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Each year the Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America honors an individual, or individuals, who have made substantial contributions to this community and the State of Alaska. In 2017, we will honor Peggy and Mike Ferguson as Distinguished Citizens of the Year.

Peggy was born in Jackson, Minnesota, went to High School in Carlton, Minnesota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Theatre Arts and Speech. She came to Fairbanks to teach language and theatre arts at Ryan Middle and Lathrop High Schools and, like many Alaskans, stayed for over 40 years. She's also worked for the Tanana Chiefs as a tutor and counselor and as a recreational therapist at Care-Age North. She spent a few years in Anchorage where she was the co-founder and artistic director of the Alaska Light Opera Theatre, but soon returned to Fairbanks where she was the Special Events Director for the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce. It was in this capacity that she met and married Colonel Mike Ferguson and accompanied him to Hawaii for his last four years in the Air Force. Upon their return to Fairbanks, she served as the Development Director of the Fairbanks Light Opera Theatre, the Theatre Coordinator for the UAF Summer Fine Arts Camp, the Executive Director of the Fairbanks Shakespeare Theatre, Co-Founder of the Looking Glass Group Theatre and, for the past 17 years, Executive Director of the Fairbanks Drama Association and Children's Theatre.

Mike Ferguson was born in Plainview, Texas, went to High School at Edwards AFB, California, and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, where he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He later earned a Master of Public Administration Degree from Auburn University, Alabama. He is a career fighter pilot with over 4,000 flying hours in T-38, F-5, F-4, A-7 and A-10 aircraft. He flew 100 combat missions in the Vietnam War and has commanded fighter units at all levels up to and including an Air Base. He served in NATO's southern region in Izmir, Turkey and in the Pacific Command at Osan AB, Korea, Eielson AFB, Alaska, and Camp Smith, Hawaii. He retired to Fairbanks where he has managed a moving company, a vehicle maintenance operation, and airfield operations at Ladd Army Airfield on Fort Wainwright.

In addition to their busy professional lives, Mike and Peggy have been continually involved in other aspects of Alaska community life. Five times Peggy has taken productions to the American Community Theatre Festival and five times she was named Best Director, an accomplishment not yet equalled. She has been appointed by five different Governors to the Alaska State Arts Council which oversees programs and distributes grant funds to arts organizations throughout Alaska. Mike is a member of the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee where he has chaired the annual military appreciation banquet for 24 years and was named last year's Messer Award recipient for furthering military/community relations. He is a Past President of the Fairbanks Rotary Club and Commander of the Fairbanks Civil Air Patrol Squadron.

The Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award Banquet honoring Peggy and Mike Ferguson will be held at the Westmark Fairbanks on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Please mark your calendar for that date and join us as a Major Sponsor.

Please respond with the enclosed response card. You may direct any questions to Stacy Brandon at the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center at 907-452-1976.

Thank you for supporting the Midnight Sun Council,

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