



# T e b u g h n a H e n e k

"Beach People News"

A Newsletter for the Shareholders of

**Tyonek Native Corporation**

August, 2006

## Annual Meeting

TNC's Annual Meeting was held in Tyonek on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Tribal Center, and was well attended; Shareholders attending by proxy and in person constituted a strong quorum of slightly more than 63%. The primary agenda item was to elect 3 directors to fill the seats that were becoming vacant.

### Board members elected were:

Michaelene Stephan  
Donald Standifer, Sr.  
Donita L. Peter

Ted S. Kroto, Sr. thanked Betty J. Valka for her past valuable service on the board, and welcomed Donita L. Peter.

New Chief Executive Officer Tom Harris gave a corporate update, and Chief Financial Officer Lenn A. Doran gave a financial update. There were brief question and answer periods throughout the meeting.

On a less serious note, there were many door prize drawings, some delicious food prepared by Valerie McCord and an informative and good time was had by all. ~

## Board Officers Elected

At Board meetings held in May and June, 2006, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	Connie J. Burnell
Vice President	Robert Stephan, Sr.
Secretary	Donita L. Peter
Treasurer	Connie Burnell
Asst. Sec/Treas	Emil McCord, Jr.
Chair	Susanna L. Moon
Vice Chair	Michaelene Stephan

Officers serve until the next election of officers, which occurs at a board meeting shortly after each annual meeting.

## TNC extends a warm "thank you" to all who took part in the success of the Annual Meeting

*by Becky Peratrovich,*

TNC would like to thank the following companies and individuals who generously donated prizes for the Annual Shareholder Meeting held on May 20, 2006 at the Tribal Center in Tyonek;

Alaska Executive Search	Holland America
Alaska Growth Capital	KPMG LLP
Arctic Office Products	Native Village of Tyonek
Aurora Gas, LLC	Peak Oilfield Service Co.
Cellular One	Southcentral Foundation
Cook Inlet Region Inc.	Mr. Tom Harris
Demientieff Promotions	Tyonek Contractors, LLC

We would also like to thank all shareholders who attended in person or by proxy, those who helped with set up and clean up for the meeting, **Valerie McCord** for catering the luncheon, and last but definitely not least, special "Thanks" to **Chrystal M. Moon** for saving the day – by providing paper plates which had ran out at the luncheon. ~

## Young Adult Advisory Members Committee Report

*by Ann Marie Stephan, Chairperson*

On August 4, 2006, the Young Adult Advisory Members (YAAM), gathered at Tyonek Native Corporation, to discuss future goals. Our main goal will be involvement, getting the word out about what it is that we as YAAM members accomplish serving as advisory members. For example, I am Chair person for the YAAM committee, so it is my job to conduct and officiate the YAAM committee meeting according to Robert's Rules of Order. Yes, it can be intimidating, but now I have skills I didn't have before.

The Tebughna School and the Boys and Girls Club are a few of the places we plan on meeting with to find interested young people and/or getting them interested.

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## Who's Who at Tyonek

### Board of Directors & Date Last Elected

Connie J. Burnell	(5-24-05)
Ted S. Kroto, Sr.	(5-22-04)
Emil McCord, Jr.	(5-22-04)
Susanna L. Moon	(5-24-05)
Donita L. Peter	(5-20-06)
Jaison Standifer	(5-24-05)
Donald Standifer, Sr.	(5-20-06)
Michaelene Stephan	(5-20-06)
Robert Stephan, Sr.	(5-22-04)

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### Board Mentors

Seraphim Stephan, Sr.  
John Evans  
John Shively

### Young Adult Advisory Members

Ann Marie Stephan  
Elizabeth Standifer  
Steven Holly

### Staff at Anchorage Office

Tom Harris, Chief Executive Officer  
Lenn A. Doran, Chief Financial Officer  
Ted S. Kroto, Sr., Manager, The Alaska Div.  
Scott Pfeifer, VP, Government Services  
Kevin Dixon, Program Manager, Services  
James Anderson, Operations Manager, Services  
Mel Cheek, Controller  
Karin Griffith, IT Manager  
Sally Clampitt, Head of Administration  
Becky Peratovich, Sr. Administrative Asst.  
Michaelene Stephan, Shareholder Rep  
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## CEO's Corner

by Tom Harris



First of all I want to thank the TNC Board of Directors for the opportunity to work with the Tyonek Community again. It's been nearly ten years since we last visited and thanks to the leadership of the Board and former CEO, Bart Garber, TNC is substantially larger, stronger and more complex than ever. Today, the challenges facing Tyonek's community are also larger and more complex as the Beluga Coal fields are preparing to open up in 2007, to meet world energy demands.

Over the years, Tyonek's Community has also grown substantially more complex, diverse and with each passing year more sophisticated. A mere 33 years ago the name Tyonek only meant the Native Village of Tyonek, the village across the Cook Inlet. Today the name Tyonek gains a new meaning with each passing day, and is heard not just across the Inlet or the state, but across the nation and into the halls of Congress.

Today Tyonek is more properly described as a large and diverse Community, whose members have in common ancestry in the Native Village of Tyonek and a common vested interest in the leadership of the esteemed and honored Elders; Elders who foresaw a future of immense changes and challenges that would shake Tyonek's very foundations and threaten the very existence of Tyonek's community.

It is the Elders who set this path of survival. However they did not want Tyonek's community just to merely survive, they wanted it to thrive.

It is our goal that the articles and contributors of this and future newsletters will help all come to a better understanding of how large and more complex the world and the Tyonek Community has become today, as well as how much more diverse and sophisticated it will be tomorrow.

As we embark together on this mission of self discovery, forced on us by the coming developments presented in the following pages, we see that we are still relying on the leadership of the Elders to find ways to strengthen Native Village of Tyonek, Tyonek Native Corporation, our families, our relationships with all whom we work, TNC lands and all its resources, and most important strengthen our children as our community's future leaders. In short, the Tyonek Community.

The changes and the challenges faced today are both the greatest threats and the greatest opportunities ever faced by the Tyonek Community. They must be faced by a unified Tyonek Community if the goal is to not only survive but thrive. As each day passes we find that we all have a vested interest in each other's success, as a village, a corporation, a family, as individuals and as the Tyonek Community. ~



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## New Developments Proposed for Tyonek Area

by Tom Harris, CEO

### ■ Coal

World energy demands and increased energy costs are re-newing interests in the Beluga Coal fields directly adjacent to Tyonek and TNC lands. The Chuitna Coal Company has announced plans to begin construction on a new mine in 2007.

After receiving EPA Permits, the company plans to invest \$500 million to build 12 miles of roads, conveyors and power corridors, along with a 10,000 foot trestle into Cook Inlet at Ladd Landing. The company plans for a 350 man camp at the headwaters of Lone Creek.

Agrum, a manufacturer of fertilizer, announced that it is considering Beluga Coal to gas as a source for its plant. They are evaluating shipping coal or gas made from coal to their plant located in Nikiski.

Alaska Coal to Liquids is a new company that proposes to convert Beluga Coal to gas and then to bio-safe liquid fuel

for export. They propose to build a \$5 billion plant, a 400 megawatt power plant, and a CO2 recovery system to increase oil production in Cook Inlet, beginning 2011.

It is estimated that the combined coal consumption for all three projects will exceed 20 million tons per year or 20 times the current coal export for Alaska.

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### ■ Timber Road to Tyonek

NPI, the company currently shipping wood chips from Point McKenzie, has announced plans to build a road from the Wasilla area road system to Tyonek, to access West Cook Inlet timber. They hope to begin construction in 2007.

All of these proposed projects will have a significant impact on the West Cook Inlet and especially the Tyonek area. It will take several years or more to learn the full impact but clearly the Tyonek Community will need to plan for enormous change. ~

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## Shareholder Relations Corner

by Michaelene Stephan, Shareholder Representative

Are you familiar with [tyonek.com](http://tyonek.com)? We have a “Shareholder Department” General Information section for your convenience which provides needed forms and points of interest concerning the corporation. Important documents required for your file include a TNC Stock Will (Class A & X stock only) and the Shareholder Life Insurance Group Enrollment Form (all class stock). If you can’t remember if you have either filled out or would like to update them with recent changes or additions to your family please contact me.

Shareholder Talent Bank forms were mailed out to Shareholders 18-60 years of age. Only a few were returned. Please take the time to fill this out and mail it to TNC. Once we are contacted, we will notify you of job openings or training opportunities. The May 2006 issue of the *Tebughna Henek* informed you of receiving the newsletter or other bulletins and announcements via *E-Bulletins*. Just let me know your email address, or e-mail it to:

[tncnewsletter@tyonek.com](mailto:tncnewsletter@tyonek.com)

There is a “National Ironworkers Training Program for

American Indians” available at two month intervals for 12 weeks in Chicago. Tools, Materials, Equipment, and Housing are covered. Your only cost will be getting there (NVT can reimburse you for one-way upon valid certification of completion). Upon completing this training you will receive Job Placement. Check out their website @ [ironworkerstrainingprogramforamericanindians.com](http://ironworkerstrainingprogramforamericanindians.com)

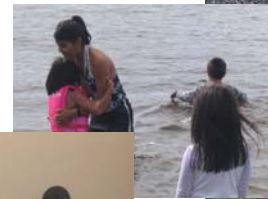
TNC still has two internship openings in Alabama! Areas of training are: Mechanical Assembly, Electrical Assembly, Paint Shop, Machine Shop and Welding. Please call with any questions if you are interested. This is a great opportunity for on-the-job training! A valid driver’s license is a “must have” requirement.

Have you enrolled your child(ren) for Class B (Descendant Stock)? This entitles them to benefits that you qualify for, which include dividends when they are issued. They also have a special feeling of “*belonging to TNC*”. There is a misunderstanding of having to be enrolled with NVT first. The Class B stock is for **descendants of original TNC stock**. Applications are available on our website. ~

# Shareholder Picnics a Big Success !!

The traditional summer TNC Shareholder picnics were held on Friday, August 4th in Anchorage, and Saturday, August 5th in Tyonek.

The weather in Anchorage didn't quite hold up, so shareholders gathered in the large first floor conference room of the Tyonek office building. The food was prepared by Virginia Chickalusion and was delicious. Door prizes were a bright spot of the day, and everyone enjoyed the event in spite of the weather.



The weather in Tyonek, however, was a different story: it was beautiful. Under blue skies, some youngsters even took advantage of the opportunity to go swimming. Adults had a chance to visit, enjoy the excellent food prepared by Valerie McCord, and visit with various board members who were in attendance.

Games for the youngsters and some great door prizes rounded out the day to a fun time for all.

Thanks to everyone for coming, and to our staff who worked hard to coordinate this annual event. ~

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## Project GRAD Results Are In For Last Year - And They Are Good !

**Project GRAD**, a special teaching / learning initiative being conducted in seven village schools on the Kenai Peninsula, has had a strong and positive beginning at the Tyonek School. According to Project GRAD's results for the **2005/2006 school year, the number of students who are reading on or above grade level has increased from 9.1% to 29% !** That's a whopping increase, and all those who participate in this program (Project Grad coaches, Tyonek teachers, students, and parents) deserve a "thumbs up".

The mission of **Project GRAD Kenai Peninsula** is "To ensure quality public school education for all children in the Kenai Peninsula schools we serve so that the high school graduation rate increases and graduates are prepared to enter and be successful in college or vocational programs."

The program focuses on enhancing and improving learning skills in math, reading, and writing, and involves a cooperative effort among teachers, administrators, parents, students, community and business leaders to improve education. We look forward to hearing about another terrific year for our Tyonek students and Project GRAD. ~

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### YAAM Committee Report, *(Continued from page 1)*

We also plan on having a display board at the Alaska Federation of Natives Youth and Elders Conferences.

We are putting an article in the newsletter and hope to have a section of the website as well. This will be a place of information for the youth, just as much as it is for adults with questions about what the young people of Tyonek are getting involved with in relation to our Corporation.

Donita Peter and Ann Marie Stephan (representing the Heritage Center) brought a presentation to the YAAM committee meeting about bringing the Dena'ina language back to our people. We are preparing for a week long day camp, which the students will be building a 10' by 10' smokehouse, making birch bark baskets and a variety of Dena'ina related activities.

Each year, one of the 3 Young Adult Advisory Member positions becomes available, so if you are interested, please apply. If curious, ask questions. The only dumb question is the one you don't ask.

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*Editor's Note: The YAAM application is available on the TNC Web Site at [www.tyonek.com](http://www.tyonek.com), Shareholder Department, Forms, then scroll down to the YAAMs Application. Look for the new YAAM web page soon, under Shareholder Department.*

## Births

**Alana Britney Ray-Fowler**, (8 lbs, 20") born March 19, 2006 to Robyn Ray & Richard Fowler. Maternal grandmother, Frances DeFrates of Anchorage & grandfather, Robin Ray of Seattle, WA, great-grandparents, Evelyn & Peter Merryman of Tyonek and grandmother, Sandra Fowler and the late Bill Fowler of Anchorage.



**Eliana Carolina Ahlers**, (7 lbs, 9 oz., 20") born February 22, 2006 to Monica & Justin Ahlers. Maternal grandparents, Caroline & Mark Kompkoff of Anchorage and grandmother, Yvonne Ahlers of Washington.

**John Martin Chappell** (4 lbs, 13 oz.) born February 24, 2006 to Yolanda & Martin Chappell, Jr. paternal grandparents, the late Patricia Chappell and the late Martin Chappell, Sr. and Paula & Mike Lehr of Tucson, Arizona.

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## Tyonek Youth Receive Certificates for Academic Excellence

*by Michaelene Stephan*

**Kristen Weber** (daughter of Alice Bismark & the late Roger Weber, granddaughter of Tania Bismark) and **Brian Masuda** (son of Michaelene Stephan and Nial Masuda, grandson of Seraphim & Melva Stephan and Selina Joshua) have had a busy summer! The day after school was out they left for a six week Upward Bound program at the University of Fairbanks Alaska. They both took *Introduction to Engineering* and received **Certificates of Academic Excellence** for **straight A's** in their courses.



Three days after returning home they went to the Na Tikhatnu K'Tiya camp in Ninilchik for ten days. ~

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## TNC welcomes Sheila A. -Moore

*by Becky Peratrovich*

**Sheila A.-Moore** is TNC's first Shareholder Intern in the Anchorage office which began on Monday, July 17, 2006. This 90-day Internship which will provide training in software applications and basic office skills is intended to better prepare trainees for entry level employment. Mrs. Moore will be trained primarily in receptionist duties and will work closely with Treasa Keith and Becky Peratrovich. In addition, she will assist other departments within the Corporation on special projects which will help her to understand the organizational structure of a business and in the process learn more about TNC. ~



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## The Alaska Division

by Ted S. Kroto, Sr.

Tyonek Native Corporation's **Alaska Division Companies** have been preparing and working for Aurora Gas LLC's drilling season which started in early June of this year.

**Tyonek Contractors LLC (TCLLC)** has been busy building roads and pads for Aurora's Long Lake well site and providing service support for the drilling rig. TCLLC continues with road maintenance and landfill services.

**Envirotech** is awaiting permitting to process and landfill the drilling waste produced from Aurora's drilling program and will most likely start by mid to end of August.

The **land committee and Tribal Conservation District** have met and are preparing for the **Beluga Coal Project** to start next year. The committees have been planning and addressing a wide variety of concerns that may impact the community and environment from the mining activity. Both committees will continue to meet and review all areas of concern with regard to development in the Tyonek area.

**The Lodge** is in the process of changing managers from Multiple Use Managers (MUM) to Pacific Coast Resorts.

Pacific Coast Resorts is a company owned by a south east Native and a Washington based marketing company.

We believe that Pacific Coast Resorts will bring a more diverse type of clientele that will enhance the services provided by the lodge and a more defined management team that will provide better management and training opportunities for our shareholders. ~



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## Welcome Back, Treasa !

After several months of maternity leave, and the arrival of a very adorable Danielle Marie Keith on April 25<sup>th</sup>, receptionist M. Treasa Keith is back at the front desk. We are glad to have her back ! Treasa covers our phones, mail, greets our guests, helps with mailings and special projects, and provides shareholder support. ~



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