



# Ketchikan Pioneer Home

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Greetings from the Administrator



Please accept our apologies for the late delivery of this newsletter as I held up the process last week when I was out of town last week attending meetings at the Sitka Pioneer Home with my colleagues from our Central Office and other Pioneer Homes from throughout the State.

As always it is an absolute honor to work with such fine folks and I consider myself lucky to be a part of the team. I love visiting little Sitka by the sea and feel such a sense of history when touring the Sitka Pioneer Home.

Our holiday traditions are always something we look forward to though we have lost many residents over these past couple of months and that undoubtedly takes its toll on our hearts. We have also said farewell to some long time staff members who feel more like family than co-worker or acquaintance and that leaves a mark as well. Please watch for announcements as we plan to celebrate Hilary's last day with us as the Recreation Therapist (don't worry we won't let her leave us permanently as we hope to recruit her as a member of our dedicated volunteer crew.)

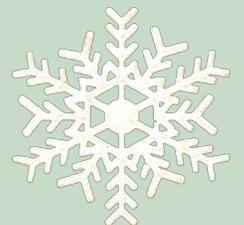
As you all know by now Governor Walker has moved on to the next phase of his career and I know the residents have expressed a desire to thank him and his family for their years of hard work and sacrifice. Public service is not for the faint of heart and I have nothing but respect for those who stand in the arena.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Governor Dunleavy and Lt. Governor Meyer as they assemble their teams and begin the daunting task of Governing our State. I have been updating staff and residents as the leaders and developments are announced and we look forward to welcoming them at the KPH when they next visit Ketchikan.

It's undoubtedly a time of transition for those of us who work for the State of Alaska but I continue to share a message of reassurance that our mission of caring for the individuals who helped to build our state remains the same and so we carry on.

Happiest of holidays from our home to yours.

*Julie Sande*





Kayhi Rotary Interact is a service organization for teens that focuses on leadership, community service and civic engagement.

# Many Thanks

Kayhi ROTARY INTERACT hosted its Annual Pie Auction last month in support of the KPH Resident Council. This annual event raises money to help offset the costs of KPH's weekly activities, outings, resident recreation and special celebrations/events. Because activities funding is no longer available through the State, KPH residents rely on donations in order to have these opportunities available to them. This year's auction raised over

**\$4000.00**



Due to the generosity of our KPH Foundation, we were able to purchase a much needed MAXI LIFT for our residents! A MAXI LIFT is a high-performance lift designed to allow the caregiver to provide a higher standard of care. The lift allows a single caregiver to safely manage a wide range of resident handling routines.



**Thank you again KPH FOUNDATION!!**



PIONEERS OF ALASKA MAKE ANNUAL MONETARY DONATIONS TO HELP MAKE THE HOLIDAYS A LITTLE HAPPIER FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND CAREGIVERS. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT DURING THE HOLIDAYS!

## **WE APPRECIATE YOU**

**IGLOO No. 4 FOUNDATION**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S IGLOO #6**

**MEN'S & WOMEN'S IGLOO # 1**

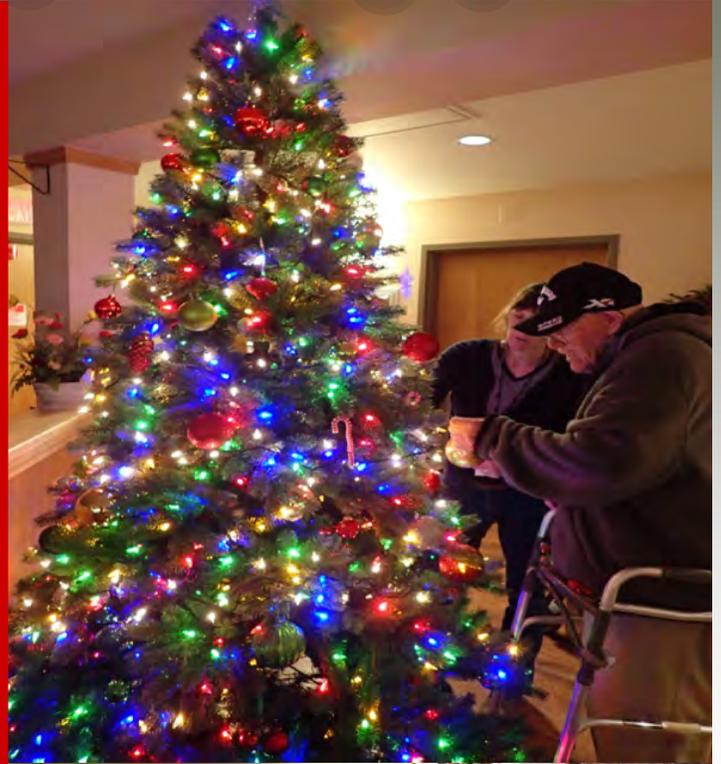
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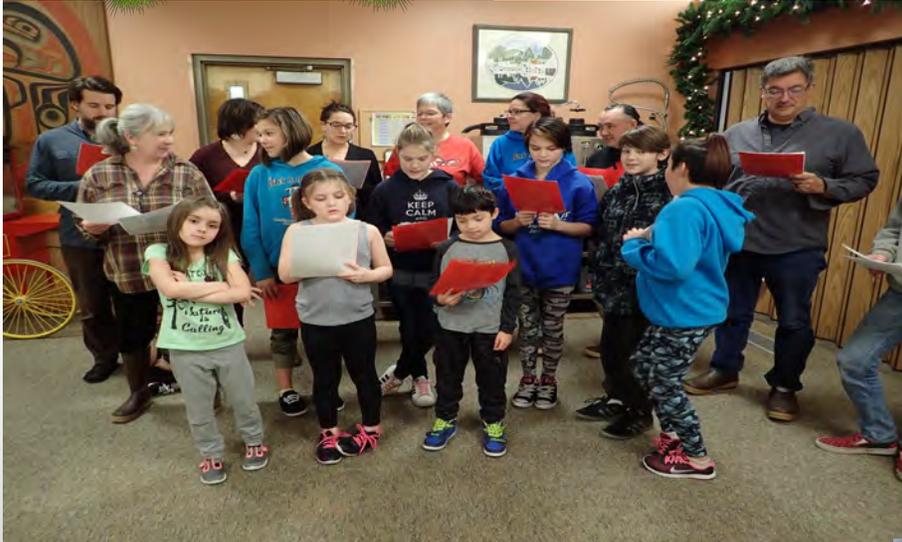


**Thank You First City Electric & Island Pharmacy  
for your help lighting up our big tree!  
You have made our holiday season  
even brighter!**



Through the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we always manage to take time to remember the little things that make the holidays so special. From decorating our home with sparkling lights to spending time with family & friends over a cup of tea, we never forget the spirit of the holidays. May you all enjoy the most wonderful time of the year! We wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!





**FAMILY DINNER**  
**DECEMBER 20TH 5:00PM**  
Menu: Vegetable Soup, Steak & Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables &  
Bread Pudding  
**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**  
**BY CALLING**  
**HILARY: 228-3372**



# Hilary Koch

Ms. Hilary first started coming to KPH as our visiting librarian and would bring books, materials and movies to share with the residents. Now she currently is known as



our ACTIVITIES Guru! Hilary not only makes special connections with each and every residents by



bringing energy, joy and humor to their lives, she extends this kindness to our volunteers and staff. As a recreation therapist, Hilary organizes various activities that help residents maintain social interactions and connections with each other. From weekly BINGO games and Ice Cream socials to

the big summer Garage Sale and Christmas Holiday extravaganzas, Hilary makes our Pioneer Home the place to be! She decorates, designs, coordinates and collaborates—and does it with a SMILE! Former KPH Activities Coordinator Bett Jakubek adds “the position is incredibly rewarding and demanding simultaneously and Hilary has done it very well—she leaves BIG shoes to fill!” Hilary has promised to not go too far as she plan to continue visiting KPH as a VOLUNTEER. We will



make sure she keeps her word. Celebrations to honor Hilary and all the



work she has done for us are in the works! Keep an eye out for the retirement party announcements.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**STAFF  
BIRTHDAYS**  
MARITES WEHYMILLER  
12/5  
JESUSA R. SEROTE  
12/25



**Happy Birthday Lorraine (12/5)**



**Happy Birthday Norma (12/27)**

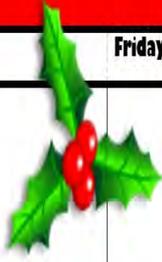


**Happy Birthday Barbara (12/14)**



**Happy Birthday Myrtle (12/3)**

# December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; color: green; text-align: center;">                     Our Salon is open every Thursday with beauticians Vicki and Dody                 </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; color: green; text-align: center;">                     Newspaper and Coffee Monday—Friday at 9:30 in the Sun Room.                 </div>					1 10:00 Coffee Time, Third Floor  1:30 Group Crossword puzzle with Lesley and Jim in Gardenview
2 2:00 Church Service, 3rd Floor.  2:00—3:00 Haida Dance Group Rehearsal in the Great Room.	3 <b>Foundation Lunch</b> 1:30 Third Floor Games 3:00 Pastor Keith visits 6:00 <b>Game Night with Clover Pass Youth Group</b> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; color: red; text-align: center;">                         Myrtle Thompson's Birthday December 3rd                     </div>	4 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee  10:30 Exercise Class  1:30 Gospel Sing Along	5 10:30 Library Time with the Preschool. 1:30 Bingo 2:30 <b>Lady Bugs Preschool visits!</b> <div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 2px; color: green; text-align: center;">                         Lorraine Perry's Birthday December 5th                     </div>	6 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee 10:30 Exercise Class  12:30 Ukulele practice  2:00 Third floor baking	7 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee 10:45 3rd Floor Pre school Activity  1:30 Ice Cream Social	8 10:00 Coffee Time, Third Floor  1:30 Group Crossword puzzle with Lesley and Jim in Gardenview	
9 2:00 Church Service, 3rd Floor  2:00-3:00 Haida Dance Group Rehearsal in the Great Room. Everyone welcome.	10 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee  1:30 <b>Resident Council</b>  3:00 Pastor Keith visits	11 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee  10:30 Exercise Class  1:30 Gospel Sing Along  3:30 Java Memory Club	12 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee 10:45 Library Time with the Preschool. 11:00 Catholic Mass  1:30 Bingo	13 10:30 Exercise Class 12:30 Ukulele practice  4:00 <b>Dinner at the Landing</b> 5:30 <b>Spa Night</b>	14 10:30 <b>Santa comes to visit the preschool!</b> 1:30 Ice Cream Social <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; color: red; text-align: center;">                         Barbara Johansen's Birthday!                     </div> 	15 10:00 Coffee Time, Third Floor  1:30 Group Crossword puzzle with Lesley and Jim in Gardenview	
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30 2:00 Church Service, 3rd Floor.  2:00—3:00 Haida Dance Group Rehearsal in the Great Room.	31 9:30 Newspaper & Coffee  1:30 <b>New Years Eve Toast!</b>  3:00 Pastor Keith visits	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 10px; color: red; text-align: center;">                     Knitters meet on Wednesdays at 12:30.                 </div> 			<div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px; color: red; text-align: center;">                     Happy New Year!                      See you in 2019                 </div>		