

**AUGUST  
ACTIVITY  
CALENDAR**

8/2 Foundation Luncheon  
8/2 Massage Therapist Here  
8/4 Monthly Tea Party Cancelled  
8/4 Massage Therapist Here 1-3 p.m.  
8/7 Blueberry Festival Day  
8/9 Resident Council Meeting 1:30 p.m.  
8/10 Allen Marine Harbor Cruise 1:00 p.m.  
8/11 Catholic Mass 11:00 a.m.  
8/13 Outing to Totem Bight 5:45 p.m.  
8/16 Low Vision Support Group 10:30 a.m.  
8/18 Hilary the Librarian Here 1:30 p.m.



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# KETCHIKAN PIONEER HOME

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



This month it seems as though we have been attempting to set a record for the number of activities, both scheduled and unscheduled, that we could possibly pack into a month. Some of our more thrilling adventures have included: The Doll and Bear Tea Party, picnics on the roof deck, the Senior Picnic at Ward Lake and the Garage Sale.

I would like to offer a great big Thank You to the staff and volunteers who helped with the Garage Sale as well as the staff who helped us with our Assisted Living Licensing Inspection. I always look forward to the inspections because it is easy to forget how much we have accomplished or improved upon until someone else comes and helps us measure our progress. The inspection went very well despite the Garage Sale chaos!

In addition to so many lovely happenings this month we have also hired some GREAT new staff!  
Welcome Aboard and Happy Summer!

*Julie Sande, Administrator*



KGH's Kendall Sawa and Julie Sande at the recent Ward Lake Picnic.

## LOOKING FORWARD



We are so excited to once again announce that the Allen Marine Tours and Holland America Princess Tours have invited the residents of the Ketchikan Pioneer Home and their guests to participate in a Harbor Cruise on Tuesday, August 10th. We will be departing the dock near the Salmon Landing at 2:00 p.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. The vessel is handi-cap accessible and includes restrooms.

Please contact Bett if you would like to attend this wonderful activity.

# WARD LAKE SENIOR PICNIC SUCCESS



Don Finney enjoys the great outdoors during the recent picnic at Ward Lake.

The community wide senior picnic at Ward Lake was a tremendous success with warm weather and so many of our friends and colleagues in attendance. Special thanks to all of the

senior agencies who helped pull it off: K.I.C, New Horizons, Senior Services, Rendezvous Adult Day Center, Community Connections, Senior Care Coordination and Nana Management. A great big Thank You to Joel Kotrc and Grace Carlin for manning the grill!

The residents enjoyed a nice picnic lunch and were thoroughly entertained by the sing-along provided by Rikki and Jos Govaars. Everyone who attended had an opportunity to breathe in fresh air and feel the sun on our faces while enjoying the company of great friends and family. Hope to see you next year!

# DOLL AND BEAR TEA PARTY



The residents recently hosted our cutest event EVER! The Doll and Bear Tea party was packed with dolls, bears, a Buzz Light year, and even My Little Ponies! It was hard to

say whether the residents or the kiddos had more fun. But everyone young and old enjoyed the Ding Dong and Twinkie Kabobs while reminiscing about their favorite dolly!

A special Thanks to Joan Martin for the use of her vintage American Girls.



# GARAGE SALE FUN



Once again, the community of Ketchikan has blown us away with their generosity. We had 32 volunteers and 52 youth volunteers, not to mention truck loads and truck loads of donated treasures. The resident council earned over \$8,000 to help keep their program filled with meaningful activities and adventure filled days. **Thanks so much Ketchikan!**

# FOURTH OF JULY FUN



Resident Bessie Comiskey represents KPH in the Parade.

Okay! So we did not have the balmy weather of last July, but we did manage to get through the entire parade without getting wet AND by the end of the day it was positively warm outside! We enjoyed participating in the parade especially since the theme this year was honoring Pioneers.

We were grateful once again to enjoy the music of the Misty Thistle Bag Pipers as they came to the home to perform in the Great Room while we snacked on some warm fresh fry bread.



Harley Hall and granddaughter Roni Thomas walk the parade route handing out candy.

## KPH FOUNDATION NEWS

The Ketchikan Pioneer Home Foundation is a non-profit organization formed solely for the purpose of assisting residents with equipment/special purchases that they might otherwise not be able to provide. We are so grateful to

the Ketchikan General Hospital and to the KPH Foundation for their assistance in paying for the new landscaping along Bryant and Tongass Avenue. Thanks so much for helping to make us so beautiful! Special thanks also to the members of our Foundation who assisted with the Garage Sale.



Staff and volunteers help direct chaos and count money at the Garage Sale.

- Bob Sivertsen*
- Alaire Stanton*
- Nerissa Buendia*
- A. Fred Miller*
- Bessie Comiskey*
- Idonna Hanson*
- Bill Moran*
- Wally Kubley*
- Ed Zastrow*
- Cleo Weston*
- Ann Thompson*
- Terry Wanzer*
- Mona O'Dell*
- Fred Monrean*
- Sherrie Slick*
- Ray Hendricks*

## BETT MOVING ON

Bett is scheduled to retire on September 15th and will be temporarily relocating to Portland to attend school. She promises to stay in touch with the residents via email so they can learn to correspond via the computer a bit better! There will be a celebration for Bett in September so please watch for future announcements.





# KPH

## Activity Calendar Continued...

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The mission of AK Pioneer Homes is to assist older Alaskans to have the highest quality of life by providing assisted living in a safe home setting which promotes positive relationships, meaningful activities, and physical, emotional, and spiritual growth.

- 8/16 Low Vision Support Group 10:30 a.m.
- 8/18 Hilary the Librarian Here 1:30 p.m.
- 8/18 Pioneer Auxiliary Igloo #7
- 8/19 Birthday Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m.
- 8/23 Eden Training for Residents and Staff
- 8/24 Karaoke Night 6:00 p.m.
- 8/25 Catholic Mass 11:00 a.m.
- 8/26 First Day of School
- 8/26 Outing to Rendezvous 1:00 p.m.
- 8/28 Seventh Day Adventist Service



## Resident Council Elections

Our Resident council is so amazing! The meetings have been well attended and the Home is so lucky to have such a core group of residents who are well informed and interested in the issues.

Congratulations to new President Pat Koons and Vice President Louise Lane. A special thank you also to past President Bessie Comiskey for such dedicated service.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### RESIDENTS

- 08/01/1927 Hal Koons
- 08/18/1921 Stella Mackie
- 08/19/1929 Leona Lamphier
- 08/30/1913 Bessie Comiskey

### STAFF

- Anastacia Ylanan 08/10
- Erwin Malabanan 8/13
- Kathleen Geary 08/17
- Henry Seludo 08/21
- Ace Chenhall 08/27

*“May all your future years be free from disappointment, care or strife, that every birthday you will be a little more in love with life.”*

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# SURVIVE AND THRIVE

The residents had an opportunity recently to view the new breast cancer documentary by Affinity Films: Survive and Thrive. The film is meant to be an inspirational resource for women in Alaska who have recently been diagnosed. The film features eleven women from across the country and includes two local

survivors: Elinore Jacobsen and Julie Sande. The screening was a great activity with opportunity for discussion of past diagnosis; and treatments as well as questions about the film making process. Each breast cancer survivor was recognized with a pink feather boa.



Resident breast cancer survivors Louise Lane and Pat Charles during the recent documentary screening.



Resident Margaret McCombs and her great grandchildren play with dolls during the recent Doll and Bear Tea Party hosted by the residents.



# FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

We were so saddened to lose our dear friend Ethel Belle (Pete) Kondzela. Pete was such a lovely lady and enjoyed her time with children and her family. She will be remembered for her giving and compassionate spirit, and for her amazing sense of humor and quick wit.



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