



# ASEA In Action

## Cook Inlet Chapter WOW

### Fundraiser Helps Their Community

Tony Lopaz

The Way Out Women (WOW) were at it again and the Cook Inlet Chapter is right there with them. The WOW ride to benefit the Kenai Peninsula Health Foundations support of cancer victims, saddled up this year to do it again. Last year the WOW event brought in over \$92,000. This year I am happy to report we raised over \$105,000!!! Even though the teams could not ride due to lack of snow, it didn't stop the teams from dressing in costumes and soliciting donations for the cause.



Team Denali & Mascot Denali

The Cook Inlet Chapter once again supported Team Denali riders in this effort and on February 28<sup>th</sup> it all came together at Freddie's Roadhouse in the Caribou Hills. There were tons of auction items donated by area businesses and local artists. The Wild Wooly Bra contest and auction brought in over 40 entries this year. What is a Wild and Wooly Bra you ask? I know you asked that. These are bras that are decorated and donated by anyone who is inspired to create a masterpiece and there was plenty of creativity to go around this year. The top bra brought in over \$200. The second place bra created and donated by yours truly, brought in \$110 for the cause. All in all, it was a great time with lots of food, fun and good friends. The only thing that could have made this effort better was snow.

Ah well, maybe next year. By the way, you don't have to own or ride a snowmobile to take part. You can drive to Freddie's Roadhouse without much effort. The food is good, company is friendly and the view is awesome. Hope to see you there next year. Oh, and bring a bra.

## ASEA Local 52 Chapter Presidents Meeting

The statewide Executive Board held their annual meeting with ASEA Chapter Presidents on February 18-19, 2015 in Juneau.

Internal Organizers MaryAnn Ganacias and Ryan Kopiaz reviewed materials with the twelve (12) Chapter Presidents and four (4) Vice Presidents that were created to help chapters develop (1) leadership roles and responsibilities; (2) effective meetings and communication; (3) financial standards; (4) tools in identifying and overcoming obstacles; (5) setting chapter goals; and, (6) methods to activate their membership.



ASEA Lobbyist Fate Putman scheduled afternoon appointments for chapter officers and Executive Board members to meet with their respective State House Representatives and Senators.

A big thank you to ASEA's Juneau Chapter for the Legislative Reception held at the Hangar on the Wharf. It was a warm, wonderful and welcoming opportunity to share an evening with legislators, Juneau Chapter members and leaders from ASEA's many diverse communities.



The morning of February 19<sup>th</sup> was spent discussing legislative meetings, hearings and upcoming legislation that will impact ASEA members. Chapter Presidents shared their successes and challenges to attract and activate their members.

## Auke Bay Ferry Terminal Employee Recognition Program

Ferry Terminal Manager Lisa Moore has started an Employee Recognition Program for terminal employees in Auke Bay.

Last month George "Brint" Cole was recognized as the first ever "Employee-of-the-Month" and Neil Erickson was recognized for the month of April. Nicholas "Nick" Folta and Leon Gleaton received "Certificates of Excellence" in April.

**CONGRATULATIONS !**



## Anchorage Chapter Spring 2015

### Fundraising Activities

The Anchorage Chapter is sponsoring three community events this spring. Come Out & Show Your Support for both Your Chapter and the Charity

**Friday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. - UAA Relay For Life at the UAA's Wells Fargo Sports Center**

**Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. - Alaska Heart Run at the UAA's Alaska Airlines Center**

**Friday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. - Eagle River Relay For Life at the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center- Eagle River**

**Friday, May 29, 6:00 p. m. - Anchorage Relay For Life at the Cuddy Family Midtown Park**

For more information and to volunteer, contact Cassandra Lynch at 907-952-6206. To join or sponsor the Anchorage Chapter Team go to <http://tinyurl.com/p5dzpn9>