Director’s Message

Deen’t’aa Gana-A’Yoo
Shareholders,

Enaa’ Masee’ for allowing me to serve on the Board of Directors since 2009. During this time, I have seen our corporation grow and become stable in an ever changing business world. I have witnessed the diligence that our CEO and board members practice. I agree with the direction that this board is going.

I didn’t know at the time that I ran for the board that we would actually move to Hawaii. I didn’t miss any meetings until this February when I realized that I could not adequately serve on the board.

I wanted to share what I learned and hopefully have a small impact on our shareholders. During one of my first meetings, I heard Sidney Huntington give a speech in Galena about sustainability. He mentioned that long ago, it was easier for him to raise his family on the available resources because there weren’t that many families. Nowadays there are more people living off the same resources. He said it is much harder to feed a family on limited moose numbers. He also stated that it’s imperative that we grow our own vegetable gardens and learn how to preserve and store food for our long winters.

I took those words to heart when I moved to a warmer climate. I now live totally off the grid using solar power and we grow our own food in four raised garden beds.

As for running a small business, I totally encourage entrepreneurial endeavors. I would highly encourage our corporation to start a small fund to assist our shareholders with startup costs for small businesses. I have done this and now sell my healing tea online at:


Growing up on the Yukon River and learning that our villages have productive soil and plenty of summer sun, it is a great place to act on what Sidney said and grow our own food!

I will fulfill my obligations and attend my last meeting on June 7, 2014 in Galena.

Thank you again for supporting me and I wish everyone a fruitful and joyful summer.

Monica Riedel, Director

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting

in Galena

Saturday ~ June 7, 2014
Registration 9:30 am
Meeting begins 11:00 am
Shareholder Picnic 12 pm

Shareholder Informational Meetings:

Tuesday 6/3/14
Kaltag at 12 pm
Tuesday 6/3/14
Nulato at 7:00 pm
Wednesday 6/4/14
Koyukuk at 12 pm
Saturday 11:00 am, June 7th, 2014, Galena
-Registration starts 9:30 am
-Main item of Business: Election of three (3) Board of Directors

Would you like to serve on a Committee?
There are currently seats open on the Investment, Shareholder Relations and Resources committees. Each interested person must be a voting Gana-A’Yoo Shareholder who is over 18 years of age.

Please submit a letter of interest by June 2, 2014
to:
Gana-A’Yoo, Limited
Attn: Crystal Sommer
1205 E. International Airport Rd., Ste. 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

Stock Will Drive
To be entered into a drawing of two (2) $500 awards at the Annual Meeting, you must have submitted a valid stock will in the last five years by Saturday 6/7/14.
All stock wills must be:
- Notarized or Certified by the postmaster & signed by you.
If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Sommer at: (907) 569-9599 or toll free 1-888-656-1606

Yukon Koyukuk Elder Assisted Living Facility
by Agnes Sweetsir, YKEALF Manager
This past year has been very challenging for YKEALF as well as for our elders. We sustained substantial damage in the spring 2013 flood but were able to get repairs done and reopen on September 1, 2013. Being closed for three (3) months took its toll on the business and our elders. Four (4) of our current five (5) residents are Gana-A’Yoo shareholders. Ten (10) of our eleven (11) staff members are Gana-A’Yoo shareholders too. Gana-A’Yoo staff and board members continue to be a major support to the elders and this program. A big thank you to the administration, especially Betty and Cherie, for helping to oversee and assist with the cleanup after the flood that helped us to minimize the damage. A huge thank you to Mickey for all of the fish that the elders enjoyed all winter. Many others provided encouragement and support. Thank you.

We currently have four (4) vacancies for elder residents who need assisted living care. The staff continues to provide the best care any elder can get. From the words of one of our elders, “The staff here treat me and everyone else with respect and love.” And another elder stated, “They pay these ladies to take away our stress.” Despite the challenges that the spring flood of 2013 brought us, we continue to work every day to honor our elders by providing safe and compassionate care and support in a culturally sensitive home. The coffee pot is full again and the door is always open. We are happy to pick up elders who are on layover in Galena to come visit, eat, drink tea, or just rest. Give us a call at: (907) 656-2574 or email me at: asweetsir.ykealf@gmail.com.

GCI TERRA Brings Broadband Internet to Rural Alaska
Bob Walsh, Director, Rural Broadband Development, GCI
Historically, Alaskans have relied on high-cost and high-latency satellite connections to receive their communications services (e.g. phone, television, and internet). GCI long envisioned taking Alaska off satellite and building a next generation communications network that would provide all Alaskans with equitable access to broadband service. With this level of broadband, Alaskans will be able to participate in the global economy and have access to telemedicine and distance learning that will drastically help improve quality of life.

Today, GCI delivers on this vision in 69 communities in western Alaska with TERRA. GCI continues to expand the network to more underserved communities throughout the state. The terrestrial broadband provides higher bandwidth, lower latency and increased reliability. Story continued on page 6

The next segment, TERRA-
Share Your Good News

*Hunek Zoo’ Ght Hoolnek*

Another winter has passed and we are so lucky to be with you today to share good news from each of our villages.

**Kaltag**

As Kaltag enjoys the spring weather and bringing all those young ones out, it is hard to believe that it was just a winter wonderland not too long ago. The community entertained a lot of visitors during the Stickdance. While welcoming visitors from all over, the community opened their homes and shared delicious meals. Kaltag once again enjoyed being one of the check points along the 1,000 mile Iditarod dog race. The community also enjoyed the various activities that come along with spring, including a basketball tournament, ice fishing and traveling on the river during this extended winter.

**Nulato**

The Nulato dance group participated in the Festival of Native Arts in Fairbanks, it was also dedicated to the memory of Bernice Joseph, whose presence was missed this year. Congratulations to shareholder Victor Nicholas for being re-elected to the Doyon board of directors. Congratulations also to Poldine Carlo as the Hannah Solomon Elder of the Year award, Darryl Hildebrand for his recognition as Doyon Citizen of The Year and Gerald Patsy as Daaga Leader Award. Thank you all for all that you represent in our communities. The community once again planned a successful “Choose Respect” walk along with a basketball tournament. Nulato prepares for their Memorial Day activities that will be dedicated in memory of Bernice Joseph, which will include a marathon and various races.

**Koyukuk**

Koyukuk, one of our smaller communities, continues to be our local favorite. Several of the surrounding villages traveled to Koyukuk for various events from dances to basketball. The community once again coordinated a successful “Choose Respect” walk, that was attended by the whole community. Koyukuk also enjoyed greeting Vernon Stickman on the river as he did his walk for suicide awareness from Tanana to Kaltag. Koyukuk is preparing for spring with upcoming tribal membership meetings, kindergarten and 8th grade graduations.

**Galena**

Many were on pins and needles as the Iron Dog took off again this year with crowd favorite Tyler Huntington. Tyler scratched due to mechanical, but showed his ability to transition to other sports as he dog raced in Huslia in their annual sled dog race. Galena honored shareholder, Vernon Stickman as he snow shoed from Tanana to Kaltag for the third year to bring awareness on suicide prevention. Many were in awe of the strength he demonstrated during his suicide awareness walk. Trooper, Darrell Hildebrand, was 1 of 3 Alaska State Wildlife Troopers who traveled to several villages around the state by snow machine to spread awareness about suicide prevention. Also congratulations to Shirley Cleaver who recently received the distinguished Red Cross Volunteer Award for her efforts as in rebuilding Galena after last year’s flood.
March Madness in Fairbanks

March came and went with the quickness as it does every year. Fairbanks had an influx of visitors from all our rural communities for the span of two weeks. They came to attend the Tanana Chiefs Conference Convention, the Doyon annual meeting and also take advantage of the dog races, fiddle music dances, and to cheer on their favorite basketball teams. Much of the time was spent on catching up on past stories with much humor and laughter. These photos capture a few of the people from our communities.
Charity Walk Fundraiser: The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation participated in the 2014 Alaska Visitor Industry Charity Walk on Friday, May 9, 2014 in downtown Anchorage and Fairbanks! There were prizes, activities, food, and beverages. A BIG thank you to Betty Huntington for matching $20 per adult walker and paying for the children walkers by donating $500 to the foundation and paying for six (6) Children, which totaled $620 donated to the foundation. In total to date, the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation has received $1,485 via the charity walk. Thank you to the following participants: Lindsey Eusebio, Janelle Huntington, Ashley King, Tabitha Knell, Matt Knell, Vanessa Vongphrachanh, Richard Medina, Kaiden Medina, Cory Miller, Jennessa Pitka, Natasha Parker, Russell Parker, Marcie Sherer, Betty Olin, Leann Sommer, Larissa Sommer, Joyelyn Sommer, Crystal Sommer, Grant Kinney, Grace Stickman, Cherie Sullivan, Kenny Sullivan, Chris Peterson, Blonca Tugatuk Kaydance Tugatuk, Stephanie Watson, Seth Watson, Annika Watson, Anesha Wallace, Lorena Pitka and Jennine Elias. Contact Crystal Sommer at (907) 569-9599 if you have questions or for your t-shirt. Thank you to all the participants both in Anchorage and Fairbanks!

BOARD CHALLENGE: Board of Director and Foundation Director, Erica Frankson, issued a challenge recently to all shareholders to match or beat her donation of $150. We know you are all up for a great challenge to do so!

MORE EXCITING NEWS: The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation recently received a large donation of $15,000 from GCI. Through this and your donations, the foundation is able to award competitive scholarships to our students to achieve their educational goals. To make a tax deductible contribution to the Foundation, please contact Crystal Sommer at (907) 569-9599.

Masee’ for all you do for our future leaders.

Date to Remember: Foundation Scholarship Deadline Sunday 6/15/14
The Board of Directors & Staff extend their sincere condolences to the family & friends of:

**Amy Demoski 74,** is survived by her partner Edgar Nollner, Jr. and children Jennifer, Barbara and Joe. She was preceded in death by her husband Morris Demoski and daughter Grace. Amy was a shareholder of Galena.

**Liza Demoski 68,** is survived by her children, Sharon and Michael. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald Demoski, Sr. and children Donald, Jr. and Stewart. Liza was a shareholder of Nulato.

**Randolph Demoski 55,** is survived by his siblings Peter, Julia, Josephine and Darlene. He was preceded in death by his parents Anna and Leo; siblings Floyd, Ralph, Donald, Sr., Ignatius, and Harry. Randolph was a shareholder of Nulato.

**Bernice Joseph 49,** is survived by her husband Stewart and children Alice and Derek Joseph. She was preceded in death by her son Stewart Joseph, Jr. and father Barney. Hildebrand. Bernice was a shareholder of Nulato.

**Justin Patsy Sr 87,** is survived by his wife, Maryanna and children Gregory, Elizabeth, Laura, Shirley, Rhonda, Gina, and Adrianne. He was preceded in death by his children Justin, Jr., Kenneth and Marilyn. Justin was a shareholder of Nulato.

**Ralph Silas 57,** is survived by his children Desiree Silas, and Amanda Roberts and mother Theresa Silas. He was preceded in death by his father Alfredo Silas. Ralph was a shareholder of Nulato.

**Joseph Stickman Jr. 80,** is survived by his brother, Raymond. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lucy and Joseph Stickman, Sr. and siblings Donald, Leonard, Mary, Amy and Freda. Joseph was a shareholder of Nulato.

**GCI TERRA Story Continued from page 2...**

The terrestrial broadband provides higher bandwidth, lower latency and increased reliability. Higher bandwidths allow for streaming of rich media and the ability to perform functions such as video conferencing, critical for healthcare and education. The lower latency provides significantly less delays in transferring data, allowing for better real-time communication. The increased reliability makes the network less susceptible to the unfortunately common disruptions from weather.

In 2009, construction began on TERRA-Southwest, the first segment of the network. TERRA-Southwest is comprised of 400 miles of submarine, lake bed, and buried fiber-optic cable stretching from Homer to Levelock. In Levelock, TERRA-Southwest became a high-speed microwave communications network with point-to-point communication between nine (9) villages and four (4) mountaintop repeaters. This new network connects to the existing DeltaNet microwave towers in and around Bethel and was completed in early 2012, ahead of schedule and under budget. People in this region went from unreliable satellite services to terrestrial reliability and speeds that are up to 16 times faster for the same price. TERRA-Southwest also provides increased capabilities for GCI’s large school and health customers and is generally improving the lives of residents in the region.