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Alakanuk
Ambler
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Brevig Mission
Chevak
Eek
Elim
Emmonak
Gambell
Goodnews Bay
Grayling
Holy Cross
Hooper Bay
Huslia
Kaltag
Kasigluk
Kiana
Kivalina
Kotlik
Koyuk
Lower Kalskag
Marshall
Mekoryuk
Minto
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Nightmute
Noatak
Noorvik
Nulato
Nunapitchuk
Old Harbor
Pilot Station
Pitkas Point
Quinhagak
Russian Mission
St. Mary's
St. Michael
Savoonga
Scammon Bay
Selawik
Shageluk
Shaktoolik
Shishmaref
Shungnak
Stebbins
Teller
Togiak
Toksook Bay
Tununak
Upper Kalskag
Wales

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Board Elections and Other News

Mount Redoubt caused some disruption here at AVEC. Her eruption March 22 resulted in the cancellation of dozens of flights into and out of Anchorage and, as a result, only 11 delegates were in town on March 24—the day of our Annual Meeting. So the meeting was convened and then recessed due to lack of a quorum. We reconvened on April 7, and this time we were able to hold the meeting.

There were elections for three expiring board seats. Helena Jones (Ambler) and Phyllis Clough (Old Harbor) won re-election to their seats, and Julia Walker from Anvik was elected to replace Mike Prince from Emmonak. Most of you will remember Julia. She served on our board for 15 years until 2007. Welcome back, Julia and thank you, Mike, for your service.

Several members asked when they would be able to have online access to their bills. I have good news on that front. In July 2008, AVEC replaced its outdated software system with new software. Since then, we have worked hard to identify and resolve “bugs” in the system and prepare it for our 21st century requirements. Within the next couple of months, we will have the following much-requested improvements:

- Online access to your account
- Online payment of bills
- Better detail on the components of your bill (multiple energy charges)
- A history of your energy consumption—on your bill as well as online

In addition to improvements in our billing system, you soon will see more information on our Web site. We recently posted the 156 winners of \$100 “energy credits.” These credits were provided by the generous contributions of Alaskans who felt that rural Alaska was in greater need of their 2008 energy rebates than they were. They donated funds to the United Way of Anchorage which, in turn, gave 70 percent to AVEC to distribute to needy rural Alaskans.

We contacted our communities to provide us with names and got this response most frequently: the crippling cost of energy in our community has had a major impact on every single family. We cannot single out one or two families for this assistance, so please draw from among all of our residents.

So we did. And 156 fortunate AVEC members received \$100 credits on their electric bills in March. You can find their names listed on our Web site, www.avec.org.

Stay in touch and enjoy the warming spring weather.

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