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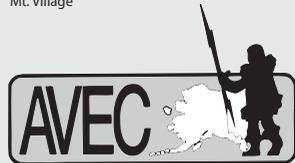
Robert L. Beans Sr.,  
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**Communities Served**

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



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## Wishing You a Warm and Bright 2013!

Inside this month's Ruralite magazine you will find information about many of our 2012 projects, small and large. While there is always more to do than can be accomplished, it never fails to surprise me how much we did get done, considering our extremely small staff and the large number of communities we serve. Please look over the project list and tell your power plant operators and AVEC technicians "thank you" the next time you see them.

For years we have heard from our communities that they would like to have the old tanks demolished and removed from their communities. These are the tanks abandoned following projects that replaced them, primarily with Denali Commission funding. During the past year we have partnered with the local school district, ANICA, the city and other tank owners to jointly cut up the old tanks and dispose of them at the landfill. About 200 tanks have been demolished by Rural Alaska Fuel Services with the help of local community members in Gambell, Savoonga, Selawik, Koyuk and Brevig Mission.

By now, most villages have held their Village Annual Meetings and delegates were elected to participate in the AVEC Annual Meeting on April 10 in Anchorage. At the annual meeting, delegates will elect board members to fill two seats. The first seat is held by Walter Sampson of Noorvik. Walter has served as a board member since 1989, and has been re-elected seven times by the delegates. He currently serves as vice chairman of the board. The second seat is occupied by Fred Sagoonick of Shaktoolik. Fred was first elected in 2007 and was re-elected in 2010.

Any member of AVEC in good standing—you must not be delinquent on your electric bill—is eligible to run for and serve on the AVEC board. You do not have to be present to be elected. If you are interested in serving, please send a fax to (800) 478-4086, an email to mkohler@avec.org, or call us at (800) 478-1818. You are welcome to provide a brief written statement about why you would like to serve, which will be read to the delegates on your behalf.

Shortly after you receive this magazine, the 28th Alaska Legislature will convene for its first session. This will be an "energy year" as several major energy projects are competing for funding: the Susitna/Watana hydro project; a gas liquefaction and trucking project for Fairbanks; and a small-diameter gas pipeline for Southcentral. We at AVEC strongly believe the only truly viable energy project for our state is a statewide high-voltage transmission grid fed primarily by high-efficiency gas generation at the North Slope. We will do everything in our power to advance this project to deliver affordable, abundant energy to Alaskans everywhere—and especially to their businesses.

As always, my door is open for our members. Give me a call or send me an email. I am always happy to hear from you!

Until next time,

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