Well, we’ve made it through what seemed like a never ending winter and are now into May. With glimpses of spring in sight, plans for the annual meeting are under way. The meeting will be in Galena on Saturday, June 8th. I encourage all of you to take the time to send in your completed proxy if you haven’t already. You can either vote directly for the board member(s) of your choice or if you submit an undirected proxy your votes will be divided equally amongst all candidates listed.

The Board of Directors will be reviewing committee assignments right after the annual meeting on June 8th. Interested shareholders are encouraged to submit a letter of interest by committee for the following committees: Investment (currently Joshua Peter); Shareholder Relations (currently Vera Lestenkof, Joshua Peter and Leann Sommer); and Lands and Resources (currently Alfred ‘Dick’ Evans, Eliza Jones and Walter Stickman). Other opportunities to serve include the Gana’ayoo Services Corporation board of directors (currently Theresa Clark).

During the February board meeting, the Board declared a $1.80 per share dividend payable on May 31st. For the first time, shareholders will not be able to pick up checks at the annual meeting. Shareholders dividends will either be direct deposited or mailed a week before the meeting on May 31st, 2013. If you are interested in direct deposit, please return your form by May 15th. We look forward to seeing everyone.

*Edeghoyeneghaahuleneek, Betty Huntington, CEO

*Until we see one another again, take good care of yourself.*
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GANA-A’YOO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gana-A’Yoo, Limited 35th Annual

Saturday 11:00 am, June 8th, 2013, Galena
Registration starts 9:30 am
Main item of Business: Election of (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.

Please submit a letter of interest by June 1st to:
Gana-A’Yoo, Limited
Attn: Crystal Sommer
6927 Old Seward Hwy, Ste 101
Anchorage, AK 99518
e-mail csommer@ganaayoo.com
or fax 569-9699

Great Representation at FNA Event

Big kudos to all who got involved with the various events in Fairbanks.

The Annual Fairbanks Native Association potlatch had a lot of representation from people in our area. Vernon Cooper, son of Jodi Ambrose originally of Nulato and the grandson of Ladean Ambrose and the late Vern Sommer of Nulato won the baby contest. Also entered in the baby contest was Braelyn Mountain, daughter of Bradley Mountain; granddaughter of Noreen and Marvin Mountain of Nulato. Miss FNA 2012, Clara Perdue, daughter of Mona Nollner originally of Koyukuk and the late Ralph Holmberg gave her crown to the Miss FNA 2013 Tessa Wallis (granddaughter of Pauldine Carlo). Also running for Miss FNA was Jaylein Kriska, daughter of Leona Kriska of Koyukuk and Floyd Demoski of Nulato.

Great Job Everyone!!!

Stock Will Drive

To be entered in the drawing for $250 at the Annual Shareholder Meeting, you must have submitted a valid stock will in the last five years by 6/8/13. All Stock wills must be:
- Completed Entirely
- 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

Thank you, Gana-A’Yoo Board, staff and partners for your continued and generous support. In 2012, we are especially grateful for the generous cash donation Gana-A’Yoo made which we used to purchase a Christmas tree that will be enjoyed by our elders for years. We had many excellent holiday parties with the prime rib provided by Eurest Services and thanks to gifts from Board members, staff and Gana-A’Yoo affiliates, all our residents got what they needed for Christmas.

We reached 100% capacity in 2012, an accomplishment you should be proud to be a part of. Over 50% of our residents are Gana-A’Yoo shareholders. 86% of our 14 employees are shareholders or descendents. We are not without challenges to succeed in this business but with partners such as Gana-A’Yoo, it is happening.

The staff is our major asset; they truly are "honoring our elders by providing safe and compassionate care and support in a culturally sensitive home." When in Galena, stop by YKEALF, the coffee and tea is always on; the food is as good as you would get in any fine restaurant and the hospitality is 5 star and as warm as you get in any Athasbascan home.

If you would like to volunteer or donate in any way, please contact: Agnes Sweetsir 656-1245 or a_sweetsir@yahoo.com.

Photo Courtesy of Susan Esmailka

YKEALF photo taken by Keith Ramos

Braelyn with her parents Bradley Mountain and Vanessa Fleagle. Photo by FNA
Share Your Good News

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

Kaltag

Community members in Kaltag have become closer lately with all the sadness. The community has come together and has various activities planned for the community’s health, this includes games and other activities. Kaltag also had an open house for their new clinic and recognized the families of the late Mary Etta Neglaska and the late Anna Madros for their dedicated service as health aides. Kaltag once again enjoyed being one of the check points along the 1,000 mile Iditarod dog race. This year was special as shareholder Louie Ambrose raced with his dog team, in honor of his late father in law, Jerry Austin of St. Michael. 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. 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. Congratulations to shareholder Miranda Wright for being re-elected to the Doyon board of directors. The community has been successful in planning various activities thanks to local leader Robyn George. She has planned a “Choose Respect” walk along with a basketball tournament and Robyn encourages others to live a healthy lifestyle by being a role model of sobriety.

Koyukuk

Koyukuk, one of our smaller villages, continues to be the place to get together. Several of the surrounding villages traveled to Koyukuk for various events from dances to basketball. The community also 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 kept Tyler Huntington in their prayers as he recovered from a wreck in preparations for the 2013 Iron Dog Race. We wish you well Tyler and will be rooting for you next year. Congratulations to Shirley Cleaver on her election to the Doyon board of directors and we extend our gratitude to Josephine Malemute for her years of service on the Doyon board. Galena also honored shareholder, Vernon Stickman as he snow shoeed from Tanana to Kaltag to bring awareness to 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 speak about suicide prevention.
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Photo Courtesy of Olga Semaken

Back row: Bruce Peter, Rosa Peter, Janice Demoski, Lucy Bower, Cheyanne Kakakaruk with Pauline Peter of Nulato. Pauline was honored at the Doyon Annual Meeting as Elder of the Year. Photo by Doyon.

Fred Alexie, Sr. of Kaltag addresses delegates at the TCC Annual Convention as Fred Huntington of Galena awaits his turn. Photo by TCC.

Andrea Durny, Edith Hildebrand, Edith Nicholas, Kathleen Meckel, all enjoy a quick photo during the Doyon Annual Meeting. Photo by Doyon.

Tracy Hailey and sister Beverly Madros originally of Kaltag share a quick visit in the middle of meetings at the TCC Convention. Photo by TCC.

Percy Lolnitz of Koyukuk addresses delegates at the TCC Annual Convention. Photo by TCC

March Madness in Fairbanks

Every year March comes and goes with a swiftness. Fairbanks is flooded with visitors from all our rural communities. They come to attend the Tanana Chiefs Conference Convention, the Doyon annual meeting and also take advantage of the dog races, dances to fiddle music, or cheering on their favorite basketball team. This time of year is a time to visit and catch up. Sharing stories of who went to what spring carnival or basketball tournament. These photos capture a few of the people from our villages who were in town for the various festivities.

Prior to being elected a board of director, Shirley Cleaver addresses the Doyon Annual Meeting. Photo by Doyon.

Gerald Patsy of Nulato at the TCC Convention after being elected to the Executive Board as the Youth Rep. Photo by TCC.
**Motivated Business Graduate to speak at Annual Shareholder meeting**

The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board of Directors selected Joyelyn Sommer as student of the year. She will speak at the Annual Meeting in Anchorage on May 5th. Joyelyn enjoys being with family and friends, along with beading, traveling and being in the great outdoors. Joyelyn shared some advice for students preparing for college.

**What is the best advice you can provide students preparing for college?**
The best advice I would give is make sure you are ready and be sure you have a clear mind and are focused and determined. Be sure you are ready to commit yourself, because it’s a lot of work and a lot of studying.

**What helped you to succeed?**
The thing that helped me the most is my determination and it has been a goal of mine for a long time and I was committed. I also had a clear vision of which classes I needed and I knew what class to take next.

**What kept you goal oriented?** I always wanted a degree as long as I could remember and wanted to keep that goal until I had accomplished that.

**Is there any advice you had received, that you would like to share?**
My cousin and sister always told me that it is really rewarding to get the best grades you can and this would help you with receiving scholarships as well.

**What do you plan to do now?**
After graduating with my double major in business management and marketing I plan to enter the workforce here in Anchorage and would like to do some traveling as well.

**Congratulations Joyelyn & Good Luck with all your future Endeavors.**

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**GANA-A’YOO FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS**

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*We Are Thankful To All Of You*

**Charity Walk fundraiser:** There is another planned fundraiser for the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation, come on out and support the Foundation in the 2013 Alaska Visitor Industry Charity Walk on Friday, May 10, 2013 in downtown Anchorage or Fairbanks! There will be prizes, activities, food, and beverages. For the Anchorage walk you can register online at [http://www.alaskacharitywalk.org/registration](http://www.alaskacharitywalk.org/registration) and be sure to choose Gana-A’Yoo Foundation or make a check out to "Visitor Industry Charity Walk" and mail it to: Gana-A’Yoo Foundation 6927 Old Seward Hwy, Suite 101 Anchorage, AK 99518 with the completed form found on the website. The minimum donation (tax deductible) is $35 for adults and $20 for children (5-18), when you register on or by May 6th. After 5/6/13, late registration will be $45 for adults and $30 for children. For the Fairbanks walk you can register online at [http://www.alaskacharitywalk.org/fairbanks.html](http://www.alaskacharitywalk.org/fairbanks.html). The minimum donation is $25 for adults and $15 for children if registered before May 6th after it is $30 for adults and $20 for children. Be sure to choose Gana-A’Yoo Foundation. T-shirts have been ordered for the walk so hurry and register and get your sizes in, before your size is gone. Contact Crystal Sommer at 907-569-9599, ext 0 if you have questions or for your t shirt. This is for the walkers in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

**Cookbook Planned:** Gana-A’Yoo Foundation is putting together a cookbook using recipes submitted by our shareholders, partners, and employees. Please submit your favorite recipes to ganaayoofoundation@gmail.com. If you have a story or a picture please submit that as well. The proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will go towards scholarships.

**More Exciting News:** The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation will be accepting donations via PICK, CLICK, GIVE for 2014. Through 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.

*Masee’ for all you do for our future leaders.*

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*Date to Remember: Foundation Scholarship Deadline 6/30/13*
"Our Culture.
We’re still doing it now.
We never give up."
Goodwin Semaken, Sr.

The Board of Directors & Staff extend their sincere condolences to the family & friends of:

Linda Ann Ambrose, 64 is survived by her son Thomas, Jr. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Ambrose Sr., daughter Abigail, parents, Plasker and Agnes Nickoli. Linda was a shareholder of Kaltag.

Lawrence Dayton, 58 is survived by his wife Agnes; children Susan and Jon; his mother Annie. He was preceded in death by his father Roger Dayton. Lawrence was a shareholder of Koyukuk.

Edward G. Demoski, 76 is survived by his brother, Victor; sister, Barbara. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert Demoski, Sr. and Belinda; siblings, Mary Pilot, Alfred Demoski, Robert Demoski Jr. and Ethel Brush. Edward was a shareholder of Nulato.

Roberta Demoski, 48 is survived by her husband Craig Faber and her children Claudia and Mary; and her father Robert Thurmond. She was preceded in death by her son Thomas; husband John Demoski; and her mother Mary Thurmond. Roberta was a shareholder of Galena.

Valentine B. Demoski, 81 is survived by his son Terry. He was preceded in death by his parents Aloysius and Rose Demoski and son Victor. Valentine was a shareholder of Galena.

Cora Flynn, 71 is survived by her children Lanai, Lori, Thomas Jr., and Charles. She was preceded in death by her parents Charlie & Elizabeth Evans; husband Tom Flynn Sr.; and son Michael. Cora was a shareholder of Galena.

Maxie Johnson, 56 is survived by his siblings, Dorothy, Joe, Michael, Josephine, Sarah, Philomena and William. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Hilda Johnson. Maxie was a shareholder of Nulato.

Dorothy M. Solomon, 53 is survived by her husband Gabe; children Gary and Arlene. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sebastian and Eva McGinty. Dorothy was a shareholder of Kaltag.

Joann Sommer-Sam, 54 is survived by her husband Clarence; children Daniel, Donald and Patti Sam and Tyson Kiska. She was preceded in death by her parents Maudrey and Henry Sommer. Joann was a shareholder of Nulato.

Mary Thurmond, 72 was survived by her husband Robert; her children Elsie, Gary, Vera and Roberta. She was preceded in death by her son Clarence; her parents Dennis and Elsie Silas. Mary was a shareholder of Galena.

Christine Wagner, 75 is survived by her children Allen, Shirley, Cecelia, Patricia and Kathryn. Christine was preceded in death by her husband, Leland; parents, Jimmy and Cecelia Huntington and daughter Judy. Christine was a shareholder of Koyukuk.

Anthony J. Warner, 71 is survived by his children Sharlot, Sylvia, Heather and Harold. He is preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Pauline Warner. Anthony was a shareholder of Nulato.