



# Chilkoot Indian Association



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**The Coastal Clean Up Project was funded by Representative Bill Thomas. Thank you, Representative Thomas for your support in helping us to clean up human debris and making a difference for our coast and inland waterways.**

## TAIYASANKA HARBOR CLEAN UP



*Taiyasanka Harbor*

Lutak Inlet and Taiyasanka Harbor provide scenic paddling at any-time of the summer, but their main attribute is the opportunity to see a lot of marine mammals (sea lions, humpbacks, whales and orcas) in the spring during heavy fish runs. Chilkoot Indian Association and Takshanuk Watershed Council (TWC) worked together to provide the stewardship needed to clean up the area around Taiyasanka Harbor. Above you can

see the massive amounts of 'garbage' that was collected in just a few hours time. These waters produce large runs of all five salmon species, which support subsistence, commercial, and sports fisheries. The Haines people truly enjoy the benefits of being surrounded by healthy and productive watersheds and believe that it's our responsibility to pass these gifts to the next generation. If you would like to get involved by volunteering in clean

up and fundraising events, contact Brad Ryan, the executive director of TCW (766-3542) or Luke Williams, environmental intern at CIA (766-2323). Even more than that, if you are out enjoying the beautiful surroundings, please help us by properly disposing of any trash that you may have. Alaska is so beautiful, please help us keep it that way.

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 “Big Moon Month”

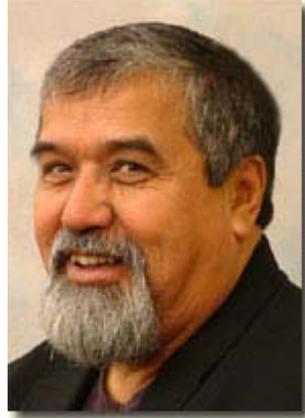
- 1st Deborah J Graham
- 3rd Sarah J Long
- 3rd Sterling Beckwith
- 4th Daniel R. Price
- 6th Nicholaus B. Price
- 7th Hazel R. Tally
- 8th Luke D. Land
- 8th Bristol G. Digsby
- 8th Brittany N. Dunn
- 9th Fredrick S. Graham
- 10th Jewel R. Stevens
- 11th Polly Anna Bryant
- 11th Adeline R. Williams
- 12th Archie W. Hinman
- 13th Jesse L. McGraw
- 15th Jack B. Smith Jr.
- 15th Maggie R. Martin
- 16th Caroline S. Wilkins
- 17th Christopher Dixon
- 21st Dennim Hagwood
- 21st Dale L. Johnson
- 21st Kristina V Johnson
- 23rd Paulina Phillips
- 23rd Johann R. Williams
- 23rd Donald Hartman
- 24th Ryan F. Mohon
- 24th Leeah R. Plummer
- 25th Delia Commander
- 27th James A. Phillips
- 29th Della M Brouillette
- 29th Levi M. Williams
- 30th Lee E. Clayton
- 30th Matilda L. Porter



Alaska Day  
 October 18th  
 CIA offices will be closed  
 on Friday, October 19th



## Representative “Bill” Thomas



William Andrew Thomas Jr. is a base roll descendant of the Chilkoot Indian Association. We can trace his lineage back 153 years with the birth of his great grandfather, James Willard (June 20, 1859) who owned a “war canoe” that was valued at \$150 and was an Alaska Native fisherman. His wife’s name was Mary (December 10, 1867) who was also 4/4 Tlingit and gave birth to a boy, John H. Willard on October 1, 1894, in Haines, Territory of Alaska. Bill’s grandfather, John H. Willard, was married to Mildred Hotch (November 16, 1889) or “Sen-Teen”. Mildred was the first Alaska Native of southeast Alaska to be enrolled under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. She had been active in Alaska Native affairs since 1924 when she joined the Alaska Native Sisterhood. She served as Grand President for 3 years; Grand Vice-President for 2 years;

Grand Treasurer for 14 years and eventually became ANS Emeritus. Mildred was a member of the Raven Whale House and a weaver of Chilkat blankets as well as Tlingit spruce root baskets and beaded moccasins. She was the oldest living member of the Presbyterian Church in Haines where she became an elder in 1934. She joined the Haines Womans Club in 1953 being active in efforts in the library project and Sheldon Museum and Cultural Center. She was a charter member of the Chilkat Valley Historical Society. She was the Alaska representative to the National Congress of the American Indian from 1955-1961. she was Alaska Mother of the Year in 1968. She also received an honorary doctorate from the University of Alaska Southeast in 1981. Mildred gave birth to Margaret Vivian on January 20, 1920. Margaret was Ganaxteidi from Klukwan and an active member of the Alaska Native Sisterhood and Lynn Canal Post 12, American Legion Auxiliary. She and her family lived in Klukwan until the 1930’s than moved to Haines. She was also a skilled artisan and accomplished at making button blankets and moccasins. Margaret had a passion for basketball where she was a regular at Glacier Bear games as

well as Dick Hotch Memorial and Gold Medal tournaments. She won the Fan of the Year award and was named the recipient of Haines High School’s Block H Award. Margaret gave birth to William A. Thomas Jr. on June 1st, 1947. “Bill” has lived his entire life in the Chilkat Valley, 17 of those years in the village of Klukwan. His livelihood comes from Commercial Fishing - Gillnet (35 years) and Halibut long line (31 years). He married Joyce Marie and is father to six children. He graduated from Haines High in 1965 and attended the University of Alaska. He served in the U.S. Army for 2 years and is a Vietnam Veteran where he acquired his crew chiefs wings as well as earning a sharpshooter army appreciation award. Bill was elected to the House of Representatives for the terms 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010. He has served as Co-Chair on Community and Regional Affairs and Fisheries committee and a member of the Transportation; Education; and Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committees. Bill has served as President of the Chilkoot Indian Association as well as the Klukwan, Inc CEO. This is who “Bill” is and he’s looking for your support to serve another term in the State of Alaska House of Representatives.



## David F. Berry Jr.

David Franklin Berry Jr. is also a base roll descendant of the Chilkoot Indian Association. His traceable lineage goes back 145 years with the birth of his great grandmother Mary Willard (Dec 10, 1867) in Klukwan, Territory of Alaska. She married Soloman Hopkins. These two had a daughter they named Nellie Hopkins, born in 1902. On December 9th, 1930, David Berry Sr. was born to Daniel and Nellie Hopkins Berry. David F Berry Sr. married Judith Ann Barney who gave birth to their son, David F. Berry Jr., born on June 24th, 1957 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was 3 months old when the family brought him home to Alaska. David Jr. is from the Eagle, Wolf Clan. His education took him to North Idaho College in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho (1975) where he studied Military Science and obtained a Certificate of Completion. He has also studied Tribal Constitution; Alaska Land and



Law; Tribal Employment Rights; Indian Trust Training; Comprehensive Grant Writing; Advanced Indirect Costs training; and Realty Officer Program Training. 1978, David's military service in the U.S. Army took him to Europe where he was in mechanized infantry equipped with armored personnel carriers (an armored fighting vehicle) designed to transfer infantry into the battlefield. They were recognized as "Squad of the Year", 1978. Later in 1982, he served with the Alaska Army National Guard, Light Infantry. David Berry Jr., served on the Haines City Council from 1983 - 1997. Dave is running for Assembly Seat A on the Haines Borough Assembly. His past experience

reads that in 1983 he served as the Chairman on the Public Safety Committee; Chairman, Finance Committee; Chairman, Request for Proposal Committee; Chairman, Public Works Committee; and Council Historian. In 1997—1999, David served as the Mayor of Haines. He has also served as the Chairman on the Consolidation Committee; Personnel Officer; Negotiated Contracts; and Supervised Capital Improvement Projects in our community. The local election will be held on Tuesday, October 2nd. If you are not registered, you may stop into the Chilkoot Indian Association Office and get registered. The deadline may have already passed for this upcoming election but get registered so you are ready for the next election. David Berry Jr. is experienced and is willing to serve his community for the next three years on the Assembly. VOTE ! October 2nd !!

## National Congress of American Indians

The 69th Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians will be held October 21 - 26, in Sacramento, California. NCAI was established in 1944 in response to the termination and assimilation policies the

US government forced upon tribal governments in contradiction of their treaty rights and status as sovereign nations. Over the course of six days, meetings and events will focus on the rights and sovereignty of American

Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Chilkoot Indian Association will be in attendance. If you have issues that you have concerns on, contact any council member to discuss. Don't wait too long as resolutions are now due

### NATIVE VOTE 2012

You may register to vote if you are:

- a resident of the State of Alaska
- 18 years of age or older, or will be 18 within 90 days
- not a convicted felon (unless unconditionally discharged)
- a United States Citizen
- Not registered to vote in another state

### EVERY NATIVE VOTE COUNTS!

Over 1 million eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives were not registered to vote four years ago. That's 34% of the total Native population over 18. The Native vote can have a game changing impact on elections at the local, state and federal level. Get registered and vote!!

It is important that Native voters are informed about candidates that are running for office and that the candidates are aware of and attentive to Native issues. Native Vote also encourages more Native leaders to run for local, state and federal office.

Borough  
Municipal Election  
Tuesday, October 2nd

Registered voters will be electing

- 2 assembly members with 3-year terms.
- 2 school board members with 3-year terms
- 1 school board member with a 2-year term
- 1 school board member with a 1-year term

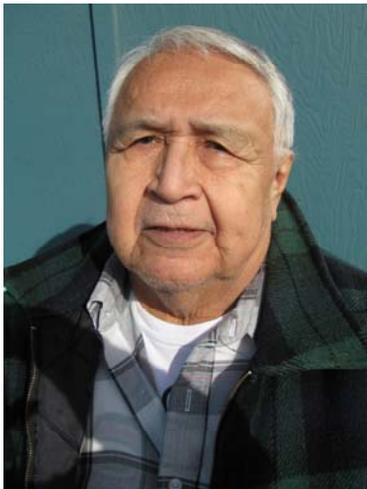
Absentee-in-person voting will be available on or after September 17th at the Borough Admin Building.



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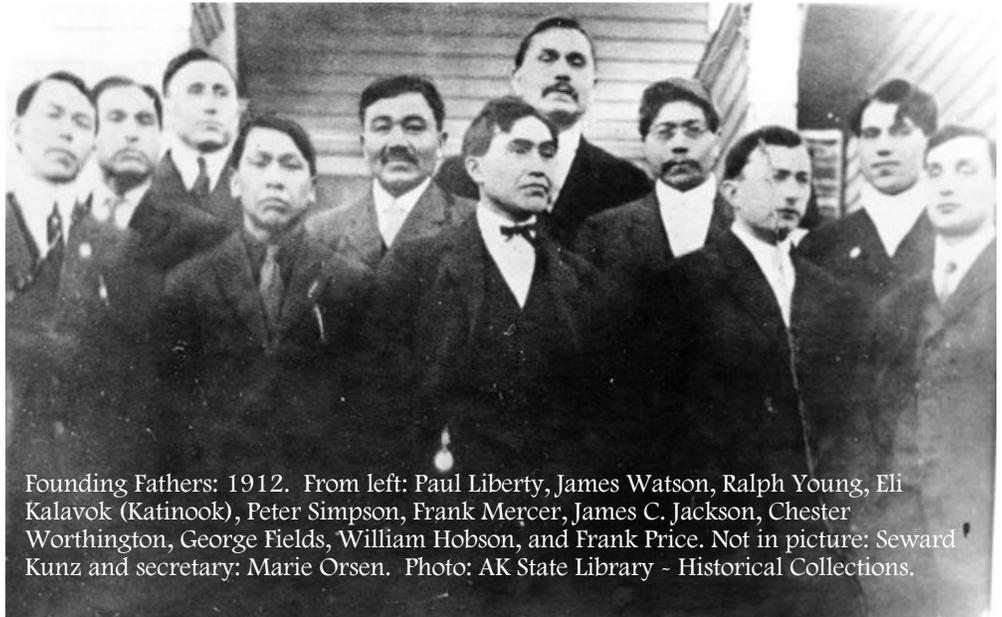
“S’eeekwaiteesh”  
 “Yaanwoolhaash” or  
 “Tl’eidoo”

Kaagwaantaan Eagle of the  
 Wolf House

Saturday, October 20, 2012  
 Klukwan ANS Hall  
 Time: TBA

For more information  
 Please contact: Jodene Warren  
 (907) 401-1255

## ALASKA NATIVE BROTHERHOOD ~ A CENTURY OF PROGRESS ~



Founding Fathers: 1912. From left: Paul Liberty, James Watson, Ralph Young, Eli Kalavok (Katinook), Peter Simpson, Frank Mercer, James C. Jackson, Chester Worthington, George Fields, William Hobson, and Frank Price. Not in picture: Seward Kunz and secretary: Marie Orsen. Photo: AK State Library - Historical Collections.

On October 3rd, an extraordinary four-day gathering in Sitka will bring together delegates from almost every southeast community to celebrate the brotherhoods 100th anniversary at their Grand Camp Convention. There is no organization

more central to Alaska Natives’ fight for citizenship and self-determination than the Alaska Native Brotherhood and its partner organization, the Alaska Native Sisterhood. ANB members believe their organization to be the oldest fraternal organi-

zation in the United States. ANS Delegates attending this event are Marilyn Wilson, Paulina Phillips, and Mary Lekanof. Alternates that will be in attendance are Deb Kemp, Carol Duis, and Leanne Converse. CIA wishes our best to Grand Camp ANB.