

# **ΔΚΓ- Alaska**

## **Beta Chapter President Report**

### **Spring 2021**

The 2020-2021 school year has been a difficult time for many, however, looking on the positive side, the fact that we were able to meet via Zoom has been most rewarding. Members who have moved from Fairbanks have been able to participate in our meetings once again. We have great attendance and involvement despite the pandemic, weather and miles apart.

One of the main goals of Beta Chapter has been to keep our members connected and involved. Some activities to promote this goal were:

1. Friendship Sisters is an out-reach activity whereby a team of members focused on contacting three members each month, and
2. We have instituted an individual member focus during each meeting highlighting a sister who has been asked to reintroduce herself to the membership. This has been a phenomenally successful and fun activity; we have learned even more about our sisters' lives and interests.
3. Including photos and favorite quotes in our directory.
4. An outdoor activity group was started by our past president Maryanne Allen. The group hikes and cross-country skis depending on the weather; some canine companions have joined the group as well.
5. A new activity headed by member Kathy Alton, a Beta Book Club, is beginning this month.

We are planning an Art Show of sorts for our May meeting whereby each member will submit photos displaying her hobbies, talents and/or interests. The collection of photos will be combined into a PowerPoint presentation which will be the program for our May meeting.

Our membership has remained constant. We have 39 active members and one reserve member. We hope to initiate new members this summer.

Our Vice-President Naomi Mitchell has arranged for outstanding programs! Among them were:

“Voting” presented by Jeremy Johnson, State Election Advisor  
“Financial Planning for Educators” presented by Mike Titus and Julie Scott  
“Novel Happenings inside Classrooms”  
“Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living”  
“Outdoor Education” presented by Mel Sikes

Activities contributing to our community:

\*\* Beta online auction raised over \$3,000 earmarked to support district teachers by providing treats and expressing thanks and appreciation for all the extras they are dealing with during the pandemic.

\*\* Gary Bender was chosen as this year’s “Friend of Education.”

\*\* Donation to KUAC Public Radio Telethon Challenge

\*\* Beta’s on-going flower sales through our Beta Educational Scholarship Foundation raises funds for scholarships for Fairbanks women entering the field of education

\*\*2700 pair of shoes were collected over a period of two years to send to people in Africa

\*\* Beta sponsors the annual Speech Contest for 4-8 grade students. This activity is headed by a mother daughter team of Becky Roberts Zaverl and Bonnie Roberts.

\*\* Each spring Beta members gather cosmetics, toiletries, gift cards and various sundries and place them in purses to donate to the Fairbanks Women’s Shelter.

## Team Beta

Eleanor Houts Pres.

Naomi Mitchell VP

Linda Witt Sec.

Judy Tolbert Trea.

Maryanne Allan Past Pres.

and 34 other outstanding members