



## PETERSBURG MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

# NEWSLETTER

March, 2001

### ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 2001 the PMMC Board held our corporate annual meeting. Approximately two dozen people attended, including new faces which increased our membership rolls. We presented our annual report, a copy of which is included in reduced format with this newsletter, an interesting slide show well-presented by Barry Bracken, a projector image of our web-site done by Don Holmes, and a dessert social with scrumptious baked goods done by Nancy Murrison. (She even made pies and torts to auction!).

We presented our year's accomplishments, revealed short and long-term project possibilities, presented a financial statement, solicited help with committee work (we need more), and considered office options. We discussed our association with the cultural center interest group and of meeting with members of the Alaska Marine Conservation Council. The AMCC will host a reception on Thurs. March 8, 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers.

As it seems we accomplished a great deal during our first year of operation, so did we during our first annual meeting. It was a pleasant time, and thanks to Nancy, we did not go home hungry.



### GWYNNE WINS RAFFLE

The hand-knit sweater was won by Gwynne Short. The sweater seems made for Gwynne-both brunettes. This is the second time that Sharon has contributed her talents and energy to this successful fund-raising effort. Even though she doesn't like a public fuss about it, we appreciate her interest and involvement in our Center's development.



## ACF GRANT

As we explained at the annual meeting, the PMMC was awarded a grant of \$1000.00 from the Alaska Conservation Foundation. This grant is to be applied toward our poster project that we are planning to publish in association with marine researcher and artist Pieter Folkens. More on that when we move further with the project.

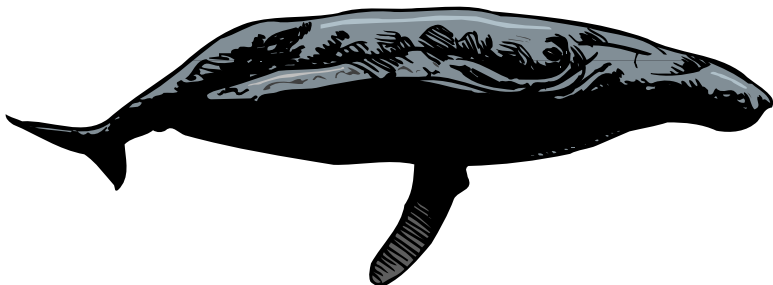
In addition, although no commitment has been made, the Alaska Sea Grant Program administrators are interested in the poster project also. They will consider some involvement as the project advances. Right now we await cost estimates from Pieter.



## CULTURAL CENTER

Lee attended the city council meeting during which the cultural center was placed on the Capital Projects wish list. There was no discussion as to **where** on the list the C Center might be placed, but making the list is a first and important step. Mayor Smith read a lengthy list of projects already included, all of which enjoy advocacy, so the lobbying effort for a location continues.

The PMMC is associated with councils from the Petersburg Arts Assn., the Museum, the Library, and the Seetka Kwan Dancers on this project so there are already a substantial number of community people interested in moving forward. This will be a bottom-up effort and will need our regular attention and persistence. Several people who attended our meeting expressed interest in the Cultural Center and thought more people should be involved.





## MEMBERSHIP

Asking the membership for guidance, Nancy heard the opinion that a membership year should be from enrollment date to anniversary. Since she, as Treasurer, has kept a record of enrollment dates this will be possible. Therefore, one should expect a reminder notice around the time that each member originally joined our organization. This will guarantee a full calendar year for each member.



## LITTLE BITS

We hope our next newsletter will include progress with our poster project. Perhaps we will have a research schedule for the summer season.

Look for information on the **Jason Project**. This is a research project to take place in Alaska in 2002 with Robert Ballard, the leader of the team that found the **Titanic**.

We hope to have an on-site education program development for this summer.

### HAVE A FRIEND WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN?

#### PETERSBURG MARINE MAMMAL CENTER

##### Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll me in the PMMC at the membership level of:

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| My contribution is: | <input type="checkbox"/> Student / Senior . . . \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Regular . . . . . \$25.00 |
|                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter . . . . . \$50.00    | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron . . . . . \$100.00 |
|                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor . . . . . \$365.00  |  |

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*Thank you for you contribution*

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