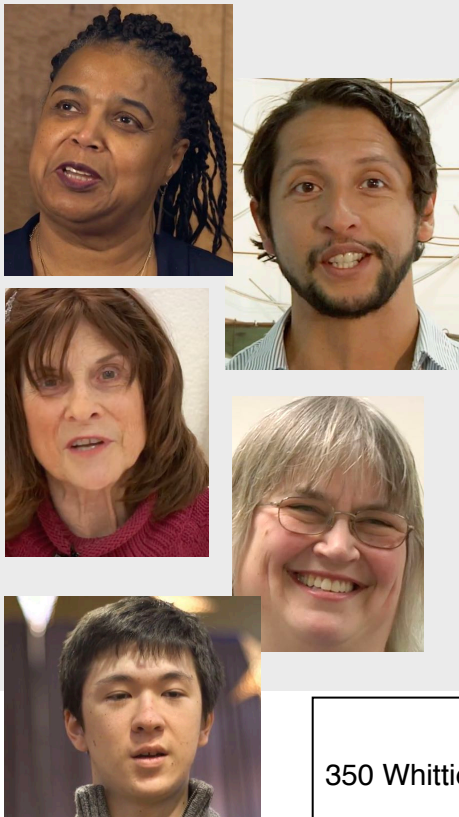


THE NEW JACC

JUNEAU ARTS & CULTURE CENTER
Inspired by Nature, Driven to Create

SUMMER! - JAHC has exciting plans for Summer Block Parties in 2018. The theme is "Growing Alaska", with a specific focus on Growing the New JACC. The parties will run from the 15th of June through the 17th of August and will feature live music and other performances. There will be a beer garden, local foods and produce, and the JAHC booth will focus on a specific and activity and provide information on how to support the New JACC project.

Your friends Back the New JACC! [Listen here: newjacc.org/videos](http://newjacc.org/videos)



Benjamin Brown sat down with David and Kristen Miller to hear why they support the New JACC.

David is a surgeon and Kristen an attorney, both with strong ties to Juneau's arts community.

He is well known for numerous starring performances with Juneau Lyric Opera (JLO); Kristen has served on the JLO Board of Directors since 2014, having first become involved with the organization in 2005.

David strongly believes in the need for the New JACC, saying, "I think what impresses me most about Juneau is how many arts organizations are active here, and are competing for space a premium price. If your choices are a very large venue, a very noisy venue with movable seats, or a very small venue, it becomes difficult to put on quality productions without going into debt each and every time."

Kristen expressed satisfaction with the significant community involvement during design of the New JACC. She noted, "I think it's important to know how much public input was involved ... going to those meetings with the designers and the engineers, people from all the different arts groups chiming in and saying, well acoustically we need this and we need that, and pit size ...it's amazing how much public input has been incorporated into this design. I think the more people are aware of that, the more that people see a design that reflects their needs, the more they'll be excited to give."

The Millers decided to invest in the New JACC not only because they believe in the project but also because they wanted to encourage others to do the same. The New JACC will ultimately succeed because of commitment like the Millers, great examples of what we can accomplish as a community working together. Kristen summed it up by saying, "I think our community's earned it, I think we deserve it!

Our supporters have grown by leaps and bounds recently. 1200 have signed the statement of support:

www.newjacc.org/2017/07/15/support-the-new-jacc/

To join your friends and neighbors in this statement of support and receive regular updates, send your name, address, email address and phone to katharine@jahc.org

"We support the New JACC because it will create much needed quality affordable venues for Juneau's vibrant arts community, be a primarily privately-funded economic catalyst for our city and provide a valued year-round multi-use facility for Juneau and Alaska - a legacy for all our children and grandchildren."

Message from the Executive Director

As we move into Summer 2018, we are relishing what we believe to be the last summer in the Old JACC. It has been our good friend for many years now; under the deft direction of Nancy and crew we have all laughed cried, cheered, hugged and maybe sipped wine in this old armory. We celebrate the history and welcome the future as we move forward with fundraising. Every day another member of our community steps up to support the project. Check out the our website and see Who's on Board. Join us! This quarter's mantra: Love the OLD JACC - it's going away!

~~~—Best, Katharine Heumann

## **An Update on the New JACC & Centennial Hall**

Following the preliminary design of the New JACC, conversations about the future continued. Now, the imminent transfer of management of Centennial Hall to the JAHC has afforded more possibilities. With JAHC running Centennial Hall, integrating operations of the two CBJ facilities makes sense.

New JACC leadership looked at how CBJ might help pay for changes that increase Centennial Hall's operating efficiency and marketability. Discussions with CBJ staff have led to a proposal for voter-approved bonds to pay for an enlarged Community Hall and the enclosed connection between the buildings. If this comes to fruition, the Partnership will continue raising private funds for the rest of the New JACC and will still manage design and construction.

The public-private partnership model is actually an extension of what has been happening for over a decade since the JACC opened. CBJ owns the JACC and land on which it sits, just as it owns Centennial Hall. JAHC runs the Old JACC and will soon be running Centennial Hall. CBJ pays for maintenance, but JAHC raises private money and donations for improvements and enhancements.

A construction project pumping over \$20 million couldn't come at better time in Juneau, and the long-term benefits will be huge.



## **New JACC Friend Ken Leghorn - Let's buy him a bench!**

A little over a year ago, we all lost a dear friend and progressive civic entrepreneur to pancreatic cancer. "Legs" lifted us, inspired us, challenged us to give, give, give back to our communities and to those less fortunate.

Ken specifically requested that there be no memorial service or organized celebration of his life. However, we now have an opportunity to create a permanent space as part of the New JACC dedicated to his memory. We know he would be comfortable with a place for people to sit, reflect and listen to the sounds of nature.

A space outdoors with a bench and landscaping will be named in Ken's honor after we raise \$50,000 for the project.

Generous friends have already begun to contribute to the Ken Leghorn Memorial Fund. Please join them!