

ACTIVITY
CALENDAR

APRIL

- **Newspaper Reading and Coffee** at 9:30 a.m. Monday—Saturday
- **Our Beautician** is here every Thursday
- **Library Time with the Pre-school** is every Friday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Exercise Class with Debra** is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Ice Cream Social** is every Friday at 1:30 p.m.
- **Hunter Reads Aloud** on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

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Ketchikan Pioneer Home

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Greetings from the Administrator

We are on the home stretch of our construction chaos so please plan to drop by toward the end of the month and see our completed third floor renovation. We expect substantial completion within the next couple of weeks and will plan for an open house this summer when all of the furniture and art are in place.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Division Director,

Ken Truitt. Mr. Truitt was appointed by the Commissioner in March and begins work on April 16th. Please join me in welcoming him to our Division.

I ran across a photo that made me smile this week and I thought I would share the memory. I was pregnant with my 14 year old son when I started working as the social worker at the KPH and the resi-

dents were always so happy to spend time with him when I could bring him in. The photo below is one of my all time favorite residents, Teresa (Tessie) Thompson and Shawn Sande during a Friday ice cream social.



Julie Sande, Administrator

KPH RESIDENT COUNCIL REQUEST

The KPH Resident Council is feeling a bit neglected. They currently only have twenty Friends who have liked their Facebook page. The FB account has been an experiment for our residents as the new technology is a bit confusing. However, the residents are excited about their new laptop and their newfound ability to share the activity calendar and other happenings along with some of their favorite photos. If you are a FB user, please checkout the KPH Resident Council page and "like" us!

APRIL FAMILY & FRIENDS DINNER



Resident Basil Nickerson and his young guest enjoy the fresh flowers.

The KPH April Family and Friends Dinner is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on April 18. We hope to see all of our friends and family for our favorite dinner of the month!
Menu:

Appetizer:
Fruit Tray

Soup:
Italian Wedding Soup

Entrée:
Traditional Italian Lasagna served with Broccoli and Garlic Bread

Dessert:
Tiramisu Layer Cake

Please contact Hilary at 228-3372 or e-mail hilary.koch@alaska.gov to reserve your table before Tuesday, April 16th.



Resident Louise Laine and her friends enjoy the St. Paddy's Day themed dinner.

"If you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely."

- Roald Dahl

DISTINGUISHED YOUNG WOMEN

Each year the Distinguished Young Women of Alaska spend some time with the residents of the KPH. These lovely young ladies are from all over the state and come to Ketchikan to compete for scholarships and the chance

to represent Alaska at the Nationals in Alabama. We were so pleased they could join us again this year and share their many talents as well as volunteer with the residents for ice cream social.



Alaska's Distinguished Young Women

KPH VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

This month more than any other we find ourselves so grateful for the efforts of the amazing volunteer core that we have at the Ketchikan Pioneer Home. We could not begin to carry out our activities without them. One

volunteer that we would like to highlight this month is our friend Ben Jensen. He has spent countless hours visiting with our residents and makes many of our days better because he has been a part of them. Please join us on April 25th for our Volunteer Celebration at 6:00 p.m.



Resident Ellis Lundin and Ben enjoy a good laugh during the March Family and Friends Dinner.



Cheese! Ben with resident Basil Nickerson posing for their picture at this month's Birthday Lunch Bunch.

KPH IDITAROD WINNERS!



This year the Pioneer Home participated in our version of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race. Residents and staff randomly picked the name

of a registered musher in the race. Each day we charted their daily progress on a results board. It was a lot of fun tracking the mushers as they pushed along the trail. We finished the event with prizes and an awards ceremony. First place was Gladys Klose and her partner Mitch Seavey followed by Ilona

Brady with Aliy Zirkle, and in third place Victor Hanson riding along with Jeff King. A special thanks to Amy DeTienne for contributing her 2013 Iditarod Anchorage photos for our display. Congratulations to you all. Oh and Gladys, that brand new pickup truck and the check must still be in the mail.

Gladys Klose winner of the 2013 KPH Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.



KPH FOUNDATION NEWS

The Ketchikan Pioneer Home Foundation is a non profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide funds for resident needs that would otherwise not be provided by the State of Alaska. Donations can be made to the KPH Foundation and sent c/o the KPH @ 141 Bryant St. KTN 99901



Resident Annie Ruaro and daughter Debbie enjoy a laugh over her birthday lunch at the Landing.

- Bob Sivertsen*
- Alaire Stanton*
- Nerissa Buendia*
- Bill Moran*
- Ed Zastrow*
- Cleo Weston*
- Ann Thompson*
- Terry Wanzer*
- Mona O'Dell*
- Fred Monrean*
- Idonna Hanson*
- Sherrie Slick*
- Ray Hendricks*
- Linda Koons-Auger*



Please save the date! April 10th at 2:30 p.m. we will be having a bridal fashion show. Please bring your memories and anything else "bridal" to share. This has been such a fun activity in the past so please come and join in the fun. If you have items you would like to model or display please call Hilary before the event at 228-3372 .



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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.

April 1 Foundation Lunch

April 8 Resident Council Meeting @ 1:00

April 10 Spring Bridal Tea and Fashion Show @ 2:00

April 15 Garden Club Slide Show

April 16 Karaoke @ 6:00

April 17 Pioneers of AK monthly birthday party

April 19 Community Connections Grand Opening

April 24 Lady Bugs Visit

April 25 Volunteer Appreciation 6:00 p.m.



ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION

We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with an Irish ice cream social. Thank you to Mary Larsen and Don Pennington who provided the good old fashioned Irish music along with some of our all time favorites. Everyone joined in the fun as we commenced to the "wearing of the green" with sparkly hats and bow ties and toasted our glasses with the traditional green punch.



Resident & Staff Birthdays

STAFF

Shermaine DeLeon 04/09
Alfredo Aparici 04/12
LuAnne Mace 04/18
Marivic Rabacal 04/19
Jamie Easterly 04/22
Tessie Nacionales 04/30



RESIDENTS

04/13/1930 Oddie Johansen
04/25/1922 Violet Riley
04/30/1927 Eugene McManus
04/30/1929 Meredith(June) Oyler
04/30/1932 Pat Koons

REMEMBERING FRIENDS...

Staff and residents were saddened to lose our friends Hal Koons and Sadie Schurdevin this month.

Sadie has been with us for such a short time but we were so pleased to have been able to spend time with her.

Hal Koons passed away on the 26th surrounded by his beloved children and wife Pat. The family hosted a lovely service for Hal in the Great Room on Saturday. He will be deeply missed.



GERIATRIC HEALTH EDUCATION

The Ketchikan Pioneer Home will be a host site for the 2013 Tele-Health Series on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Issues through the Northwest Geriatric Education Center. The seminar will be held April 2-June 4 every Tuesday from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room. For more information on Seminar topics and registering for sessions please contact Vanessa Bruns at 228-3365.



Easter with
our Lady Bug
kiddos from
Holy Name

