’s shareholder programs has been an exciting and educational endeavor, to say the least. I’m currently working on CIRI’s Virtual Mentoring Program for shareholders and descendants. This project holds a lot of meaning for me because, as someone who grew up outside Alaska, I have the chance to reach out to others and help facilitate connections with their corporation and Alaska Native heritage.

The CIRI internship has enabled me to connect with Alaska Native culture, gain valuable work experience and enhance my personal development. The decision to move to Anchorage and pursue a career has created purpose in my life. I feel more confident taking the next steps in continuing my self-discovery and fulfilling my goal to help other shareholders and descendants realize their potential.

Until next time,

[Signature]

Jordyn Ransom
CIRI is seeking photos from shareholders and descendants for a program, introducing you to the other interns and photographers who will be eligible to receive prizes! We would like to see photos that exemplify the diverse lifestyles, cultures and traditions of Alaska. Only electronic .jpg files will be accepted. If you submit photos, please be sure your name or contact information is visible on the image.

**Shareholder Participation Committees**

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MISSING SHAREHOLDERS

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

(As of 11/28/2021)

- Nadia Erin Anderson
- Roseanna Alexandra Baehm
- Darrell John Baker
- Ann Elizabeth Baldwin
- Kristen Dawn Barnett
- Dorothy Maika Barron
- Thomas Michael Bellinger
- Gabriel Luke Benjamin
- Wanda Jo Bond
- Christopher James Black
- Kenneth Lawrence Boyle
- Nancy Betty Lou Bobbe
- Jeremy Leon Butrick
- David Cabanes
- Daniel Forrest Call
- Tamra Lee Cox
- Bryan Jack Ross Cow
- Ayosua By Omhime
- Kamakana Charles
- Nakulagak Dammer
- Chris Lynn Dorns
- William D. Ferguson
- Ream Melody Gafford
- Olga Gallaher
- Matthew Louis Goodnataw
- Dähner Larnam Hël
- Jason David Harrington
- Samuel Clifford Hatfield
- James Douglas Halten
- Hunter Kelly Hogan
- Matthew Michael Holmes
- Hannah Isaac
- Marcel Michael Isidore Sr.
- Travis Max Isidore
- Beverly Ruth James
- Bernard William Johnson Jr.
- Brittney Doriina Johnson
- Rebecca Jayne Kalichap
- Courtney Green Sophie
- Kaykuuktuk
- Matthew Scott Keech
- Michael Lane Lamson
- Paul Matthew Larson
- Eise Theresa Luke
- Maria Elizabeth Malven
- Michael West Mazon
- John Kelly McConnell
- John Richard Miller
- Lucy Jean Moga
- Shawn Michael Moore
- Forrest James Naukkok
- Royce Raymond Nickalsak
- Florence Helen Opiak
- Lorna Pauline
- Oskokwak Wood
- Bryan Lee Outwater
- Gary Woodrow Petersen II
- Ronald Joseph Peterson
- Keloth Matthew Phillips
- Presley Pruitt
- Charles L. Purvis
- Joanne Frances Ramos-Crow
- Cassie Marie Richards
- John Savok Riley
- Melanie Brooke Vetters
- Vernot Lloyd Robinson
- Sean Eric Rodland
- Glenn Jonathan Ryan
- Charland Torres-Sanford
- Gregory Floyd Seebier
- Stephanie Sue Shangani
- Glenn Ross Shuck
- Tony James Smart Jr.
- James Earl Smith
- Jennifer Nicolas-Smith
- Viola M. Soxie
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- Alfred Henry Savenay Jr.
- Veronica Ann Takeuchi
- David Elliott Toott
- Martin Sean Tucker
- Cyril M. Tyson
- Robert Paul Viasoff Jr.
- Jenalen Wik Westcoast
- James Christian White

WINNERS’ CIRCLE

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

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Michelle B. Linderstrom, Inupiaq
Cynthia L. Muller, Haida
Patrick M. Mars, Atut

WINNERS’ CIRCLE

STOCK WILL PARTICIPATION PRIZES

$200 Monthly Stock Will Prize:
- July – Flora Brusse Wildeman
- August – Kimberly Ayek
- September – Angela Waskey

Third quarter drawing for an Apple iPad Air:
- Alice Umetsu

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

DIRECT DEPOSIT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for $500:
- Gaynelle Gauthier

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

eNEWSLETTER DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for an iPad or $400 cash:
- Jerry Sodemann

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

CONFIRMED, REGISTERED DESCENDANT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for a Kindle Fire HD or Amazon gift card:
- Amanda Paulson

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

QENEK ACCOUNT DRAWING

Third quarter drawing for a YETI cooler:
- Todd King

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

GREENLINK DRAWING

Third quarter drawing $500:
- Jeffrey Walker

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

CIRI’s Virtual Holiday Craft Bazaar will be held Friday, Nov. 12 through Friday, Dec. 31. Shop one-of-a-kind Alaska Native arts and crafts from the comfort and safety of home! For your holiday gift-giving needs and to support shareholder and descendant artists at the same time, visit ciri.com/bazaar.