Dear Shareholders:
The early spring was an enjoyable time for the majority of Gana-A’Yoo shareholders. On May 10th, Gana-A’Yoo shareholder and Native leader, Sidney Huntington, turned 100 years old. The village of Galena was flooded with family and friends of Sidney for a celebration to honor all of his lifetime achievements and successes. The celebration consisted of a potlatch, slide show, dancing, and speeches – including a presented letter from President Obama.

Also, in May, many Gana-A’Yoo shareholders completed degrees and certifications. Please join me in congratulating the class of 2015. The villages of Gana-A’Yoo has reason to be proud of the many accomplishments of our shareholders.

With celebrations and graduations, come the Yukon River ice break up, and the exciting transition into the summer of the midnight sun. This summer was a little different from prior seasons. With more than 3 million acres burned so far in Alaska, one particular fire – the Nulato Fire – hit a little bit closer to home, coming in from the west end of Nulato. Many residents were evacuated, and eventually, the only access into town was by boat. Along with many prayers, came support from the Gana-A’Yoo villages and shareholders alike. The surrounding villages came together to provide river transportation and alternate housing for Nulato residents. Again, the Athabascan value of loyalty and support was shown through action. I would like to thank everyone for their leadership and assistance to the village of Nulato.

This summer we have been allowed subsistence salmon fishing at designated dates and times under certain guidelines. I wish you all the best for your season, as well as a safe and flourishing moose-hunting season to keep you all well for the winter.

Warm regards,
Leann Sommer, Director
Congratulations Door Prize & Early Bird Winners
Thank you for participating and making the 2015 Annual Shareholder Meeting in Kaltag and the Shareholder Informational Meetings in the other villages a success. We enjoy the annual gatherings and look forward to seeing you again in Galena.

Annual Meeting Prize Winners:
Early Bird Prize
- $100 Lawrence D. Olin, Victor Alexie, Jr., William P. Ambrose, Jr., Amy Blakely, and Daniel Smith
- $500 Monica G. Gillett
- $1000 Rita E. Hempfill

Proxy Drawing:
- $100 Jodi Ambrose & Freddie Olin III
- $250 Douglas E Green & Joseph Cleaver II
- $1000 Larissa Sommer
- $1500 Diana Yaska

$50 Cash Door Prize Winners:
- Kaltag: Calvin McGinty, Joseph Dentler, Sebastian McGinty, and Ruth Madros
- Galena: Danielle Huntington, Christopher Sommer, and Nora Kangas
- Nulato: William Agnes, Erick Mountain, Monica Fruehan
- Koyukuk: was postponed due to weather.

Upcoming Gana-A'Yoo Foundation Board Open Seat
If you are interested in serving on the Gana-A'Yoo Foundation Board of Directors there will be one (1) seat open in October. The current board members & term consists of:
- Anne Esmailka; Kaltag; term ends 12/2015
- Larissa Sommer; Galena; term ends 12/2016
- Ida Hildebrand; Nulato; term ends 12/2017

The Foundation’s Annual membership meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2015 in Anchorage. The deadline for candidates to turn in their information is November 20, 2015.

Date to Remember: Foundation Board Recruitment Closes 11/20/15.

Annual Meeting Highlights
The shareholders of the year honored were Agnes Sweetser of Galena and Fred Alexie, Sr. of Kaltag. Both have contributed countless, selfless hours to their communities. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to inspire others.

After the meeting in Kaltag, we held shareholder informational meetings in Nulato. Galena held their meeting prior to the annual meeting. We will have one in Koyukuk in the near future. During this time, the management team presented the reports for the fiscal year. This provided an opportunity for shareholders to hear the reports from the annual meeting.

The highlight of the annual meeting held in Kaltag was having the pleasure of Dilooa Erickson as our student of the year. Dilooa is a tribal member of Kaltag and daughter of Susan and Arne Erickson, and granddaughter of shareholder, Alex Solomon and the late Irene Solomon. Dilooa graduated from Sidney Huntington High School in 2013 and is a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Rural Development at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Dilooa volunteers countless hours with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters’ organization, all while raising her one year old daughter.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year at the 2016 Annual Shareholder Meeting in Nulato.

6th Annual Stock Will Drive a Success:
Thanks to all shareholders who participated in this year’s stock will drive.

All those who had a stock will from 2010 to date were eligible for the $500 drawing. Our winners were: Franklene (Madros) Catiller and Rickey E. Esmailka. Please keep your eyes peeled for future stock will drives.

Please contact: Crystal Sommer at 1-888-656-1606 or print a stock will form at www.ganaayoo.com.

Stock Will Drive:
We would like to remind all shareholders of the importance of having a current shareholders stock will on file with our office. We have sent notices out within the past few weeks to shareholders who do not have a will on file. There are over 500 shareholders who do not have one and nearly 200 who have not updated theirs for more than 20 years. It is extremely important that you respond by filling out the form and returning it to our office. Remember, if a person does not have a stock will, the State of Alaska laws of intestacy apply to the transfer of any Gana-A’Yoo shares. Many questions arise when no stock will is on file. We would like to do what the shareholder wants and this does not occur unless a stock will has been completed or if the shareholder specifically addressed it in a general will.

If you have any questions, please contact: Ashton Ekada at 907-869-9599 or toll free 1-888-656-1606.

Our goal is to ensure a smooth process for transferring your stock when that time comes.
As every June approaches we get excited for the sun, this June was a little different because of all of the forest fires within Alaska, which drastically affected one of our communities. In Nulato, the weekend after Father’s Day, the fires moved closer and no flights were able to fly in or out. With no flights, the surrounding communities sprang to action for Nulato. Boats from Kaltag, Koyukuk, and Galena arrived to evacuate the community and help with extinguishing the fire that was on the outskirts of the community. The community faced overwhelming bravery in the face of nearly losing their homes. In a visit recently with Percy Lolnitz of Koyukuk, he shared on the day of the evacuation, he had just arrived from delivering freight to Last Chance from Nulato. He arrived back home in Koyukuk upon learning that all the boats were preparing to leave for Nulato to help with an evacuation. With no second thoughts he quickly jumped back in his boat for Nulato. This action along with many other harrowing stories of all who selflessly contributed to the Nulato Fire of 2015.

Fires have not been this bad since 1969, as Kathleen Meckel recalls stories told to her by her grandfather Eddie Hildebrand. The last big fires made boats pass by the village of Galena to miss the heat and smoke. Thank you to all the community members for helping during this time.

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For Your Support

We received a thank you letter from LaVern Huntington for our sponsorship of the 4th of July activities in Fairbanks. We support and commend everyone for living healthy lifestyles. LaVern noted how she envisioned an event such as this for a long time and how everything came together — from sponsorships to volunteers. We would like to commend LaVern and Bernice Nickoli for coordinating this event. LaVern wrote in her letter, “...the girls decided to host it in memory of my son-in-law John Kavairlook, Jr. It was a huge success and I am pleased to say that over 200 people showed up. Everyone had fun, there was tons of food and drinks for everyone and all the kids walked away with prizes. We couldn’t have done it without your donation, the donation of a few others, the volunteers and the participants. Thank you again for your donation, it was very much appreciated and enjoyed by all.”

Thank you for sharing and we look forward to hearing from more shareholders. Shareholders are encouraged to send their good news or letter of thanks for any donations received.

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Children eagerly participate in the day’s festivities. Photos by LaVern Huntington.
Thank you Gana-A’Yoo Board of Directors and Betty Huntington for inviting me to be your guest speaker.

Honored elders, Directors, and Shareholders, it is with great pleasure and honor that I stand here before you to speak at our annual shareholder meeting for Gana-A’Yoo. A few months back I was asked if I would like to be the keynote speaker at this annual meeting. I asked Crystal if there was a specific subject they would like me to talk about and she told me no there is not. That I could speak about anything I wanted. Well, I thought long and hard about what I could talk about intelligently, and it finally came to me, it came to me while I was standing in the kitchen cooking breakfast. I could talk about HOW TO MAKE THE PERFECT OMELET, first you start with the... I’m just kidding. Making a perfect omelet is a story for another time and place.

What I want to say to you, my fellow shareholders, about is our responsibilities as a shareholder of Gana-A’Yoo stock, and the reason I want to talk about this subject, is this past legislative session a bill was introduced with the resource committee the previous day. This speech provides a broad overview of the company and the importance that you have in our company over the land use and the importance of voting.

But first bear with me while I describe a typical corporation, please keep in mind that I am not going to bore you all with every minute details of a corporation’s structure. I just want to give you a basic understanding of a corporation.

A typical corporation’s structure consists of three main groups: Directors, Officers, and Shareholders.

The roles and responsibilities of these groups are as follows:

The number of directors is described in our articles of incorporation and/or in our corporate bylaws of our corporation Gana-A’Yoo. The Board of Directors are elected by us, the shareholders at the annual meetings. To ensure continuity in our Board of Directors, the directors seats are staggered. Meaning not all seats are up for election every year.

So, as its name suggests, the Board of Directors, direct the company’s affairs and business paths. The Board of Directors has legal responsibility for the actions of the corporation and their subsidiaries, officers, employees and agents. Our corporation directors duties include:

Acting on behalf of the corporation and its best interests with an appropriate “duty of care” at all times.

Acting with loyalty to the corporation and its shareholders;

participating in regular meetings of the Board of Directors; approving certain corporate activities and transactions; including contracts and agreements; election of corporate officers; asset purchases and sales, approval of new corporate policies and the list goes on.

The corporation’s officers oversee our businesses daily operations.

Our corporate officers are:

President, Ragine Pilot
Vice President, Violet Burnham
Chair, Michael Stickman
Secretary, Ida Hildebrand
Treasurer, Erica Frankson

Our CEO is Betty Huntington, and she is responsible for Gana-A’Yoo’s daily operations under the direction of our Board of Directors.

Now, on to us, the shareholders of the corporation.

A corporation’s shareholders have ownership interest in the company. We all started with 100 shares of Gana-A’Yoo Limited, some of us may have more from inheritance now, but initially we started with 100 shares. Here is where our responsibility as shareholders come in. Every year, our corporation is required to have an annual meeting. At this annual meeting we hold our elections for our Board of Directors. The people who will run our company. It is important to each shareholder to participate in this election and to participate in our annual meeting. If you’re unsure about a shareholder running for the board, ask that individual questions. We, as shareholders, have the right to decide how our corporation is going to be run, but this is only possible if you vote and exercise your rights and ability to decide how our corporation holds every year.

Year after year I hear people complaining about how our corporation does not do enough for our shareholders. We all want bigger dividends, we all want jobs, but the bottom line is you have to earn it. Exercise your rights and vote. Be a part of the solution, not the problem. Vote directors in that you as shareholders think will do the best job for us.

Don’t cast your vote because of a popularity contest, this is not high school anymore, vote for someone who you think has the tools to move our corporation forward and continue to remain profitable.
Fred Alexie, Sr. after being honored as shareholder of the year with Board of Director, Michael Stickman.

Resource committee members and invitees from our villages participate.

Recognized elders in attendance: Mary Rose Agnes, Laurence Saunders, and Tucker Semaken in Kaltag.

Agnes Sweetsir, after being honored as shareholder of the year with Board of Director, Ida Hildebrand.

Darrell Hildebrand, after being honored for delivering his keynote.

Board of Director, Erica Frankson, introduces student of the year: Diloola Erickson, who is carrying her daughter.

Jessica McGinty receives a donation to the Kaltag Little League by Shareholder Relations Committee Chair, Leann Sommer.

Board of Directors present the annual reports to shareholders in Kaltag.

Welcome sign meets all visitors into Kaltag by boat.
Condolences

Our most sincere condolences to the family & friends of:

Alberta Semaken, 42 is survived by her children Jay, Wes and Emma. Alberta is preceded in death by her son Andrew and her mother Caroline. Alberta was a shareholder with Nulato class stock.

Patrick Henry Kennedy, 68 No information available. Was a shareholder with Galena class stock.

Hughey Kriska, 80 is survived by his children Madeline, Tommy, Dale, Hugh, Edith, and Corrina. Hughey is preceded in death by his wife Eleanor and son Glenn. Hughey was a shareholder with Koyukuk class stock.

Marlene Renee Marshall, 53 is survived by her children Michael, Trevor, and Logan. Marlene is preceded in death by her parents Archie and Virginia Thurmond. Marlene was a shareholder with Galena class stock.

Theresa Elizabeth Silas, 85 is survived by her children Allen, Percy, Vincent, Darren, Warren, Charles, Clara, Paula, Arlene, and Mary. Theresa is preceded in death by her husband Alfred Silas, children Jimmy, Alfredo, Kenneth, Franklin, Fabian, Victor, and Ralph. Theresa was a shareholder with Nulato class stock.

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Get involved, take an interest and join any committees that may be open to shareholders. This is how you can be a part of the solutions.

I know most of the people in attendance today know what a quorum is, but here is the basic meaning of the word; a quorum is the minimum number of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings valid. It is my understanding that it is getting harder and harder for our corporation to reach a quorum at our annual meeting. We as voting shareholders are responsible for making the quorum to validate our meetings proceedings and it is important that we vote, either through proxy or in person at the annual meeting. If you don’t feel that you could vote then designate someone responsible to vote for you by signing your proxy to a representative of your choosing.

As a shareholder, you use the land for subsistence. Take care of the land by keeping it clean. Don’t destroy it and leave it dirty. Teach your youth about the history of the land. Teach them to respect it like you would respect a relative. Our land is our identity. Our land is who we are. Be a good steward to our land, and our corporation.

Gana-A’Yoo creates job opportunities all over the U.S., even on the South Pole. The foundation has grants and scholarships available to any shareholder or their descendants to complete higher education. Take advantage of these services. Let us as shareholders keep our corporation profitable by participating in our annual proceedings.

I personally think our current directors are doing a good job and we should all give them a round of applause.

Thank you for your time & attention,
Darrell Hildebrand