



HUNA TOTEM
CORPORATION

Shareholder update

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Community meetings

The remaining shareholder community meetings are Anchorage and Hoonah. (Meetings were earlier held in Washington state and Juneau).

Anchorage

- Saturday, April 30
- 1 to 3 p.m.
- Dillingham Room at the Hilton Anchorage
- 500 W. Third Ave.
- Phone (907) 272-7411

Hoonah

- Saturday, May 7
- 1 to 3 p.m.
- Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall
- Phone (907) 945-3358

to the other shore

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

Donald Bennett, 43
Susan Renee Williams, 51



Double the cruise ships coming to Icy Strait Point next summer

More workers and more hours for workers are anticipated next season at Icy Strait Point. That's because Holland America cruise line has committed to bringing ships during the 2006 May-September tourism season.

"We are obviously very happy with the commitments," said Icy Strait Point President Johan Dybdahl. "I think the word is getting out about the crowning jewel of Alaska destinations. It's just a matter of time before more ships will want to come experience the real Alaska."

Exact number of ships is not yet known but it's sure to be double the number over last year – and bring at least 130,000 guests.

At Huna Totem's newest tourism operation near Hoonah, visitors can participate in more than a dozen shore excursions ranging from saltwater fishing to flightseeing over Glacier Bay, from a tour of the renovated cannery to the Native dance performances and storytelling.



"I look forward to the added opportunities to showcase our community and our Tlingit culture," said Icy Strait Point employee Howard Gray (Koo Hook).

Shareholders and their family members who have an interest in employment are strongly encouraged to contact ISP headquarters at 907.789.8018.

The updated website

also has job postings, www.icystraitpoint.com.

"Ninety-four percent of employees last year were from Hoonah," Dybdahl said. "It's an impressive local hire accomplishment by any standard. We would like to maintain these high percentages." 🌸

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JOHAN DYBDAHL
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PRESIDENT

Alaska Supreme Court denies Greenewald and Brown appeal

The Alaska Supreme court last month denied dissident shareholders Karl H. Greenewald, Jr., and Gregory O. Brown's petition to rehear their case. In a January 2005 ruling the Alaska Supreme Court affirmed the lower courts decision which found in favor of Huna Totem Corp. on all issues.

"It's important to convey to shareholders that dissident legal actions are costly to all shareholders, especially when all claims are without merit," said Huna Totem Board Chair Albert Dick. "It has cost the corporation nearly \$500,000 over a five-year period to defend itself against the two dissident legal groups at five different venues including the administrative review, two Superior Court cases, and two separate Supreme Court appeals."

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Huna Heritage Foundation hard at work

Huna Heritage Foundation has many ongoing educational and cultural programs.

Education assistance grants. Grants fall into three categories – emergency, cultural and vocational – and awards are made two times a year. For academic awards, application deadlines are October 31 and January 31. Others are on an as-needed basis.

Clan workshops. HHF Clan Workshops are designed to educate the younger generations and others about Tlingit culture, protocols and clan structure. The next workshop is slated for September, rather than April, in Hoonah.

Cultural History Recording. Video and audio interviews with elders and gathering of photos and documents are ongoing.

Youth Leadership Project. HHF works with the Hoonah School District to help develop the leadership skills of Hoonah youth. Programs include developing self-esteem and increasing the knowledge of Tlingit culture by participation in the Clan Workshops, Alaska Federation of Natives Convention, community meetings, and educational boat trips around Hoonah to learn the history behind Hoonah clans.

NAGPRA. Under the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, the Foundation continues to work with the Hoonah Indian Association for the return of 44 objects from the University of Pennsylvania Museum. The objects belong to Mt. Fairweather Clan (Snail House). Mt. Fairweather clan leaders and other experts are involved to help make a stronger case to reclaim the objects.

Ronald Williams passes on important life lessons in education and patience

“Stay in school, do well in it, and finish.” That’s the key message Huna Totem Vice Chair Ronald D. Williams has for the younger generation coming up behind him to step into leadership roles.

“We are counting on the next generation to carry the torch,” he said. “Whether they plan to work for a Native or non-Native organization, an education is very important to a person’s success.”

“While working with the BIA, I had the privilege to work with George Barrett, a Tlingit from Yakutat, who was a former Superintendent at Wrangell Institute. During a high school parent and student gathering, he was the main speaker. He said a lot, but what sticks in my mind was his statement, ‘education is the only investment you can make that you can never lose.’” Williams remembers. “I always thought those were choice words.”

Born in Hoonah and raised in Juneau, Williams had to leave Hoonah to attend the Sheldon Jackson School in Sitka when he was 11 years old. Like others children from around the state, the campus dormitory would become his home. His younger brothers went to the school in Mt. Edgecumbe.

“I’m sure this is not what my parents wanted, but it’s something they felt they had to do,” Williams said.

Williams said the Hoonah Fire of 1944 burned to the ground 88 homes. His home was one of them.

“After the fire, there was no way to make a living, no houses to live in. That’s why I had to go to Sheldon Jackson.”

After Sheldon Jackson High School, he went on to Jr. College and to Western Washington State College. He served in the National Guard and the U.S. Navy following his education.

His long work history includes playing key roles in creating jobs for Alaska Natives and promoting Native culture and educa-

at a glance

Ron Williams

Clan:

T’ak Deintaan

Age: 71

Residence: Juneau

Year elected: 2000

Current board committees:

Executive; Glacier Bay JV Board



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

Next issue: Tilli G. Abbott.

tion. He directed Native hire on construction of the Alaska Pipeline, served as Presi-

dent of the Huna Heritage Foundation, and was the Shareholder Services Coordinator for Sealaska. He also was chairman for the

National Indian Committee on Economic Development and Job Development.

He is a lifetime member of Hoonah ANB Camp #12 and was honored to be president of ANB Grand Camp from 1983-1986, and again in 1994.

Williams said the speed of everything today is at a much hastened pace. Fast cars. Fast talkers. Fast food. But one of life’s lessons he has learned is patience.

“Some of the best teachers I ever had taught me how to be patient, not to rush things,” he said. “This was taught to me in the Navy, on a fishing boat, in school, and at work.”

“For Huna Totem, our focus should be on growing the company, but we need to have patience while doing it.” 🐻

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Message from the CEO

Dear Shareholder,

With the tourism season about to kick in full swing and with the election and annual meeting activities going on, I am thankful the dissident shareholder lawsuit is over. The Alaska Supreme Court last month denied the dissident group's petition to rehear their case.

I have been with Huna Totem for 18 months and during this time, the board members and executives have had to deal with this issue hanging over our heads. It's really a shame that differences of opinion have to end up in court.

With this behind, our efforts are aimed at growing the company. I'm proud that Huna Totem is investing in our communities. This newsletter highlights our

tourism operations at Hoonah and Glacier Bay. There are hundreds of jobs that were created as a result of these operations. These are the kinds of efforts I want us to invest in – our people and in our communities — not spending our hours, dollars and time mired in shareholder lawsuits. I look forward to a prosperous future and to growing Huna Totem for the benefit of all shareholders.

Sincerely,



Robert "Bob" Wysocki
President & CEO

congrats

HOONAH SPORTS TEAMS

High School Boys Basketball SE Conference 2A Champions, Huna Totem Tribe Gold Medal C Bracket Champions, and Hoonah wrestlers.

Huna Totem Assistant to the CEO **ANGELA MCINTIRE** and husband Kenneth welcomed a baby girl, Riley Elizabeth, born March 9. She weighed 7 lbs, 10 ounces.

Investment highlights

Type of investment:
tourism operations

Huna Totem Ownership:
joint venture partner

Total invested: \$650,000

Year invested:
May, 2004

Business strategy:
expand tourism presence in Southeast Alaska and to link Huna Totem shareholders to their homeland



SPOTLIGHT on our investments: Glacier Bay Concessions & Operations

Huna Totem was awarded a 10-year contract with the National Park Service last year to operate the lodge and concessions at Glacier Bay National Park near Juneau starting the summer of 2004.

"Our investment in the Glacier Bay operation is a good example of how our corporate mission goes beyond the bottom line," said Huna Totem Chair Albert Dick. "Our forefathers and many of today's elders are from Glacier Bay, so there's a deep spiritual and emotional connected to the area. The operation offers an avenue to tie Huna Totem shareholders back to our ancestral lands."

He said before the Huna Tlingits were forced out of the area, families would spend long summer months there preparing for the cold winter months ahead. "They called Glacier Bay our bread basket ... We would hunt for seals, collect seagull eggs, and pick berries."

Huna Totem's joint venture partner in Glacier Bay operation is ARAMARK, a seasoned concessions operator in similar operations across the nation and in Alaska.

In addition to spiritual ties and a prudent business decision, Glacier Bay also offers seasonal employment to Huna Totem shareholders. Interested shareholders and family members are strongly encouraged to inquire about these jobs by calling General Manager Bob George at 907. 697.4010. Information also can be found at www.hunatotem.com.

"We want to bring the Native presence back at the Lodge," George said. "We are doing this through displaying artwork and retailing history books, but ideally, we strive to hire Huna Totem shareholders."

"Shareholders of Huna Totem and Sealaska are given preference in hiring, and we would like to fill as many positions as possible in our business operations," said Chief Executive Robert Wysocki. 🍷





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PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.**

**Esther Kaze
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Appeal denied

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He said total amount in legal fees includes defending the corporation and the Shareholders' Settlement Trust against legal actions brought by shareholders Alf R. Skaflestead and Karlene Greenewald. Total legal fees and costs are the equivalent to about \$300 per shareholder with 100 shares.

Huna Totem is seeking reimbursement of legal expenses, which is allowed by the court, from the dissident group led by Karl H. Greenewald, Jr. and Gregory O. Brown. However, under Alaska Law any recovery of fees may only be a small percentage of what the Corporation was forced to spend to defend itself from the claims of a small group of dissidents.

Chief Executive Robert Wysocki said the lawsuits' negative impact goes beyond dollars. "Lawsuits not only cost us a lot money, but they also are a major distraction from growing the company and takes away from day-to-day operations." He said. "It cripples the company while the lawsuits are in play."

In January, 2005, the Alaska Supreme Court upheld the Juneau Superior Court decision that concluded that there was no breach of fiduciary duties by the board in the 1999 proxy campaign finding that the board had acted in good faith.

The Alaska Supreme Court also affirmed the lower courts decision that ruled that the "Code of Conduct" and "Know the Facts" flyers did not misstate or omit material facts and they did not amount to a fiduciary breach and they were not materially misleading. 🐻