

Seldovia Village Tribe

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Missing Tribal Members

go to www.svt.org help us locate members

Housing

Need housing assistance contact Phillip Hughes at phughes@svt.org (907) 435-3260

Seldovia Conference Center

Planning a conference? (907) 234-7898

Energy Assistance

Applications are now available at the SVT Admin offices.

BINGO

Wednesdays 7pm Seldovia Conference Center. Come join the fun!



2018 Tribal Council Election

SVT's Election Committee will be sending out Notice of Election and Tribal Council Job descriptions the beginning of December 2017 for our 2018 Election.

There are three (3), three year seats up for election in 2018.

One of the benefits of being a Tribal Member is the opportunity to participate on the Tribal Council. The following are the minimum requirements for Tribal Council.

- A demonstrated interest in the Tribe.
- Recommended experience and/or knowledge in at least one element: administration, finance, personnel, program development, evaluation, public relations, or communications.
- Member of the Seldovia Village Tribe IRA and at least 18 years of age or over.
- Available time.

- Participation on Committies
- Travel funds are available to attend the council meetings, teleconference option is available. A meeting stipend is also available to Council Members.

If you would like to be a candidate for one of the three (3) Tribal Council seats, you must submit a written and signed declaration of candidacy to be received in the Tribal Office on or before Wednesday January 3, 2018. Your declaration does not need to be in any particular form but must clearly state that you are a candidate for the Tribal Council and be signed by you. If you desire, please include a short introduction about yourself and your ideas that could be used in a mail-out with the ballots. The declaration may be delivered in person, mailed, emailed or faxed to the Tribal Offices.

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Alaska Primary Care Award

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is pleased to announce the 2017 winners of the Alaska Primary Care Awards . The awards were presented to nine facilities during the Alaska Primary Care Association Conference on November 15 in Anchorage.

The quality awards are given out each year to recognize Alaska's community health centers for their undying commitment to improving patient care. All recipients of the awards must demonstrate a dedication to their consumers and their community.

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Injury Prevention Items for Sale

SVT's Injury Prevention Department offers a great deal on several types of winter safety items that may be purchased from our injury prevention department.

Stableicer Maxx \$40

Stableicer Hike \$20

Stableicer Hike XP \$37

LED Night/Power Failure Light 3 Pack \$20

Carbon Monoxide Detector \$20

LED Flashing Safety Clip-On Lights 3 Pack \$11

Reflective Arm Bands: \$10

Bath Rugs \$6

Bath Mats: \$10

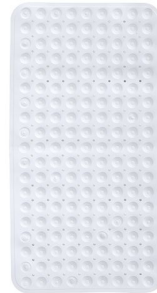
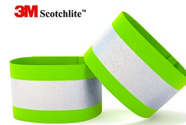
Bicycle Helmets: \$15

Hyperlite Infant Life Vests \$30

Aqua Leisure Youth Life Vests \$25

Full Throttle Infant & Youth \$25

Feel free to stop in the ATC offices or call Alix Chartier (907) 234-7898 ext. 225 for these great winter safety items.



SVT Housing Programs

Our Housing Dept. would like to remind everyone about our year round programs.

Home Improvement Program known as HIP allows AN/AI residing in Seldovia to apply for funding to purchase supplies for needed home improvements. There are income qualifications, but we can help single persons with total annual income under \$47, 544 and a family of three can qualify if total family income is under \$61,128.

Other housing offerings are First and Last month payment for new renters, College housing help and general housing Emergencies help.

For housing assistance programing contact Phillip Hughes Mondays thru Friday from 9am to 12pm, or make an appointment by calling 435-3260, email phughes@svt.org.

Energy Assistance 2017

Seldovia Village Tribe has applications for 2017 Energy Assistance. Those households residing in the Seldovia area that are having trouble meeting their heating bills this winter are welcome to apply.

For more information and an application contact Debbie Cameron at 435-5255 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm.



Chimney Brushes for Use

With winter in full swing, wood stoves are being used to heat our homes. Seldovia Village Tribe has Chimney brushes in several sizes available for free use. Contact Tina Yuth at the SVT Admin Offices, Monday thru Friday or call (907) 435-3246.





Prevention Program Updates: Red Ribbon Week



National Red Ribbon Week took place this year from October 23rd to October 27th. The Seldovia Village Tribe Prevention Program worked in conjunction with Susan B. English School to educate students about the dangers of using drugs and alcohol and to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. During regularly scheduled after school activities with the students in kindergarten through 6th grade, Prevention staff discussed the risks associated with using drugs and alcohol and invited the students to help us brainstorm a myriad of activities that the students enjoy and could participate in instead of using drugs or alcohol. The highlight of Red Ribbon Week, however, was on Wednesday, October 25th. Prevention staff first went into the school during the school day and talked with the

7th through 12th graders about long term negative effects of using drugs on people's lives. Then, during the after school activity with kindergarten through 6th grade, students got the chance to participate in some games while wearing special "drunk goggles" that the Prevention department had on loan from the Homer Police Department. These "drunk goggles" provided the students with a simulation of how drug or alcohol impairment could affect their ability to perform everyday functions. All in all, Red Ribbon Week was a success, and even though Red Ribbon Week ended October 27th, the Prevention Program continues to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle all year round.



By Robbie Custer

2017 Fall Carnival

This year's Fall Carnival (formerly the Halloween Carnival) took place on Saturday, November 4th from 4 pm to 6 pm. Children and their families enjoyed dressing up and participating in the various booths provided by the Seldovia Village Tribe, Susan B. English School students, and community organizations. The Seldovia Village Tribe ran several booths this year, including the paddle wheel, snow cones, the cash bank, basketball, the bounce castle, and the sensory booth. By far our most successful endeavor this year, however, was the TV raffle. With the aid of staff and community members, we sold 300 raffle tickets, and had more tickets been available, we could have sold even more. All in all, we had a successful carnival once again, and we are excited to make it even better next year. Thanks to all the staff who were able to support us in putting on this year's carnival. Their help was invaluable in making it a great event for the community.



Right: Tribal Member Katrina Hecks & her son James.



Right: Alix Chartier, SVT Injury Prevention Coordinator.



Tribal Member Bently Anahonak playing in bouncy castle.



Above: Kayla Hinds TV Raffle Winner



Right: Tribal Members Justin Giles, Rachel Payton & Family

By Robbie Custer

Honoring Seldovia's Veterans



It was our privilege to host a luncheon on November 9th to celebrate Veterans Day and honor our local veterans. More than 40 people were in attendance, including family members; each veteran was introduced and recognized for their service, plus given a pin featuring the United States and Alaska flags.


The luncheon included rousing versions of The Star-Spangled Banner and America, The Beautiful, plus an opening prayer by Pastor Jonathan Hoard. Special guest speakers included Dr. Carey Gear, our new Medical Director and Family Doctor at SVT Health & Wellness. A veteran of the U.S. Marines, Dr. Gear shared how his time in the military led to his career in the health field. Monica Anderson and Karri Wickstrom (Outreach and Enrollment coordinators for our clinics) shared about the health care benefits available to veterans, plus shared how they might access other VA services. Nate Brisbois came from Anchorage to share about the Chris Kyle Hospital. Also a veteran, he had a lot of valuable information to share regarding supporting veterans who have suffered from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The lunch was prepared by veteran Mark Haverkate, with assistance from Violet Mitchell

Laurel Hilts, SVT's Marketing and Public Relations Director, took time to recognize Bill Roley and Allen Stone who had both passed away this year. Heather Stone was there to receive a pin in her husband's memory.


All-in-all the event was received warmly by the veterans and their families. Seldovia has more than 40 veterans in our community, and though not all were able to be in attendance, we regard them with honor for their service to our country.

By Laurel Hilts

Sarah LaQue



Pauli Iida




SVT Health & Wellness welcomes

Sarah LaQue, Licensed Massage Therapist

&

Pauli Iida, Licensed Acupuncturist

Services are offered in both
Homer & Seldovia!



My Story

Originally from the Midwest, I grew up around the patchwork corn and soybean fields of Indiana, one of three brothers. After high school I joined the Marine Corps and was stationed in Spain. Two wonderful things happened there; I met Kim, my wife of 37 years and I discovered my interest in science and medicine.

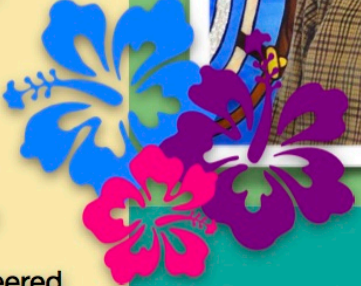
After the Marines, married with one daughter, I enrolled in Valparaiso University as a Nursing major. I subsequently switched to Pre-Med and was accepted at Indiana University School of Medicine. Then with a family of four I started my medical training, always with the goal of practicing Family Medicine. I had the privilege of doing my residency training at a well-respected program in South Bend, Indiana near Notre Dame.

I was fortunate in my early years after residency to practice Family Medicine with OB, as well as work in Emergency Medicine in various rural settings. As my daughters grew we had the amazing privilege of serving in medical mission settings together as a family. We volunteered to set up clinics in Nicaraguan villages, teach in Chinese universities along the North Korean border and lead teams of young adults to work with HIV/AIDS patients in Africa.

In recent years we have had the pleasure of living with our now growing family, including six (soon to be seven) exceptional grandchildren, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Kim continues to work with the mission organization, Youth With a Mission, helping to train up the next generation of overseas missionaries.

As we looked for and prayed about our next and final "adventure," we learned about the Homer community and the unique opportunity to live and work in Alaska. I am excited to have the chance to be a part of the leadership of SVT Health and Wellness. I appreciate that our clinics offer not only traditional treatment of disease, but also many resources and programs to treat the whole person, promoting healthy lifestyle and wellness.

My years of experience have taught me the importance of respecting the dignity of people from all cultural backgrounds and economic strata. Life is a tremendous gift from God and I look forward to offering my best efforts to help the people of Homer, Seldovia and Anchor Point enjoy the best and healthiest life possible.



DR. CAREY GEAR MD

SVT Health & Wellness is pleased to welcome Dr. Gear, Family Physician, practicing at our clinics in Homer, Anchor Point and Seldovia. Now available to see patients. Call 907-226-2228 to schedule an appointment in Homer.



Missing Tribal Members

The following SVT Tribal Members do not have a current mailing address on record. Please contact Trinket Gallien at email: tgallien@svt.org or call 907-435-3248 to update your mailing information. Thank you in advance.

JASON AGLI
 EUGENE CAMERON JR
 MICHAEL DIAMOND
 SIGNE GREEN
 ERIKKA HILDONEN
 PRISCILLA JONES
 JENIFER MAGALLANES
 TAYLOR MARKEY
 STEPHANIE MCKNIGHT
 SHAYNA MUFFOLETTO
 TRISTAN MUFFOLETTO
 KELLIE NELSEN
 KEVIN NELSEN
 KYLE NELSEN
 LORA NEWELL
 COLT OGLE
 CYNTHIA R OGLE
 HOYT A. OGLE
 NOLAN OGLE
 NEIL POYORENA
 SIDRA REDNALL
 JOHN T SIMEONOFF
 JAMES VANWINKLE
 CLARA VEDO
 KARL VEDO
 KRISTEN VEDO II
 ANTHONY WATERBURY
 LEVI WEST HARKNESS
 VIRGINIA WISE

Alaska Primary Care Award continued...

Recipients of the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Excellence Award* must meet four clinical measures and show improvement in one financial measure. Recipients of the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Honorable Mention Award* must meet four clinical measures but are not required to show improvement on a financial measure.

"Community health care providers are a critical part of our communities," says Sharon Scudder, Alaska director for Mountain-Pacific Quality Health. "Because of their continued dedication to improving healthcare, Alaska patients receive quality care every day."

"The staff at the Alaska Primary Care Association are honored to work with such a great group of devoted health care professionals. At the heart of everything they do is the patient. Alaskans should be proud of the entire Community Health Center system in our state, and especially these leaders in quality," remarks Nancy Merriman, Executive Director of the APCA.

Four facilities received the Alaska Primary Care Quality Excellence Award-the highest award possible:

- * Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, Anchorage
- * Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham
- * Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska, Soldotna
- * Seldovia Village Tribes, Homer, Anchor Point & Seldovia

Five facilities received the Alaska Primary Care Quality Honorable Mention Award:

- * Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Anchorage
- * Seward Community Health Center, Seward
- * Girdwood Health Clinic, Girdwood
- * Maniilaq Association, Kotzebue
- * Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel

SVT Job Opportunities

Currently Hiring

Please visit www.svt.org/careers to view full job descriptions, job requirements, and for information on how to apply.

Clinic Operations Project Coordinator (SVTHW)

Job Location: Homer

Reporting to the SVTHW Director, and in conjunction with the Medical Director, the Clinical Operations Project Coordinator is responsible for successful implementation of the Clinic Operations Quality Improvement Project. In cooperation with and guidance from the Medical Director and the QI program manager, the Project Coordinator will work directly with clinical staff and support staff to refine standard operating procedures and workflows to: (1) enhance the patient experience, (2) conform to requirements for a patient centered environment, and (3) achieve implementation of the operational aspects of practice redesign related to NCQA PCMH certification.

Dental Director (SVT Health & Wellness)

Job Location: Homer

This position provides direct primary oral health and preventative oral health care for SVT Health & Wellness Patient Partners in an ambulatory dental clinic within a Community Health Center. Services of complete family dentistry include adult and child dental exams, hygiene visits, pediatric, adult, and geriatric dental treatment, fillings and crowns, root canals, extractions, and walk-in/emergency exams/treatments.

On-Call Custodian (Seldovia Village Tribe)

Job Location: Seldovia

Responsible for keeping the interior, exterior, sidewalks and parking areas of SVT Administration and Conference Center buildings in clean and safe condition. Scheduled to cover scheduled time-off of full-time staff.

Billing Supervisor (SVT Health & Wellness)

Job Location: Homer

This position performs billing and collections functions for SVT Health & Wellness to include providing daily oversight and direction of billing and collection support team. Strong background in revenue cycle a must. 2+ Years of experience in medical and dental billing or similar field required, 1+ Years of experience in supervisory position preferred.





SVT
Health & Wellness

*Partnering in
the Journey!*

~Homer~

**Open Mondays 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesdays-
Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

To make an appointment or have questions regarding services please call (907) 226-2228.

~Seldovia~

**Open Mondays - Friday
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.**

If you would like to make an appointment or have questions regarding services please contact Shirley Hughes, (907) 435-3262.

~Homer Dental~

**Open Mondays - Thursdays
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.**

To make an appointment please call (907) 226-2228.



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SVT Tribal Environmental Programs*



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