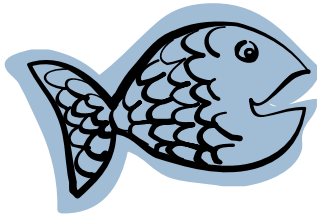


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It's that time again, so mark your Calendar!

Alaskans Against the Death Penalty



ANNUAL FISH FRY

Friday, July 23rd

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Everyone knows this is the event not to be missed. This event gets bigger every year and will be held at the usual place: Nancy Groszek's fabulous garden (2512 St. Elias Drive). We have lots of guests — including Curtis McCarty — to be honored and things to celebrate — you won't want to miss it.

Honored Guest Curtis McCarty will be at Fish Fry

Yes, Curtis is back by popular demand and he will be bringing his partner, Amy, with him (more on Curtis on page 4).

As always, salmon, salad and side dishes will be available for all, as well as soda, beer and wine. You are also welcome to bring some food and drink to share. We will have many celebrity chefs and judges for you to mingle with. You are invited to come and enjoy the event — no fixed donation amount is required; we ask only that you make some contribution to support our efforts to keep Alaska death penalty free.



Donations & Volunteers Needed

- If you have something for the Fish Fry to donate to the auction or as a door prize, please contact Sue Johnson at scjohnson@gci.net or 907-301-5005 for pick up or delivery.
- We need volunteers for the event, so contact Sue if you are interested in helping out.

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WE DID IT!

Because of YOU!

The AADP Board would like to thank all of you who testified before the House Judiciary Committee, those who served on the strategic team, hosted and attended events, and all those who gave money and time to defeat this bill.



50 Years and Going Strong!

Not only will Alaska celebrate its 50 years without a death penalty, our fearless AADP leader, Hugh Fleischer, and his lovely bride, Lanie, are celebrating 50 years together with many family and friends.

Congratulations!!



AADP Donor Dinner

Barb Hood and Dirk Sisson hosted a donor dinner at their home while Curtis McCarty was in town.



New Board Members Elected at AADP Annual Meeting

AADP Chair Hugh Fleischer gave opening remarks and we celebrated the defeat of House Bill 9, the bill to reinstate the death penalty in Alaska. New Board members were elected, including Celeste Hodge, Fred Dewey, Theda Pittman, Danne Pontious and Mary Ellen Ashton.



Celeste L. Hodge
Staff/Committee Aide to Senator Bettye Davis. Senate Health & Social Services (H&SS) Committee and former Director/Community Outreach Liaison for the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity under Senator Mark Begich. Former President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).



Danee L. Pontious, Vice Chair
Owner of the Law Office of Danee. Previously, she was a law clerk for Judge Philip Volland from 2004-2005. Danee was a public defender from 2005-2006 and an associate of Dillon & Findley, specializing in medical malpractice plaintiffs representation, for three years. She is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Denver College of Law.

Fred Dewey (photo not available), is an attorney in Anchorage.

Theda Pittman, Treasurer
Retired from State (APOC & Governor's EEO Office) and University. Non-profit/volunteer work includes: Alaska Women's Resource Center, Alaska Public Radio Network, political campaigns, Pro-Choice Alliance and Women's Political Caucus. Currently serves as part-time bookkeeper at the ACLU of Alaska. Likes to add and subtract and make bank deposits - of which she hopes there will be many for AADP.



Mary Ellen Ashton
MCLE Administrator for the Alaska Bar Association and partner in the firm of Ashton and Dewey.



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AADP Annual Chili Feed Held in March

Thanks to Hugh and Lanie Fleischer for hosting the Annual Chili Feed again this year. The event gave Curtis McCarty the opportunity to meet a number of Alaskans and the chili was fabulous. Unfortunately, there was a light turnout for the feed this year, which is one of our only three annual fundraisers. This was mainly due to the newsletter going out late. We are working to assure this won't happen again and apologize for any inconvenience.

More about Curtis...

Juries frequently rely on the testimony of forensic evidence experts to reach just conclusions in criminal trials. What happens when an expert lies in order to win a conviction?

When 18-year-old Pamela Kaye Willis was raped, stabbed, and strangled in her Oklahoma City home on December 10, 1982, Curtis McCarty became a suspect because he was acquainted with her. Soon after the murder in 1983, forensic analyst Joyce Gilchrist examined hairs from the crime scene and found they did **not** match McCarty's. Police

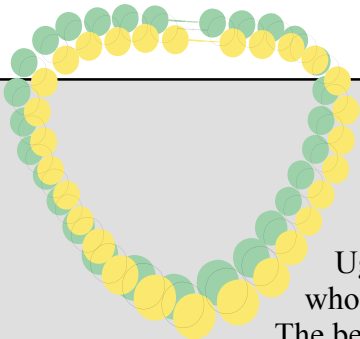


l to r: Sue Johnson, Curtis McCarty, Blanche Crandall and Kathy Harris

interviewed McCarty several times over the next three years, but he was not arrested until 1985. During the three years of police questioning, Gilchrist secretly altered her notes to declare that the crime scene hairs **could** have been McCarty's. Attorneys for McCarty did not discover the change in Gilchrist's notes until 2000, when she underwent investigation for fraud in other cases. When the defense requested retesting of the hairs, the evidence

had either been lost or destroyed deliberately. Gilchrist, implicated in two other cases that sent innocent men to death row, was later fired from her job with the Oklahoma City police department.

Curtis McCarty was sentenced to die three times and spent 21 years in prison – 19 on Oklahoma's death row for a crime he did not commit – before DNA evidence led to his exoneration and release in May 2007.



Please Note This Great Cause...

BeadforLife eradicates extreme poverty by creating bridges of understanding between impoverished Africans and concerned world citizens.

Ugandan women turn colorful recycled paper into beautiful beads, and people who care open their hearts, homes and communities to buy and sell the beads.

The beads thus become income, food, medicine, school fees and hope. The jewelry is beautiful, handmade, and ranges in price from \$5.00-\$30.00. Jamie McGrady will have samples and items for sale at the Fish Fry. All proceeds will go to *BeadforLife*. Visit the Web site www.beadforlife.org for more information.

Taping of Show in Alaska is Followed by Travel to Texas

The taping of “**MOORE UP NORTH**” TV broadcast: at right, Shannyn Moore interviews Rich Curtner, Susan Orlansky & Bill Pelke for the show. Below: Shannyn Moore and Curtis McCarty on the set.



Curtis McCarty and Bill Pelke left Alaska and flew to Austin, Texas, for the annual student alternative spring break, sponsored by Students Against the Death Penalty. Bill and Curtis joined Shujaa Graham and they told the students about the Journey of Hope and its message of love and compassion. They also were involved in an international press conference, set up by the students, for Sandrine Ageorges Skinner, who's husband, Hank, has survived two execution dates this year in Texas.

For info: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?op=4&view=global&subj=1432960034&pid=59713697&id=7931209>

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We like to contact you by e-mail — however, nearly half the e-mail notices bounce back for various reasons, such as, “rejected sender,” “mail box full,” “...does not have a Yahoo account,” and “exceeds capacity,” among other reasons.

Please consider the possibility of our e-mail to you ending up in your spam, junk or other filter and move us to the “Approved Sender” list.

Our newsletters are frequently large, so if your computer does not have the capacity for them, please consider changing to snail mail.

We don't want to lose you, so by all means, please keep us posted of all changes of addresses and phone numbers. **Thanks!**



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Katie Hurley crowned "Abolitionist Queen" at the 2009 Fish Fry.

Annual Conference to be Held in Chicago Next January

The NCADP Annual Anti-Death Penalty Conference will be held in the beautiful city of Chicago January 13-16, 2011, at the Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel. Check in with Sue or any Board member if you plan to attend or would like to donate miles or money for Board members to attend.

The 2009 Conference was held in the lovely town of Louisville, Kentucky, at the enchanting Seelbach Hilton Hotel. Hugh Fleischer, Rich Curtner, Bill Pelke and Sue Johnson attended the conference. Rich, as Chair of the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty, shared the Emcee responsibilities at the awards dinner. *Good job, Rich!*