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The Triumvirate or "The Three Honored Old Crabs"

compiled by Darlene Crawford

KATHERINE GOTTLIEB, DONALD G. KASHEVAROFF, CARL H. MARRS

This last winter, when the Chamber of Commerce was meeting, and deciding on the Old Crab designee for this fourth of July, three names were nominated together – these were three Alaskan Native kids who had grown up in Seldovia, and through their leadership as they grew older, have changed the face of Alaska, in health care issues, and corporate actions, and they won the election as the Three Old Crabs of 2007. (Katherine Gottlieb, Don Kashevaroff, and Carl H. Marrs) This Fourth of July the theme is “Coming Home 2007” and the entire week of July 1 - 8th has activities to welcome all those coming home for this celebration.

The “coming home” was the idea of Katherine Gottlieb of South Central Foundation and Crystal Collier of Seldovia Village Tribe. The Tribe has been very active and a lot of folks have been working very hard to make it a fun time, and they hope you come and participate in the week-long activities. [web site](#)

KATHERINE GOTTLIEB

Don has a BS in Science, Business Administration and Finance from Oregon State in Corvallis, and Master’s in Business Administration and Economic Development from Eastern College, St. David’s Pennsylvania.



In 2002, Don was named to Alaska’s Journal of Commerce Top Forty under 40.

Growing up in Seldovia, Don fished commercially with his stepfather, John Crawford, every summer for fifteen years. He enjoys photography, and has web sites with Seldovia photos <http://www.alaskaiphotos.com/> and <http://cybersunset.com> He is married to the former Sandra Pearson of Nome. Don and Sandra have two children, with the third on the way.



Katherine Gottlieb: honored as a MacArthur Fellow.

One of the three old crabs for this fourth of July is Katherine Gottlieb, the President and CEO of Southcentral Foundation has had a lot of awards during her career, though none quite like being an “old crab”. (and you can bid to have lunch with her or one of the other old crabs on July 4th). She is the first person in Alaska selected as a “genius” to receive the MacArthur Foundation “genius” grant (in 2004), for her work through Southcentral Foundation, which was created in 1982 as a non-profit affiliate of CIRI, and provides a wide variety of healthcare and related services and programs for Alaska Natives and American Indians in the Anchorage service unit.



Recent picture of Don, Sandra and children. You have to click on this image and see this background! Photo by Don Kashevaroff

CARL H. MARRS



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Photo by Rhonda Marrs

A CIRI shareholder of Aleut descent, Marrs was born and raised in Seldovia, Alaska. He began as a commercial fisherman, then in 1973 he started at CIRI’s Land Department, and worked his way up. He became CIRI’s President in 1995 and CEO in 1996, and resigned that position at the end of 2004. Carl is married to Joy Bundy and has two grown children.

A respected Alaska business leader, Marrs received the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 2001 William A. Egan Outstanding Alaskan Award, as well as the 2001 Alaska Federation of Natives Citizen of the Year Award. The Alaska Journal of Commerce has repeatedly named Marrs as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful



Kathy's photo with beaded headdress came from [SCF web site](#)

Kathy began work in Seldovia in Wakefield Fisheries, then as a Community Health Aide, then went to Anchorage in 1987 to take a receptionist's job with Southcentral Foundation, then rose to leadership in 1991, through her innovative ideas, with the corporation increasing from 100 employees to over 1,350 with the annual operating budget growing from \$3 million to one of \$100 million. SCF provides more than 65 medical and behavioral health services programs.

<http://www.southcentralfoundation.com/>

Kathy has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Business Administration, from Alaska Pacific University. Kathy is married to Dr. Kevin Gottlieb, has six children and more than 20 grandchildren. Growing up in Seldovia as friends, with Edgar award winner and best-selling author Dana Stabenow, she is the inspiration for Dana's Kate Shugak series.



Kathy, Dana and Kathy's husband, Kevin, in background

Alaskans.

Alaska Pacific University awarded an honorary doctoral degree to Carl H. Marris at its Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 4, 2002. Marris, an Alaska Pacific Trustee since 1997, received a Doctor of Public Service, honoris causa, degree in recognition of his many contributions to Alaska and its people.

"Carl has demonstrated exemplary leadership in service not only to Alaska Natives, but to all Alaskans," said Dr. Douglas M. North, APU President. "Because of his time and commitment to Alaska Pacific University, many of our students have achieved their educational goals and dreams."

"Carl has made great effort to improve the lives of countless Alaskans, both Native and non-Native, particularly in our urban and rural communities. Since becoming president of CIRI, his integrity, personal generosity and sincere concern for his fellow Alaskans have guided his stewardship of CIRI. With Carl at the helm, CIRI increased its efforts to make the lives of shareholders better and worked actively to help close the urban/rural divide that has separated Alaskans," U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens said.



Sen. Ted Stevens/Carl Marris photo in Seldovia 4th July 2000

Marris has a long history of service to Alaskans. He has sat on several boards, including the Fiscal Policy Council of Alaska, Alaska Railroad Corp., and Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. and the Alaska SeaLife Center Board of Governors. He has also been a member of the Alaska Oil & Gas Association, Western Alaska Council Boy Scouts of America, and the Alaska Highway Natural Gas Policy Council. Carl presently has his own consulting – Marris and Company, and helps many villages and corporations.

DONALD G. KASHEVAROFF



Don Kashevaroff is the Chairman and President of Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, which provides health, sanitation and health facilities and other services for 125,000 Alaska Natives, a post he has held since 2000. Don serves as the primary spokesman for the Consortium regarding state and federal funding, legislation, and regulatory issues, testifying before Congress and working closely with national organizations. The Consortium has seen an increase in revenues from 180 million to 350 million dollars during his tenure. He is President (Chief) of Seldovia Village Tribe, and is also the Chairman of the Board of Seldovia Native Association, Inc., and serves on several Indian Health Service committees. Don has many statewide and national memberships, being Chair of the IHS Tribal Self-Governance Committee, and on many other committees, including the Denali Commission Health Care Steering committee, and he was just recently appointed by Governor Sarah Palin to the Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council.



July 4, 2000 Carl with Sen. Ted and Katherine Stevens with the Seldovia Native Dancers (Can you recognize the girls? Some of them graduated from high school this year!)

Remember, you can bid for lunch with one of these distinguished guests, after the parade on Fourth of July .