



KOOKÉNAA

MESSENGER

What's Inside?

Annual Meeting Recap

Shareholder Appreciation Day

Intern Highlights

Recent Graduates

Cultural Corner

SHAREHOLDER HIGHLIGHTS

Board Members

Craig Kahklen
Chair

Richard A. Beasley
Vice Chair

Gail Dabaluz
Treasurer

Lisa-Marie Ikononov
Secretary

Lori Grant
Director

Ben Coronell
Director

Katherine Eldemar
Director

Todd Antioquia
Director

Lynette Page
Director

Upcoming Important Dates:

August 17, 2024

*Goldbelt Shareholder
Catamaran Cruise*

September 2, 2024

*Goldbelt Office closed for
Labor Day*

November 15, 2024

*Higher Ed Scholarship
Spring Semester Deadline*



SHAREHOLDER APPRECIATION DAY AT THE TRAM

Shareholders and descendants rode from sea level up to Mt. Roberts Mountain House as part of Goldbelt's Tram Shareholder Appreciation Day and Goldbelt's 50th Anniversary!

Many shareholders and descendants came to take in the sights from the top of the tram and to enjoy a free buffet meal from at the Mountain House that featured frybread tacos, chicken adobo, Caesar salad, veggies, and dessert.

There were door prizes, and shareholders received a 50% discount at the gift shop in honor of Goldbelt's 50th Anniversary. Thank you to all the tram staff and all those who joined us, making it a wonderful celebration.

HIGHER ED SCHOLARSHIP SPRING SEMESTER DEADLINE

If you're seeking financial support for the 2025 spring semester, the application period for the Haa Latseen Scholarship Higher Education Scholarship opens on September 2, 2024. Submit your application by Friday, November 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Alaska Time.

To apply: Visit Mygoldbelt to learn more about the scholarships. If you're a first-time applicant for 2024, you must register on the scholarship portal before completing your application. No need to worry—we provide detailed instructions and a helpful video tutorial to assist you every step of the way.

Eligibility: This scholarship opportunity is exclusively available to Goldbelt shareholders with voting stock. To qualify, students must be enrolled full—or part-time in colleges or universities and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0. Goldbelt's Tináa Distributions Trustees established the Haa Latseen Higher Education Scholarship program to empower our shareholders to pursue their educational aspirations.

SHAREHOLDER HIGHLIGHTS



CELEBRATING RECENT GRADUATES

Goldbelt proudly spotlights a few shareholders and descendants who graduated in 2024.



Patrice DeAsis
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Bachelors in Psychology,
Minor in Alaska Native Languages

Derrick Price
Thunder Mountain High School
Graduating class of 2024



CELEBRATION PORTRAITS ARE READY!

Shareholder and descendant portraits that were taken at Celebration are now ready for downloading at [Goldbelthistory.com](https://goldbelthistory.com). Click on "Photos," "Celebration" and then "Celebration Photobooth 2024."

GOLDBELT'S FRONT COVER: FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

The cover photo was taken at the first Annual Meeting of Goldbelt shareholders in 1974. We have come a long way and have much to celebrate. To commemorate Goldbelt's 50 years, we have created goldbelthistory.com to celebrate our rich historical and cultural heritage. The history of Goldbelt is the history of our shareholders, and it gives us great pride to honor our collective achievements as we plan and build a forever company that will support shareholders far into the future.

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY AND FUTURE GROWTH

The 50th Annual Shareholders Meeting was a tremendous success with excellent turnout and spirit of celebration. We were delighted to host more than 500 shareholders in person and online. For those who could not join us at Centennial Hall, we implemented an online submission of gathering shareholder questions for the Q&A prior to the meeting. We thank you for your participation as it contributes to our shared success and growth. If you missed the meeting, the recording is available on MyGoldbelt by clicking "Forms and Services" then "Livestream Meeting Recordings."

Directors Rick Beasley, Katherine Eldemar, and Ben Coronell were re-elected to three-year terms that will run to July 2027. A quorum was reached on June 17, and 65.9% of voting shares were represented during this election. The board reorganized its officer positions with Craig Kahklen and Richard Beasley retaining their positions as Board Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. Gail Dabaluz became Treasurer, and Lisa-Marie Ikononov as Secretary.

Goldbelt once again reported a record fall operational payout for fiscal year 2023 of \$10 per share, with total revenue of \$404 million and \$25.6 million in net income. This continues the company's upward trend in profitability. In the past five years, Goldbelt has netted 97.6 million, which is upward of \$19 million more than the previous 39 years of operation combined.

As the annual meeting concluded, Party With Purpose began! Due to severe storm warnings, the party was moved inside to the Tlingit and Haida's Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall where Hair Nation rocked us through five decades of Billboard hits. There were games for kids, ice cream, and a photobooth. It was great fun for the whole family.



ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



CONGRATULATIONS PROXY PRIZE & DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Proxy prize winners were chosen from the inspector of elections from shareholders who submitted proxies before the 5:00pm deadline on July 11th.

\$5,000 Grand Prize Winner: Stephen Everson Jr.

\$3,500 Runner Up: Thomas Sours Jr.

\$2,000 Second Runner-Up: Steven Gilbert Gloria

\$1,000 Prize Winners: Knute Felipe, Jr., Allison Jaloszynski, Michael Peratrovich, Eileen Ostman, William Stanley Goenett, Leighetta Pratt, Lily Shuravloff, Marcella Kanto

\$500 Prize Winners: Neeka Liska, Linda Vilorio, Sharon A. Marvin, Elizabeth J. Deguise, Gilbert Johnson, August F. Ebona, Tillie Ann Martin, Dawn R. Wellington, Valentina Branda

\$250 Prize Winners: Rodney Cameron, Charlotte A. Stock, Paul Thomas, III., Celia M. Freeman, Colleen D. James, Brandon A. Zacher, David R. Johnson, Myrna R. Allen, Celeste Willard, Tabor Barrett Moy, Karlene Joy Lundy, Marcus E. Bacon, Sr., Ivy C. Wilson, David F. Kastelic, Juanita Coronell, Kimberly A. Brakes, Betsy Peratrovich, Jack Smart, Jr., Rebecca Strianede, Keaton Miller, David Gloria, Leslie N. Dalton, Michael G. Everson, Darlene Watchman

\$100 Prize Winners: Winnie J. Wiard, Ginger D. Clark, Waloha M. Perdon, Denice M. Knapp, Thomas E. Briscoe, Virginia R. Brelsford, Stephan H. Lee, John Vavalis, Randall T. Martin

Door prizes were given to shareholders at the meeting and selected at random from MyGoldbelt Meeting Check-in.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Summer Camping Kit - Marcella Mazon | 15. Jerry Meats \$250 Gift Card - Florence Sheakley |
| 2. Water Kit - Jeffery N Horton | 16. Costco \$250 Gift Card - Maggie Nakamura |
| 3. Picnic Kit - Gene Smallwood | 17. Fred Meyer \$250 Gift Card - David Sheakley |
| 4. Technology Kit - William John Johnson James | 18. Car Detailing from C&C Steamways - Robert Paulo |
| 5. Subsistence Kit - Valesha R. D. Patterson | 19. SALT Gift Card - Thea A Zuboff-Brown |
| 6. Native Foods Basket - Steven Bennett | 20. Helicopter Tour for 2 - Colleen Williams |
| 7. Vest Kit by Albert Aspen - Lillian Petershoare | 21. Eaglecrest Gift Card - Wayne Smallwood III |
| 8. Vest Kit by Albert Aspen - Marie Jensen | 22. Herb Sheakley Hat Mold - Karen M. Price |
| 9. Button Blanket Kit by Albert Aspen - Pamla C Credo-Hayes | 23. Raven's Vest from Tlingit & Haida - David James |
| 10. Silver Carved Lovebird Bracelet by Sam Sheakley - Marcelino Bagoyo | 24. Bentwood Box - Franklin Osborne |
| 11. Silver Carved Lovebird Bracelet by Sam Sheakley - Nemasia Moala | 25. 8th Generation Pendleton Blanket - Marcelo Quinto Jr |
| 12. Chilkat Beaded Earrings by Dawn Houston - Annie Jackson | 26. 8th Generation Pendleton Blanket - Kimberly Guthert |
| 13. Earrings by Jill Meserve - Lawrence Siverly III | 27. 8th Generation Pendleton Blanket - Gwendolyn Clay |
| 14. Meta Quest Virtual Reality Headset - Kathleen Church | |

SUMMER INTERN HIGHLIGHTS

IMPRESSIVE INTERNS

The summer interns came to gain experience and, in the process, brought vitality to the operation. The next generation of Goldbelt leaders worked this summer in shareholder services, human resources, communications, Alaska Operations, business development, Goldbelt Heritage, and information technology in Juneau and Herndon, VA. First year intern, Clarabella, "Bella" Sheakley appreciated the balance of a professional corporate environment that interwove our indigenous cultural values. "Learning about our history helps us create a better future," Bella concluded.

The two cohorts of summer interns brought exuberant energy to all the departments in which they worked and were a daily reminder of the mission of Goldbelt— working to build a bright future for our shareholders in Southeast Alaska and beyond. While it was the first year for some interns, others, like Anna Kahklen, have come back for multiple years. "The internship has gotten better every year," said Anna. "Each summer I've worked here, I've left with more knowledge and gained more confidence in what I'm doing."

Internships are available in Juneau and several locations in the lower-48. The program is open to Goldbelt shareholders and descendants who are enrolled in, or recently graduated from, postsecondary programs. In addition to valuable workplace experience and career coaching, interns gain priceless exposure to Alaska Native culture through field trips, workshops, and an opportunity to connect with elders, board members, and peers interning at other Alaska Native organizations. Learn more and apply at Goldbelt.com/careers/internships/



Abby Kahklen

Human Resources

Amber Kahklen

Information Technology

Anna Kahklen

Human Resources

Bella Sheakley

Shareholder Services

Brandon Gomez

Goldbelt Heritage Foundation

Erin Abbott

Communications Department

Kaida Irvin

Shareholder Services

Lynette Boone

Goldbelt Heritage Foundation

Matthew Hartsock

Northwind Architects

Mckenzie Green

Business Operations (Virginia)

Nikolas Skrzynski

Alaska Operations

CORPORATE UPDATES



GOLDBELT CAMPUS ADDS FINISHING TOUCHES

On January 4th of this year, Goldbelt welcomed home three totem poles that were raised at the original Goldbelt Place. In late July, interpretive signs were installed for the Legends and Beliefs, Strongman, and Creation of the Killer Whale totems. The signs also provide information about the artists who designed and carved the poles. Come by our Clinton street campus in Juneau to learn more about our heritage.

When you visit the office, you'll notice the new beautiful red cedar signs that were erected in front of 3017 and 3025 Clinton Drive. These signs are the artwork of shareholder Jim Skannes. The Eagle/Raven signs were carved by Jim in his studio in Port Townsend, Washington and installed in Juneau during early July. Jim was born in Juneau but came to prominence as a carver in Sitka, where his skills were spotted while he was still in high school. His commissioned work can be found at Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, the State of Alaska, Shee Atiká, Inc., and the National Parks Service. Jim is Haida of the Eagle Frog family.



SHAREHOLDER CATAMARAN CRUISES

Dozens of shareholders boarded Goldbelt catamarans this summer in search of whales and good company. The three annual Catamaran Cruises cast off on dates in June, July, and August. The cruises left from Statter Harbor and Yankee Cove and motored past Coghlan Island on their way north up Lynn Canal toward Point Retreat Lighthouse. It was wonderful to see so many elders and generations of shareholders enjoying each other's company while searching for humpback whales and other marine life as a part of the 50th year of Goldbelt.

KOOKÉNAA MESSENGER



@Goldbelt_Inc



Follow us on Facebook
"Goldbelt, Inc."

FIREWEED "LÓOL" (ALSO MEANS PINK) JAM



Recipe:

- Gather 8 cups fireweed blossoms
 - 4-1/2 cups water
 - 5 cups sugar
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 2 packages of pectin
1. Rinse blossoms to free them of bitter leaves or bugs.
 2. In a large pot, combine the blossoms, water, and lemon juice and bring it to a boil for 10 minutes.
 3. Line a colander with cheesecloth and place it over a bowl.
 4. Strain the juice through the cheesecloth, which should leave you with about 3 to 3-1/2 cups of clear fireweed juice.
 5. Add the strained juice and pectin to a clean pot and bring it to a rolling boil.
 6. While the mixture boils, whisk in sugar so it incorporates smoothly, at least 1 full minute.
 7. Ladle mixture into jelly jars, wiping around edges with a damp towel to remove any stickiness and to ensure the lids create a solid seal.
 8. Put the jars in a large pot of water and bring it to a boil for 10 minutes.
 9. Let the jars cool completely.
 10. Enjoy your Fireweed Jam.