Dear Shareholders:

I hope this letter finds that you all have had an incredible summer, with plentiful fish stored in your freezers. For the first time in three years, we were able to subsistence fish the Yukon River again for the infamous king salmon. What a wonderful time for all. I want to personally thank all who abided by the guidelines and restrictions that were set in order to keep our salmon population at a healthy level, as well as in accordance for keeping the numbers up for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

I would also like to thank the village of Nulato for their extraordinary hospitality during our 2016 Annual Shareholder Meeting, and more so for every shareholder who voted this year. It is inspiring to know that this year we made Gana-A’Yoo history with the highest quorum of 78.58%! The Shareholder Resolution was approved with a resounding 67.84% voting yes. This is extremely exciting for what lies ahead and will bring many great qualities to our corporation and shareholders. Again, thank you for voting at the Annual Shareholder meeting and for sending in your proxies. Furthermore, I would like to encourage all of you to vote this upcoming election year, because every vote counts.

As we look toward the future, I wish all of you the best of luck and an abundance of firewood to keep warm and a full freezer for the winter. I am looking forward to serving you all as a shareholder, Board of Director, leader, and the newly elected President of Gana-A’Yoo, Limited. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

- Leann Sommer, President

Mark Your Calendar

10/19/16 Shareholder Informational Meeting at LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Fairbanks from 5-7pm
12/9/16 Board Meeting at the Anchorage office at 8:30am
1205 E. International Airport Road, Suite 100
*Hunek Zoo* Ghu Hoolnek

This is a Denaakk’e (Koyukon) phrase meaning good news or information is written or told in writing. We are so lucky to be with you today to share good news from our villages.

Koyukuk Receives Language Revitalization Grant

The Doyon Foundation awarded $50,000 in language revitalization grants this past spring as part of its “Our Language Grant” program. Doyon received 17 proposals in which 9 were selected. Koyukuk was among the recipients who were awarded. Four elders will instruct a class for adult language learners, with the objective and goal to speak in full sentences. The adults will be immersed in the language, and will themselves become instructors by passing the language they learn on to young people. Doyon’s “Our Language” program was developed to support the revitalization of the 10 languages in the Doyon region. Gana-A’Yoo is happy to hear that this program is funding the efforts of the Denaakk’e language.

YKEALF Celebrates 5 Years

The Yukon-Koyukuk Elder Assisted Living Facility (YKEALF) celebrated their 5th anniversary on July 22nd. The festivities in Galena included a lunch, sharing stories, and recognizing the staff. Agnes Sweetsir and Rose Johnson were recognized for their contribution and service. The staff ensures that the elders maintain a quality of life that enables them to continue to remain as an integral part of their families and the community. Since its inception, YKEALF has served 29 elders and was at 100% capacity for the year. The YKEALF was formed by strong partnerships from five (5) village tribal councils: Kaltag, Koyukuk, Louden (Galena), Nulato, and Ruby. The YKEALF provides culturally sensitive care to the elders, much needed employment in this area of rural Alaska, and is a forum in which elders continue to be viable contributing community members and all generations can connect in meaningful, rich relationships. They are assessing to expand and partner to meet the needs of the growing populations of elders that need assistance. Thank you to all the dedicated generous donors and partners for making this possible!

Employment Opportunity

Gana-A’Yoo, Limited is currently hiring for a Temporary Administrative Assistant/Accounts Payable Clerk for our corporate office in Anchorage. This candidate will assist with administrative duties as well as accounts payable/receivable duties. The job requirements include relevant administrative and accounts payable experience of at least one (1) year and familiarity with computerized accounting systems. Duties include: answering inquiries and obtaining information; maintaining intercompany accounts accurately; assisting with month end closing activities; preparing and entering general ledger journal entries; receiving and processing vendor invoices and internal check requests; and preparing weekly bank deposits. To request complete job descriptions or to apply, please contact Janelle Huntington at jhuntington@ganaayoo.com or call 907-771-6535.

Gana-A’Yoo Amends Land Use Policy

In 2015, the Lands and Resources Committee and other community members met with the intention to get feedback on the policy and make recommendations for any changes. Gana-A’Yoo recognizes that subsistence remains the primary purpose and highest priority use of the land for the people of all four (4) of our villages. In support of promoting healthy living and healthy communities, the policy now includes not only shareholders and descendants, but also limited use by others who make their home in one of our four (4) villages. Those individuals can apply for a conditional use permit and pay a fee if approved. For more information or to receive an application, please contact Crystal Sommer at lands@ganaayoo.com or call 907-569-9599.
Galena Project with Parsons
The Kaiyuh Services, LLC team members from Galena are currently performing construction services with Parsons Corporation. This entails preparing sites for the placement of skid mounted prefabricated Soil Vapor Evaporation (SVE) and bioventing blower system enclosures. These pads are approximately 14 feet long and 10 feet wide at 6 locations and 16 feet long by ten feet wide at two locations. Teams will also be providing construction services to support the excavation of trenches from the vent wells to the SVE and bioventing system manifolds at each site. The total amount of time the team will spend on this job is approximately seven (7) weeks with some weeks requiring day and night shifts. We are happy to be employing local community members.

New Employee of the Quarter Program
Gana-A’Yoo implemented an “Employee of the Quarter” program to enhance employee satisfaction and recognize our stellar employees from all Gana-A’Yoo companies. The winner of the first Employee of the Quarter award goes to a Kaiyuh Services, LLC employee, Lakeshia Register who works at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Raleigh, North Carolina. Her achievement is the result of her hard work, dedication, and outstanding job performance. She won a $25 gift card for her accomplishments and her achievements were featured on a plaque. We truly value our hard working employees. Congratulations to Lakeshia!

GSC Mechanical, LLC Receives Award
GSC Mechanical, LLC, a subsidiary of Gana-A’Yoo, Limited, provides HVAC, refrigeration and commercial food equipment repairs, installation and preventative maintenance. GSC Mechanical, LLC caters to commercial, industrial, and government clients. GSC Mechanical, LLC was recently presented the Safety Training Evaluation Process (STEP) award by the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. for the company’s Platinum Level of achievement and its ongoing efforts in the development of a quality safety program for 2016. ABC is a national construction group that our HVAC Heating & Cooling site in Fife, WA is a member of. Congratulations to GSC Mechanical, LLC for the excellent performance!

Kaiyuh Information Technologies, LLC Becomes 8(a) Certified
Kaiyuh Information Technologies, LLC (KIT) is a full-service Information Technology (IT) provider of highly qualified IT professionals for Consulting, Direct Hire and Project Solutions Services. KIT currently has contracts at two (2) military installations providing IT help-desk, Administration, Training, and Logistics support. The General Manager of KIT is Eathan Gammel. He is responsible for planning, directing, and coordinating the operations of this company. We are proud of the work that Eathan does. KIT recently became 8(a) certified this past July. This is good news for KIT because with 8(a) certification, KIT can acquire more IT and professional service type contracts in the federal sector, which diversifies our capabilities.

Kaiyuh Services, LLC Receives Kodiak Contract
We are pleased to announce that Kaiyuh Services, LLC was awarded a new food services contract in Kodiak, Alaska, which begins October 1, 2016. We will provide full food services at the United States Coast Guard Base. The contract is a base plus four year options. Kaiyuh Services, LLC is excited to be expanding more job opportunities in Alaska.
GANA-A’YOO FOUNDATION

Scholarship Walk Fundraiser
The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Scholarship Walk Fundraiser in Galena on June 30th was a great success. We would like to give a big thank you to Joyce Huntington and Larissa Sommer for organizing the fundraising walk. The event took place during the Sobriety Street Fair that TCC hosts and $295 was raised for the Foundation! We would like to thank the following participants and contributors:

Ashley Burgett, Jennal Burgett, Alaura Cramer, Harrison Cramer, Destiny Frankson, Erica Frankson, Yolie Gamboa, Cecelia Grant, Jase Gutierrez, Joyce Hausmann, Larry Hausmann, Keilah Havener, Andrew Huntington, Joyce Huntington, Tamara Huntington, Trevor Huntington, Jon Korta, Jim Lagattuta, Veronica Miller, Sharon Nollner, Paul Pajak and Trigger, Madelaina Pilot, Hawkin Scotten, Saybel Scotten, Aaren Sommer, Albertha Sommer, Paula Sommer, Christine Twitchell, and Shelby Williams.

*Yuhts’en’ Maasee’ Ts’oodnee
*We Are Thankful To All Of You

If you would like to make a charitable gift to the Foundation, your donation will be featured here and on our company webpage. Your donation is also tax deductible. To find out more, please email or call Crystal Sommer at (907) 569-9599. Each and every contribution makes a difference in helping students achieve self-sufficiency through education and career development.

Scholarships Awarded:
The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation scholarship committee includes board members: Anne Esmailka, Larissa Sommer, Kim Bower, and Hazel Lolnitz. The group met in July and awarded $57,000 in scholarships to the following students:

Madison Atla, Huslia
Taylor Beardslee, Juneau
Andrew Becker, Fairbanks
Samantha Blake, Auburn, WA
Monica Chase, Anchorage
Margaret David, Seattle
Christina Edwin, Anchorage
Ashton Ekada, Anchorage
Diloola Erickson, Fairbanks
Rachel Evans, North Pole
Sharon Hildebrand, Fairbanks
Patrick Hoffman, Anchorage
Sidney Huhnord, Fairbanks
Janelle Huntington, Anchorage
Katherine Huntington, Anchorage
Heather Huntington-Gutierrez, Paramount, CA
Savannah Ivanoff, Anchorage
Taylor Kauffman, Wasilla
Patricia Kriska, Fairbanks
Andrea Krol, Kenai
Loretta Lolnitz, Koyukuk
Jolene Malemute, Fairbanks
Nuzune Menka, Gakona
Cory Miller, Anchorage
Grace Packer, Anchorage
Victoria Patsy, North Pole
Jennessa Pitka, Anchorage
Jordanna Pitka, Wasilla
Celina Powers, Fairbanks
Skyla Powers, Fairbanks
Kayla Ridderbush, Fairbanks
Britleigh Rogers, Cochran, GA
Shirley Sam, Fairbanks
Sommer Stickman, Fairbanks
Rachel Thurmond, Anchorage
Gerd Wholecheese, Galena

Koyukon Competitive Recipients:
Masters/Graduate $2000
Margaret David, Seattle University
“By becoming an Alaska Native nurse midwife I plan to create more pathways for Native providers into maternal child health care.” Her parents are Dee Olin and David Hoffman; grandparents are the late Lillian and Fred Olin Jr., and the late Lorraine and John Ho-nea.

Junior/Senior $1500
Diloola Erickson, University of Alaska Fairbanks
“Once I graduate with my Mechanical Engineering and Rural Development Degrees, I plan on using my skills to apply it to solving problems that many rural Alaskan villages face.” Her parents are Susan and Arne Erickson; grandparents are Alexander Solomon Jr. and the late Irene Solomon.

Junior/Senior $1500
Britleigh Rogers, Valdosta State University
“Learning is a life-long experience, and I will need to continue to learn and grow to be the best teacher I can be.” Her parents are Doug and Danette Rogers; grandparents are Daniel and Christine Olin Smith, and the late Lillian Pitka Olin.
Scholarship Essay Spotlight:
Each year the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation scholarship committee selects a student essay to spotlight. This essay was submitted by Margaret David as part of her 2016 scholarship application:

My maternal grandparents are the late Lillian and Fred Olin Jr., and the late Lorraine and John Honea all from Kokrine/Ruby/Galena. My paternal grandparents are the late Helen and George Hoffman from Spokane, WA.

My grandmother is Lillian Olin and my mother is Dee Olin. The time spent in Ruby, at fish camp, with my grandparents, and listening to my parent’s stories is what roots me, and has served as a strong foundation throughout my life.

As I became more aware in the world, I thought it was not right that our people suffer disease more than most, and that most of the professionals serving our people are not from our own communities. These inequities fueled my motivation to be a part of improving this situation, and I decided to become a health care provider to serve rural Alaska. Upon returning home from college and the Peace Corps, and immersing myself in tribal wellness promotion, my path toward midwifery was realized. We moved to Seattle where I am succeeding in my Nurse Practitioner program, and next year I will return home a Certified Nurse Midwife.

The potential to heal ourselves, and our ancestors, during the sacredness of childbirth is why I have chosen to pursue an advanced education and career in midwifery. With the holistic support of my midwife I was able to realize power during my first pregnancy to heal from historical traumas. Understanding how our negative health statistics correlate with intergenerational traumas, I became inspired to continue growing a community grounded in wellness through working with Native mothers.

We know that health care needs to be culturally congruent with the population being served to be the most effective and sustainable, and I was astounded to learn that there are only 15 Native Certified Nurse Midwives in the United States. By becoming an Alaska Native nurse midwife, I plan to create more pathways for Native providers into maternal child health care. My community health service foundation favors on building capacity of rural community health workers. Clinical training as a nurse midwife will enable me to provide comprehensive women health care to better support Native families, while also strongly advocating for health care services that best fit our unique strengths and needs as Native communities.

“We are our ancestors. When we heal ourselves, we also heal our ancestors, our grandmothers, and our children. When we heal ourselves we heal Mother Earth.” - Dr. Rita Pitka Blumenstein, Yupik Grandmother, Traditional Midwife, Tribal Doctor.

Koyukon Competitive Recipients:
Freshman/Sophomore $1000
Andrea Krol, University of Alaska Anchorage
“My dream in life is to spread awareness and show others, against all odds that anything is possible.” Her parents are RaeEllen Kurzen-doerfer and Robert Krol; grandparents are Madeline and Walter Krol.

Madison Attla, Fort Lewis College
“My culture and my ancestors are an important part of my decision to become a nurse. The Koyukon people have an extensive history of being healers.” Her mother is Ginger Attla and her grandparents are Joe and Margie Ambrose.

Donate to the Foundation
The Gana-A’Yoo Foundation will be accepting donations via PICK, CLICK, GIVE for 2017. Through your donations, the Foundation is able to award competitive scholarships to students.

Foundation Board Open Seat Announcement
There is one (1) seat open on the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Board of Directors. The candidate will be selected on September 9, 2016 at the Gana-A’Yoo Foundation Annual Membership meeting at 12pm at the Anchorage office. The current Board members & term consists of: Larissa Sommer; Galena; term ends 9/2016; Kimberly Bower; Nulato; term ends 9/2017; and Anne Esimalka; Kaltag; term ends 9/2018.
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GANA-A’YOO CONDOLENCES/MISSING ADDRESSES

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

Alvin Dayton, 64 is survived by his daughter, Dolly Esther Simon-Dayton; brothers, Andrew Dayton and Wayne Dayton; sisters, Ethel Esmailka, Julia Dixon, Margie Dayton, and Violet Huntington; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Adrian Dayton; parents, Albert and Esther Dayton; brothers, Noel Dayton, James Dayton, Raymond Dayton, and Hinnie Dayton. Andrew was a shareholder with Koyukuk class stock.

Andrew Anthony Semaken, 63 is survived by his father, Goodwin Semaken Sr., brothers, Francis Semaken, Chris Semaken Sr., and Goodwin Semaken Jr.; sisters, Margaret Wilson, Betty Griffin, Jackie Nicholas, and Diana Yaska; grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Lavina Neglaska-Dutchman; mother, Florence Semaken. Andrew was a shareholder with Kaltag class stock.

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

- Hobart Huffman
- Juliet Huffman
- Kevelina Huffman
- Lynette Huffman
- Tolovana Huffman
- Lisa Madros
- Christina Nollner
- Jason Nollner
- Susan Ann Pitka
- Alexis Santos
- Alexander Solomon
- Steven Stickman