Greetings Shareholders,

As we approach the beginning of the holiday season, I wish you well; and hope that we can all reflect on the blessings of the holidays. Especially as Christmas approaches, we have so much to be thankful for as a people. I have been pondering our traditional and cultural blessings.

We as an Athabascan people have been here for thousands of years, blessed with this country and land that gives us all that we have: our food, clothing, health, humor, joy, and stamina. Yes, there have been hard times, but many more blessings that we can each count. Our lands and waters give us our identity as a people. Where we hunted, trapped, camped, walked, hiked, fished, and gathered berries and foods on these lands and in these waters, all these places helped us to be molded into the people we are.

Looking back, I see only the great ones who led us and taught us, who struggled for our existence, and paved the way for us to be educated, strong, caring, loving, and yes, to be able to cry together and help and share with each other in times of trouble and sorrow. Yet, they also gave us the ability to laugh, to see the humor in trying times and to never give up. I don’t think they even considered giving up. Life was too precious; living is too meaningful to give up! No, they took a deep breath, and tried something new, tried a new way of doing whatever was not working. They moved to another trap line, another winter camp, another fish camp; and tried something new; and they usually succeeded. Our leaders, ancestors, and mothers and fathers always tried again, and called our special places home - Nulato, Kaltag, Koyukuk, and Galena or Louden.

Looking at them and the opportunities that their sacrifices, efforts, laughter and persistence gave to each of us, is something that I will always be grateful for; and it fills my heart with the deepest appreciation and love for our people, our culture and our traditions. I often look at the life my mother had as a child, she was orphaned, separated from her siblings who all died in their youth. Yet, she laughed, loved, and guided us in prayer and life. She saw the best in our people and fanned that spark of goodness into the flame of who we are.

It isn’t just my mother or father; rather, the perseverance of our people and ancestors is the reason we have anything today. Let us join together in an appreciation and deep gratitude for who we are, who our people are; and for our lives and loved ones during this holiday season; and meet in joy, laughter, and love, free of the negative things so often present in our communities; and instead celebrate in true love and appreciation of all that we are.

Blessings to all the children and youth to find joy, laughter, and love; to be filled with it during this holiday season.

In appreciation,

Ida Hildebrand, Board Chair
Gana-A’Yoo, Limited 2016 Annual Meeting Election

The Gana-A’Yoo, Limited Board of Directors is seeking to fill three (3) open seats on the board. Current directors’ terms expire in June 2016. All shareholders are highly encouraged to consider running for the open seats on the board. In order to be listed on the proxy, a shareholder must submit a Director’s Questionnaire by Friday, February 26, 2016 by 5pm.

The form must be emailed to Crystal Sommer at csommer@ganaayoo.com or faxed to (907) 569-9699 or mailed to Gana-A’Yoo, Limited; 1205 E. International Airport Rd., Ste 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99518

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Director Eligibility Requirements:
- Must be a shareholder of Gana-A’Yoo, Limited, holding voting stock;
- Must be at least 18 years of age;
- Must hold the required class of stock and meet residency requirements for that class of stock, if any.

To obtain a Director's Questionnaire, contact Crystal Sommer or download the form at ganaayoo.com.

ANCHORAGE SHAREHOLDER RECEPTION

The Shareholder Relations Committee hosted another successful reception during AFN week in Anchorage. On October 13, 2015 shareholders and descendants gathered at the Lakefront Hotel to share laughs and learn about the many opportunities available. It’s the Board’s intent to provide outreach to as many shareholders as possible. The highlights included many door prizes while the many connections made were priceless. There was lots of laughter, visiting and good food to go around. Our shareholder reception embodies our Native values of sharing and caring.

The shareholders who updated their stock within the past five (5) years were entered to win $500. Thank you to all the shareholders who participated in this year’s stock will drive. Congratulations to all the winners!

$500 Stock Will Drawing
- Elizabeth Charge

$50 Door Prize Winners
- Alice Jung
- Cecelia Solomon
- Joe Bower
- Anastasia Alexie
- Shannon Kashevarof

There will be a Shareholder Informational meeting in Fairbanks on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 5-7pm at the Alpine Lodge. We look forward to seeing you next year!

2016 Annual Shareholder Meeting to be held in Nulato

The meetings rotate between each of our four (4) villages. The next Annual Shareholder Meeting will be in Nulato on June 4, 2016. Future meeting locations include: Galena 2017 and Koyukuk 2018.

Shareholder Recognized and Honored at AFN 2015

Congratulations to Wanda Jean Solomon for receiving the Git’itth (Richard Frank) Military Service Award! The Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) each year honors everyday people making a difference in their communities with this year’s theme as “Heroes in our Homeland.” Solomon, a Gana-A’Yoo, Limited shareholder with Kaltag stock, served two tours in Afghanistan and was recognized for her commitment, competence, exemplification of culture, leadership qualities, and strength by uplifting our people through courage, integrity and good moral character.

Wanda Solomon receiving her award on October 17th.
GANA-A’YOO FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION ELECTION UPDATE:
Congratulations to Anne Esmailka (Kaltag) on her reelection to the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board of Directors on October 13th at the 2015 annual membership meeting. Other Foundation board members include: Larissa Sommer (Galena) and Kimberly Bower (Nulato). Thanks to all who expressed an interest in serving on the Foundation.

Foundation Raffle Winners!
Gana-A’Yoo would like to thank everyone who bought, sold, and donated to the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation via the raffle. Congratulations to the following shareholders:
- Hank Sommer: Alaska Airlines Super Saver Ticket (up to 30,000 miles) - donated by Betty Huntington
- Thomas Neglaska: Roundtrip ticket on RAVN - donated by Ravn
- Myra Shyrock: Kindle Fire – donated by Erica Frankson & Shirley Cleaver
- Myra Shyrock: Athabascan Goody Basket – donated by Erica Frankson, Larissa Sommer, Albertha Sommer, Ida Hildebrand, Agnes Sweetsir, and Gana-A’Yoo, Limited

STUDENT OF THE YEAR
The Foundation Board of Directors will recognize one of our students at the June 2016 Annual Shareholder Meeting in Nulato. If you know a student ranging from the 7th grade through college, please consider nominating him or her for the Gana-A’Yoo 2016 Student of the Year. The candidate will be selected based on his or her leadership qualities, cultural/community involvement and educational goals. Nominees must be either a Gana-A’Yoo shareholder or a descendant of an original shareholder. Last year’s Student of the Year went to Diloola Erickson (Kaltag). Nominations are due February 26, 2016.

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“I will be able to continue to fulfill my goal of graduating and return to Alaska to pursue employment with my certificate in Instrumentation and Industrial Automation.” His parents are Paula and Andrew; grandparents Laura and the late Edward Pitka; Dorothy and the late Fred Sommer, Sr.

ACCEPTING DONATIONS
If you would like to make a charitable gift to the Foundation’s educational scholarship programs, your donation will be featured here and on our company web page. Your donation is also tax deductible. To find out more about the Foundation, please visit our website at www.ganaayoo.com or e-mail or call Crystal Sommer at (907) 569-9599. Again, we extend our deep appreciation.

SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR
Since 2012, Gana-A’Yoo has recognized a shareholder at the Annual Shareholder Meeting. Last year’s recipients of the “Shareholder of the Year” award went to Fred Alexie, Sr. (Kaltag) and Agnes Sweetsir (Galena). Please send in your nominations by Friday, February 26, 2016. The nominee must be a Gana-A’Yoo shareholder who is involved in community service and whose involvement has directly affected Alaska Natives. This person should show a strong commitment and sensitivity in the areas of helping others in order to make our communities a healthier and safer place to live. Please mail your nomination to: Shareholder of the Year 2016; Gana-A’Yoo, Limited; 1205 E. Intl’ Airport Rd., Suite 100; Anchorage, Alaska 99518 or email Crystal Sommer at csommer@ganaayoo.com or fax to (907) 569-9699.

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Afternoon in Nulato, courtesy of Tiffany Patsey
GSC Food Support Staff in Antarctica

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"Our Voice"

Jennine Jordan, Vice President and Special Assistant to the CEO, traveled to Christ Church, New Zealand and to Antarctica at the end of September and into October 2015. She met with the GSC staff both in Christ Church and at McMurdo Station in Antarctica. She traveled during the spring time when it was a cool 7 degrees Fahrenheit (not accounting for the extreme wind chill).

GSC recently hired Mike Gay as the new Project Manager (PM) for this contract. The prior PM, Dan Pickett, now serves as Gana-A’Yoo, Limited’s Chief Operations Officer. The staff warmly welcomed Jennine and gave her a comprehensive site visit both at McMurdo Station and on the ice shelf, where smaller food camps occur. GSC’s new Culinary Manager, Tom Senty manages around 100+ employees located at McMurdo Station, Palmer Station, and at the South Pole Station. The food stewards provide breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks around the clock. GSC also manages two bars and administers the housing and janitorial services on site.

Jennine also participated in the mandatory safety training that occurs for all new arrivals. With the remoteness of Antarctica and the changing weather, safety is always a high priority for the staff. She stated, “I am truly impressed with the staff for their environment of team work and their strong work ethic.”

GSC is a subcontractor to Lockheed Martin on the Antarctic Support Contract. GSC (in partnership with ESS Alaska) is in year three (3) of the ten (10) year contract. GSC provides food and janitorial services at McMurdo Station to the hundreds of employees that support research on the ice. If you are looking for adventures and a new lifelong experience, please see the employment opportunities at: www.gscgov.com/opportunities
Timber Harvest: Sustainable Energy for Galena

Gana-A’Yoo and the City of Galena finalized a timber sale agreement in October, which will result in the first timber harvests on Gana-A’Yoo lands in recent history!

Sustainable Energy for Galena, Alaska (SEGA) is a non-profit corporation that was formed by the City of Galena, the Galena City School District, and Louden Tribal Council to develop a reliable local source of energy. SEGA has a contract with the City of Galena to harvest 27 acres of cottonwood (Balsam Poplar) and 34 acres of birch from an area generally north of the base triangle during the winter of 2015/2016. The harvest of cottonwood will be completed in early December, and the birch harvest will follow depending on favorable weather conditions and scheduling around the ice road project. This harvest will provide approximately the first year of fuel for the new wood boiler which is expected to be installed in 2016. SEGA will harvest about 1,600 to 2,000 tons of trees per year to supply Galena’s biomass energy project. The harvested wood is part of a plan to bring long-term economic stability to Galena using local resources.

Tim Kalke, SEGA General Manager, has been extremely busy and productive during this intense start up activity. In addition to directing the SEGA harvest training and activities, he has coordinated with GCSD Superintendent Chris Reitan to develop a fuel purchase agreement, which will provide a funding stream to allow SEGA to continue the harvest for the long term. The efforts of a lot of people were invested to make this project work and there is progress toward the community’s goal of reducing Galena’s dependence on imported fuel and keeping the dollars spent on fuel in the community. Particular credit goes to Phil Koonz of Louden Tribal Council who has been working for approximately six years to make this project a reality. It is also important to note that all the employees of SEGA are local Galena residents.

Natural Resource Workshop

For thousands of years and still today, the lands now owned by Gana-A’Yoo, Limited are primarily used for subsistence purposes. It continues to remain the primary purpose and highest priority use for our people. The Natural Resource Committee’s goal is to address land use on Gana-A’Yoo lands and to develop and modify land use policies that would be beneficial to our shareholders. Members of the Resource Committee include: William Dayton, Alfred Dick Evans, John Madros, and Walter Stickman. Working Group members include: Charlie Green, Gilbert Huntington, Darrell Hildebrand, Ida Hildebrand, and Michael Stickman. The Natural Resource Workshop was held during the Annual Meeting in Kaltag in June 2015. Meetings also occurred in October and November 2015 to discuss a draft subsistence policy and commercial use policy for our community. The draft Land Management Policy will be available for discussion soon. A comparison of the Alaska Big Game Regulations and White Mountain Apache Tribal regulations was used for the Natural Resource Committee and Policy Working Group discussions. The next Natural Resource Committee Workshop will be held in June 2016.

Join the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Membership applications or nominations for seats on the ten (10) Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils are being accepted now through January 29, 2016. The Regional Advisory Councils provide advice and recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board about subsistence hunting, trapping, and fishing issues on Federal public lands.

Contact Deborah_coble@fws.gov or download the PDF at www.tananacheliefs.org/rac/

Applications can be sent to:
Carl Johnson, Council Coordinator.
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Subsistence Management
1011 E. Tudor Road, MS 121
Anchorage, AK 99503-6199

E-MAIL: subsistence@fws.gov
FAX: 907-786-3898

Questions?
(800) 478-1456 or (907) 786-3676
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Anchorage, Alaska 99518

The Board & Staff  
Wish you  
a Great 2016!

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**Condolences** Our most sincere condolences to the family & friends of:

**Kenneth Kriska, 57** is survived by his children Curtis Dayton, Jane Keehan, Kendra Kriska-Ekada, Kathy Ekada, Christine Ekada, Shirley Ekada, and Jordan Michel. He also left behind his precious grandchildren, siblings, and nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Leo and Mary Kriska, and his brothers, Leonard and Leo Kriska. Kenneth was a shareholder with Koyukuk class stock.

**Plasker Joseph Nickoli Jr. 61**  
is survived by his son Adrian Stanley, sister Agatha Bombback & brothers Albert Nickoli, Carl Nickoli, Peter Nickoli, Henry Nickoli, Donald Nickoli & William Alexie and many great nieces and nephews and friends and family. He was preceded in death by his parents Agnes & Plasker Nickoli Sr.; sisters Lucy Madros & Linda Ambrose; and brother David Nickoli. Plasker was a shareholder with Kaltag class stock.

**Simeon “Alaska” Peter Mountain Jr., 52**, is survived by his “mom” Winifred Demoski, brothers Paul, Marvin, Erick, Cletus, and Bradley; sisters Kris-Ann, Marie, Vera, and Agnes; and several aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. Seattle survivors include: sons, Chawyer B. Jones Jr., and Cisco Hayward; sister Tonya Velasco, brothers Johnny Moses, Gilbert Williams Jr. and Jose Kemp. He was preceded in death by his parents, Simeon and Josephine; brothers; William D. and Kevin Daniel Mountain. Simeon was a shareholder with Nulato class stock.

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**Where Are You?**  
Current addresses are needed for these shareholders. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts or how we may contact any of them, please call our office.

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- Tortella J. Huffman  
- Lisa D. Madros  
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