



# Girdwood Rotary Club (31180)

## Meeting Minutes

\*\*\* June 18, 2009 \*\*\*



The meeting was called to order by President Elect Mike Wilson at approximately 7:00 pm with Lana Johnson leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introductions & Welcomes:** Introduce the person to your right and Ron don't forget Gwen!

**Fun Times:** CeCe Mendonsa

**Happy Bucks:** Ellen Twiname

Members and guests present are listed in the tables below.

Members	Present Absent	Members	Present Absent
Alexander, David - <b>Public Relations Chr</b>	P	Mendonsa, CeCe – <b>Fund Raising Chr / Fun Chr</b>	P
Burson, Ronald - <b>President / Administration Chr</b>		Stewart, George – <b>Int'l Chr / President Nominee</b>	
Daniels, Larry – <b>Service Projects Chr / Community Chr</b>		Twiname, Ellen – <b>Sgt-at-Arms</b>	P
Gellert, Hubert (exempt) – <b>Meeting Greeter</b>		Weits, Frans – <b>Meeting Venue Chr</b>	
Hatch, Ken – <b>King of Raffles</b>	P	Weits, Jen – <b>Secretary</b>	P
Hickox, John – <b>Vice President</b>		Wilson, Mike – <b>Membership Chr / President Elect</b>	
Hosford, Hank – <b>Treasurer</b>	P	Wingard, Jennifer	
Johnson, Lana – <b>Director</b>	P	Yeager, Tom	P
Kiana, Joyce – <b>Meeting Greeter</b>		Zaccaro, Marco – <b>Director</b>	
Liddicoat, Jody – <b>Past President</b>			

Guest Name	Guest of:	Rotarian Club	Comment
Kathleen Madden	Club	Anchorage East	Speaker on RFE to Thailand
Christine Kastanopolous	Club	Anchorage East	Assistant speaker on RFE to Thailand
Kathy Peters	Club		Local potter and X-country skier
Gwen Burson			Esteemed guest

### **Announcements:**

- On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, our 2009 – 2010 District 5010 Governor Bill Hopper will visit our club. Bill would like to meet in an informal setting with the board and as many members as possible. Therefore, we's gonna meet at Ron's house starting promptly at 5:30 pm. Modest but copious drinking will be barely tolerated for this welcoming of our new DG. We'll have some unique Alaskan or Girdwood appetizers - created by all of you. At 6:30, we will adjourn to Jack Sprat for the regular meeting and social. At the Social, speeches will only be tolerated from Bill Hopper. Please make every effort to come and honor our new DG, who will be working his butt of for our District next year. If you dona come, we gonna senda someone who's gonna breaka your kneecaps!!



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- Buy your wine tasting ticket from George, Mike or Jen! August 10<sup>th</sup> is the event at the Double Musky - two favorites in one (Musky x 2 plus wine). Standby for information on a silent auction.
- Forest Fair is back with us and we expect to be doing parking lot duty at Jeff and Eileen Demain's property behind the Post Office again.
- Everyone look forward to a day or two at the playground in the near future to do some needed annual maintenance. John Gallup wanted us to organize a maintenance prior to forest fair, but it looks as though one is already scheduled.
- Lana is looking for accommodations for an intern for a two month period beginning next month. If you have or know of someone who can put this young lady up, please let Lana know. This situation is dire
- George Stewart met Emily Peal, the head of the Foundation for Women, Liberia. She directs a micro-credit organization (with Rotary funding) which, in 2 years, has provided over 500 women with loans. Please watch the 25 minute video at [www.foundationforwomen.org](http://www.foundationforwomen.org). George is hoping Deborah Lindholm, founder, can visit here, next Wednesday.
- On June 24<sup>th</sup>, Girdwood Center for Visual Arts will present "Art on the Lake." It will be an evening of art, music and the taking in the beauty of Alaska while cruising on the MV Ptarmigan on pristine Portage Lake - all while sipping wine and munching on delicious hors d'oeuvres. Live music will be performed by Eli Whitney and Cade Loving. This event will add a truly memorable experience to your summer!  
The all-weather cruise will begin at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 24 at a cost of \$50 per person (\$30 for 12 years old and under). The cruise includes wine/beer and hors d'oeuvres. Pay when you get there.
- **Future Meetings**
  - **June 25** Officer induction. None other than Mr. Wilson will be our incoming President.
  - **July 2** Our new District Governor Bill Hopper, who's a regular visitor to our club, will be here for the meeting – and possibly for the Forest Fair..
  - **July 9** Kevin Fryslie, Anchorage FBI Office Director, will speak on some of the ways to avoid being a victim of crime. Kevin was the agent in charge when Elizabeth Smart was rescued in Utah.
  - **July 16** Aves Thompson, Alaska Trucking Association, on Alaska's roads and freight.hauling along the corridor (date tentative).



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- **July 23** Wayne and Shane Mitchell on TBA (Training Better Artists Toward A Better Alaska), You've seen Wayne and Shane on tv, most recently in the Trooper drunk driving commercial. Two of the funniest guys in Southcentral Alaska..
- **July 30** Monthly Girdwood Rotary business meeting
- **August 6** TBA
- **August 13** Tommy O'Malley on the 2009 Girdwood Center for Visual Arts Day Camp (date flexible).
- **August 20** Ginny Grupp on Alaska Fitness and ways to help yourself amidst air quality issues, weather challenges, and health club costs.
- **August 27** Monthly Business Meeting
- **September 10** Ruth Schoenleben from the Red Ribbon Steering Committee on this citizen-school based program to keep kids off drugs.

#### Old Business:

**New Business:** It's that time for Whittier and Seward cruise tours. It takes 2-2.5 hours to go deep into the bowels of the ship and see everything from recycling, water purification, the galley, the spa and the bridge. They serve a lunch and the bus stops to gather you at the Girdwood train depot. Contact Lana Johnson to schedule your time.

**Guest Speaker:** Ron Burson introduced Kathleen Madden.

Kathleen is a blue-eyed, blonde dynamo – always wearing a big smile. She is a piano tuner turned Certified Financial Planner traveling Rotarian. Kathleen decided 14 years ago that tuning people's finances at Wadell and Reed was better for her tuning arm than banging on piano keys.

Kathleen has been in Anchorage East club since 2001 and during that time has served as club president, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Bequest Society and currently serves on the District Grants Committee, the District Friendship Committee and the District Membership Committee. If that wasn't enough, last week she volunteered to be drafted to help out with the Wheel Chair Foundation.

Kathleen has been to Thailand five times on RFE's or GSE's or FE's in addition to a RFE trip to Japan . Hopefully she'll explain what all these RFE's or FRE's or GSE's and so on really are.

On her most recent trip to Thailand Kathleen was accompanied by Christine Kastanopolous, who has been an Anchorage East Rotarian for one and one half years.



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Kathleen relayed to us the importance of international exchange programs. How wonderful and moving the experience is, for all involved, and the relationships that continue long after they go home.

Thank you Kathleen and Christine for your moving and energetic account of Service in Thailand!

**Q & A:l:**



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**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ pm