



HUNA TOTEM CORPORATION

# Shareholder update

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**WE OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED SHAREHOLDERS**

**Alice Moy, 74**

## Shareholders maintain high ballot returns

### RUSSELL DICK, FRANULOVICH, WHITE ELECTED TO ANOTHER BOARD TERM AT CORPORATE ANNUAL ELECTION

About four out of every five Huna Totem shareholders voted by proxy or in person at the company's annual meeting held in Hoonah, June 4, 2005.

The 82 percent voter return is consistent with previous years' high voter participation.

"It's obvious that our shareholders care about the corporation and take an active role in electing our decision makers," said Huna Totem Board Chair Albert Dick.

"We consistently have one of the highest quorum percentages in Alaska Native corporations, and we are proud of it."

Shareholders elected incumbents Russell Dick, Bertha Franulovich, and Paul White, Jr. to a three-year term ending in 2008.


Corporate officials delivered a report about company performance and future

### Board Election Tally

Quorum: 82.38%

Russell A. Dick .....	53,380
Bertha M. Franulovich .....	43,767
Paul White, Jr. ....	41,607
Ernest W. Hillman, Jr. ....	32,004
Rosemary Jimboy .....	17,586
Darrel T. Brown .....	6,758
Daniel Brown .....	1,764

business and investment plans (see related story on Page 3).

In a separate organizational meeting following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors reconfirmed Albert Dick of Hoonah as Chair, Ronald D. Williams of Juneau as Vice Chair, and Edward Davis of Seattle as Corporate Secretary. 

## Investment highlights

Type of investment:  
Tourism service

Percentage of Ownership: 100 percent

Total invested:  
Annual employee salary budget and production of brochures

Year started: 2000

Investment strategy:  
Generate revenue and accurately tell the story and way of life for Glacier Bay Huna Tlingits.

## SPOTLIGHT on our investments: Glacier Bay Interpretive Services

Huna Totem has an annual agreement with Holland America Lines Westours to provide cultural interpretations aboard Holland vessels as they enter Glacier Bay National Park during the May-September season.

The Cultural Interpreters interact with passengers and provide them with an in-depth historical and cultural view of the ties the Hoonah people have to Glacier Bay.

"Glacier Bay is the original homeland of the Huna Tlingits and the Interpretive Services program is an avenue to maintain that connection," said Huna Totem CEO Robert Wysocki. "Oral tradition is the way of our people and we are able to keep the history and culture alive through the sharing of the stories and culture of Huna Tlingits."

Wysocki said the program's two employees, James Jack, Sr. and Carolyn Martin, delivered presentations 92 days last year and 111 days are scheduled this year.



Huna Tlingit history lives on through interpretive services program.

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## Annual Meeting Prize Winners

### HTC Vests

Andrew J. Moritz  
JoAnn Perrin  
Deonovich F. Williams  
Howard H. Gray Jr.  
Katherine Hanlon  
Willie J. Grant  
Chandler A. Stewart  
Charles Jack Jr.  
Sharon A. Parks  
Rigel J. Shaw

### \$100 Prizes

George N. Mills Jr.  
Mike J. Mills Sr.  
Ryan D. Neil  
Howard L. Gray  
Patrick G. Mills  
Alisa A. St. Clair  
Fred Morgan Jr.  
Charlotte Siverly  
Earl K. Austin  
Esther M. Brown

### Clan Workshop Photo

Katherine Marvin  
Brian Katzeek

### Icy Strait Point Salmon

Mildred Wright  
Pauline Hillman

### Vest & Pullover

Robert Wolfe  
Mabel Lee

### Jars of Salmon

Valerie Veler  
Lila Hubbard

## \$800 raised for literacy at the annual meeting

Huna Totem Corp. and shareholders attending the corporate annual meeting June 4 participated in a fund-raising event, raising \$884 in contributions toward the Hoonah Even Start Family Literacy Program.

In its fourth year of operation, the literacy program provides programs for families living in the Hoonah community. The funds raised allow the program to continue and are used for childcare, books for family members, parent activities, and adult education.

# Board member Tili Abbott is a dedicated educator

For three decades, Huna Totem board member Tili G. Abbott has devoted herself to education, working as teacher, counselor, and principal — positions which placed her in direct involvement with students.

“Education continues to play a major role in my life,” she said.

Abbott began her teaching career at Mountain Home High School and stayed in that position for 20 years. She was principal of Hoonah City Schools from 1997 to 2000 and for the past five years, she has been a guidance counselor at Rimrock High School in Idaho. This coming fall, Abbott will return to Mountain Home High School as a counselor.

“My experience continues to confirm how important it is for students to be influenced by positive role models and for them to receive career guidance to achieve their goals,” she said.

Abbott holds a master’s degree in School Administration from the University of Alaska, Southeast, and a bachelor’s degree in Science, Health, and Physical Education from Boise State University. She is working towards a duo master’s degree in School Counseling and School

Psychology from the University of Idaho

Born and raised in Hoonah, she is the daughter of Karl and Cecelia Greenewald. She and her husband of 29 years, Jim Abbott, have two children and a grandson.

Tili Abbott was elected to the Huna Totem Board of Directors in 2004. She previously served on the Board from 1993 to 1999.

She believes Huna Totem’s investment in tourism has been positive for shareholder jobs.

“The corporation has recently ventured into the area of tourism that has made a positive impact on shareholder employment,” Abbott said. “Shareholders, family members, and community members now have the opportunity for employment in Hoonah and Glacier Bay.”

## at a glance

### Tili Abbott

#### Clan:

Kaagwaantaan

#### Age: 52

#### Residence:

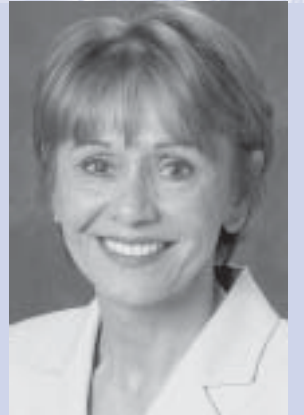
Mountain Home, Idaho

#### Year elected:

1997 & 2004

#### Current board committees:

Litigation, Glacier Bay



**Note: In an effort for shareholders to get to know their board members better, this is the tenth of a series of profiles on your elected board members.**

“The Icy Strait Point Cannery and Glacier Bay has historical and sentimental

significance so therefore it is important to protect resources for future generations.”

“I have faith in the shareholders of

this corporation that they will continue to be involved and be represented by board members that have shareholders’ best interest in mind.”

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Communications is important, she said. “As owners of Huna Totem Corporation, it is essential for shareholders to stay informed and to communicate with management and the board

of directors. A desire of mine is to have a corporation that operates transparently, which will contribute to building good relationships between shareholders, board members, and management,” she concluded. Abbott welcomes calls from Huna Totem shareholders. She can be reached at (208) 599-0837. 🐻

# Message from the Chairman

Dear Shareholder,

“What is the investment plan for our corporation?” is a question board members are asked often. I would like to answer that question in broader terms and following our strategic planning session, we will provide a more detailed response.

A year ago, we reported that our top investment priority was to get our Icy Strait Point tourism operation up and running. While growing pains are inevitable, we are pleased to report that many improvements were made to the destination following our first year, we have reached 93 percent local hire, and we have doubled the ships (130,000+ passengers aboard 73 cruise ships) that are coming next year. Additionally, the facility and operation is now majority owned by Huna Totem.

The numbers speak for themselves and those numbers will soon translate into more revenues and profits for Huna Totem.

The Board of Directors and senior management will participate in an annual strategic planning session late September. The end result is to better define the next

step for company growth and development. While we have not pinpointed specific investment areas, we are certain our search for sound investments is to look at market potential worldwide.



We acknowledge that Huna Totem has been conservative in its business approach in the past, but because of it, we have a strong company today. The process of doing our homework on investments is called due diligence. In most cases, our due

diligence will uncover things that would eliminate select investments, and sometimes it could take months to arrive at the conclusion.

All in all, it boils down to being careful in how our assets are used and leveraged. We appreciate your interest in Huna Totem.

Gunalcheesh,

*Albert W Dick*

Albert Dick  
Chairman of the Board

## congrats

**CHRISTINA DICK**

graduated from Kansas University May 22, receiving a master's degree in education. She has accepted a fourth grade teaching position at a grade school in Topeka, Kansas. Christina is the daughter of Jackie and Albert Dick of Hoonah.

Congratulations to HTC Chief Financial Officer **SAM FURUNESS** and his wife **TINA** on the birth of daughter Ava born May 1. She weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz.

Belated congratulations to **HOONAH HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM** for taking first place at the 2A Regional Tournament at Klawock and third place at state.

## Icy Strait Point increases local hire

**NINE OUT OF EVERY 10 WORKERS AT ICY STRAIT POINT IS FROM HOONAH**

Icy Strait Point officials recently reported the new tourism operation 1.5 miles from Hoonah has reached 93 percent local hire in its second year of operation.

“We have been getting positive feedback from the cruise lines that guests are reporting how our destination is like no other place in Alaska ... We are delivering an authentic Alaskan experience,” said Icy Strait Point President Johan Dybdahl. “That’s because we can guarantee guest interaction with employees born and/or raised in Hoonah and in Alaska, and in many instances, the staff members are third, fifth, and tenth generation Alaska Natives whose ancestors have lived in the area since time immemorial.”

Huna Totem CEO Robert Wysocki added that the corporation is committed to adhering to its shareholder hire preference which gives preference to Huna Totem shareholders and family members, Sealaska shareholders, and other



Icy Strait Point employees and Huna Totem shareholders Amy Wright (Kaatsawáa) and Howard Gray (Koo Hook).

PHOTO BY JOHN HYDE

**Icy Strait Point** *Continued on Page 4*

## get well

HUNA TOTEM WISHES THE FOLLOWING SHAREHOLDER A SPEEDY RECOVERY. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

Donna Sherman

Liv Gray

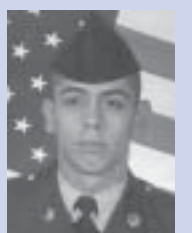
Dawn Houston

Judy Hanson

Charlene Osborne

## best wishes

Best wishes to **SGT. RYAN WALKER** who is currently



serving a second term in Iraq. He joined the Army in 2001 and is the son of Huna Totem shareholder Patricia Walker.



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### CORRECTION

There was a misprint in the last newsletter on the name of Angela McIntosh and her husband announcing the birth of their baby girl.



## how to contact us

*We welcome your feedback and ideas for the newsletter.*

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Cruise West Cruise Line will be added next year, making 186 days scheduled for 2006, a 68 percent increase, he said.

"In addition to the important historical and cultural ties, the program is a revenue generating center and offers employment for shareholders."

The interpreters have received accreditation from the National Association of Interpreters, as well as annual training from the National Parks Service in Glacier Bay.

If you are interested in joining the interpretive services staff next year, please contact James Jack, Sr. at the Huna Totem offices. 

## Important dates and notes from the Huna Heritage Foundation

- Clan Workshops are scheduled for September 9 & 10 at the Hoonah School.
  - Youth Leadership students will take a boat trip to Glacier Bay Sept. 11.
  - The deadline for the fall Education Assistance grants is October 31.
  - HHF received a \$300 grant from the Juneau Lions Club.
  - The Foundation has contracted with Dr. Charles Smythe to assist HHF & HIA to revise and enhance the NAGPRA claim for the return of the Mt. Fairweather cultural objects held by the University of Pennsylvania Museum.
- For more information, please contact the Huna Heritage Foundation (see left-hand column.)

## Icy Strait Point

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Alaska Natives and American Indians.

Icy Strait Point opened in 2004 and is Alaska's newest cruise destination and the only port in the wilderness.

The turn-of-the-century cannery was originally built in 1912 and was one of the largest producers of canned salmon during its heyday. Huna Totem restored and expanded it to showcase historic Alaska and Tlingit Native culture and heritage, along with more than a dozen shore excursions. The operation is owned and operated by Huna Totem Corporation. Details are available at [www.icystraitpoint.com](http://www.icystraitpoint.com). 