

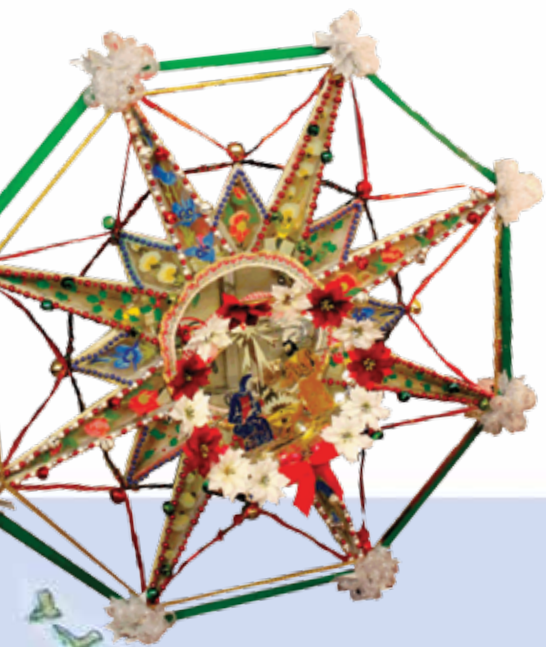


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APICDA Communities

Qaġatada.
Be Happy



Kayutuda.
Be Strong

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ON THE COVER:



Justine Gundersen holds the Puffin Mask presented to retiring APICDA Board Member, Rick Lauber.

—Art by Inupiat artist, Rick Lonsdale.



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Message from the CEO



Larry Cotter
Chief Executive Officer

Dear APICDA Communities and Stakeholders,

One of the most difficult things about accomplishing our mission to develop stable local economies is actually being successful at it. Sometimes the problems are our own, sometimes due to impediments difficult to conquer, and sometimes due to events totally out of our control—like the St. George harbor.

In 1983 the United States made a commitment to St. George to transition their economy from fur sealing to commercial fishing. By necessity, that means a harbor. The government never made good on that commitment, and 32 years later the community is still waiting. The future for St. George, and its people, demands a harbor.

We have worked diligently to develop the necessary federal support for construction of a safe and usable harbor in St. George. With a lot of assistance from Sen. Hoffmann and Rep. Edgmon, the state of Alaska, and our Congressional delegation, we are finally moving forward.

“In 1983 the United States made a commitment to St. George... 32 years later the community is still waiting.”

In September the state DOT, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and the City were able to negotiate and sign a Federal Cost Sharing Agreement. This agreement starts the ACE process toward receiving a Chief's Report, which allows the ACE to move forward with construction. All of the parties present agreed that our collective goal is to commence construction in the spring/summer of 2018, which means the project must go to bid the fall of 2017.

The first part of the process involves convening a charrette, which is in essence a three-day meeting to identify the goals, alternatives, problems and solutions. A critical component for progress is the extent to which the ACE can accept the work already produced and in the process of being produced by state DOT and their contractor; if so, we will likely have a shovel ready project, with environmental considerations addressed, by August of next year, and a Chief's Report shortly thereafter.

Despite that progress, considerable work and heavy lifting remain. We need to identify the construction vehicle (there are several ACE alternatives) and we have to identify the funding. Funding will certainly require substantial participation from the federal government, but also matching funds from the state of Alaska and APICDA (we anticipate both the state and APICDA will need to contribute at least \$10 million each.) We understand the state's fiscal climate, but we also believe there will be a series of \$200 million state general obligation bond packages moving forward during the next four years and St. George needs to be a part of that.

It has taken decades to get where we are right now, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. ▴

Larry Cotter, APICDA Chief Executive Officer

Happy Holidays from the APICDA Board



The APICDA Board met at the Anchorage office for end of the year meetings in December. Pictured from left to right; Board Chair, Mark Snigaroff, Bill Shaishnikoff, Tim Meintz, Pete Crandall, Justine Gundersen, Nikki Hoblet, Mark Mercurief, Andrew Lestenkof Jr., and Harvey McGlashan.

(Below) Todd Loomis of Ocean Peace, Inc., an APICDA partner, presents Larry Cotter with a CDQ royalty payment for 2015. Todd provided a special treat for banquet attendees—a delicious sampling of smoked Atka mackerel.



(Right) Gail Schubert, President and CEO of Bering Straits Native Corporation visits with Justine Gundersen, APICDA board member from Nelson Lagoon, at the Christmas banquet. Gail served as APICDA's first attorney and prepared APICDA's original 501(c)(3) incorporation paperwork.



Welcome to the Board



We are pleased to announce that Mr. Tim Meintz has joined the APICDA Board of Directors as an advisor representing the fishing industry.

He replaces Rick Lauber who retired after serving APICDA for 13 years.

Tim Meintz has been affiliated with APICDA from the very beginnings of the CDQ program in Alaska. He started out as a commercial fisherman and co-owner of Cascade Fishing Inc. from 1990 to 2011, fishing multi-species from his boat the F/V *Seafisher* as a partner with APICDA.

Tim lives in Seattle and also serves on the board of directors of North Pacific Fisheries Foundation (NPFF). NPFF was founded in 2006 to provide funding and project support for research and education in fisheries and marine mammal science in the North Pacific. ▴

Indigenous People's Day —Governor Walker renames Columbus Day in Alaska

Effective Date: Monday, October 12, 2015

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana, and some Alaskan Tribes, passed resolution #11-57 to "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day;" ...

Alaska has officially renamed Columbus Day "Indigenous Peoples Day," joining a growing body of local governments moving in that direction.

In an executive proclamation, Gov. Bill Walker wrote that "Alaska is built upon the homelands and communities of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the state would not be possible." He pointed out that 16% of Alaskans have indigenous heritage, and that "the State opposes systematic racism toward Indigenous Peoples of Alaska or any Alaskans of any origin and promotes policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history."

South Dakota has celebrated "Native American Day" on the second Monday of October since 1990, and many U.S. cities from Albuquerque to Portland officially celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day. ▴

—Source: <http://time.com> by Sarah Begley, Oct. 12, 2015



ATKA —2015 photo contest image submitted by Nina Golodov.

Aleutian Marketplace Competition 2016

Special thanks to the Alaska Small Business Development Center (ASBDC) at UAA for teaching an informative business plan writing workshop in October. The workshop was held in Anchorage between the Aleut Corporation (TAC) shareholder meeting and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) conference to support the next phase of the Aleutian Marketplace Competition. We had 10 residents and former residents of the region attend. If you

have always wanted to start a business in the region here's your chance; this competition provides the winner with \$20,000 in seed money! Please find all the details, including a chance to get your business plan draft reviewed and pre-scored by the ASBDC prior to the final March 4, 2016 deadline, at www.apicda.com/aleutian-marketplace.

2016 APICDA Photo Contest Begins

It's not too early to start capturing images for the 2016 photo contest! Submissions must be original high resolution format. Contact APICDA Media Dept. for more information. ▲

BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION

You could win \$20,000 in seed money to start your in-region business and a trip into Anchorage to present your idea!

ALEUTIAN marketplace

Business plans due by: Friday, March 4, 2016 5:00 pm.

Businesses must be located in one or more of these communities:

- Adak
- Akutan
- Atka
- Cold Bay
- King Cove
- Nikolski
- False Pass
- Nelson Lagoon
- Sand Point
- St. George
- St. Paul
- Unalaska

A Cooperative Initiative Sponsored by: Aleut Corporation

For more information please visit: www.apicda.com/aleutian-marketplace —PLEASE SHARE AND POST

Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association

Photo Contest 2016 *Get Ready, Get Set, Get Snapping!*

We are looking for images from the APICDA communities of:
Atka • Akutan • False Pass • Nelson Lagoon
Nikolski • St. George • Unalaska

All original photos must be maximum resolution for quality reproduction use in the APICDA 2017 Calendar and/or 2016 Holiday Card. Capture the seasons, holiday traditions, cultural events, people at work, children at play, wildlife and scenics.

\$100 for each winning entry!

Click often and send us your best shots by **5:00 pm** on September 30, 2016

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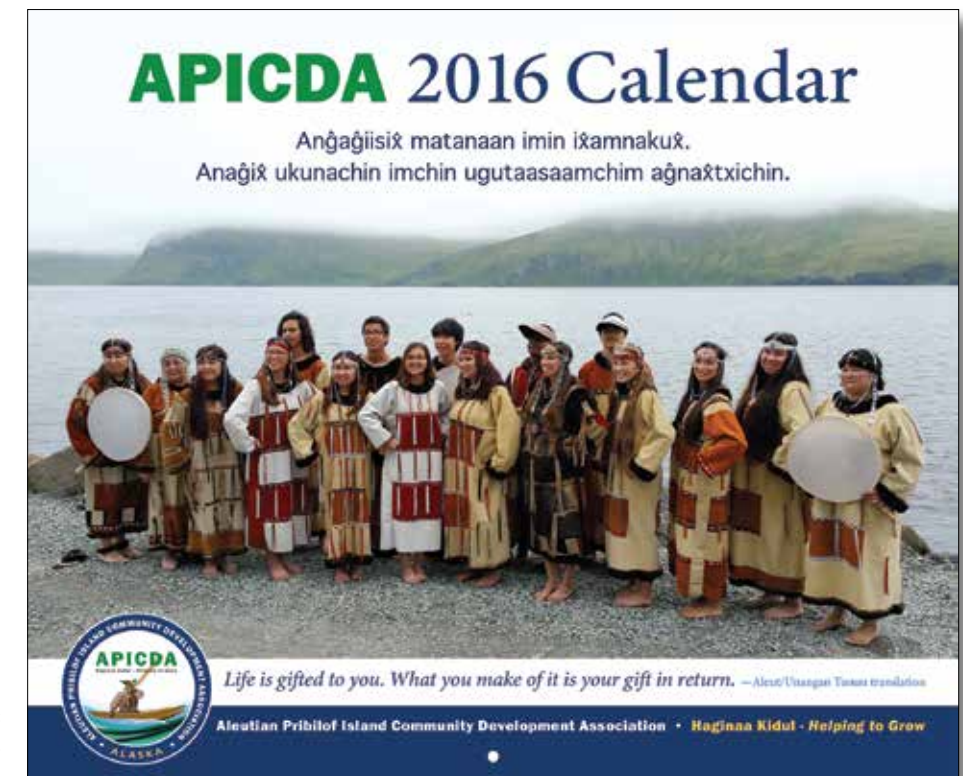
Congratulations 2015 Photo Contest Winners!

The 2015 APICDA Photo Contest yielded 200 unique photos submitted by 24 talented photographers. We sincerely thank all participants for sharing images that captured the beauty and culture of the Aleutian/Pribilof region!



William Tyler Lekanof had 2 of his images of St. George Island selected for the 2016 calendar. William is a junior at Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka.

On the COVER:
Akutanam Axaniijangin Dance Group, Akutan 2015.
—Photo by Anesia Kudrin



JANUARY —Johanna Tellman



FEBRUARY —Joshua Prokopiof



MARCH —Johanna Tellman



APRIL —Haliehana Stepetin



MAY —Charlene Lestenkof



JUNE —Tim Malloy



JULY —Kenneth J. Reeves



AUGUST —Tim Malloy



SEPTEMBER —Fr. Andrei Tepper



OCTOBER —William Tyler Lekanof



NOVEMBER —Nikkita Shellikoff



DECEMBER —Meghan Chapple

False Pass



The Beach House in False Pass, Alaska.



High school teacher Kevin Barnett instructing students, Dayton Hoblet, Alex Dulian and Regan Hoblet in water survival skills using dry suits donated by APICDA. This photo was taken 30 minutes before the first snow storm hit False Pass on Nov. 9, 2015. —Photos by Kevin Frederic, APICDA's False Pass Fuel Co. Manager.

Mr. Michael E. Swetzof is Honored

One of the highlights of the AFN Convention and the Aleut Corporation shareholder meeting the week prior was Michael E. Swetzof receiving two distinguished awards. He received the Aleut Corporation's Shareholder of the Year award and the AFN President's Culture Bearer award for his dedicated leadership of the Unangan people.

Mr. Michael Swetzof was born in St. George and was raised in Unalaska until he attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka. In the late 1960s and early 1970s he was directly involved in the fight for Indigenous land claims and helped to shape the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). He travelled with a team of leaders to all the villages in the region to educate the people about selecting lands and was the first President of the Aleut Corporation, one of the 12 regional Alaska Native corporations created by ANCSA.

In 1981, Michael and his wife Sally moved to Atka, where Sally is from. Michael led the local fisherman in forming the Atka Fisherman's Association for their own benefit and for the good of the community. The Fisherman's Association began the local halibut fishery and processing operation, which would later evolve into a joint operation with APICDA now known as Atka Pride Seafoods (APS).

In the 1990s, Mr. Swetzof became the President of the Aleutian Region School District. His vision for the school was to bring back much of the lost Unanga culture and heritage in addition to providing a solid education for all students. He had a goal for traditional dance to be revived, and the school district hired the people who would make that possible, initially bringing Ekaterina Gil from Kamchatka, Russia, and the following year hiring Ethan Petticrew, of Unangax heritage, who led the students and staff of the Atka School to recreate Unanga dancing as we know it today.

In the late 1990s, Michael and Sally lived in Adak, Alaska, where Michael served as Mayor for many years. His visionary leadership and activism will have a significant impact for generations. Congratulations, Mr. Swetzof and thank you for your steadfast commitment to the region and its people!

In October, APICDA hosted conference booths at the Aleut Shareholder meeting and the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) event. It was a joy to spend time with the residents from our region and make a few new friends in the process. Special thanks to our Anchorage team for helping make both events a success. ▲

THE ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES (AFN) convention is the largest representative annual gathering in the United States of any Native peoples. Each year, the AFN Convention draws about 4,500 attendees and is broadcast live in Alaska via television, radio and webcast to over 70 countries worldwide. In addition to the resolutions and policy statements voted on by the delegates, there are memorable keynote speeches, expert panels, special reports and several evenings of cultural performances.



Michael and Sally Swetzof (center) with daughter Crystal Dushkin (left) and Sally's brother, Danny Boy Snigaroff, far right. In front, are Makarius and Sosi, grandchildren from daughter Marii.

Marii Swetzof, welcomed baby Roman on Oct. 12. Marii is the Executive Assistant in APICDA's Anchorage office. Congratulations to the Swetzof family!



Tim Shagin and daughter Emma at the APICDA booth. Tim's bentwood visor was featured and attracted many visitors, encouraging awareness of Unangan culture during the AFN Convention. Tim is father to Ian, featured on the APICDA banner in the background.





This fall, Dr. Michele Yatchmeneff, an APICDA scholarship recipient and Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program (ANSEP) alumni, started her career as a tenure-track Alaska Native engineering faculty member at the University Alaska Anchorage (UAA).

Dr. Yatchmeneff earned her doctorate in engineering from Purdue University in the spring and is now teaching the next generation of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) industry professionals in Alaska.

Throughout her school and work experiences, Dr. Yatchmeneff felt that there was an ongoing negative stereotype that came with her Alaska Native heritage. As a result, she returned to ANSEP in 2007 as deputy director, with the goal of motivating other Alaska Native students to earn STEM degrees and join her in combating those stereotypes.

"ANSEP students inspire me every day because they are knocking down barriers they don't even realize exist," said Dr. Yatchmeneff. "I'm looking forward to helping students learn to navigate the university and getting them excited about their undergraduate engineering degrees."

Her advice for Alaska students interested in STEM careers is to participate in summer components and internships at ANSEP and make school a priority. Michele truly believes that everyone can turn a bad situation into a positive one – it all depends on how you look at the obstacle standing in front of you.

ANSEP's longitudinal model begins at the middle school level and continues through high school and into college undergraduate, graduate and doctorate programs. ▲

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Meet Dr. Michele Yatchmeneff

Alaska Native Science & Engineering Program



Aleut International Association

The Arctic Council's Senior Arctic Officials meetings were held in Anchorage in October with APICDA's Field Office Administrator and Arctic Youth Leader, CHANTAE KOCHUTEN, attending. Chantae was a member of the Aleut International Association's (AIA) delegation. AIA is one of six permanent participants of the Arctic Council. Chantae was afforded this opportunity because of her significant interest in issues regarding the Arctic. In April 2015, she attended the Future Arctic Leaders (FAL) workshop in Ottawa, Canada as part of a youth group selected to develop policy recommendations for the Arctic Council. ▲



AIA's delegation to the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials meeting in Anchorage, Left to Right: Patricia Lekanoff-Gregory, Chantae Kochuten, Jim Gamble, Liza Mack, Arlene Gundersen, Laresa Syverson, and Vera Belobrova. Not Shown: Thomas Mack and Karen Pletnikoff. —Photo courtesy Jessica Veldstra

APICDA Supplemental Education Scholarship Program

AK SEAGRANT offers trainings throughout the year. APICDA will pay 50% of approved course fees, travel and lodging to our eligible community members. Please visit their website for detailed information about upcoming courses at seagrant.uaf.edu.

Upcoming Training:

YOUNG FISHERMAN'S SUMMIT,
Juneau, AK (\$100 fee) January 27-29, 2016



Anchorage Construction Academy offers FREE training in ironwork and welding, sheet metal, electrical pre-apprenticeship and shielded metal arc welding. Please visit alaskaca.org for a complete list of courses.

Contact Anfesia Tutiakoff, Training & Education Coordinator, for more information on the APICDA Supplemental Education Scholarship at education@apicda.com.

Alaska Seafood Processor Leadership Institute

For the fifth year in a row, the Alaska Seafood Processor Leadership Institute convened in Kodiak to guide seafood plant employees through the business and technical sides of the seafood processing industry.

In November, APICDA HR Director, Loren Abbey and Field Office Administrator, Chantae Kochuten attended Alaska Sea Grant's UAF Kodiak Seafood and Marine Science Camp. The Alaska Seafood Processing Leadership Institute had 23 participants from 10 seafood processing companies across the state.



Chantae (center) stated, "I knew that there were going to be people who were just starting out in the industry, just like me, in processing companies all around Alaska, and it's really good to network in the industry because as we move forward, the people that I'm meeting today will be in management positions in these companies in the future."

APICDA needs businesses to mentor interns for 2016!

APICDA is looking to work with community businesses to develop internship opportunities for residents of our communities. We have extended our internship programs to include a YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM ages 14-17 with little to no work experience.

YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

Created to introduce our youth to employment opportunities and to gain valuable work experience needed to bridge the gap between going to school and landing a great job. Youth will be partnered with a mentor to help the youth navigate their internship and work experience in order to get as much as they can from their internship.

EMPLOYMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

APICDA offers the Employment Internship Program to residents interested in gaining valuable work experience. Participants must meet the minimum employment qualifications for positions advertised. Duration of placement is three months.

COLLEGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM:

The APICDA College Internship Program provides employment opportunities for residents who receive the Emil Berikoff, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. The program assists in placing students in summer internships that offer practical experience to their interests and education goals.

Internships are available within the APICDA family, subsidiaries, partnerships and other organizations affiliated with the region. Salaries and other costs are covered in whole or part by APICDA with any difference being made up by the host entity. ▲

If you are interested in having an intern work for your business or are a resident willing to work a three-month internship please contact Anfesia at education@apicda.com OR call our toll free number at: 1-888-927-4232.

CONDOLENCES

ALICE PETRIVELLI (1929 –2015)

Alice "Sniggy" (Snigaroff) Petrivelli, 85, of Anchorage, Alaska, passed on Sept. 10, 2015, at home. Alice was born in Atka, Alaska, on Nov. 18, 1929, to Cedor and Agnes (Zaachney) Snigaroff. She had one

sister, Vera (Snigaroff) Nevzoroff, and four brothers, Poda, John, George and Gabriel. Alice married Frank Petrivelli in 1956; they were married until his death. In Atka, Alice lived a traditional Aleut life until the 1942 Dutch Harbor bombing, after which her village was relocated to Killisnoo, Alaska. Alice then attended and graduated from Mt. Edgecombe and later Haskell Institute in Kansas. Back in Alaska, she worked in Bethel and met Frank and moved to Boston, Mass., where she worked for WT Grants. She then devoted herself to military family life traveling around the country, until Frank's Army retirement in 1969, when they returned to Alaska. In 1972, she started as receptionist at the Aleut Corporation. In 1976, Alice ran and won election to the Board of Directors. While living in Atka during the '80s, she served as President of Atx-am Corporation. At various times on the Aleut Corporation board, she served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair; in 1991, she was the CEO/President. She was an advocate for restitution for Aleut WWII relocatees for land and homes lost. Alice's goal was to help Aleuts remember their Unangan traditions and succeed in today's world. She helped form the Aleut Foundation, nurturing its mission to assist Aleuts with educational and cultural goals. Her ultimate goal was always "protecting the land and our culture." Alice was very supportive and provided guidance. She always said you can achieve anything you put your mind to. She enjoyed bingo and looked forward to her annual Las Vegas

trip. Alice was an active and devout member of the Russian Orthodox faith in Anchorage and Atka. Alice's family includes daughters, Patricia, Carol Sue and Frances; sons, Joseph, Anthony, Gino and Steven; her stepdaughters, Evelyn Portrait and Lynn Peters; her grandchildren, Michael Jr., Eric and Megan Jenks and Elizabeth Petrivelli; her great-grandchildren, McKial and Liam McCarty; and her nephew, Mark Snigaroff. Alice is preceded in death by her husband; parents; brothers; and sister. A service was held at St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Cathedral with burial at the Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery.

NORMA GILBERT (1929 –2015)



Norma Gilbert was born on Dec. 17, 1929 and passed away peacefully on Oct. 23, 2015, at her home in Bellingham, Wash., with her beloved cat, Tiger, by her side, exactly as she wished. She is survived by her much loved son, William R. Gilbert; daughter, Darien and her husband Johnny Mack; and grandchildren, Jay-R Hoff and Michelle Delkettie. In addition, there is a very large family of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her best friend, Frances. Norma met and then married her husband of 61 years, William T. Gilbert, in Sand Point, Alaska, on Jan. 7, 1948. They had two children: son, William R. Gilbert and daughter, Darien J. Gilbert. Though she was mainly a homemaker, she also worked in various seafood processing canneries in Alaska, as well as being the chief cook and dishwasher on various family owned commercial fishing vessels in and around Sand Point. Norma was born to Henry and Ida Peterson at False Pass, Alaska. During her childhood she lived in various Alaska villages besides False Pass, those being Ikat-tan, King Cove and ultimately Sand Point —the place she called "Home." Her most favorite hobbies occurred during the summers in Sand Point where she went trout fishing and salmonberry and mossberry picking, often with her best friend Frances

in tow. Being an extremely private person, she was very loyal to her family, friends and especially close and loving to her son, William R. Preceded in death by her husband, William T. Gilbert; parents, Henry and Ida Peterson; sister, Gertrude; mother-in-law, Esther "Annie"; and father-in-law, William Gilbert Sr.; all brothers and sisters-in-law; and all aunts, uncles and cousins too numerous to name. Yes, Norma was the last of a particular generation in our family. A true Lady, she was dearly loved and we shall cherish forever the memories of her. Service and burial was held in Sand Point.

LEONTY LOKANIN (1948 –2015)

Leonty "Araapax" Lokanin was born July 1, 1948 in Atka, Alaska. He passed on Oct. 5, 2015. Leonty was known to his family and friends to be a jokester and avid storyteller, always greeting friends and family with his



trademark smile. Not laying importance on worldly possessions, his wandering soul could often times fit what he owned into a duffel bag. However, the experiences, stories and friendships he had could fill the grandest palace. He worked hard all his life and was the first to give you the shirt off his back or buy the bar a round. He had a special place in his heart for babies and children; his calloused hands showed such tenderness when it came to kids. He knew how to live off the land —hunting, fishing and camping were a way of life, especially at Thompson Beach on the West side of Cook Inlet, where he spent many summers. He was a world traveler, particularly with the U.S. Army. He trained and was stationed throughout the United States, overseas, and in Vietnam, where he served proudly. He was a jack of all trades, holding professions such as bartender, soldier, card dealer, power plant operator and Mayor of Atka, just to name a few. However, commercial fishing, especially for king crab and salmon on the Alaskan seas, was his passion and was where he seemed most comfortable. He is survived by his

brother, Archie and Archie's wife, Marilyn; his brother, Danny Boy; sisters, Helen, Margaret, Parascovia, Diana and Ramona; son, Deacon John Douglas Kudrin with his wife, Matushka Ana; granddaughter, Juliana; and countless cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. He is also survived by first cousin, Agnes, whom he considered a sister. He had a special bond with her children, Patty, Tracy, Jeffrey, Jeanette, Joanna and Julian, whom he helped raise, especially after the passing of their father, Harvey J. Thompson, who was Leonty's friend and godson. Funeral services were provided by Janssen's Evergreen Memorial Chapel and St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Anchorage.

ALEXIS MERCULIEF SR. (1956 - 2015)



Alexis (Chee Chee Puk) Merculief Sr., 59, passed away in Anchorage, Alaska, on Sept. 5, 2015. A visitation and service was held at St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Cathedral in Anchorage, on Sept. 11, 2015, with Father John Zabinko officiating. Pallbearers included: Alex Merculief Jr., John

R. Merculief, Carl Merculief, Terenty A. Merculief, Warren Mitvitnikoff Sr. and Phillip Tuttle Sr. Alexis was to rest at Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery. Alexis was born on St. George Island, Alaska, on Feb. 24, 1956. He graduated from Mt. Edgecumbe High School in 1974. Alexis was a talented carpenter: he built a beautiful chapel on St. George Island. The family wrote, "Alexis was an excellent hunter and fisherman. He was kind to all and above all, he was an excellent carpenter." Survivors include his sons, Alexis Merculief Jr. (Kendra), George Lestenkof and Adam Shapsnikoff (Mabel); daughters, Monetha Merrill (Aaron) and Sabrina Floresta (Esper); sisters, Lillian Demoski (Ernest) and Luanne Tuttle (Phillip); brothers, John R. Merculief, Carl Merculief (Louise) and Terenty A. Merculief; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Jane Merculief; father, Terenty Merculief; brother, Theodosy Merculief; and sisters, Lorene Bristol and Lida Merculief.

FRANCES D. LARSEN (1952 –2015)

Frances D. Larsen, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly a resident of King Cove, Alaska, passed away at Alaska

Native Medical Center with family by her side after a short battle with cancer. Frances was born on Dec. 22, 1952, in Atka, Alaska, to Clara Snigaroff. Frances married Lawrence Larsen on Feb. 23, 1973, in King Cove; they celebrated 41 beautiful years together. Frances was very out going and very dedicated and hard working in everything she did. She always had a smile and kind words to everybody she met. Her utmost favorite thing was to hang out with family and friends, no matter where she was. Frances is survived by her three children, Fredrica (Richard) Johnson of Anchorage, Lori (Laine) Pound of Deer Park, Wash., and Marvin (Tammy) Larsen of Stevens, Wash.; seven grandchildren, Jazmond and Orion Pound, Cynthia, Autumn, Kyriake and Natalia Johnson and Kale Larsen; her sister, Sally (Mike) Swetsof; brothers, Danny and Ronald



Snigaroff and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence L. Larsen; and mother, Clara Snigaroff. ▴

—Reprinted from Alaska Dispatch News

Nikolski Health Fair

In September, the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association (APIA) held a Health Fair in Nikolski with support from APICDA. Tatiana Hillhouse won the Leupold binoculars donated by APICDA.



The health fair featured information and resources on tobacco use prevention, injury prevention, home and community safety, alcohol use awareness, suicide prevention, healthy eating and managing and preventing diabetes. ▴



The Aleutian Adventures 2015 fishing season ended on a high note with numerous steelhead caught and released on both the Sandy and Sapsuk rivers. Clients were very pleased with their trips and our guides and cooks at both camps. The Nikolski reindeer hunting trips bagged 23 bulls thanks to guides Brett Weaver, Danny Snigaroff and Vincent Lestenkof. ▲



Hunters, Todd and Janet Branson of Houston, Texas with their Nikolski reindeer —Photo by Brett Weaver.



The Sandy River Lodge.

The Sandy River is approximately 500 miles west of Anchorage on the Alaska Peninsula. It would be difficult to find a place more remote than the Sandy River Lodge which has been in operation for over 30 years.



Skin sewer working on a bear rug.

A Piece of Alaska History

Knight's Taxidermy has been in business and in the same building for 38 years on Arctic Blvd. in south Anchorage. They have had plenty of time to learn the many life lessons that will make a hunting trip go smoothly and they know how to educate hunters on how to handle or process their big game trophies. Knight's has had a partnership with APICDA's Aleutian Adventures since 2008 and understand APICDA's mission and purpose.

After Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. implemented stringent rules regarding shipping, including the need to use a "known shipper" when transporting large objects out of Alaska. Currently, Knight's creates and processes 200-300 bear rugs each year. Shipping rules, quality and expertise has helped Knight's Taxidermy to become one of the top 10% companies of its kind in the country.

Today, Knight's employs 20 workers and four full-time taxidermists. Russell Knight has a larger-than-life personality with Hollywood connections and serves as Master of Ceremonies at hunting events around the country and has been featured on the History Channel's "Mounted in Alaska" program. He credits his ability and confidence in public speaking to a Toast Master's class he attended as a young man.

For non-resident hunters from outside Alaska, Knight's recommends establishing a relationship with a local taxidermist while planning a trip. Hunters should plan to arrange to meet the taxidermist and his staff to get all their questions answered before they go into the field.

"Mounted in Alaska" on the History Channel

In Season 1, we meet Russell Knight, owner of Knight's Taxidermy in Anchorage. He is originally from Jackson, Mississippi and was first introduced to his future trade while still in high school and working in a taxidermy shop. After hearing about Alaska from a fellow worker, he decided as a young teen that Alaska was for him. He finally made the trip in 1977 and worked for Ray's Taxidermy for 14 years at the same location he now owns. Russell spent some time in Quanzhou, China where he learned special-

ized techniques and tool making, but that is another story. He is sometimes called the "Pioneering Taxidermist" for his innovative approach, building his own molds, creating his own sculptures and designing many items for his shop such as his signature fish hat. ▲



Russell Knight in his shop and with APICDA's Tourism Manager, George Weaver. Russell flew out to Nikolski last year to teach guides Danny Snigaroff, Vincent Lestenkof, Josh Stamm and Brett Weaver how to properly cape and prep trophies for clients.

KNIGHT'S TAXIDERM' offers skinning classes by appointment. They take on apprentices who generally work two years in the skinning room turning ears and lips and learning fleshing before they move on to learn the art of taxidermy. They build fiberglass forms created from clay molds and one of their biggest sellers is the bear paw plaque, popular for awards. Knight's has the only king crab fiberglass mold in the world! They are the only certified company in Alaska to process polar bear and sea mammal hides and skins.

For more information check out their website at: www.knightstaxidermy.com or call (907) 344-5501. Knight's Taxidermy is located at 7329 Arctic Blvd., Anchorage, AK 99518.

Aleut History Book Project:

Voyages of the Lost Aleutian Ledgers

When researcher and writer, J. Pennelope Goforth found six ledger books written by agents of the Alaska Commercial Company from the 1800s stored in a basement in Washington state, she knew she had stumbled on a treasure. These rare books span activity from 1875 to 1897 and contain valuable cultural, ethnographic, demographic and economic details about life in Aleutian villages in the late 1800s. One journal is titled *Winter Hunting Party of 1886-1887*.

With support from APICDA, Goforth was able to digitize and transcribe over 700 pages which are available as a 3 DVD set and she is currently working on a book to tie it all together starting with an introduction about the Alaska Commercial Company, which arrived in the new territory of Alaska in 1867.

Ms. Goforth is passionate about telling the stories of these fearless hunters. She writes, "They represent the last of the great Aleut sea hunters spanning hundreds of nautical miles from Sanak Island in the east to Umnak Island in the west. Many are from the lost villages of Makushin and Biorka; others hailed from Akutan and Tschernofski. Many of their names are carried by grandchildren and great-grandchildren today: Burenin, Mershinen, Golodof, Tootiakof, Prokopief, and Galaktionof (*spellings are as recorded in the ledgers*). Only three full generations away from today, their names and feats of hunting remained hidden in these lost ledgers, until now."

If you are related to any of the Aleut hunters listed above or want to order the \$30.00 DVD set, contact JP Goforth at cybrrcat@gmail.com or by mail at: PO Box 240165 / Anchorage, AK 99524. ▲

Alaadikaġ—Aleut Fried Bread

Recipe by Elekonida Kashevarof and Sarah S. Merculief

From the *St. George Island Cookbook, 2000*

Ingredients:

- ½ cup warm water
- 2 packages yeast
- 1 ½ cups lukewarm milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 8 cups flour

Directions:

Put yeast in warm water until dissolved. Stir in remaining ingredients. Mix with spoon until smooth. Add enough flour to handle mix easily with hands, turn onto lightly floured board and knead. Cover and let rise in a warm place for about an hour. Lightly grease your hands, take about a handful of dough, flatten, and deep fry until golden brown. Place on paper towels to drain. Yum. ▲



J. Pennelope Goforth is the author of "Sailing the Mail in Alaska, The Maritime Years of Alaska Photographer John E. Thwaites." Thwaites took photos from the deck of the SS DORA of Unangan hunters in 2-man traditional iqyaġ (kayaks) during some of the final hunts for sea otter, sea lions, and seal pelts.



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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ST. INNOCENT (Veniaminov), Metropolitan of Moscow and Kolomensk was glorified (canonized) by the Russian Orthodox Church on Oct. 6, 1977. He was born in the Russian village of Anginsk in the Irkutsk diocese. The Apostle of America and Siberia proclaimed the Gospel "even to the ends of the earth" which brought him to the Aleutian islands in 1823. He preached in the six dialects of the local tribes on the island of Sitka in 1834; among the Kolosh (Tlingit); in the remotest settlements of the extensive Kamchatka diocese in 1853; among the Koryak, Chukchei, Tungus in the Yakutsk region and North America in 1857; in the Amur and the Usuriisk region from 1860.

St. Innocent translated a Catechism and the Gospel into the Aleut language. In 1833, he wrote in this language one of the finest works of Orthodox missionary activity "Indication of the Way to the Kingdom of Heaven".

In 1859, the Yakut first heard the Word of God and divine services in their native language. Twice, in 1860 and 1861, St. Innocent met with St. Nicholas the Apostle to Japan, sharing with him his spiritual experience.

A remarkable preacher, St. Innocent said, "Whoever abounds in faith and love, can have mouth and wisdom, and the heart cannot resist their serving it."

Having begun his apostolic work as a parish priest, St. Innocent completed it as Metropolitan of Moscow (Jan. 5, 1868—March 31, 1879). He obeyed the will of God all his life, and he left behind a theme for the sermon to be preached at his funeral: "The steps of a man are rightly ordered by the Lord" (Psalm 36/37:23).

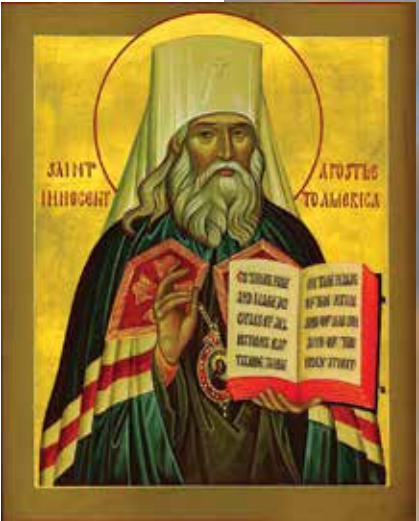
St. Innocent is commemorated on Oct. 5 (Synaxis of the Moscow Hierarchs) and on Oct. 6 (his glorification).

—Source: Orthodox Church in America / oca.org

Russion Orthodox Christmas is January 7, 2016

Many Orthodox Christians in the United States celebrate Christmas Day on or near January 7 in the Gregorian calendar. This date works to be December 25 in the Julian calendar, which pre-dates the Gregorian calendar.

On January 7, many Aleuts celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and for three nights begin the tradition of following the Star of the East, called "Starring". ▲



Repose of St. Innocent the Metropolitan of Moscow the Enlightener of the Aleuts and Apostle to the Americas.

Holy Ascension Cathedral, Unalaska. —Photo by Johanna Tellman

