



## Quarterly Newsletter ■ Winter 2014

### From the CEO...

Kijik Corporation has entered into a joint venture agreement with Alaska Earth Sciences (AES), Inc. for 49% ownership of their Groundhog prospect. The Groundhog prospect is a group of mining claims located in the vicinity of Groundhog Mountain and extending, in a northwesterly direction, to approximately 2 miles northwest of the Chulitna River. It should be noted that neither the Chulitna River drainage nor the Kijik Subsistence Land Settlement Trust is within the prospect area.

As some Nondalton shareholders may recall, Rio Tinto (Kennecott Exploration) had undertaken some early stage geologic exploration work during 2010 and 2011. Rio Tinto representatives held several community engagement meetings, in Nondalton, to explain their work activities and gain community input. Their work included low-impact geophysical surveys and other basic exploration activities, i.e. sampling and mapping. Some Nondalton residents were employed by Rio Tinto during the course of this exploration work. Rio Tinto is no longer associated with the project and, as such, it will be necessary to find a new investor. Both AES and Kijik, as a first order of business for our newly formed joint venture, will be involved in aggressively marketing the Groundhog prospect to potential developers.

At this juncture and in anticipation of a new investor being found, Kijik's main objective for entering into the AES joint venture is to strategically position Kijik to seek new contracting opportunities and establish priority consideration for shareholder employment. Too little is known about the mineralization of the Groundhog prospect to say we are motivated by the potential resource value. Based upon our experience with Pebble, we recognize that a considerable amount is invested, in the exploration and environmental study process, and we want to be positioned to take advantage of the contract and work opportunities that are associated with these exploration activities.

We look forward to sharing more information regarding this important project, as new developments occur, and during the course of our future shareholder information meetings and newsletters.

Thanks,  
Ventura Samaniego  
President & CEO



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## From the Chair...

Dear Shareholders:

On behalf of the Kijik Corporation board and staff, here's wishing you a very Merry Christmas "Spraznikom" and a Happy healthy and prosperous New Year. We hope that 2014 was a good one and now looking forward to 2015 with hope anew, more opportunity and good tidings for each and every one of you.

We welcome this New Year with positive and continuing efforts in way of business development. We also would like to emphasize the one open board seat on the Kijik Corporation board of directors and are actively recruiting to fill this seat for the next 2 years to fulfill the three-year term at which point the seat will be up for re-election in 2017. If you are interested in serving on the Kijik board, please submit a letter of interest to the Nominating and Proxy committee before January 15, 2015.

Once again, the Kijik BOD had its annual board strategic planning retreat in December. The board is looking forward to business development opportunities in the making for this year. Foremost on the list of to-do's is to proceed with Kijik's joint venture with Alaska Earth Sciences (AES) in its Groundhog exploration. The corporation is also looking to a few other endeavors at this time and is hopeful for even more business opportunities to present themselves in which our CEO, Ventura Samaniego, is actively researching.

As we all know, Kijik Corporation is the for profit entity for the shareholders originating from the village of Nondalton and the Kijik BOD must perform these duties to the best of our abilities from this for-profit standpoint. We also understand the controversial aspects of our positions and still are prudent in our decisions. Kijik Corporation's purpose is to go forward with for-profit business opportunities for all shareholders. We must not lose sight of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) primary purpose.

Again on behalf of the entire Kijik Corporation board and staff, we wish you many blessings in 2015. Kijik is excited to continue its collaborative efforts with our other village entities, the City of Nondalton and Nondalton Tribal Council. We appreciate your support and continued confidence in our positions with our village corporation.

Most sincerely,  
Betty Chilcott  
Chairperson



### **Prayers and Best Wishes**

Kijik Corporation board and management were saddened to learn of the recent passing of Gabriel Trefon. Gabriel passed away on January 5, 2015. We wish to extend to the Karshekoff, Carltikoff and Trefon families our sincerest condolences and sympathies. Please know you are not alone and that our thoughts and prayers are with you as you endure the loss of Gabriel.

## BBNC Annual Meeting's Shareholders of the Year...

### **Citizen of the Year: Fawn Silas** (pictured below on right)

Fawn Silas is the granddaughter of Gust Evanoff and Elizabeth Rickteroff, the daughter of Roy Silas and Teresa Rickteroff and has one daughter, Ashley Wilson. Fawn lives in Nondalton and since 2000, has worked at the Nondalton Tribal Council. Over the past 14 years, she has worked her way up at the council, currently serving as the Tribal Administrator and Bookkeeper. Fawn has always carried a special vision for Nondalton and has worked hard to better the community. She's played an important role in opening and growing the local library, getting safe bridges built over creeks, obtaining materials to repair the Orthodox Church, and tirelessly gives her time for numerous events in Nondalton. Fawn says she loves the land, fish and way of life in Bristol Bay. In her spare time she enjoys doing puzzles, biking, picking berries and snowmobiling.

Good Work



### **Student of the Year: Karen Evanoff** (pictured above on left)

Karen Evanoff is a current Education Foundation Higher Education Scholarship program recipient. Her parents are Gust Evanoff Sr. and Gladys Evanoff. Karen is Dena'ina Athabaskan from Nondalton, Alaska and part of the Tulchina clan which means "water" clan. She is currently in her final year of the Master of Arts program at Alaska Pacific University and carries a cumulative grade point average of 3.8. Karen received her Bachelor's degree in Cultural Anthropology from UAF.

Karen's dedication to her goals, the work ethic and time she has put into investing in herself is inspirational. With a network of mentors, Elders and financial assistance, Karen attends school while continuing to work full-time with the National Park Service as a Cultural Anthropologist.

At the National Park Service, she was the editor of the book "Dena'ina Elnena," A Celebration: Voices of the Dena'ina which is a story of the Dena'ina people and their relationship to the land through place names. Karen's leadership roles and current academic standing is a true testament to hard work in both academic and traditional learning, and connection to community. Through her Master's program Karen is reviewing cultural-related literature to develop a Learning Program based on four topics: Education, Spirituality, Land and Connection to Place, and Coming Home to Ourselves. Karen plans to interweave her story of western education and work experience with this cultural knowledge base. In this program, Karen has worked to build her Senior Thesis by developing creative writing skills and is looking to publish a book from this project. Karen is a hardworking student, a dedicated professional and truly has taken the time to create her own success story.

# Roaster Vegetable-Rosemary Chicken Soup

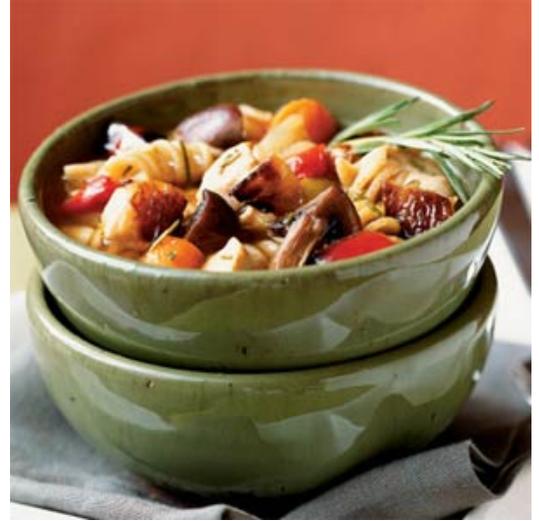
Serves: 4

## Ingredients:

- 1 cup cubed carrot
- 1 cup cubed onion
- 1 cup chopped mushrooms
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 (14-ounce) cans fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups uncooked pasta of your choice

## Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. Combine first 4 ingredients in a large bowl; drizzle with oil, and toss well to coat. Arrange vegetable mixture in a single layer on a sheet pan lined with foil. Bake at 375° for 50 minutes or until browned, stirring occasionally.
3. Combine water and next 5 ingredients (through chicken) in a Soup Pot; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 30 minutes. Add roasted vegetables; simmer 30 minutes. Bring soup to a boil. Add pasta; simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.



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