



CHOGGIUNG LTD.

SHAREHOLDER NEWSLETTER

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38th Annual Meeting of Shareholders

We were pleased to see so many shareholders turn out for the 38th Annual Meeting of our Shareholders. A quorum was constituted with 51.6% of which 53, 125 shares of common stock was represented in person or by proxy.

Congratulations to Bryce Edgmon, Ida M. Backford and Cameron Poindexter for being re-elected to the Choggiung Limited Board of Directors for 3 year terms. Election Results were:

Bryce Edgmon	77,962
Ida M. Backford	51,796
Cameron Poindexter	31,687

See pages 4-7 to read about Shareholder of the year, Anna Nielsen, and our honored elders.

Shareholders gathered at the Alaska Native Heritage Center on December 10th for an informational meeting which also had a very good turn out.

Shareholders heard about corporation activities and had the opportunity to ask questions of the Board of Directors.





CHOGGIUNG EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Full-time Post Secondary scholarship applications are being accepted for the 2012-2013 school year. The full-time scholarship is for students who are enrolled in a qualifying, post-secondary educational institution with 12 or more credit hours. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2012.

Career/Work Enhancement scholarship applications are accepted year round or until funds are depleted. This program is to help shareholders who need financial assistance with a class or activity that will enhance their employability, their current employment or their career goals. Career/Work Enhancement Scholarships are limited to \$500 per qualified applicant per fiscal year.

During the 2011-12 school year the foundation was able to help twenty-one shareholders further their education through these programs.

For an application or more information, email marina@choggiung.com, call (907) 842-5218 or toll free (888)-377-2464.

Applications can also be downloaded at www.choggiung.com/shareholder/educational.

The CEEF Board of Directors and staff would like to congratulate shareholders Elena Barron and Jennifer Robinette for making the Dean's list last semester!

Elena attends the El Camino College in Torrance, California with a goal of getting her associates in respiratory care with a certificate in respiratory care.

Jennifer is receiving certification in environmental studies and is working toward her associates degree in applied science.

We take pride in recognizing our shareholders for their educational accomplishments. If you know of someone we can include in our next newsletter please email mbarnes@choggiung.com or call us at (907) 842-5218 or toll free 1(888)-377-2464.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CIC: Maintenance Technician (Temporary)

Bristol Inn: Front Desk Clerk

Bayside Diner: Cooks and Wait Staff

These positions are excellent opportunities for college students returning for the summer or for those seeking temporary employment. For more information call Choggiung Ltd. at (907) 842-5218 or toll free (888) 377-2464.

Employment applications are available for download on our website at: www.choggiung.com

PLANNING SESSION

The Board of Directors and management of Choggiung Ltd. met in a two-day strategic planning workshop on February 11 and 12, 2012. Participants completed an in-depth review of current businesses and developed a short-term action plan. Among other things they came up with investment guidelines to follow with potential business acquisitions. The meeting was very productive and the Board plans on following up with another session this fall.



ANNUAL MEETING CASH PRIZE WINNERS

\$500 Early Bird Alma M. Allen - Fairbanks, AK

\$100 Daphne S. Rutter - Wasilla, AK

\$300 Audrey A. Rearden - Homer, AK

\$100 Barbara R. Asher - Dillingham, AK

\$300 Lila V. Lopez - Dillingham, AK

\$150 Mark D. Carty - Aleknagik, AK

\$500 Ina Shade - Togiak, AK

\$150 Luanne Pelagio - Anchorage, AK

\$500 Ryan Christensen for
Mia M. Christensen - Wasilla, AK

\$200 Brianne Mercurief for
Kenneth N. Knutsen - Anchorage, AK

\$500 Olga Kropoff - Dillingham, AK

\$250 Helena M. Andree - Lynden, WA

\$1000 Simeon T. Waskey - Dillingham, AK

\$250 Alexandra E. Thompson - Dillingham, AK

\$1000 Misty D. Savo - Dillingham, AK

Names that were drawn for cash prizes but were not registered by person or proxy: William J. Smith, Eike M. Larson, Ronald I. Medford, Noah D. Nevin, Teresa M. Yako, Clark H. Millett, Kellen R. Halford, Duwayne M. Johnson, Rhonda Nicazio, David R. O'Rear, Kristina R. Thiele, Victor G. Sifsof, William A. Johnson, Tierra A. Johnson, Cynthia G. Oyer, Josephine M. Yukluk, Devin A. Johnson, Gary L. Gordon, and Ataneq B. Noden.



ANNA NIELSEN—SHAREHOLDER OF THE YEAR

The Choggiung Ltd. Board of Directors is proud to honor Anna Nielsen as Choggiung Ltd. Shareholder of the Year.

Anna was born on January 16, 1927 at Nushagak Point to Elena and Constantine Backford. She grew up at Nushagak with her brothers and sisters: Helen, Agafangel, Vera, Billy, Ben, Dora and Sassa. Anna married her husband Chuck in 1960 they have 2 children: Dugan and Anecia, and 5 grandchildren and 3 great grand-



Anna Nielsen

children. Raising her children and watching her grandchildren grow and succeed in life is one of the most rewarding accomplishments of her life.

Anna left home at the age of 15 and went to work at Peggy's Restaurant and the Boarding House at the University in Anchorage. She attributes those employers for instilling good values and work ethic in her and feels she was lucky to have had them as supervisors as they guided and encouraged her to not give up. After she was married, she fished with her husband Chuck during the summer months and held positions as a cook during the winter months. Cooking continues to be one of her delights; she often provides delicious dishes for the Sisterhood's bake sales and catering efforts and enjoys sharing her tasty goods with friends and relatives. Anna is especially notorious for her delicious pies and wonderful breads.

Anna has always been a dedicated Christian of the Russian Orthodox faith and active member of the St. Seraphim of Sarov Church in Dillingham. She was a strong voice in the choir and has been of great sustenance to the Mary Magdalene Orthodox Sisterhood.

Anna and her husband ran the Ice Cream Parlor back in the early 70's. Many of you can probably recall the welcoming atmosphere of the Parlor. She has been personally thanked by many for the support she gave to the now grown youth of that time. Not realizing the positive im-

pact that she had on the children, Anna humbly stated that she treated all the kids alike and gave them rules they had to follow at the Parlor. If they didn't follow them, they simply weren't allowed back without an apology. She offers this advice to today's parents: "Be there to listen to your children when they talk to you, even though you might not agree with them. Give them plenty of food for thought and positive encouragement and they will, in turn, pass these qualities on to their children

and grandchildren.

Anna says that every day is a learning experience, even to this day. She never forgot the words her father told her when she was just a girl: "Keep your eyes & ears open and your mouth shut and you'll learn a lot".

Though she is retired, Anna remains very active and, from her new home on the Lake Road, continues to put up fish and enjoy as much berry-picking as her heart desires. She said, "I can't sit still and get old; you do what you can, while you can". Leading by example, Anna remains a positive role model for those around her.



Anna with her husband Chuck celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

2012 HONORED ELDERS



Perry Douglas Adkison

Perry was born at Kananak Hospital on February 16 to Milo Douglas Adkison and Ella Mae Adkison (Nielsen). He is one of seven children. Perry married Norma Fae Adkison (Winchill) and they have 2 chil-

dren and 4 grandchildren.

Perry taught for 20 years at the Dillingham High School; in 1985 he received Alaska Teacher of the Year award. He has received many positive comments from his students which makes him feel his teaching career was very worthwhile.

One accomplishment that Perry is especially proud of is running four marathons in a year including the Boston and Anchorage Mayor's marathons.

Photography is one of Perry's hobbies; his picture of a Walrus made the cover of Alaska Magazine June, 1977 issue and he took the picture that won 1st place in The Alaska Positive Photography Competition.

Perry also enjoys making traditional artwork from walrus, whale, mammoth bones, and ivory. One of his pieces of art won 4th place in the International Scrimshaw competition.

Perry resides in Bellingham, WA.



Nels August Anderson Jr.

Nels was born at Kananak Hospital on July 25 to Olga Louise and Nels Anderson, Sr. In 1963, Nels married Dorothy Annette Erickson; they have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Nels served on the Alaska State Legislature House of Representatives from 1974-1980 and Alaska State Senate from 1982-1983. He is a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1959-1963. Nels was founding CEO of BBNC and BBEDC, author of The Subsistence Law, member of The Bristol Bay Campus Council, Alaska Energy Policy Advisor for Governor's Murkowski and Palin, Bristol Bay Energy Crisis Recovery Plan and implemented strategies for the Bristol Bay Partnership.

Nels graduated from the Dillingham Territorial High School and in 1980, from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. His hobbies are hunting and reading and he especially enjoys reading about fishing. Nels resides in Anchorage AK.



Mary A. Bavilla

Mary was born in Platinum on November 24 to John and Elise Echuck and is one of 6 children. She married Henry E. Bavilla in Quinhagak on August 25, 1960 and they had 2 children: Harry and Janet.

Mary worked for many years as the school cook and got to see many generations in her village grow up. She feels she has lived a good life and

adapted well, combining tradition with new ways with all the changes that took place in Alaska during her life time.

Mary has been practicing the ancient art of weaving grass baskets since she was 12 years old and also sews fur products. She enjoys church singspirations, family gatherings, picking berries and looking for eggs.

Mary resides in Platinum, AK.



Della Olga Clark

Della was born at the Kananak hospital on May 2 to Robert and Ellen Gurtler. She has 1 brother, Robert. On May 29, 1957 she married Richard J. Clark and they have 5 children, 8 grand-

children, and 7 great grandchildren. She feels happy to have had such a loving family.

Della has worked at the school as an art and substitute teacher. Later she opened her own native arts and crafts shop.

Della's hobbies are cooking, cake decorating, baking, and she hopes to one day get back into painting. She resides in Dillingham, AK.



Daniel Johansen

Danny was born in Ekuk on June 5 to Ingvar Daniel Johansen and Hannah Sorensen (Hiratsuka). He is one of 4 children. He has 7 children, 19 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and 2 more great grandchildren on the way.

Danny fished both commercial drift and subsistence. When Danny was younger he enjoyed hunting, trap-

ping, and snaring. He served in the U.S. Army from June 1959 until he was honorably discharged in March of 1962. When he was stationed in Neckarsulm, Germany, he traveled to Paris, France and Copenhagen, Denmark. Prior to joining the Army he served in the National Guard.

Danny enjoys traveling, being with family and friends, playing Crib, Pinochle, 500, Aggravation, and watching television. Danny resides in Dillingham, AK.



Ole Martin Johnson

Ole was born in Dillingham on May 4 to Martin and Emma Johnson. He has 3 children: Kari, Kevin, and JoJo and 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. In 1980 he married Clair Johnson.

Ole enlisted in the Air Force in 1957 and underwent 2 weeks of basic training and was sent to Jet Engine Maintenance School at Amarillo AFB in Texas. For four

years after training he was stationed at different bases. Afterward Ole went to RCA Institutes for Industrial Electronics in Los Angeles, California and worked for RCA, Bendix Field

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Engineering and NASA Tracking Station-Lockheed Martin. He retired in 1999 after 36 years of service. Now that he is retired, Ole has been enjoying traveling. He resides in Florida.



Dorothy Mae Pelagio-Larson

Dorothy was born at the Kananak Hospital on October 19 to Jacinto T. and Lucille S. Pelagio. She is one of seven children. On August 16, 1959 Dorothy married the late Carl A. Larson. Together they had 6 children; she has 26 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Dorothy has worked for the Legislative Office, Alaska Federation of Natives as Executive Vice President, and co-director of an educational project.

Over a span of 38 years she has earned an AA, BA, and MA. Dorothy served on Dillingham City School District Board for 8 years and still sits on the Bristol Bay Native Corporation Board of Directors. For 7 years she served on the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights under Governor Hammond.

Dorothy fished commercial set net for over 50 years with her mother, sisters and brothers on Ekuik Beach. She has led a full life and enjoyed raising her family with her husband Bumpy. She is most satisfied with being a mother, grandmother, and a great grandmother. Dorothy is retired now but is busier than she has ever been before. She resides in Anchorage, AK.



Barbara Lou Lopez

Barbara was born at Kananak on January 4 to Basil & Helen Sifsof. She is one of 6 children. In 1959 she married the late Morris C. Lopez and together they had 4 children. She also has 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Barbara worked for many years as a teacher's aid at the Dillingham Elementary School. She was a commercial fisherman during the summers for 47 years. Getting married, seeing her children grow, and traveling to Hawaii and Europe are some of the highlights in her life. Trapping beaver up river with her husband was an activity that she also enjoyed. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, and playing friendly games of Poker and Pinochle. Barbara resides in Dillingham AK.

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Carl Richard Nelson

Carl was born in Anchorage on October 14 to Annie P. and Peter Nelson. Carl is one of 6 children. On May 7, 1964 he married Judi Ferguson and together they had 2 children and have 3 grandchildren.

Carl built a cabin in the early 1970's and he still takes his family up to visit the cabin. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. Carl resides in Dillingham AK.



Adolph Joseph Roehl, Sr.

Adolph was born at the Kananak hospital on August 30 to Henry and Alma Roehl; he is one of 13 children. On December 30, 1960 he married Lucy Bavilla and together they had 5 children. He has 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Adolph is one of the last Graduates of Dillingham Territorial High School, Class of 1958. After high school he served in the U.S. Army

from 1961 until his Honorable Discharge in 1963. Later in life he received his State of Electricians License. He attended Coyne Electronics in Chicago, Illinois, graduating with a 95% GPA. As a member and Chief of Curyung Tribal Council, Adolph served for 16 years as vice-chair. He was also a member of Quayassiq Walrus Committee and Bristol Bay Marine Mammal Commission. He is also a member of the St. Seraphim of Sarov Church Council and member of the Alaska Inter-Tribal Executive Council.

Adolf is an Alaska Native dance drum maker; at one Quayana Alaska Native Dance Festival, 5 separate Bristol Bay Native Dance Groups used the drums he made.

Adolph enjoys making Alaska Native Arts & Crafts and he currently resides in Dillingham, AK.

Anna May Sorensen:

Anna May was born in Dillingham on July 30 to Carl and Emma Wallvalla Mulkeit Nunn. She is the eldest of 6 children. In 1958 she married Ralph Sorensen and together they had 4 children. She has 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. In her earlier years she and Ralph worked in the barge lightering and fish tendering business where they traveled to many area villages delivering freight, fuel, lumber, and grocery supplies.



Anna May worked as a ticket agent for Northern Consolidated Airlines in 1967 and for Wien Air in 1977 which allowed the family to do a lot of traveling, one of her favorite things to do. She has taught her children how to gather and cook the subsistence style foods and still gets "berry fever" every year. She has served on the following Boards: Dillingham City School, Nushagak Telephone, Choggiung Ltd. and the Alaska Historical Site Commission. While serving on these boards she did a lot of traveling and is grateful for the education. One of her favorite activities was raising funds for the American Cancer Society. Anna is a survivor of cancer and after her treatment in 2009 she took a trip through Greece. She enjoys the challenge of staying informed on Alaska's issues through her work at the Dillingham Legislative Information Office where she has been employed since 1980. Anna May resides in Dillingham and feels blessed to call it home.



Bessie Wahl:

Bessie was born in Anvik, AK on May 9 and was raised by her Grandmother Chase. She has a half brother, Jerry Fox. She married the late Nels Wahl on May 27, 1961. They had three children: Ben, Kenneth, and Janice. She has 7 grandchildren.

Bessie has had many different jobs and enjoyed the experiences that came

with them. Being a nurse's aid was the job that brought her to Dillingham.

She enjoys spending time with her grandson and beading when she has the time.

Bessie resides in Dillingham, AK.

James Timmerman:

Jim was born on May 8 to Charlie and Katie Timmerman is the oldest of 10 children. Jim married Jean Kipping Timmerman on January 4, 1974. Together they had 4 children and have 2 granddaughters.

Jim is a lifelong Bristol Bay commercial fisherman and is Captain/Owner of the F/V

Free Spirit. He also worked in construction and other positions. He has always been a very good "fix-it man" and has



been sought out by his family and others to look at an engine, small appliance, or a construction project. Jim served on the Nushagak Electric/Telephone Board, Native Education Committee, and the Dillingham City School Board. He has a BS degree in biology from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Jim enjoys hunting, fishing, berry picking, boating, snow machining, family picnics and camping outings. He is an avid reader and is full of many facts and knowledge. Jim enjoys telling stories from the earlier Dillingham days.

He resides in Dillingham with his wife Jeanie .



Mary Wallona:

Mary was born in Ekwok, AK on December 15 to Nastashia and Evan Acovak and is one of 5 children. In May of 1972 she married Leroy Wallona. Together they raised 3 children: Corina, Albert, and Li'l Leroy. She has 4 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren.

Mary worked at L&M Supplies for 9 years. In her earlier years she enjoyed putting up subsistence fish and picking berries.

Mary enjoys spending time with family and friends. She goes to the Senior Center to be around her friends and work on puzzles. She resides in Dillingham, AK.

Martin Prince was also an honored elder; we were unable to contact him for his information.

IEFP installers, Greg Bennett and Ben Thompson, install new underground fire line piping at the Spokane Safeway Distribution Center



**INLAND EMPIRE FIRE PROTECTION
SEEKING A 3D DESIGNER**

IEFP, a subsidiary of Choggiung Ltd., has an opening at its Spokane, Washington offices for an experienced fire protection sprinkler systems designer. The ideal candidate will have at least five years experience, hold a NICET level II certification in Water Based Systems design, be experienced in 2D and 3D design in HydraCAD, and want to be a permanent part of our growing team. IEFP offers a competitive benefits package. Wages will depend on experience. Send your cover letter and resume to DanS@iefireprotection.com

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Staff Directory

Lance Nunn, Chief Executive Officer

Rick Tennyson, Land Manager

April Roehl, Finance Manager

Marina Jo Nelson, Finance Technician

Martha Ann Wasilly, Finance Assistant

Mary Barnes, Project Assistant

Sabrina Waskey, Receptionist/File Clerk

Constantine Backford, Maintenance Supervisor

JJ Smeaton, Maintenance Technician

Verna Lee Heyano, Hotel Manager

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