

# SPRING 2010 Shareholder Newsletter

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# Choggiung Introduces New Business Ventures



Choggiung recently expanded its business portfolio with the purchase of HRM Sports, LLC and the opening of Bay Power Sports.

HRM Sports, LLC is one of the largest camps on the Nushagak River, catering to sports fisherman from around the world. The camp provides experienced fishing guides, freshly made cuisine, fly-out adventures, among many other accommodations to ensure the comfort of our guests. With the purchase of HRM Sports, Choggiung acquired many assets that can also be used by other programs.

In January, Bay Power Sports opened in Dillingham and is already seeing a good volume of business. Bay Power Sports is a small engine repair shop located at the corner of Kanakanak and Aleknagik Lake Road. They provide parts, sales and service of snow machines, outboards, ATVs, dirt bikes and regular maintenance packages for boats and motors. They also offer boat, snow machine and equipment rentals. If you are in Dillingham, stop by and check out the variety of accessories and apparel.

In May, we anticipate the opening of the Bayside Diner, a 50's themed restaurant offering a full menu with food such as burgers, fries and milkshakes. Being located at the Bristol Inn, the Bayside Diner is expected to increase hotel occupancy while boosting the local economy.

You may have noticed that the logo in the upper left hand corner has changed since our last issue. For publication reasons we have decided to simplify the logo and this is what you'll see in the future. Choggiung shareholder, Jeweline Lakshas provided the graphic design of the updated logo. Bernadine (Shade) Adoox created the original logo in the 70's.

at the Dillingham Elementary about our elders. School Gym for the 36th Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Second grade students initiated by performing native dances taught by Ina Bouker. Ida Backford facilitated the meeting.

50.97% of the total issued and outstanding shares were represented in person or by proxy at the meet-Congratulations to Thomas Tilden, Frank G. Woods III and John A. Heyano, who were reelected to 3 year terms on the Board of Directors.

Shareholders recognized these elders born in 1937: Harlan Adkison, Gladys Meacock, Marlene Schroeder, Kenneth "Kay" Brandon, Martha Nelson, Roy Roehl, Amy E. Prestegard, Chester Millett, Sr., Nick Dancer and Andrew Franklin. Elders received plagues in appreciation of the strength and wisdom that they lend. See pages 3 and 4 Informational meetings were held in

Choggiung Shareholders gathered of this newsletter to read more Dillingham on November 14th at

The Board of Directors recognized Sophie Ann Woods as Shareholder of the Year, for her exceptional contributions and dedication to our culture and children. On page 2, you will find an article on Sophie Ann's accomplishments.

Marina Nelson was recognized for 20 years of employment at Choggiung Limited. She is Choggiung's finance technician and is known as the "spirit of the office".

This year's lucky door prize winners were: Basil C. Backford, Larry Nunn, Sr., Serena Howard, Frank Nicholson, Colette Meraz, Jane Sifsof, Torin Schroeder, Hugh B. Schroeder, Douglas Shade, Martin Nelson, George Nelson, Agnes Hansen-Theile, Louie Jones, Linda Wahl, Sean Brandon and Margaret Schroeder.

the Val Larson Family Resource Center and in Anchorage on December 6th at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. At both meetings the board of directors gave updates on corporation activities, answered questions and listened to comments and suggestions. Choggiung CEO, Doug Calaway presented the corporation's 2 year plan which you can read more about on page 6.



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Shareholders in attendance at the meetings in Dillingham and Anchorage.



# 2010 Shareholder of the Year Sophie Ann Woods

At the Annual Shareholder's Meeting, the Board of Directors recognized Sophie Ann Woods as Shareholder of the Year. She has shown commitment to our youth and community through her devotion to education.

Sophie Ann was born on July 8, 1943 at Kanakanak, Alaska to John R. and Peggy Andersen and is one of eleven children. raised her four sons who, in turn, gave her thirteen grandchildren.

Sophie Ann grew up at Clark's Point and later attended Mt. Edgecumbe High School in Sitka, class in 1961.

has made some very important contributions to students who attend Dillingham Elementary School. She has dedicated 42 years of her life to education, working as a teacher's aide for the Dillingham City School District. She also teaches Native Dancing, passing the traditional songs and dances on to her students who range from preschool to high school. Sophie speaks our Yupik



language and is known for giving kids Yupik names, usually naming them after their older relatives.

Sophie Ann takes pride in our culture and traditions and has been instrumental in passing them on to our young people. She has high standards and expectations, not graduating as Valedictorian of her only for herself but also for her family and students. She takes her responsibilities seriously, but Through the years, Sophie Ann her serious side is well balanced with a good sense of humor and is always quick to laugh and tell a

> If you attended primary school in Dillingham, you can probably recall the Yupik stories Sophie Ann told at recess by smoothing a spot on the ground and using a stick to draw the story. Perhaps you rewith you because she knew the dren. best jump rope rhymes; or the

games of red rover, hopscotch and auntie-I-over. She seems to make everything fun, while making sure that everyone plays fair.

Sophie Ann plays a very active role in our lives, helping many students get started in their educational path, watching them grow from children to adolescents to Many are now in high school, college or are now responsible parents, leaders, and productive members of our community, setting examples for their children or others to follow.

Her brother Ralph, as a small child, remembers the feeling of safety and security when his sister took care of him. She often played "miachi" carrying him on her back when he was a toddler. He can remember feeling sad seeina her leave for Edgecumbe in the fall, and sitting on Clarks Point beach in the spring, waiting for her to come home.

Sophie Ann loves picking berries and putting up subsistence fish in the summer. She also enjoys crocheting doilies and singing gospel music with her family.

We are fortunate and thankful that Sophie Ann has chosen to share member asking her to jump rope her talents with us and our chil-

# Annual Meeting Cash Prize Winners

\$500 Early Bird	Charlotte Lou Nixon	\$300	Megan D Armstrong
\$100	Helen Dees	\$300	Charlie J Westdahl
\$100	Chrissie D Maines	\$500	William E Chaney
\$150	Yolanda M Nelson	\$500	August T Knutsen for Dylan J Knutsen
\$150	Blanche L Murphy	\$500	Evan J Golia
\$200	Kenneth A Wahl	\$1000	Lucy Suskuk
\$250	Edmond T Kroener	\$1000	Dinah L Backford
\$250	Daniel E Savo		

Names that were drawn for cash prizes but were not registered by person or proxy: Clara Amidon, Nora I Collins, Merle K Fortune II, Barbara L Torres, Barbara J Bankston, Shawna R Jacobs, Ethel J Davis, Jacinto T Pelagio III, Yvonne Alexander, Brian Cobban, Daniel Johansen, Leona M Carr, Shelley C Savo, Deon S Lopez, and Annette M Kelley.

# 2009 Elders of the Year



Harlan R Adkison was born in Dillingham on January 27th to Mike Adkison and Ella Nielsen Nelson. He was one of seven children raised at the Pacific American Fisheries Cannery (Peter Pan) and remembers the old red cannery with Filipino workers and sail boats. Harlan graduated from Dilling-

ham High School in 1955 and attended college at UAF and WSU. He then voluntarily drafted into the US Army, serving in Germany. In 1961, Harlan married Sharren Sampson and they had 2 sons. Harlan attended RCA Institutes, graduating with an associates in Electronics Technology. He worked for RCA Service Co. at Granite Mountain near Nome, Reeve Aleutian Airways as an aviation technician, and at the State of Alaska Division of Telecommunications, as a technician and statewide maintenance supervisor. Harlan was instrumental in the installation of a windmill at Juant Hill which powered the TV relay site. During this time he married the late Gladys Drake, and together raised 5 children, of which there are 13 grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. He is now married to Zinaida Adkison of Anchorage. Harlan loves to play golf, troll for salmon and halibut, and travel. He currently lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Gladys Meacock** was born at the Wood River Cannery on July 20th to Bill And Marie Osterhaus Andrews. She was the first of four children. She married George Meacock in 1975 and has two children, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren, who are all the highlights of her life. After high school, Gladys received a four year Native scholarship from the State of Alaska and graduated from UAF with a degree in education. Gladys taught school in Anchorage for 23 years; at one time she was the only native teacher in the city. She taught math and science at McGlaughlin Youth Center during her last eight years of teaching. After retiring from teaching in 1982, she worked at Juneau High School as JOM Coordinator. She also worked for the American Lung Association; reviewed IHS and ANA grants in Washington DC, and has always done a lot of volunteer work. Gladys still has many goals that she would like to accomplish in life but her number one accomplishment is her full recovery from being a quadriplegic after a fall in 2004. She enjoys playing duplicate bridge, doing crafts and playing on the computer. Gladys is proud to be from Bristol Bay but has one regret: she was never able to master speaking the Yupik language. Gladys resides in Anchorage, Alaska.



Marlene Schroeder was born at Kanakanak on May 24<sup>th</sup> to Herman and Bertha Schroeder. She is one of nine children. Marlene was married the late Arthur Johnson for 40 years. Together they raised five children, and were given 15 grandchildren, and 13 greatgrandchildren. Marlene was a

Board member for the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation from 1974-1991. She was 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair in 1974, 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair in 1975 and chairman of the Board in 1976. Robert Clark says, "she ran a tight ship; she was very strong, very instrumental in setting processes". When first married she moved from Nelson Lagoon to South Naknek to work as a substitute teacher and eventually became part owner of Roy Smith Flying Service Inc. She was also a commercial fisher for many years. Marlene enjoys putting up subsistence fish with her family and is known for her award winning smoked salmon and salmon jerky. She enjoys crocheting, pinochle, watching Jeopardy and the news. Marlene resides in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Kenneth "Kay" Brandon** was born at Squaw Creek on July 24 to James and Beatrice Brandon and is one of eight children. Kenneth has two children and three grandchildren. He worked as a commercial fisher for most of his life and for SeaLand as a long shoreman. Kenneth enjoys snow machining, camping and hanging out with family and friends. He currently resides in Anchorage.



Nick Dancer was born at Quisinik on December 14, 1937 to Pavela and Malia Dancer. He has two sisters. Nick was married to the late Mary Rose Moxie in Portage Creek on Aug. 26, 1971. Some of things Nick enjoyed in life was piloting around up river, trapping beaver

and fox, and ice fishing for pike. As a child one of his past time games was playing miachi with his sisters and friends. He also put on a little movie theatre to put a few dollars in his pocket. Nick currently resides in Dillingham, Alaska.



Martha Nelson was born on June 24th in the village of Koggiviung to Annie and Zachar Andrew. She was one of six children. On May 24, 1956, Martha married the late John H. Nelson and together they had three children: Marilyn, Marjorie and Martin. She also has seven grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren. Martha is wellknown for her cooking. She began

cooking at the Star Café and continued working as a cook in several establishments, including 20 years at Peter Pan Seafoods, and 10 years at Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, from which she retired in 2003. Since her retirement, she spends her time traveling between Dillingham and Anchorage visiting family. During the summer months Martha enjoys picking berries and helping her daughters put up subsistence fish and has taught them the value of using the whole fish without waste. Her favorite pastimes are playing bingo and visiting with friends. Martha resides in Dillingham, Alaska.

Roy Roehl was born at Kanakanak on December 26th to Alma and Henry Roehl. Roy married his wife Nancy on September 2,1989. He has six children, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Roy was first in the family to get a college degree. He was instrumental in incorporating the Chugach Alaska Corporation, working his way to president and chairman. Roy is a graduate of Oregon State College, a retired BIA teacher of 20 years and earned a Masters in Public Administration at UAA. Now, Roy has slowed down to enjoy the simple life of playing cards, subsistence fishing on the beach, and watching Jeopardy and Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. Roy resides in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Chester Millett Sr.** was born on December 1, 1937 in Goosebay, AK. Chester's parents were Hugh and Marie Millett and he had four sisters and two brothers. Later on in life he met and married his wife Isabella Millett. He and his wife had two boys and two girls. Chester resides in Anchorage, Alaska.



Amy E. Prestegard was born on December 9th at Kanakanak to Elmer & Ivy Nicholson. Her step-mother was Julia Nicholson and step-father was John Jaspers. Amy's half-brother was Jimmy Nicholson and step-brother was John Jaspers.

pers. On May 23, 1959 Amy married the late Roy Prestegard and they had two sons, Kenneth and Kevin who gave her eight grandchildren. Amy was a stay-athome mom for 17 years, raising her two sons, both of whom she is very proud. She later went to work for Senator Mike Gavel for five years and ran a successful business at Holy Cross. The highlight of her life was the births of her sons. She remembers the first time her oldest son Kenneth asked her to dance when he was nine years old, and the trip down river from Nenana to St. Mary's with her youngest son Kevin. Amy enjoys spending time with family and friends, boating, fishing, playing cards, watching good movies, flying in small planes, and being on a sandy beach with warm ocean waters and swimming. Amy resides in Cathlamet, Washington.



Andrew T. Franklin was born in Togiak on March 5th to Charlie and Bessie Franklin. In May of 1961 he married Edna and they had two children. He also has three grandchildren. Andrew was the first Head Start director in Togiak back in the 1960's.

During the ANCSA land claims he was chairman of the Togiak Natives Limited Land Selection Committee, helping community members with Native allotments. He has been actively involved with the community of Togiak through the Togiak Tribal Court and served on the City Council for many years. Andrew participates in the Annual Togiak Wellness Conferences sharing his traditional knowledge and stories of his past that include dog sledding and fish subsistence activities. Andrew resides in Togiak, Alaska.

# 2 Year Plan for Choggiung Ltd.

By Doug Calaway, CEO

At this year's annual meeting I laid out the company's exciting plan for the next two years and would like to share it with those who were unable to attend.

Once you step back and take a fresh look at the many assets and advantages available to Choggiung a picture begins to emerge of some interesting synergies that we can capitalize on.

Choggiung has many positive attributes including 5 listed below:

- 1. We own a hotel
- 2. We own a vacant lodge (Snake Lake)
- We manage a land use program (LUP) on the Nushagak River
- 4. We own a building on the corner of the busiest intersection in Dillingham (the Quonset hut)
- 5. We have an experienced hardworking staff

Last fall several opportunities came together at the same time. We were offered the option to acquire HRM Sports (the premier sport fishing outfitter on the Nushagak River). At the same time, we were completing research on starting a small engine repair business (Bay Power Sports) here in Dillingham. A third project was opening a small restaurant (Bayside Diner) in the hotel to increase room occupancy and to create a new profitable business.

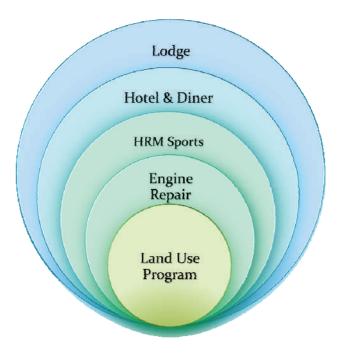
The acquisition of HRM Sports, along with the start up of Bay Power Sports and Bayside Diner, all play important roles in enhancing existing businesses. Several assets acquired by HRM can be utilized by the land use program to provide paying services such as fuel delivery on the Nushagak. Now that there is food available with the Bayside Diner (opening in May), HRM Sports guests have the option of staying overnight at the Bristol Inn instead of Anchorage. I'm sure you are beginning to see how we can leverage all of these parts to our advantage.

With the knowledge we gain thru the ownership of HRM Sports we can leverage our staff and presence by opening the lodge and supplying another fishing experience. I'm not satisfied with only summer operations so we will open it for winter sports and Bay Power Sports can supply and maintain snow machines for that portion of business. With the lodge now operational we will use it for conferences and special events during the off seasons which means the lodge will be open 5-8 months each year and possibly create year round employment.

There are many more synergistic aspects to this 2-year plan however this will give you a summary overview of what we are working towards. One of Choggiung's primary objectives is to create employment here in Dillingham and this scenario is estimated to create 15-30 new jobs.

I look forward to updating you on our progress in future newsletters.

The graphic below helps explain the overall synergy:



# Snake Lake Lodge (2012)

- Winter Sports
- Sport Fishing

## Bristol Inn (2010)

- Bayside Diner
- Regional Activities

### HRM Sports (2010)

Sport Fishing

## Bay Power Sports (2010)

- Outboards
- Snow Machines
- Off Road Vehicles
- Village Program
- Nushagak Support

# Land Use Program (2010)

- Man Use Days (MUD)
- Support Services
- Travel Service



CEEF Full-time Post Secondary scholarship applications are being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are reviewed once a year with the deadline of **April 30, 2010**. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity; get your application in early!

Career/Work Enhancement scholarship applications are accepted year round or until funds are depleted. Career/Work Enhancement Scholarships are limited to \$500 per qualified applicant per year.

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

Applications can also be downloaded at www.choggiung.com.

# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Watch for the following job listings in Dillingham:

Choggiung Ltd.: Land Use Permit Agent

**HRM Sports: Camp Assistant** 

Bayside Diner: Cook, Wait Staff

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

# **Moose Habitat Enhancement**

Choggiung has received a grant with National Resource Conservation Services for a habitat improvement project along the Nushagak River above Portage Creek. We've teamed up with BBNA to manage this project as a model for local projects. The project entails partially cutting willows and laying the willow on it side to promote new growth which the moose like to feed on. The goal of this project is to create local jobs and enhance moose habitat.

# **ATV Use on Our Lands**

In conjunction with the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge and Wood-Tikchik State Park, Choggiung is working to protect our lands from ATV damage.

ATVs have become a common mode of transportation to gather berries, hunt, and fish. While enjoying the convenience of ATVs please keep in mind the effects they cause to ground nesting birds, berry bushes and stream beds. It can take decades (or even centuries) for vegetation to recover. Wetlands damage easier and take longer to recover.

When using ATVs, please stay on commonly used or marked trails and avoid potential nesting areas and other wildlife habitat. Check for regulations for the area where you plan to use your ATV. On some lands ATV use is prohibited; other lands may have specific guidelines for use. For more information contact the Togiak NWR at (907) 842-1063, Wood-Tikchik State Park at (907)-842-2641 or Choggiung, Ltd at (907) 842-5218.





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