

IOTA CHAPTER

Iota chapter met in September and planned the year's programs. We have three goals: increase membership and the feeling of sisterhood, increase our service projects, and focus on awareness of important educational issues to Sitka. Our October meeting was well attended. The program consisted of hearing about the anti-bullying program in place at Sitka School District. We then enjoyed sisterly companionship at a local restaurant.

Carolyn Mork
Iota President

ZETA CHAPTER

Zeta started off this fall with a canned soup food drive for our newly adopted village of Chevak. We sent over 100 boxes of cans of soup to the citizens of the village to help them in their time of healing after a series of tragedies. We also purchased 2 tables for the AWAIC Gala to be held in November. The money raised will go to help women and children in crisis. Finally, this year we awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to women educators and a \$4,000 (to be awarded every year for four years) scholarship to an Alaskan young woman pursuing a degree in education.

Judi Westfall
Zeta President

BETA CHAPTER

Beta Chapter started their meetings early this year. We "borrowed" Zeta's idea of having an overnight party, which we organized for planning for this new biennium. In August, we met at Judy Jaspersen and Claudia Hall's homes on Birch Lake. We had a facilitator who planned a great program of looking at changes we might want to see in our chapter and she wound that around fun "get to know you" types of activities. The second day we took what we learned and applied it to the planning of our year. It was very successful both in terms of planning and in having fun together.

We had our first meeting three weeks ago and put Dr. Lyn's membership building model into play. We will follow up with stage 2 of the model at our second meeting next week. Also at this next meeting we will honor our "Friend of Education" for 2016, Michelle Bartlett who has done much for education in Fairbanks. We will continue the project of collecting books for Dr.'s offices as part of the "Healthy Kids Read Program" and we have initiated a new drive to collect toiletries for women in need. We look forward to our Christmas tea and fundraiser, a tour of our newly remodeled Ryan middle school, and learning more about Pilates as well as the local Diversity Council. We are a busy chapter!

Maryanne Allan
Beta

ETA CHAPTER

I have no report at this time. Gretchen

NU CHAPTER- October 6, 2016

The theme for our term is TEACH

T: Team Approach, Togetherness

E: Educate: Literacy Focus

A: Appreciate: Celebrating accomplishments of our members- Spotlight on member each meeting

C: Connect- Goals to add 5 new members this year- teacher outside of typical classroom, teacher new to the profession. Reaching out to fellow teachers in our local schools through mailbox treats.

H: Help- Reaching out into the Eagle River/Chugiak community, possibly partnering with projects through LOVE, Inc.

Before our first meeting, our chapter participated in the Eagle River Backpack Giveaway sponsored by LOVE Inc. Our chapter gave away books for all ages, from preschool to teenage. We signed 14 families up for the Imagination Library. This program provides one free book a month to children from grades birth to 5.

Our Welcome Back meeting, September 10 was well attended and productive with the approval of our program and 3 potential new members in attendance. Our chapter created "Welcome Back to School" treats and placed them in the mailboxes of two elementary schools and one middle school in the Eagle River area. We plan to continue this outreach to other schools in the Eagle River/Chugiak area.

Our service projects include:

Walk and fundraise for ALS

Thanksgiving Blessing- Working with LOVE, Inc to distribute food and items during this holiday.

Literacy Boxes- We will create boxes and fill them with free books for all ages.

Distribution of books with possible partnerships with Alaska Airlines and Best Beginnings Donations to Child in Transition- ASD project

We look forward to initiation in October with 2 new members and 2 reinstatements. In January we plan a member retreat to Birchwood Camp for fun, fellowship, yoga, line dancing and team building.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Lister and Colleen Brown, co-presidents of NU Chapter

THETA CHAPTER

Our first meeting was held at the Morris Thompson Center with a tour and introduction by the director of the center. It was a community builder allowing members to see parts that only are

available a couple of times a year. We then held our first meeting at the center with focus on initiating a new member and starting our campaign of building up membership in DKG.

A second goal our chapter is attempting is more visibility in our community. At our November meeting we have invited several non-profits to present issues they need help with. We are proposing making and serving at least one dinner a month for the "Door", our safehouse for kids 12-18 who are homeless.

We continue helping our teachers and any person involved with students by offering a number of \$500.00 grants for worthwhile projects and materials. One needs to submit a one-sided application that includes needs and costs. Often we have been able to fund, to some extent, most of the applicants. We also made all the school bus signs for the new year and are continuing giving out gifts of books for the newborns and Moms at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. This is my first month as President and I share the job with Pam Lambert and hope to welcome new members and new ideas.

Thank you, Tanya O'Brien

Webmaster

Password for entry to the members area- BGAAlaska1

Currently I am working to update the membership area of the site. This area was originally done in the program Pages which I found difficult to make additions and subtractions to so I am switching to Excel which is less complicated as well as how some of your updates have been sent to me. So Chapter Presidents, continue to send your chapter updates to me as you have them. Thank you

If you think of ways the website can be more useful to you or if there is something you can't find there, let me know.

Maryanne Allan

STATE HISTORIAN REPORT

October 6, 2016

Arrangements are being made for a small number of folders to be deposited in the Archives at the University of Alaska Fairbanks to become part of the Beta Gamma State collection. Three of the folders contain information from Rho Chapter. The other is a file of Necrology Reports from the State President's box.

Biennial Summaries are being compiled and updated and will be ready for deposit in the Spring of 2017.

Judith Ireton
State Historian