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| **March 14, 2020 E-Blast****Pioneers of Alaska** |

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| **Greetings Pioneers!We have some cancelled events due to the Covid-19 Virus, we will keep you updated as things progress!**[M](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#October)[arch Mid-Month Potluck Dinner & Show](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#meeting) **- CANCELLED**[Covid-19 Information](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#Covid) **- Important Information Available**[Pioneer Home Coffee](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#Coffee) **- CANCELLED**[Website Announcement](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#Website) **- Check us out we have a new look!**[Pioneer Museum](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#displays) **- Spring Cleaning- Volunteers Needed**[Billy Seward's Bean & Bingo Follies](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#Seward)**- March 30 at 6:00 pm**[Grand Igloo Convention](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#convention) **- September, 23-26, 2020 in Juneau**[Delta Igloos History Night](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#delta) **- CANCELLED**[Historical Shows](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#radio) **- Radio Shows Mar 18th & 23rd**[M4 Officer Position](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#secretary) **- Looking for a Secretary**[W8 Sunshine Committee](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#sunshine) **- Noteworthy ChangesW8 Roll Call Dinner - April 27th, 5:30 pm at Pikes in the Binkley Room**[Pioneer Museum](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#musuem) **- Spring Cleaning & Docents Needed *(paid positions)***[Spring Cleaning Fundraiser-](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#spring) **Sunday, April 25thM4 Roll Call Dinner - May 9th, 5:30 pm at Pikes in the Binkley Room**[Sluice Box Announcement](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite#sluice)**- Next Issue will be ready soon!Don't forget to check out our websites, that have a lot of further information:Fairbanks Igloos Website:** [https//pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=ce3704f92e&e=eebb79624d)Grand Igloo Website: [pioneersofalaska.org](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=d41579562e&e=eebb79624d) **March Mid-Month Potluck Dinner & Show CANCELLED***Due to the Covid-19 Viris threat, the March Mid-Month Potluck Dinner & Show has been cancelled.  We will keep you updated on the status of our events and we appreciate your ongoing patience and cooperation through these unusual days ahead of us.* **Covid-19 InformationImportant information links that have some of the latest updates and reports.**Click on the link and it will open the page  **State of Alaska:** [coronavirus.alaska.gov](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=5edd86eeee&e=eebb79624d)**CDC:** [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=872b8bcfeb&e=eebb79624d)**Bulletins:** [https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/.../bulletins/280cf94](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=a5c666a54f&e=eebb79624d)**Facebook Links:**[https://www.facebook.com/100033545349317/posts/232801167848060/?d=n](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=2377910080&e=eebb79624d)[https://www.facebook.com/100002710937743/posts/2351804451586563/?d=n](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=50648d941f&e=eebb79624d)***If you are looking for historical information***, Joan Skilbred did a show about the Spanish Flu Pandemic and what happened when it hit Fairbanks.**There are some important lessons to be learned from our past!**That show aired on KFAR's Problem Corner on December 27, 2019 and you can listen to the recording of it by clicking the link below:[Problem Corner Dec 27th- Fairbanks During the Flu Epidemic](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=0016a2138f&e=eebb79624d) **Pioneer Home Coffee CANCELLEDDue to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Pioneer Home Coffees are cancelled until further notice.**  **Important Website News!****While you are stuck at home waiting for the coast to be clear again, please take a few moments to check out our newly updated website!***From Becky Hassebroek, our new webmaster:***PLEASE READ – THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NEW WEBSITE!** Your new Pioneers of Alaska Fairbanks website is now live.  It has been updated to a new format which saved money and is much simpler to administer.  (Otherwise, there is no way this new Webmaster would be able to do this job!!!!!) Please visit [pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org](http://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org) and take a look! This next month’s Sluice Box will contain detailed information about the entire website and WHY you would want to go there, but we would like to alert you to some new information that you need to know now.  There is part of the website that is accessible to our Pioneers only – it is not available for public viewing.  If you had signed up for this previously, you will no longer have access on the new site. Very soon, you will receive an email from us inviting you to sign up as members.  It will contain a ‘link’ that you will need to click on and it will take you to an ‘Account Sign In’ page. You will type in the same email address that we sent your notice to and specify a personal password.  As soon as you do this, you select ‘sign in’ and you will be able to access the private pages from then on. Now, why would you want to sign in as a member?!  Because, these members only pages will include at least the following: The roster of membersThe Igloo’s governing documents – current bylaws and standing rulesThe minutes from past meetings – if you couldn’t make it, you no longer need to wonder what business was transactedEvent Documents – If you are chairing or working on an upcoming event, instructions from past chairmen will be available for you to download and useAnd much more as time allows! If you have any questions at all, you are welcome to give me a call at 456-3066 or email me at info@pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org.  Thank you, Becky Hassebroek, Your New Webmaster    **Pioneer Museum****Volunteers Needed for Spring Cleaning**The sun is coming back, and the clock is ticking.  We need volunteers to help clean displays in the museum.  You can choose a bay, or a display case and we will supply all the items needed to get the job done.  Bring a friend and work together, it is a splendid way to spend an afternoon and you can know that you did a good deed for that day.   *If you would like to help us out, please contact Brenda Wilbur or Nola Barnes at the Pioneer Museum Office at 456-8579 or* *Office@FairbanksPioneerMuseum.com*  **Billy Seward's Beans & Bingo Follies****Monday, March 30th at 6:00 pm in Pioneer Hall at Pioneer Park**Join us for a fun evening in honor of William H. Seward! *Bring your best bean dish, there are lots of beans: green beans, dry beans, bean soups, bean salads, baked beans, etc.  Or, you can bring a home baked bread.  Heck, you can even bring both!  There will be prizes for the best ones.****If you are bringing a dish, please sign up with Sue Nugent.  We are also looking for donations of fun prizes. You can reach Sue at*** ***nugent10252@gmail.com*** ***or by calling 388-3417******This event is open to members and their invited guests only.****Click on the image to open the flyer.**$5 cover charge per person to get in, that will include one bingo card. Additional bingo cards can be purchased for $5 each or 5 cards for $20.  50/50 tickets will be $5 each, or 5 tickets for $20.***Bring a friend and come have some fun!   This is a great way to introduce someone to the Pioneers of Alaska.** **2020 Grand Igloo Convention****September 23-26, 2020 in Juneau, Alaska**Information and registration information is now available!**Men's Igloo #4 Roll Call Dinner****Saturday, May 9, 2020 in the Binkley Room at Pike's Hotel**No host bar opens at 5:30 pm, dinner will be at 6:30 pmMenu will be prime rib with side dishes.Tickets are $35 per person and can be purchased at Igloo Events *For more information contact Nick Nugent at 388-7976***Historical Shows****Upcoming Historical Shows Done By Pioneers****Pioneer History Nuggets**Read every Monday Morning between 7 and 8 am, on KXBF 970 AM radio.  These History Nuggets are also posted every Monday to our website at [pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=6df6151e55&e=eebb79624d)**Problem Corner**Nick Nugent and Joan Skilbred are each regular Pioneer guests on Problem Corner hosted by Pioneer Dave Pruhs.  Tune in and enjoy Alaska and Fairbanks history.   March 18th  - ***The Harriman Expedition***, Nick NugentMarch 23th - ***The Riverboat Fleet that Served Fairbanks***, Joan Skilbred**660 AM Radio 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.These shows are recorded and can be listened to anytime by going to this web address:**[https://kfarradio.com/audio-archives/](https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.us16.list-manage.com/track/click?u=dc0724ba4e48bdc9480ca2cfc&id=9ca8da9dc1&e=eebb79624d) **Men's Igloo No. 4****Secretary Position Open** We are still looking for a secretary for our Igloo.  For more information, please contact Jim Deininger at 907-458-0059 or jdeining86@gmail.com **Women's Igloo Sunshine Committee****New Committee Members Announced**Lois Kinkaid is retiring from the duties of our Sunshine Committe.  Thank you Lois, you did an amazing job for us!  She was so good that it will take two new ladies to fill her shoes.  We are pleased to annouce that Libby Dalton-Slane and Annie Colp will be taking on this very important job for our Igloo.  If you know of a sister who is experiencing sickness, or distress please let Libby or Annie know so they can send a card from our Igloo to brighten the day of our sister. Libby Dalton-Slane - 907-888-9360 or libby.dalton458@gmail.comAnnie Colp - 907-456-5863 or avcolp@yahoo.com**Women's Igloo No. 8 Roll Call Dinner****Ladies, focus your attention on this important information:**This year's Roll Call Dinner will be held on April 27th in the Binkley Room at Pikes Waterfront Lodge starting at 5:30 PM.Tickets are $35 each **and will be on sale at Monday's meeting.** **The theme is: "2020 Vision - Looking Forward, Looking Back"Bring your story from the past, or a vision of the future.Tickets can be purchased at:Igloo Meetings & EventsLisa Rockwell in the Raven Landing office Libby Dalton- 907-888-9360** If you are interested in helping please contact:Libby Dalton-Slane at 907-888-9360 or libby.dalton458@gmail.com**Pioneer Museum****Help Wanted!**We are also interviewing for summer workers, so if you know anyone who is interested in history and likes to talk about our fair city, this might be a great summer job.  It is part-time, docents and stampede show workers  are needed.  They work 5 or 6 hours a day and get paid by the hour.   If you  would like a fun summer job, please contact Brenda Wilbur at the Pioneer Museum Office at 456-8579 or Office@FairbanksPioneerMuseum.com **Sluice Box Coming Out Soon!**The next edition of the Sluice Box will be coming out soon and it will have a lot of great information in it.  If you have anything you would like to submit please contact:Joan Skilbred at 488-4447 or email skilbred@gci.net  **Mark your calendars and clean out your drawers!** **Back by popular demand!****The Pioneers are hosting our 2nd Spring Cleaning Fundraiser on** **Saturday, April 25, 2020 from 10 am until 2 pm**Just gather up your unwanted soft good items and pack them in 13-gallon white trash bags. Then drop them off at the U-Haul truck that will be parked in front of the Lavelle Young Wheelhouse across from Pioneer Hall.Like last year, you’ll be able to drive into the Park and drop-off your bags. Fellow Pioneers will be there to help you offload your bags into the U-Haul. If you’d like to help with the event by helping to load the truck, provide a few sandwiches and/or beverages, or clean-up the kitchen at 2 pm, please contact Wynola Possenti at wpossenti@juno.com. Otherwise, check to see what you can get rid of and bring it in on **April 25.**Please bring soft goods (clothing, linens, hats, gloves, shoes, bedding, pillows) only. Pack shoes separately from other items. If you **really** need to get rid of small household items, pack them in small cardboard boxes. We’d rather have soft goods because that’s our real moneymaker. **We get 2 cents per pound for the small household hard goods** but the **soft goods bring in 25 cents per pound.** Furniture, safety or sporting equipment and large items will not be accepted.Last year, we earned about $800 which was used to renew our website. This year, we hope to raise even more than that and the proceeds will go towards stipends to send delegates to the 2020 Pioneer Convention in Juneau. |

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