Share your letters

From time to time we receive some news, stories, poetry and letters from people in the villages, and we publish as many of them as we can for the enjoyment of all our readers. We would love to hear more. We believe people living in Kaktovik would like to know what's happening in English Bay and vice versa. One way of sharing your good news and wonderful stories would be to join our list of correspondents to the Tundra Times.

Some of you will remember when Grace Swooko used to write stories and poetry from the village of Gambell. In fact, many of us looked forward to each edition of the Tundra Times because her messages, which were always published were so refreshing. Fred Stickman's letters to Howard Rock were not only entertaining—they were educational too. Guy Okakok and Martha Teeluk were also favorite correspondents in the past.

There were many others who shared stories with our Tundra Times readers in the earlier days. Going back through issues of the Tundra Times from the 1960's and '70's is like reading a history book because there were so many stories about our Native way of life, which people shared with our readers then. We hope our invitation to write us will not be ignored.

Some of our subscribers live in the Lower 48 states and in other countries too. We know they would enjoy reading about springtime on the river in the Interior from a village point of view or about when the swans come back to the Kuskokwim Delta.

If you feel strongly about such issues as the stock alienation in 1991 or the potential danger of losing our lands if our corporations become non-Native owned as a result of selling the land in 1991, please take a few minutes to express you views in writing and send them to us. Others who ave similar concerns may benefit from your ideas.

The Tundra Times has always been dedicated to reporting news about Alaska Natives in a fair and responsive manner. Howard Rock, who founded the Tundra Times in 1962 was a strong advocate from Alaska Natives, and we have tried to continue his policies, but we do need your help from time to time. So if you have stories or news, please share them with us.