

**AUGUST  
ACTIVITY  
CALENDAR**

**\*Every Tuesday  
this summer Rie-  
kie Govaars will be  
leading a sing  
along @ 1:30 on  
the 3rd Floor**

**\*Newspaper  
& Coffee @ 9:30  
Mon-Sat**

**\*Every Sunday @  
1:30 local Church  
Service on the  
3rd Floor**

**\*BINGO is every  
Wednesday @ 1:30**

**\*Exercise with  
Marguerite every  
Tues & Thurs  
@10:30**

**8/3 Monthly Tea  
Party with the  
Axelsons**

**8/6 Blueberry  
Festival Week-  
end**

**8/8 Resident  
Council Meeting  
1:30**

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# KETCHIKAN PIONEER HOME

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## GREETINGS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR



I have to admit that "summer" has yet to arrive to our fair little community and we are beginning to wonder if it is going to.

Despite less than stellar weather, we have had such a good time this month. We participated in the Fourth of July festivities, enjoyed a real Alaska Stunt Show, and are having fun learning how to drum!

This month we were pleased to see the completion of our third floor flooring project, which concludes construction on the third floor until we begin the major renovations of the tub room and fireweed neighborhood.

We conducted our OSHA and Assisted Living Licensing inspections this month and I am proud to announce that the continued hard work of the KPH staff has paid off.

Both inspection agencies reported positive reviews of our files and our care of the residents. Way to go KPH Staff... Keep up the great work that you do!



Resident Hal Koons rose bloomed this month despite the rain. It was magnificent!

## 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 9th. We will be departing the dock near the Salmon Landing at 2:00 p.m. and return at 4:00p.m. The vessel is handi-cap accessible and includes restrooms.

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

# KPH NEWSLETTER GOES DIGITAL

The KPH Newsletter staff are happy to announce that the newsletter is now available online. In an effort to “go green” we have worked to establish email lists instead of mailing lists.



If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please contact:  
Roni.Thomas@alaska.gov or  
Julie.Sande@alaska.gov.

If we do not hear from you we will assume you wish to continue to receive the newsletter via snail mail.

We have also “tentatively” helped the Resident Council establish their Facebook page which they hope to be able to use to post their activity calendar and photos that they wish to share. Watch next months newsletter for more information.

# BEATING OUR DRUMS



The residents have had so much fun with the new drumming activity. A special thanks to Cindy Barber, Carolyn Dixon and grandson Kody for helping the residents make music

and beat the drums! At the residents request we are now making the drumming circle a regular activity.



# GARAGE SALE FUN



Once again, the community of Ketchikan has blown us away with their generosity. We had so many volunteers including youth organizations and members of our Foundation. We were thrilled with all of the donated treasures! The resident council earned over \$7,000 to help keep their program filled with meaningful activities and adventure filled days. **Thanks so much Ketchikan!**

# FOURTH OF JULY FUN



Resident Bessie Comiskey and Activity Director Hilary Koch during our Fourth of July Celebration.

Despite the rain, (pouring buckets), we weathered the storm and had a grand time on the Fourth of July. The residents and staff decorated the float for the parade, went to the Moose,

hosted the Misty Thistle Band, and celebrated the day with watermelon and hot dogs at a gathering in the afternoon. It was a great day and we are so grateful for everyone who pitched in.



Resident Edith Nelson as she prepares to ride in the KPH Float during the parade.

## 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

Holland America Line Inc. for their \$1,000 cash grant to the KPH Foundation. Special Thanks to the Holland America Ketchikan Board Members: Bob Berto, Martin Pihl, Rosie Roppel, Marlene Scanlon, Jerry Scudero, Sherrie Slick, and Bill Williams.



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

## LOCAL IDITAROD CELEBRITY

Local Iditarod Celebrity, Angie Taggart, was kind enough to come and visit the residents and bring two huskies to pet and two pups for us to hold. We were able to hear a first hand account of what it is like to run the Iditarod which was a real treat since the residents follow the race closely every year. Thanks so much Angie!





# KPH

## Activity Calendar Continued...

Ketchikan Pioneer Home  
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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.

- 8/08 Drumming Circle 3:00 p.m.
- 8/09 Allen Marine Tour 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 8/10 Movie Night 5:30 p.m.
- 8/11 Librarian Visit
- 8/15 Low vision support group 10:30 a.m.
- 8/17 Monthly Birthday Party 3:00 p.m.
- 8/18 City Wide Senior Picnic at Ward Lake (weather permitting)
- 8/22 Drumming Group 3:00 p.m.
- 8/25 Birthday Lunch Bunch
- 8/25 Read Aloud After noon
- 8/25 Reminiscing and Nightcaps 5:30 p.m.



## 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 Louise Lane and Vice President Pat Koons.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



### RESIDENTS

- 08/01/1927 Hal Koons
- 08/17/1920 Jane Church
- 08/18/1921 Stella Mackie
- 08/19/1929 Leona Lamphier
- 08/30/1913 Bessie Comiskey

### STAFF

- Dominga Villaflor 08/04
- Erwin Malabanan 8/13
- Henry Seludo 08/21
- Carmelita Manabat 08/23
- 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."*

*unknown*

# WILD ALASKA STUNT SHOW

We were grateful to be invited to see the latest Ketchikan tourist attraction, the Wild Alaska Stunt Show which is located on Berth IV.

The residents were delighted with the acrobatics and sparring among the stuntmen and women.



It was a real treat to be able to see inside the new big tent and to view the professionals as they re-enacted a Wild West scene which was action packed and humorous.



Residents enjoyed the latest tourist destination in Ketchikan.



Resident Floy Wingen celebrated her 98th Birthday with family and friends.



# TOURIST FOR A DAY

After our big day at the stunt show, the residents and staff enjoyed a lovely stroll along the waterfront and enjoyed a brief visit from the sun. The residents were able to see the new cruise ship dock and the new promenade. We were also able to take in the new sights along the waterfront and see ALL of the jewelry stores.

