

May 17, 2020 E-Blast

Pioneers of Alaska

Greetings Pioneers!

We have some cancelled events due to the Covid-19 Virus, we will keep you updated as things progress!

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Don't forget to check out our websites, that have a lot of further information:

Fairbanks Igloos Website: <https://pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org>

Grand Igloo Website: pioneersofalaska.org

Covid Cancellations Notice

Some of our May events have been cancelled due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We will reassess the June events in the next few weeks. You can always get up to the minute news and event information from our website at:

pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org.

The FNSB has begun to take steps toward re-opening Pioneer Park and our officers and directors have been working closely with the park staff to learn what we can and cannot do in regards to our meetings and events:

Cancelled Events are:

Kitty Hensley House Museum Closed for 2020 Season
Pioneer Home Coffees, Bingo and Shopping

Postponed Events are:

Spring Cleaning Fundraiser
Kitty Hensley House Walk for Charity
Birch Hill Cemetery Clean-Up
Clay St. Cemetery Clean-Up

The Good News

While we are all stuck in a social distance time warp, there are still some interesting things going on. **You can see photos and learn more about these items** if you visit our website at pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org

JAC Officers Meeting- We are excited that our igloo officers will finally be able to meet to discuss and plan for our upcoming events, and weather

or not to cancel or keep them. The meeting will be attended in person, and digitally via Zoom, for those who would prefer to attend from home. *Hopefully we will have lots of news to share in subsequent Eblasts and on our Website!*

Pioneer Mask Contest- We are invited all of you to participate in a fun activity through our website. Send our webmaster Becky a photo of you wearing your mask and she will post it in our members only section of the website. At the end of the week, we will offer a \$25 gift card to those who log on and correctly guess the identity of all those masked faces in the submitted photos. *More about this in Becky's website report below.*



Pioneer Trivia Game- You can win a **\$25 gift card** by giving the correct answer. Each week there is a new question and the answer can be found by looking through our website! This week's question is:

What was the political nickname for the 1979 Fairbanks Delegation to the State Legislature?

Answers to be sent via the form in the members only part of the website.

Log on, look around, and win something nice!

KFAR Problem Corner is back on the air!

Pioneer Member Dave Pruhs, is going back on the air and once again he will be joined by Nick Nugent & Joan Skilbred for the monthly historical shows.

We will be taking all the necessary precautions to safely spread the word about the Pioneers of Alaska and our rich Alaskan & Fairbanks history.

Joan will be doing a show on May 20th, about the housing shortages during the Fairbanks Pipeline Boom of the mid 1970's. Nick's next show will be in June with the date to be announced later. Tune in to KFAR 660AM or 97.5 FM - 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for these interesting & informative shows.

Pioneer Museum- Our museum is taking steps to opening for the summer season by Memorial Day weekend! We invite you all to stop in and see the results of all the hard work done by our staff and volunteers. *There are several photos and more detailed information about this project published on our website, log in and check us out!*

Log on, set up your account and check us out!

pioneersofalaskafairbanks.org

Important Website Notice:

Pioneer Brothers and Sisters ~

If you're having trouble signing on to the private members' pages, and you have a gci or acsalaska email address, please understand that you're not doing anything wrong – these Alaska based addresses have a block associated with them that excludes these emails from receiving an invitation from our website server to join the site. Believe me, we've tried everything we can with no positive results – you just need to sign up for another free email address, such as gmail, and follow the instructions we've sent previously. Once you have access to those private pages, you'll be glad you did, as we're going to be constantly adding features that you won't want to miss!

We already have some great pictures of your fellow pioneers hard at work during this pandemic!

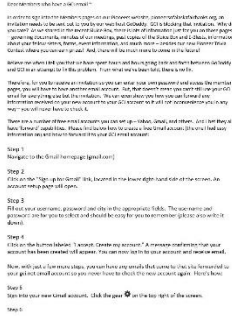
We have trivia questions for you to answer to win \$25 gift certificates.

And, we are launching a new contest: send me a picture of you or a fellow pioneer in your mask. These will be posted in the members' only section of the website, and we're going to have your fellow pioneers guess who you are! The individual who identifies the most correct will receive a \$25 gift certificate! In case of a tie, we will draw for the winner. Send those photos to beckyhasse@aol.com by May 31st. The contest will begin on the 1st of June and continue until the 8th of June! A winner will be announced at that time.

More contests to come – how about the funniest mask or the most original mask? Remember – you can't win unless you enter!

Fondly, Your Webmaster Becky, beckyhasse@aol.com, 456-3066.

GCI or ACS Email- we have special instructions for those that have GCI or ACS email accounts. *click on the image to view them.*



These instructions are for GCI and ACS email accounts. They provide step-by-step instructions for how to set up an email account with these providers. The instructions are organized into five numbered steps, covering everything from creating a new account to verifying the setup.

- Step 1:** Instructions on how to create a new account with GCI or ACS.
- Step 2:** Instructions on how to verify the account setup.
- Step 3:** Instructions on how to set up the account in the web browser.
- Step 4:** Instructions on how to check the account setup.
- Step 5:** Instructions on how to access the account.

Kitty Hensley House & Museum

By vote of the Board or Directors for the Kitty Hensley House (KHH), the KHH will remained closed for the 2020 summer season. This difficult decision was made because we could not meet all of the requirements for opening due to the COVID-19 mandates. We are fortunate to be allowed to retain the Bed Tax Grant for the 2021 season. This summer will be a time to work on updating the inventory, create job descriptions for Docents, improve the operations and make necessary repair of the Kitty Hensley House so that 2021 will be a great year. Be on the lookout for notices asking for volunteer help in the near future.

This summer we need to find leaders for the Kitty Hensley House Board of Directors. If you are a member of Women's Igloo #8 or Men's Igloo #4 we need 2 wonderful **MEN** or **WOMEN** to come forward to be the President and Vice President

of the Board for the KHH. We have a strong Treasurer, and Secretary to work along side of you and a Board that wants to support you in your leadership. **WE NEED YOU!**

For more information, please contact Marilyn Nigro at 456-1959, or mnigro@alaska.net

The Spring Cleaning Fundraiser has been postponed until further notice.

We will let everyone know when the coast is clear, so we can proceed with this very important fundraiser for our Igloo. We know that many of you are spending your social distancing time doing important spring cleaning. We ask that you please consider hanging onto those bagged soft goods until we can get this event rescheduled.

Chairwoman Wynola Possenti, recommends that you "just stack them up and admire the project, knowing we're all benefiting from it" We can look at the pile and know we were productive so we could contribute during the crisis!

HANG IN THERE!

Also keep the Pioneer Museum in mind if you want to pass on items of historical value to Fairbanks and the surrounding communities, especially photographs, journals, and other historical documents that would make nice additions to our growing archives.

Pat Myers Burial Service

The family of our departed sister Patricia Myers asked if we could give notification of her up coming burial at Birch Hill Cemetery. Pat was a longtime active member of Women's Igloo No. 8 and held several officer positions over the years.

A social reminder for those that plan to attend to please maintain social distancing and to consider wearing a mask.

Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 2:00 PM

Birch Hill Cemetery

