Dear Shareholders:

As we approach the summer season, which is my favorite season of the year, I wanted to say thank you for your votes on selecting me on the Gana-A’Yoo board. I am here to serve you and have learned a lot on what it takes to be a board member. I am also enjoying it.

I grew up living the subsistence lifestyle, which I enjoyed. All that hard work helped shape me into who I am today. During the summer months, I lived four miles below Kaltag and worked hard during the week, making sure the fish we caught was taken care of. On the weekends, we went back to Kaltag for the weekend, where I got to travel to other villages to play softball in tournaments and visit with our relatives. I am big on sports such as basketball, softball, cross-country running and cross-country skiing. I do get together a basketball team during the winter months and softball team during the summer months so we can come together to have a good time playing ball.

One of my dad’s saying was, “You need to keep moving as long as you can.” Dancing was another thing I could do until 7am, but I think that is only in Kaltag and Nulato. I want our Native people to know that there is an awesome Behavior Health Department here at Chief Andrew Isaac Health Center that you can get in touch with if needed.

Best Wishes,

– Cecelia Solomon, Director

Newly Elected Board Member

Congratulations to Sharon Hildebrand on being newly elected to fill Nancy Pitka’s remaining term, which expires at the 2017 Annual Meeting. The Gana-A’Yoo Board of Directors and management sends their sincere thanks to Nancy for her gracious service and time and would like to congratulate Sharon Hildebrand for being appointed to this position. Sharon serves on the Shareholder Relations Committee for Gana-A’Yoo, Limited and currently works for UAF in the Development and Alumni Relations team. We thank all who ran for the board and for the committee seats and ask that you consider running in the future.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday 9/9/16
Board of Directors Meeting at 8:30am & Foundation Annual Membership Meeting at 12pm
Anchorage Office: 1205 E. International Airport Road, Suite 100
Bylaw change meetings were held in Koyukuk, Galena, and Kaltag, and Nulato on April 11, 12, and 13th. The Land Use Policy meetings were held in the four villages on March 2, 3, and 4th. Thank you to everyone who participated in the meetings!

**Bylaw Change Meeting**

The 2016 proxy ballot included an amendment to the articles and by-laws regarding the makeup of the Board of Directors. The change shows that Gana-A’Yoo can adapt to change and will provide more opportunities for shareholders to serve on the Board of Directors and be a part of a growing company. The proposed change also aligns with Gana-A’Yoo’s core values:

- We are respectful of our culture, language, traditions, and one another.
- We are trustworthy.
- We are successful.
- We are responsible.
- We are prepared.
- We are transparent.

**Land Use Policy Meeting**

A new policy was introduced at this meeting where Betty Huntington and Ida Hildebrand gathered comments and answered questions.

**Shareholder Informational Meeting**

A Shareholder Informational Meeting was held in Fairbanks on March 16th. There was food, prizes, and information about our corporation. A stock will drawing was held for updating stock within the past 5 years. Congratulations to the winner of the stock will drawing!

**$500 Stock Will Drawing Winner**

- Louis Esmailka (Randy)

Gana-A’Yoo would also like to congratulate the **$50 Door Prize Winners**!

- Miranda Wright
- Julia Kakaruk
- Thomas Wholecheese
- Twyla Cruger
- Kaylee Cruise

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**Summer Intern Student Selected**

This is the first year that Gana-A’Yoo partnered with a tribal council from one of our villages to give a shareholder/descendant student an opportunity to gain meaningful work experience. Gana-A’Yoo is pleased that the Nulato Tribal Council is hosting the first pilot program for our villages. The program focuses on professional development where the student will learn, participate, contribute and engage in the many functions of Tribal administration and the programs and events sponsored by the Tribe. Jocelyn Patsy of Nulato was selected as the first intern for the Gana-A’Yoo Summer Intern Program. Jocelyn is the daughter of Douglas and Gloria Patsy, and granddaughter of Alfred Sr. and Helen Attla, Laura Ralston, and the late Melvin Sommer, and the late Jimmy and Dolly Beetus. Jocelyn will begin her senior year at the Andrew K. Demoski School and plans to attend college at UAA or UAF after graduation. Jocelyn is also a youth delegate on the Denakkanaaga Board where she will be a keynote speaker and will have the opportunity to get involved with panel discussions and meet and learn from elders at the Denakkanaaga Elders and Youth Conference. Congratulations to Jocelyn for her achievements!

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**Where Are You?** Current addresses are needed for these shareholders. Please call our office if you know how we may contact them.

- Allen Agnes
- Paul Bailey
- Stephenie Bainbridge
- Susan Baker
- Lisa Bismark
- Josephine Bonus
- Yvonne Carlo
- Thomas Debo
- John Evans Sr.
- Nicolas George
- Ann Gribble
- Patrick Kinsella
- Raymond Langton
- Lisa Madros
- Josephine Bonus
- Yvonne Carlo
- Thomas Debo
- John Evans Jr.
- Christina Nollner
- Jason Nollner
- Susan Ann Pitka
- Alexis Santos
- Nichole Silas
- Alexander Solomon
- Steven Stickman
2016 Annual Meeting

Every June, we gather in one of our four villages for the Gana-A’Yoo Annual Shareholder Meeting. This year, Board members and staff traveled to Nulato, which was held on June 3rd at the Nulato Community Hall. We had the highest quorum in Gana-A’Yoo history at over 78.58% and the Shareholder Resolution was approved with 67.84% voting yes! Mickey Stickman expressed, “It is pretty amazing and empowering to get that many shareholders to vote.” Shareholders successfully passed the Bylaw Amendment which expands the pool of Director candidates. It was a historic moment. The Board will now be comprised of four (4) Directors, one from each class of stock, five (5) Directors at-large, and three (3) of the nine (9) Directors shall reside in rural Alaska.

Ida Hildebrand, William Dayton, and Ragine Pilot were voted to serve another 3 year term and Sharon Hildebrand was appointed to finish Nancy Pitka’s term. The Student of the Year was Cory Miller for demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities. The Shareholder of the Year honored was Alda Frank for her countless, selfless hours to her community. At each Annual Meeting, we make it a tradition to recognize our elders and honor them. We thank you for continuing to pass down the traditions and cultural knowledge and values of our people. Thank you to everyone who ran for the Board and we look forward to next year’s Annual Shareholder meeting in Galena!

Congratulations Early Bird & Proxy Drawing Winners!

Thank you to everyone who submitted their proxies and congratulations to all the winners! The Early Bird Drawing winners were:

- $1000 - Shane Clark
- $500 - Theresa Burley
- $100 - Julia Ilsley

Annual Meeting Door Prize winners:

- $1,500 - Joanne Semaken
- $1,000 - Dawn Madros
- $250 - Evelyn Burgett
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Foundation Raffle Winner:

Grill and Cooler - Fitzgerald Alexie

Thank you to everyone who submitted a valid stock will within the last five (5) years. The Stock Will Drawing Winners were:

- $500 - Craig Stanley
- $500 - Lawrence Saunders Sr.
Gifting Shares
The Alaska Native Claims (ANCSA) Amendments of 1987 allows shareholders to transfer stock to certain family members during the lifetime of a shareholder. Gifting shares is important and we would like to inform our shareholders of the important process.

Who can give a gift of Gana-A’Yoo shares? Any Gana-A’Yoo shareholder over the age of 18.

Who is eligible to receive the gift? The person receiving the stock must be related to you by blood or adoption and a direct descendant. The gift can be made only to a child, grandchild, great grandchild, niece or nephew, or brother or sister.

Who is ineligible to receive shares? Gifting shares may not be given to friends, spouses, parents, grandparents, aunts, or uncles.

What do I need to keep in mind? The shares must be a gift. You cannot receive anything in exchange. Once the shares are given to someone else, you cannot get them back. Voting rights, dividends, and distributions of the shares belong to the person who receives the shares.

What are the steps to gifting stock? In order to gift stock to someone, Gana-A’Yoo will need the following documents:

- Inter Vivos Transferal of Shares Form-This can be found on our website or you can call and request one at 907-569-9599.
- Your original stock certificate-If you lost or misplaced your stock certificate you must complete a “Request for Stock Certificate” form.
- Certified copy of birth certificates to establish relationships between you and person(s) receiving the gift(s).
- Affidavit of Identity-This is completed by the person(s) receiving the gift. Although a family tree is optional, it is very helpful in determining family ties.

For more information or to receive any of the required forms please contact Ashton Ekada at 907-569-9599 or email her at aekada@ganaayoo.com.

Shareholder of the Year Selected
Since 2012, Gana-A’Yoo has recognized a shareholder at the Annual Shareholder Meeting. Nominated by Nancy Pitka, this year, Alda Frank of Galena was recognized as the 2016 Gana-A’Yoo Shareholder of the Year for dedicating many hours to the community during funerals, fundraisers, sporting events, and church events. She attends all the baseball and basketball games and attends church every Sunday. Alda is involved in community service, which has positively affected our people. Alda shows a strong commitment and sensitivity in the areas of helping others in order to make our communities a healthier and safer place to live. Alda was married to the late George Frank and has lived in Galena most of her life. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to inspire others.

Foundation Board Recruitment
If you are interested in serving on the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board of Directors there is one (1) seat open. The current Board members & term consists of: Larissa Sommer; Galena; term ends 9/2016; Kimberly Bower; Nulato; term ends 9/2017; and Anne Esmaïlka; Kaltag; term ends 9/2018. The deadline for candidates to turn in their information is Friday, August 26, 2016 by noon. Qualifications include being 18 years of age or older. Submit your resume and letter of intent to Crystal Sommer via Fax: 907-569-9699 or Email: csommer@ganaayoo.com. The candidate will be selected on September 9, 2016 at the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Annual membership meeting. Please note: Under federal laws governing private foundations, family members of Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board members are not eligible to receive a Foundation scholarship during their term on the Board. Current scholarship recipients are also not eligible to serve on the Board.

Gana-A’Yoo Staff Volunteer at Bean’s Cafe
The corporate staff at Gana-A’Yoo’s Anchorage office volunteered at Bean’s Cafe on April 29th to help feed the hungry and homeless. Volunteering has an impact on the health and well-being of communities worldwide and is a great way to make an impact and difference. We would like to encourage our shareholders to take part in their community by giving back and helping others. If you would like to gain new experiences and insights, create connections with people, and engage in the community, then please be a part of our group by contacting Janelle Huntington at 907-569-9599 or emailing jhuntington@ganaayoo.com.
Koyukuk College Graduates

The family and friends of five (5) college graduates gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of Raymond Kangas (Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering), Shelly DeWilde (Bachelor of Arts in Justice), Adam Paskvan (Bachelor of Science in Chemistry & Biochemistry, magna cum laude), and Jason Paskvan (Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering). All five are Koyukuk Descendants! Family and friends gathered at the Elks Lodge in Fairbanks on May 7th, 2016 to share laughs, play games, view slideshows, listen to graduate speeches, dance, and eat traditional foods. The event was hosted by the graduates’ parents: Gary and Irene Kangas, Lee and Lily DeWilde, and Steve and Susan Paskvan.

The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation is proud to sponsor the next generation and encourages them to be successful. Congratulations to all 2016 graduates!

Gana-A’Yoo Selects Student of the Year

Motivated Student

The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board of Directors selected Cory Miller as the Student of the Year. Cory spoke at the Annual Meeting in Nulato on June 3, 2016. Cory is the son of Richard and Veronica Miller, and grandson of shareholders Alexander Solomon Jr. and the late Irene Solomon. Corey currently attends the University of Alaska Anchorage majoring in Automotive Technology. Cory shared some advice for students preparing for college.

What is the best advice you can provide students preparing for college?

Don’t give up no matter how hard it seems. It’s supposed to be challenging and it’s also very rewarding in the end.

What helps you to be successful?

Staying busy mostly, I’ve been working and going to school full-time so I’m always on the go and it helps me to stay on task.

What keeps you goal oriented?

Mainly just focusing on the future and thinking about all the things I want to do with my life and working towards them.

Is there any advice you received, that you would like to share?

Anyone can accomplish their goals, you just have to want it.

 Congratulations to Cory and good luck with your future endeavors!

Charity Walk Fundraiser

Benefitting the Foundation

The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation participated in the 2016 Alaska Visitor Industry Charity Walk on Friday, May 13th in downtown Anchorage and Fairbanks. The Foundation has been involved with the annual Charity Walk Fundraiser to benefit the Foundation’s scholarship program since 2012. The walk in Anchorage was a great success and we’d like to recognize the following participants and contributors: Kaylee Cruise, Ashton Ekada, Efrem Field, Aaliyah Hildebrand, Ida Hildebrand, Natalie Hildebrand, Betty Huntington, Janelle Huntington, Jennine Jordan, Jayce Jordan, Ashley King, Grant Kinney, Maudrey Kriska, Gene Ozenna, Natasha Parker, Chris Peterson, Eileen Pitka, Mariah Pitka-Jenkins, Tatum Pitka-Jenkins, Keagan Pitka-Semaken, Tucker Pitka-Semaken, Mason Pitka-Semaken, Mia Pitka-Semaken, Georgia Robeson, Colin Skolnick, Alyssa Sommer, Crystal Sommer, Larissa Sommer, Leann Sommer, Joyelyn Sommer, Julie Settle, Cherie Sullivan, Drake Thurmond, Rachel Thurmond, Blonca Tugatuk, Kaydence Tugatuk, and Aaron Wells. It is because of your generosity that we are able to have a successful program and award scholarships for this school year!

Kimberly Bower and Cory Miller at the Annual Meeting

Date to Remember: Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Annual Membership Meeting, Friday 9/9/16 at 12pm
Gana-A’Yoo, Limited
1205 E. Int’l Airport Rd., Ste. 100
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

Condolences

Our most sincere condolences to the family & friends of:

Hazel Strassburg, 89 is survived by her children Jo-Ann Grimaldi, Wayne Strassburg and Sharlene Strassburg; siblings, Dick Evans, Johnny Evans, and Emmett Evans; and grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Strassburg; parents, Charles and Elizabeth Evans; and siblings, Alan Evans, Cora Flynn, and Miranda Beasley. Hazel was a shareholder with Galena class stock.

Mary (Minnie) Cecelia Robertson, 90 is survived by her children Mary Mathias Seward, Ruth Sanders, Sharon Nall, Carmen Eckert Olund, Marlys Powers, Bethle Holms, Gloria Gretzinger, and Robert Robertson Jr.; and her sisters, Margaret Patrick, Marion Baker Owens, and Margaret Agnes. She was preceded in death by her father, George Nollner; mother, Matilda Jimmie; siblings, Rita Monahan, Jenny Silas, Ralph Perdue, Leo Kriska, Austin Esmailka, Gilford Monroe, Hughey Kriska, and Chris Kriska. Minnie was a shareholder with Nulato class stock.

Earl Jerry Dutchman, 41 is survived by his mom, Christine Dutchman; brother, Aaron Dutchman; and daughters, Dakota and Raeanne. He was preceded in death by his dad, Robert Dutchman; wife, Lavina Dutchman; and brothers, Franklyn and Matthew Dutchman. Earl was a shareholder with Kaltag class stock.

Aubrey Wade Beasley Jr., 33 is survived by his mother, Donna Stickman-Garman; father, Aubrey “Tex” Beasley Sr.; brothers, Benjamin Garman, Chris Collins, Jim, Frank, and Aubrey Beasley III; sisters, Audrey Smith, Carol Field, Ruth, Eliza, Miranda, and Esther Beasley. He was preceded in death by his brother Charles Beasley. Aubrey was a shareholder with Galena class stock.

Thomas Henry, 65 is survived by his sisters Linda Little and Madeline Krol and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Lilly Henry and Johnson Henry; brothers, Andrew Henry and Matthew Henry; and sisters, Lillian Goodwin and Dorothy Henry. Thomas was a shareholder with Galena class stock.