

# Special Olympics Alaska Anchorage Review



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## Athlete Highlight—Christi Pendleton

This issue's athlete is Christi Pendleton, twin sister of Special Olympics athlete Jan Pendleton. Christi is a senior at Dimond High, currently trying to choose just the right college to attend for nursing school. Because of her sister Jan who has Down syndrome, Christi has been involved with volunteering for Special Olympics and for the Ak. Down Syndrome Chapter since she was 12 years old. Last year she was an assistant in gymnastics all season.

She is also very active in Dimond's Partner Club and Key Club. She has just been chosen by the local Soroptomist organization to receive a \$500 scholarship, mainly based on her SO-Ak Anchorage work. SO-AK Anchorage therefore also receives a \$500 donation. Christi is an athlete herself, competing in volleyball since 7th grade; this year she is the Team Manager. Christie is a hard worker in all she does. Favorite food? Italian. *Thank you, Christi!*

### Your Community Management Team:

- Community Director  
Donna Davidson
- Finance  
Omer Carey & Valerie Butler
- Fundraising  
Chad Haynes & Erin Pohland
- Bowling  
Kim Ferko
- Awards  
Karen Schudel
- Facilities  
Laura Orr
- Equipment / Uniforms  
Noreen Beckett
- Volunteer Coordinator  
Nedra Anderson
- Sports Training  
Meg Sten & Edie Knapp

### \*\*\* HEADING TO NEBRASKA \*\*\*

Special Olympics Alaska has recently announced the athletes who will be representing Alaska in the upcoming S.O. National Games in Nebraska, July 18-23. These athletes were chosen from last fall's State Games. There is a unified golf team from Mat-Su, a unified bocce female team from Ketchikan, and a unified bocce male team from Tanana Valley. Anchorage has two alternate teams on hold and hoping (sort-of) to go! The bocce team of **Debbie Rauh** and **Carolyn Carter** and the golf team of **Matthew Maille** and **Steve Simon** will be practicing in order to be ready even at the last minute should the chosen team need to drop out.



**JOIN US!**

### LOST & FOUND

1 black wrist splint —  
found at bowling alley after  
Local games.

1 Anchorage blue uniform  
Jacket — found after State  
Bowling games.

### Program Needs

Help with PR  
—advertising

Help with  
computerized  
Thank you  
certificates

Families  
Committee  
and events

Competition  
Committee

### Coaches Needed

Basketball  
Bocce  
Bowling  
Alpine Ski  
XCcountry Ski  
Figure Skate  
Floor Hockey

### Unified Partners

Basketball  
Floor Hockey  
Bocce  
Golf

### THANK YOU

*We owe a huge dept of gratitude to Mr. Omer Carey, fundraiser extraordinaire. In less than a week he raised \$4500 to cover Floor Hockey and Power Lifting uniforms. We also plan to begin purchasing Track uniforms with the remaining money. Mr. Brian Swanson, floor hockey coach, purchased lightweight, collapsible hockey goals which are easy to use. When you see either of these men, please thank them!*

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**



**L.E. Torch Run**

And others. See OTHER SIDE for full details



# IMPORTANT DAY

## ALASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN



**BIG DAY**                      **FUN DAY**

**MAY 15, 2010**

REGISTRATION 9 AM

**The Torch Run is our big fundraiser of  
the year!**

**We need everyone in Special Olympics  
to help us out by raising funds and con-  
tributing to this event.**

### COMPETITION TIME

Most of us love competition! That is what we have been working toward all season long in our training. Up to now we have been very fortunate in Alaska to be able to have everyone who trained go to State Games as well as Local games. Alaska is growing and our program is growing!. The other 9 communities with Special Olympic programs now all have Community Directors, which means their programs will also grow. One result of growth? Alaska may be joining the 49 states in having quotas for State Games competition. It may no longer be automatic that all competitors go on to State Games. Whenever Anchorage cannot take its full contingent, decisions will be made the same around the state. Decisions will be based on meeting training requirements and on placement at Local competition. Thinking ahead, we want to make our Local Games more exciting now, so our Games feel like real competition. (starting with the Summer games). Your Community Management Team would love help with this! *Please give us ideas, join us in putting on the competition and ceremonies, or donate items such as flags to create a special atmosphere.*

Remember to look for information on our  
webpage of the SO-AK website:  
[www.specialolympicssalaska.org](http://www.specialolympicssalaska.org)  
Click on "Community Programs"  
Click on "Anchorage"