

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT *on Philanthropy*



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Individual donors impact students and programs at UAF

Longtime UAF supporters **Joe Usibelli**, '59, '96, and **Peggy Shumaker** made a \$1 million personal gift to the UA Museum of the North to support a renovation of the Gallery of Alaska,



Joe Usibelli and Peggy Shumaker. Photo courtesy of Peggy Shumaker.

allowing work to begin on the \$5 million project. "The Alaska Gallery is part of our home. We make this donation to help create exhibits that protect the fragile and priceless objects on display," the couple said. The completed **Peggy Shumaker and Joe Usibelli Gallery of Alaska** will have hands-on interactive elements and modern displays. Shumaker and Usibelli were recipients of the 2013 Association of Fundraising Professionals Eugene R. Wilson Outstanding Philanthropist of the

Year award. Shumaker was also named the 2014 Rasmuson Foundation Distinguished Artist, recognizing her creative excellence and stature.

Celebrating alumni and students

Seven UAF alumni were recognized at the **2014 Distinguished Alumnus Awards** dinner on Sept. 26 at the Fairbanks Princess Riverside Lodge during the **Nanook Rendezvous** alumni weekend. Reunion events included the chancellor's annual convocation, campus tours and the opening of the time capsule from 1962. The newly remodeled Alumni Lounge in Constitution Hall was completed in time for reunion weekend. In December, Kate Ripley, director of UA public affairs, will join the newly integrated Office of Development and Alumni Relations as director of alumni relations and executive director of the UAF Alumni Association. The university is proud to have more than 31,000 alumni in Alaska and throughout the world.

Douglas Island Pink and Chum funds new endowment

Fisheries research has always been an integral part of the mission and operation of **Douglas Island Pink and Chum**. The company, which operates the Macaulay Salmon Hatchery in Juneau, recently gave the University of Alaska Fairbanks School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences \$1,075,000 to support the endowment it created a year earlier. The endowment, called the **Ladd Macaulay Fisheries Research Endowed Fellowship**, is in memory of hatchery founder **Ladd Macaulay**. The endowment will support graduate level research as a means to better understand fisheries enhancement and management. Professor Keith Criddle, SFOS Fisheries Division Director and Chancellor Brian Rogers joined with fellowship recipient Casey McConnell (left) and Alex Wertheimer, DIPAC Board Member, at the check presentation on September 18, 2014.

A generous donation of \$869,471 from **George Gordon**, '62, and **Linda Dahl Gordon**, '65, has established the **George E. and Linda C. Dahl Gordon Rifle Team Endowment**, to provide scholarship support for qualified students on the University of Alaska Fairbanks rifle team. The Gordons are both former UAF rifle team members and set up the scholarship to provide maximum benefit to the nationally recognized team. "The unbelievable support we get from all of our donors is what makes it possible for us to have the ongoing success we have been able to maintain over the years," said Dan Jordan, head coach of the UAF rifle team. The rifle team is currently ranked third in the nation. The program has earned 10 NCAA National Championships in its long and distinguished history.



Linda and George Gordon. Photo courtesy of George Gordon.

Phonathon raises support for UAF

This semester marks the fifth year of the **UAF phonathon program** and the first held in the Alumni Lounge in historic Constitution Hall. The fall program runs from Oct. 19 to Dec. 4, and student callers are asking alumni and friends for their unrestricted support. Since the fall of 2010, UAF phonathons have raised more than \$250,000 from nearly 1,800 pledges. The phonathon is on track to surpass its goal of \$45,000. Thank you to all those who support UAF through the program.



UAF photo by Teresa Thompson.

Achievements

Individual

Anonymous donated \$100,000 to support Alaska bird studies and publications at UAF.

Michele Aubry and **Peter Christensen** made a gift valued at \$31,990 to the Harvey Shields Fellowship in Archaeology.

Maria Edmunds, '95, donated \$25,000 to establish the David C. Edmunds Memorial Scholarship, supporting military veteran students majoring in the geosciences.

Jane N. Holt made an additional planned gift to the university valued at \$25,000.

The Edward J. Kuhn Revocable Trust donated an additional \$10,000 to its endowed scholarship fund in the School of Education. The fund was established in March with a \$40,000 gift.

James and **Peggy Lund**, '95, made a gift valued at \$10,458 in support of UA Museum of the North exhibits.

Mary Jane McGary donated \$10,000 in her first gift to UAF, for the Strengthening Alaska's Native Languages project.

Richard Nyman made a \$10,000 gift to his new fund supporting students in the Institute of Northern Engineering.

Robert Marovelli, '50, made a gift valued at \$267,663 to establish the Ruth Blankenship Sandvik Memorial Scholarship for rural campus students.

Nancy, '53, and **Bill Mendenhall** donated \$100,000 to establish an endowment in the College of Engineering and Mines.

The **Jessie O'Brien McIntosh Trust** made a \$13,357 gift to support scholarships at UAF.

James D. Pruitt, '73, donated \$14,141 to The Green Island Scholarship he established in 2013, supporting School of Management students.

Roger and **Diane Ruess** donated Roger's 2014 Emil Usibelli Distinguished Research Award of \$10,000 for research at Bonanza Creek.

The Seattle Foundation facilitated a gift of \$17,884 from **John Robert and Mary Claus** providing unrestricted support for the university.

Grace Berg Schaible, '49, '91, made a \$25,000 gift in support of exhibits at the UA Museum of the North.

Aaron and **Marisa Schutt** donated \$25,000 to the Troth Yeddha' Legacy initiative. Aaron Schutt is a co-chair for the initiative.

Peggy Shumaker and **Joe Usibelli** donated \$20,000 to the Alaska Literary Series at the UA Press.

Marlene Trent gave \$10,000 to the Robert H. Trent Memorial Fund to support qualified petroleum or mining engineering students.

Guo Hua Xia, '94, and **Mei Hau** donated \$10,000 for scholarships supporting qualified first-year music students.

Corporate/Foundation

Alutiiq Museum donated \$25,000 to support the Kal'unek book project at the UA Press.

The Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska made a \$29,050 gift to the fund it established in 2011, providing continued graduate research funding in the Alaska Basic Neuroscience Program.

Bernie Karl and **Connie Parks-Karl**, **Chena Hot Springs Resort**, donated swim and ice park passes valued at \$10,005 to the School of Management.

CoBank made a \$25,000 gift toward its four-year, \$100,000 commitment to programs in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Crowley Petroleum Distribution donated \$10,000 to the Crowley Scholarship, supporting two UAF students and two fisheries students.

57 Degrees North made a \$30,000 gift to support Alaska crab research in the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.

Flint Hills Resources Alaska pledged \$65,000, with \$20,000 each for the Alaska Summer Research Academy and the College of Engineering and Mines, and \$25,000 for the UA Museum of the North school programs.

Kinross Fort Knox made a gift of \$340,000 toward its \$1 million pledge to its mining endowment in the College of Engineering and Mines.

Great Bear Petroleum donated \$50,000 to the GeoFORCE Alaska program in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Holland America Line and **Princess Cruise Lines Ltd.** made a \$45,000 pledge payment in support of the Marine Advisory Program and the National Ocean Sciences Bowl.

In My Element donated clothing valued at \$34,927 to the School of Management.

Intel donated \$20,000 to support the Department of Computer Science's RAVE: Train the Trainer program.

McKinley Capital Management made gifts totaling \$21,000 in support of the School of Management.

The Pollock Conservation Cooperative donated quarterly gifts totaling \$347,223 for its research center in SFOS.

Rasmuson Foundation made gifts of \$25,000 to the Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Endowment and the UA Museum of the North, and gave \$15,000 for a Native art residency in the Art Department.

Reindeer Owners and Breeders Association gave \$11,000 for the Greg Finstad Reindeer Research program.

Rockfish Seafood Grill Inc. donated \$12,221 to the School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Alaska Young Fishermen's Summit.

Seisa Group made a \$19,503 gift to its Seisa Fund at the International Arctic Research Center.

Schlumberger Technology donated \$10,000 to the College of Natural Science and Mathematics' GeoFORCE Alaska program.

Spine Care Specialists of Alaska LLC donated \$13,680 to support the Alaska International Piano-e-Competition held on campus this summer.

Sportsmedicine and Orthopaedics Fairbanks made a \$30,000 gift to the Jake Poole Family Student-Athlete Summer Scholarship.

Totem Ocean Trailer Express donated \$20,000 to the UA Museum of the North and \$10,000 to the School of Management.

Usibelli Coal Mine made a gift of \$25,000 to its named scholarship fund in the School of Management.

Wells Fargo made a \$25,000 gift to the UA Museum of the North to support military appreciation activities at the museum.

Save the date. The 2014 Chancellor's Gala takes place on Feb. 27, 2015. Proceeds from the event will support mental health services in the Fairbanks community.

The above list reflects gifts of \$10,000 and above made to the University of Alaska Fairbanks between May 5, 2014 and Oct. 31, 2014.

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