



The Juneau Chamber of Commerce

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To Members of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce

At 10:30 p.m. December 26th, long-time friend and colleague, Jamie Parsons, passed away after more than a decade of battling Multiple Myeloma. He was at his home in Mercer Island, Washington, surrounded by family. I had the chance to talk to Jamie last week and, even though he was in his final days, managed a conversation that was so typical of Jamie; some humor, a little laughter, and appreciation for all of his friends. Throughout his ordeal, he was the most optimistic, positive person there could possibly be; an inspiration to everyone around him.

Whether you knew Jamie Parsons as the Director of Parks & Recreation, co-owner of the Racquet Club, the Mayor of Juneau, Chair of the Alaska Committee, the CEO of the Juneau Chamber of Commerce, a Glacier Valley Rotarian...or on the softball field, you always knew you were in the presence of someone special. Every conversation started with a smile and something funny. Even if the subject was on a serious matter, it started with his engaging humor. He could quickly get to the heart of the problem and offer his solutions, and he did so with persistence and conviction.

The community of Juneau has never had a more committed advocate. Bill Legere, President & General Manager of KTOO, recently spoke to the Chamber and reminded everyone that it was Jamie Parsons that came to him while Jamie was Mayor of Juneau and asked if KTOO could do something like C-SPAN to televise the Alaska Legislature. Jamie saw this as an important way to improve access to the legislature, which was at the heart of any capital move effort. Jamie's idea developed into "Gavel to Gavel".

Jamie led by example. He was not one to talk, he was one to act; and he made it very easy to follow him into an issue. He had a way of letting you know what your role could or should be to help solve an issue without being pushy or demanding.

Jamie was a great man, father, husband and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mary Beth, his children, Rob, Sara, and Andrew, and all of the rest of the Parsons family.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig E. Dahl". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Craig E. Dahl
Executive Director
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The family is planning a memorial service for Jamie Parsons on Saturday July 16, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Centennial Hall