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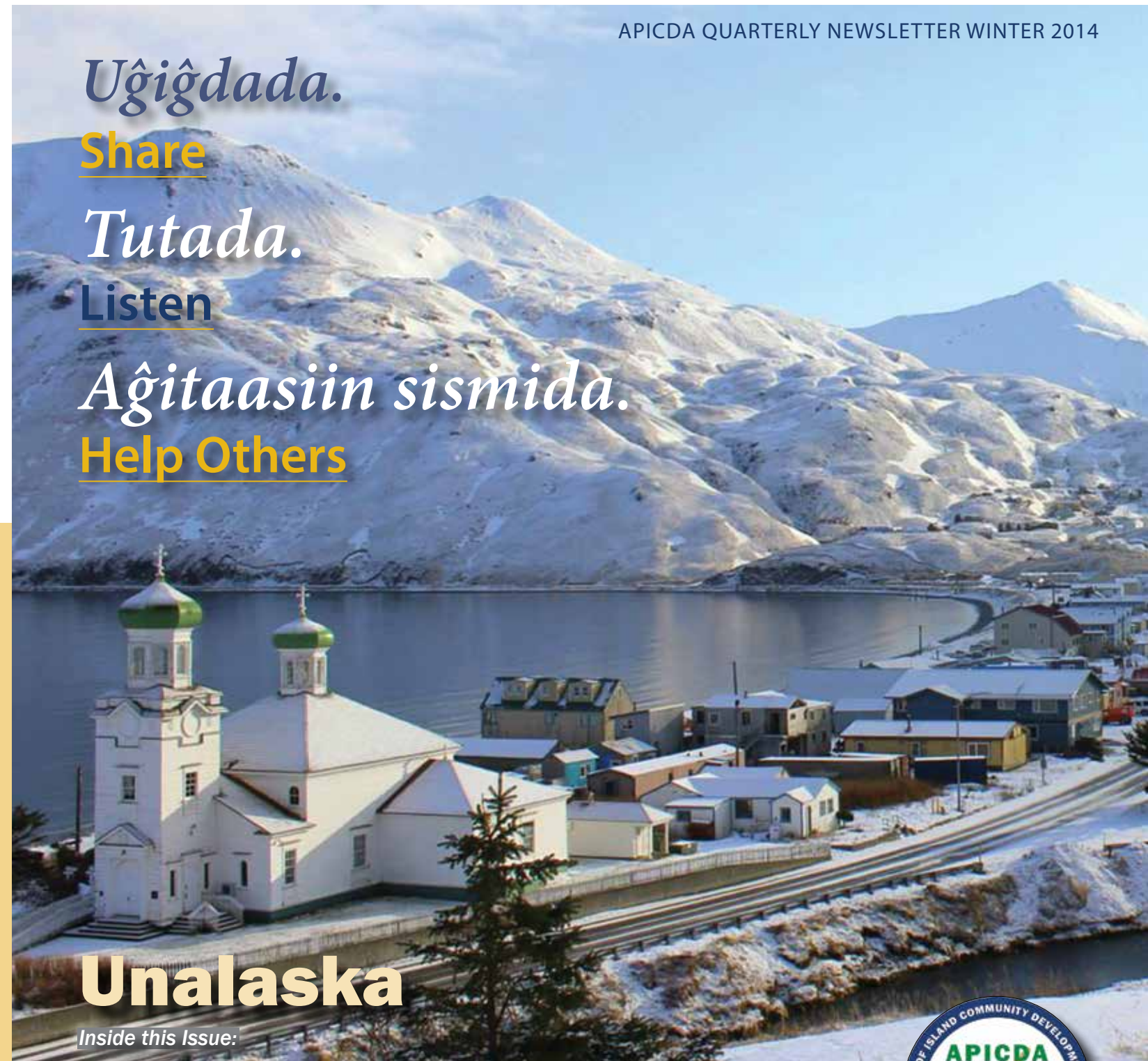
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Unalaska in winter by Johanna Tellman.  
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## Message from the CEO



Larry Cotter  
Chief Executive Officer

Dear APICDA Communities and Stakeholders,

The elections are over and the world has changed, statewide and nationally. We have a new United States Senator, a new Governor, and the Republicans have taken over the Congress. These events, coupled with the looming state deficits, are going to impact all of us at each level of our lives.

Sen. Begich was a good friend of APICDA. He was a staunch supporter of the CDQ program and refused to kowtow to demands by the leadership of the Coastal Villages CDQ group to change CDQ allocations and emasculate the smaller CDQ groups. Sen. Begich was also a strong supporter of our seafood industry. We thank him for his service and dedication, and wish he and his family well.

Incoming Sen. Dan Sullivan is a smart and capable individual. He is level headed, candid and honest. He admits to not knowing much about the seafood industry, but he is a quick study and will learn fast. We have a good relationship with Sen. Sullivan and look forward to working closely with him.

Gov. Bill Walker and Lt. Gov. Byron Mallott offer a "Unity Party" and an end to bi-partisan politics. Good luck with the latter, and we appreciate the former! We look forward to working with the new administration, and wish them the best.

Unfortunately Gov. Walker and Lt. Gov. Mallott face a huge hurdle— Alaska's looming and unavoidable deficit. All signs point to a continuation of low oil prices for a significant period of time. Alaska's savings accounts— now approximately \$11 billion and change, exclusive of the Permanent Fund— may be exhausted in four years or less. This is very serious stuff. There will inevitably be significant cuts in state services and funding at all levels. The capital budget may be non-existent. We are all going to feel the pain of these reductions.

APICDA can help ease the impact of these cuts to our communities, but we cannot do everything for every community. We simply do not have the resources for that.

That is why it is so important for APICDA to invest in solid profit-making businesses outside of our communities as well as investing inside our communities. Business investments in our communities cost millions of dollars and normally do not break even or generate a profit for many years. To counter that, it is crucial that we are also invested in other businesses that operate profitably and provide a return on investment to APICDA. Those distributions, coupled with royalties from our CDQ allocations and revenues generated from our Long-term Reserve Fund, provide the funds we must have to successfully carry out our mission— developing stable local economies in each of our member communities.

Everyone at APICDA remains committed to doing the very best job we can. These are tough times, but exciting times as well. ▲

Larry Cotter, APICDA Chief Executive Officer

## Congratulations to the winners of the ALEUTIAN MARKETPLACE Idea Competition



Competition judges Casey Campbell, Tim Pearson and Allan Johnston selected three finalists out of 12 business idea submissions. The finalists presented their ideas to the APICDA Board in early December.

KRISTJAN LAXFOSS of Unalaska won 1st place for a pollock fish hotdog. Kristjan's submission centered around manufacturing a healthy and tasty fish hot dog made out of pollock in Unalaska or St. George. Copper River Seafood has a cannery for sale in Dutch Harbor and Kristjan thought that it would make an ideal manufacturing location. APICDA has a fish handling facility in St. George that could also be used for hot dog manufacturing.

ANNE MORRIS of Sand Point came in 2nd place for her Aleutian Burger. Anne's concept is to produce and market a value added seafood product, the "Aleutian Burger" to viable domestic and international outlets. The Aleutian burger is a new and original secret recipe using two types of seafood from fisheries in the region.

BLAINE SHAISHNIKOFF of Unalaska came in 3rd place for his idea to build a hydroponic greenhouse.

Blaine believes that the region needs a hydroponic greenhouse large enough to supply the Aleutians with fresh produce. Local crop production would have the advantage of cutting out enormous shipping fees and increase the resident's intake of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Aleutian Marketplace is a pilot project sponsored by APICDA and the Aleut Corporation to generate a variety of innovative business concepts and provide start-up funds for viable businesses that will operate in the Aleutian region. The structure of the Marketplace is two-tiered; the first tier has two business idea competition phases and the second tier is a business plan competition. Look for the second phase of the business idea competition to start again in January 2015! ▲

### Beaded Glass Floats

By Artist Sharon Brandell

NELSON LAGOON artist Sharon Brandell made decorative beaded ornaments utilizing glass floats for the Aleutian Marketplace judges as a thank you gift. Sharon combines Aleut beadwork with the collectable glass floats to create beautiful and unique works of art. Glass floats were first used by fishermen from Norway in 1844; the floats were attached to gill nets to catch cod. Japan started using the floats in 1910 and by the 1940s glass had replaced wood and cork floats for large-scale commercial fishing operations throughout much of Japan, Europe, Russia and North America. Today glass has been replaced by floats made of aluminum, plastic or Styrofoam (source: glass-bottlemarks.com and Wikipedia).



These beaded glass floats were created by Sharon Brandell of Nelson Lagoon and commissioned as gifts for the three judges of the 2014 Aleutian Marketplace competition.

Sharon's parents met in the early 1940s in Port Moller and the family later settled in Nelson Lagoon. From Aleut and Norwegian descent, Sharon has lived in Nelson Lagoon the majority of her life. She and her husband Kenny commercial fished prior to retirement and raised five children in the area. To order beaded ornaments please contact Sharon at 907-989-9253. ▲



## Mark Merculief joins the APICDA Board

Mark Merculief is an active member of the St. George Fisherman's Association and has lived in St. George



the majority of his life. He started commercial fishing on his father's boat at the age of 13 and has worked for APICDA at both

Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) and Atka Pride Seafoods (APS). Mark served as an Island Sentinel in the Environmental office at the St. George Traditional Council for three years and gained valuable experience working with state and federal agencies.

Mark played basketball for St. Paul in high school which took him all over the state and also attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Stika. When he isn't fishing, Mark enjoys beaching combing, playing the guitar and reading. ▲

## Welcome New Staff



MEGHAN CHAPPLE has been hired as Quality and Food Safety Manager. Meghan is from Denver, Colorado and started with the company as a BPS QC Tech in May of 2014. Meghan has a bachelor's degree in biology and brings a great deal of quality control experience to the company that will be a valuable asset as we continue to grow. She also worked in Hawaii with the Suisan Fish Market preparing fish.



AMI COOPER is the new Bookkeeper in the Juneau office. Ami has spent most of her life in Juneau and has a BS degree in Marine Biology. She worked at the Douglas Island Pink and Chum Salmon Hatchery for 10 years and left as an Assistant Manager in the tourism division. In addition to this, Ami brings with her 12 years of accounting/bookkeeping experience.



JOLENE ELUSKA is the new BPS Office Manager in False Pass. Jolene grew up in False Pass and is very happy to be home. She returned to False Pass from Kodiak after her daughter graduated from high school. She is no stranger to APICDA as she worked with the company in 2006 as an IT Tech. Since then she has gained valuable experience in office management.



LYLA SACKETT was hired as Controller for Cannon Fish Co. in Seattle. She has 20 yrs. experience in accounting, with 13 yrs. as a Controller for a seafood processor. She has worked in three different industries during her career, referring to them as the three "F's"—Fuel, Furniture and Fish and found her calling when it comes to "counting" fish. She is currently working toward a BS in Accounting, building on an Associate's Degree earned in 1993. ▲

## Meet Jolene Eluska

JOLENE ELUSKA was born in King Cove and raised in False Pass, so it was natural to live off the land and fish for a living, helping to keep her grandparents' and parents' traditions alive. After nearly ten years of commercial fishing, Jolene left for vocational education and earned her certificate in Information Technology at Alaska Vocational Technical Center (AVTEC). She was hired by APICDA in 2006 to work with Ralph Weatherby in the IT department, based out of the Anchorage office.

Jolene moved back to False Pass to serve as a manager at the Isanotski Corporation. A few short years later she decided to move to Kodiak for her daughter Khasity's high school years. With her daughter well on her way, Jolene was finally able to come back home to her community.

In October 2014, Jolene was hired by APICDA as office manager at Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) in False Pass. She manages the daily office duties, applying her life-long knowledge to the processing side of the fishing industry. ▲



*Jolene Eluska enjoys her traditional life in False Pass. "The gun is always on my side if I am walking, and I usually have my rifle in the truck. The berries were so plentiful this year we couldn't stop picking them, the bears felt the same way—they were everywhere."*



# False Pass



## Bering Pacific Seafoods



Bering Pacific Seafoods (BPS) processing team at the BPS plant, July 2014. This group photo was taken after the group completed safety training facilitated by Sam Cunard, APICDA Health and Safety Specialist.



## Two-Million Pound Cake

In October, BPS Production Manager Joe Dalton celebrated with crew members; Mohamadou Thiam, Mike Mulliner, Rey D. Juarez-Vega, Wes Napiro and Meghan Chapple, Quality Control Manager.

*"This cake represents the hard work and dedication of the Bering Pacific Seafoods crew upon attaining the purchasing of two million pounds of salmon, halibut, sablefish and Pcod. I would like to thank all our processors, fishermen, and support staff who continue to assist us in turning our vision into reality at Bering Pacific Seafoods."*

—Steve Henry, BPS Plant Manager



# Congratulations! 2014 Photo Contest Winners

The 2014 Photo Contest wrapped up on Oct. 6 with a total of 214 unique photos submitted from 25 photographers.

The photos submitted were carefully reviewed and the winners were included in the 2015 APICDA calendar and holiday card. Each selected photo received \$100. We congratulate the following winners:

Crystal Dushkin (calendar cover), Bev Johansen (2), Haliehana Stepetin, Kenneth Reeves, Hertha Kashaverof, Ivy Pelkey, Anoinette Gauen, Ruth Kudrin, Jennifer Mercurief and Johanna Tellman (2014 holiday card). Bev Johansen also had a photo chosen for APICDA promotional materials. A big thank you to all who submitted photos. ▶



Atka kids (from top, clockwise), Trinity, Alex, Nadia, Anysia, Shyla, Joseph, Damien and Teddy. Photo by Crystal Dushkin, 2014.



January



February



March



April



May



June



July



August



September



October



November



December



Light in False Pass, October 2014. —Photo by Meghan Chapple.



Bev Johansen took this picture of Ian Shangin at the head of Akutan Bay.

**Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association**

## 2015 Photo CONTEST

It's not too early to think about next year!

We are looking for images from the APICDA communities of:

**Atka, Akutan, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, St. George and Unalaska.**

All original photos must be maximum resolution for quality reproduction use in APICDA's 2016 Calendar and/or 2015 Holiday Card. Begin now to capture winter 2015, including holiday traditions, cultural events, people at work, children at play, wildlife and scenics.

*Click often and send us your best shots when the contest begins in June 2015!*

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# Starring for Russian Orthodox Christmas



**W**HEN RUSSIAN FUR TRADERS settled in Alaska in the 1700s, they brought their religion and cultural traditions with them. One of those traditions was starring—slavic, or slavik in Russian—in which the faithful follow a brightly decorated, spinning star with an icon of the Nativity at its center, proclaiming “Christ is born” and singing traditional hymns and carols. Starring has become a Christmas tradition in many Alaska villages, where Russian orthodox settlers and missionaries converted the Native locals generations ago.

The star is intended to represent the Star of Bethlehem, followed by the three wise men who visited Jesus after his birth. As the wise men brought the good news of the birth of the Christ child, Orthodox believers spread the good news to homes in their villages. Starring is also a chance for the whole community to celebrate and gather together for fun during the darkest time of the year.

Each community celebrates starring a little bit differently. Some communities start at the church, singing Nativity carols and holding a worship service during which the star is blessed. Then they visit the homes of the priest and deacons and other church leaders, who give a brief sermon. In many villages, the procession goes to every house, sometimes over the course of several nights or even a week, following an agreed-upon schedule. Some believe that as the star enters the house, the spirit of Christ enters with it and blesses them.

Led by the church choir, the starring group sings traditional songs in Russian or Slavonic, English and the local Native language, then has a brief prayer. After each member of the procession bows in front of the icon and the star is hung up, the homeowners host the processioners to a meal or serve drinks and

snacks. Some give out small gifts or hand out candy for the children. The revelers stay at each house until everyone has eaten and relaxed and laughed together, before moving on. And after the last house is visited, some processions move on to the village cemetery to sing and spin the star to the departed. In other villages, graves are lit with candles or Christmas lights throughout the days-long starring festival.

Stars vary between villages, as well. Most are made of wood, with eight spokes coming out of a central wheel, wrapped in bright ribbons to give a colorful blurred effect when spun from behind by the bearer. Some wrap their stars with battery-powered lights (or electric lights that are plugged in at each house) or cover the spokes in tin foil or string them with tinsel to increase the sparkle. Some stars are about the size of a car tire, while others are huge and require several people to carry them. In some villages the singers also carry a spinning cross along with the star.

The star is usually spun counter clockwise during singing, but some villages end the singing in each house by spinning the star in the other direction to signify the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one.

The event is great fun for the children, who are allowed to stay up past their bedtimes while the star is in the house



*This new Russian star was built in 2013 by Jim Dickson and painted by Peat Atone who said, “the boys finished it with traditional decorations.” It is used during Russian Christmas Eve in Unalaska and then displayed at the Ounalashka Corporation office lobby as a piece of art. (Left to right) Arnold Dushkin, Boris Galaktionoff, Vince M. Tutiakoff, Pete Galaktionoff, Jim Dickson, Greg Shapsnikoff and Steven “Buttons” Hapoff. Photo courtesy Ounalashka Corp.*

or while they are participating in starring at others’ houses. And even as adults, many look forward to starring as a time of celebration, community and happiness, as families gather together. ▶

Excerpted from the original by Rebecca Luczycki and reprinted with permission from ALASKA Magazine.

## The Lekanoff Star of Unalaska

**T**he old glass-and-wood star has survived a long-distance move, a war and a devastating house fire.

It has been passed from family member to family member in the Lekanoff family. Through it all, it has remained a central part of the family’s annual Christmas celebration.

“My dad is pretty much the old faithful,” said Okalena Patricia Lekanoff-Gregory, Lekanoff’s daughter. “And the star is pretty much the only one that still goes around.”

The Lekanoff star, decorated with ribbons and painted with flowers, is the focus of attention in the Orthodox tradition of starring. Similar to caroling, starring involves singing songs to friends and neighbors each Christmas, visiting their homes, and spreading holiday goodwill.

The star was built by the uncle of Nikolai Lekanoff’s late wife, Polly, and

was put together using traditional methods—a wooden frame made without nails, glass points on the star, and a cloth backing glued on with a paste of flour and water.

Even Nikolai Lekanoff isn’t sure about its age. The Unanga elder simply says it was made “before my time.”

But since it was built in the now-extinct village of Kashega, the star’s survival has been a small miracle.

When the Natives in the Aleutians were forced to leave their homes during World War II, there was often a debate about what to do with valuable family possessions. Residents of Kashega didn’t have that luxury when they were evacuated from the village with virtually no warning.

“They were going to bury the stuff outside, but I’m glad they didn’t,” Lekanoff said. “We never would have found it again.”

Instead, Lekanoff’s family decided just to leave the star in storage at the old church in Kashega.

During the war years, many of the items in the village were looted or burned as firewood. An old wooden kayak in the family home was destroyed, and all of the Aleut Bibles in the church were stolen.

For some reason, the star remained untouched and after the war it was found in the same spot where it was left.

The star was brought to Unalaska after the war, where Nikolai and Polly settled to raise a family. In 1972, a house fire scorched the old star, forcing the family to repaint and rebuild it.

Every year since then, it has been part of the starring tradition. ▶

Excerpted from Unalaska Associated Press, Jan. 2001







This fall, Angel Drobica, APICDA Renewable Energy and Fisheries Liaison, met with a team of visiting contractors and local residents to begin construction on a geodesic greenhouse in Nelson Lagoon. The 26 ft. structure is passively heated by the sun and proved effective as soon as the last panel was set, reaching 80 degrees inside on a very cold and windy day. The dome is centrally located near the tribal office building and is open to any resident with a green thumb, or anyone interested in trying out gardening for the first time.

The first task for spring will be to fill the beds with a good soil base from a recipe of locally sourced ingredients. With proper management, soil can be made from pretty much anything including; sand, dirt, shells, kelp, fish waste, home compost or grass clippings. During the trip the group met with a handful of people to discuss soil preparation and showed an informative video compiled by Western SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education).



APICDA has identified food security as a top community priority and it is our goal to have at least one greenhouse in every city or village. We are hopeful that these growing spaces will provide access to fresh healthy fruits and vegetables while affording an opportunity for knowledge sharing and social gathering. ▴



# Nelson Lagoon

## CONDOLENCES

ZENOVIA LESTENKOF  
1938-2014



Zenovia Lestenkof, 75, of Palmer, Alaska, passed away Oct. 24, 2014. The greatest loves in her life were her 17 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. On special occasions it was a game with her children to see who would be the first to call, with so many of them you can imagine how early the calls started.

She loved her crossword puzzles and watching soaps. She was fluent in Aleut and loved to talk and tell stories in her language. It was a joy to listen to her. She was a loving "Kuka" to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and had special names and songs for many of them. She loved her church and was a faithful Russian Orthodox follower.

Zenovia was born on Nov. 12, 1938, on St. George Island, Alaska, to Alexander Prokopiof and Agnes Swetsof. She is survived by her children, Laurence Lestenkof (Marge), Esther Krukoff (Neon), Tikhon Lestenkof, Joanna Lestenkof (Tom), Smiley Lestenkof (Mitch), Paul Lestenkof (Sharon), Barry Lestenkof (Pam), Matthew Lestenkof (Vicki), Gregory Lestenkof (Leona), Nathan Lestenkof, Jonas Lestenkof (Sherry), Lolly Ahumada (Joe), Innokenty "Junior" Lestenkof (Debbi), Margaret Lestenkof (John), John Prokopiof and Monique Lestenkof (Brett); her sisters, Olga Makaily of Juneau, Alaska, Sarah Merculief of St. George Island, Alaska, and Elizabeth Spencer of Oregon; her grandson, Albert Lestenkof; along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church in Anchorage. ▴

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Laurence during Easter services in 2013. Melanie Prokopiof said, "It's an honor to carry down the winding sheet for Good Friday service and Laurence was asked to do that with three others."

LAURENCE PROKOPIOF  
1937-2014

Laurence was born on March 19, 1937 on St. George Island, Alaska. He was a son, brother, father, uncle, grandfather and friend to many in the community.

He was an active community member and served the church as well, helping whenever it was needed. His warmth and smile he had for everyone will be missed. Laurence passed away on Oct. 15, 2014 and was laid to rest in the St. George Island Cemetery. ▴

GUY A. MERCULIEF  
1959-2014



Guy Merculief, 54, grew up in St. George and was the youngest of 14 children born to Nicholai and Agatha Merculief.

He attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School and moved to Bethel when he married. He lived there for years and was known as a skilled musician who was rarely without his hollow-body guitar. His sister-in-law, Olga said, "He was always helping somebody. His friendliness had an urgency."

On Sept. 20, Guy was visiting relatives and friends in Anchorage before a planned flight home to Bethel the next day. He was killed in a hit-and-run collision as he crossed Fifth Avenue.

He leaves behind seven children and a large extended family. Guy was brother to Alvin Merculief, APICDA Port Engineer. ▴

Excerpted from Alaska Dispatch News, Sept. 21, 2014

"How I wish I could tell you one last time how much I love you, and to hear you say, "I love you too."  
How I wish I could hold you one last time and feel your arms around me. How I wish you could have stayed forever."



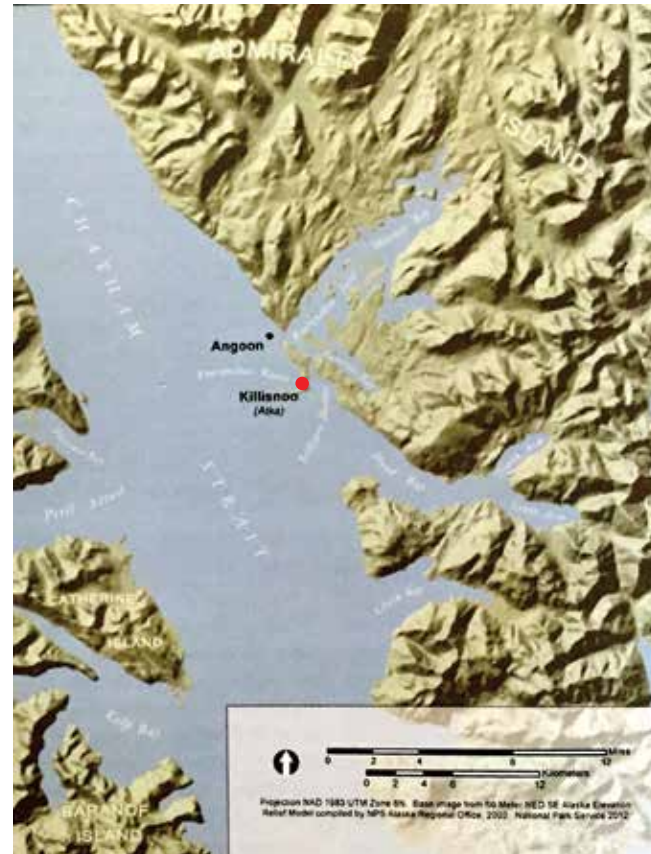
## Alice Petrivelli, Aleut Elder

**A**LEUT ELDER, Alice Petrivelli was photographed at the Reclaim Alaska: The Aleut Solution Substance Abuse Summit in September. Originally from Atka, Alice provided a personal and historical perspective on the Aleut evacuation and internment during World War II at the Summit. The people of Atka were relocated to Killisnoo near



Angoon and Alice spoke of the kindness she and her family received from the Angoon people despite the dismal living conditions that resulted in hunger, illness and even death for the most vulnerable. Alice shared that the Japanese aggression in the Aleutians and the internment of nine Unangan villages in southeast Alaska is well known today but was once excluded from school text books

in the United States. Alice spoke about how this devastating period still impacts people today. She has witnessed first-hand how generations of Unangan cope by numbing pain through unhealthy addictions from food to substance abuse. Her comments at the Summit helped participants to understand the role that historical trauma plays in today's world. ▶



Killisnoo is located south of Angoon on the west side of Admiralty Island, about 60 miles southeast of Funter Bay.



The residential district at Killisnoo consisted of densely packed frame buildings, making the community vulnerable to fire. Reprinted from the National Park Service's World War II Aleut Relocation Camps in Southeast Alaska. —Photo courtesy of Richard Powers.



**ALEUTIAN**  
— ADVENTURES —  
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**I**t's been a great year for APICDA's Aleutian Adventures! Our clients were very pleased with their vacation experiences in such remote and pristine environments. Next season is booking up fast.

A heartfelt thank you to the following Tourism Division employees for their outstanding dedication and professionalism!

**Nikolski:** Scott Kerr, Danny Snigarof, Vincent Lestenkof and Josh Stamm.

**Nelson Lagoon:** Merle Brandell, Lennie Brandell, Arlene Nelson, Bill McMahon, Mike Flynn, Kathy Kitts, John Nelson Jr. and Craig Rysewyk.

**Sandy River Lodge:** Mel Gillis, Jason Fee, Trevor Covich, Bill Stahl, Jay Robeson, Steve Smith and Anthony Giraldo.

Day-to-day operations were implemented expertly by David Heimes, Brett Weaver and Samantha Mierzejek. ▶



Bird's-eye view of the Sandy River property.



Wounded Warrior, Jeremy Pye (right), with Aleutian Adventures Tourism Guide, Brett Weaver, October 2014.



Interior views from the Nikolski Lodge.



Kathy Kitts, Sandy River camp cook 2014.



## APICDA Helps Cleanup Marine Debris

Marine debris is everyone's problem. It is a global problem affecting everything from the environment to the economy; from fishing and navigation to human health and safety; from the tiniest coral polyps to giant blue whales (source NOAA).



St. George beach cleanup, May 2014.

APICDA has been participating in marine debris mitigation efforts in our communities since 2007. This program, which APICDA generously supports, protects and preserves marine habitat for endangered and threatened species and provides economic opportunities for our community members. APICDA has invested over \$300,000 in matching grant funds for marine debris cleanup efforts in our communities in partnership with the Marine Conservation Alliance Foundation (MCAF) and the Sitka Sound Science Center (SSSC).

In past years, we have been pleased to assist the St. George Traditional Council with grants and administrative duties consisting of planning efforts, payroll support, the purchase of critically needed supplies and insurance. APICDA's insurance policy allowed St. George to access grant funds because the MCAF requires a \$1,000,000 minimum in general liability insurance.

Currently, we are committed to working closely with the communities of St. George, Nikolski and Nelson Lagoon to further their cleanup efforts. In collaboration with the SSSC, APICDA has committed financially and administratively to current and future cleanup projects in APICDA communities scheduled for 2016.

APICDA is dedicated to supporting the community's efforts and ultimately wants to eliminate the problem of marine debris on our beaches. ►

## APICDA Vision Statement:

The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) will develop commercial and sport fishing industry related opportunities to enhance the long-term social and economic viability of the coastal communities and their residents in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands.

APICDA will optimize benefits to its member communities and their residents through the development of infrastructure and fishery support services in the communities, the acquisition of seafood related businesses, including fishing vessels and/or processing facilities and support service industries at economically beneficial prices, and the acquisition of harvest and processing rights. By enabling the communities to participate in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Island fisheries,

APICDA will:

- Promote and participate in business opportunities with capital investment funds;
- Relieve chronic social problems through the creation of jobs, and encourage individual growth through educational and vocational opportunities;
- Promote community control over their individual economic and social destinies; and,
- Continue to assist each community as they make the transition from reliance upon a CDQ allocation to economic and social self-sufficiency.



## Who We Are

**APICDA** (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association) is a vertically integrated seafood company responsibly harvesting, processing and marketing wild Alaskan crab, pollock, cod, black cod, halibut and salmon from the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean in a sustainable manner. We maintain the highest standards of quality for our wild Alaskan seafood from the icy ocean waters to the table.

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## About APICDA

APICDA (Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated in the state of Alaska. Our charitable purpose is to develop stable local economies in our member communities of Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George.

Our focus on community development sets us apart from the typical seafood company. The region's seafood resources have provided for families in our communities through many generations. By doing business with APICDA, you assist our work to better the lives of people in the communities throughout the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands.

## December Board Meeting and Events



The APICDA Board of Directors (from left): Justine Gundersen (Nelson Lagoon), Andrew Lestenkof, Jr. (Nikolski), Rick Lauber (Fishing Industry), Pete Crandall (Financial Industry), Nikki Hoblet (False Pass), Harvey McGlashan (Akutan), Mark Snigaroff (Atka), Mark Merculief (St. George) and Bill Shaishnikoff (Unalaska).



APICDA CEO Larry Cotter (left), with Aleutian Marketplace business idea competition award winners, Anne Morris and teammate Eileen Dushkin (2nd place), Kristjan Laxfoss (1st place), Blaine Shaishnikoff (3rd place), Chris Lace (Aleut Corporation) and Tim Pearson (one of three independent competition judges).



Blaine Shaishnikoff presents his winning Aleutian Marketplace idea to build a hydroponic greenhouse in Unalaska.



Mark Snigaroff displays the gift he received at the December banquet for 10 years of service to APICDA. Thank you, Mark!



Decking the halls in the Anchorage office with Chantae Kochuten, Travel and Board Coordinator.