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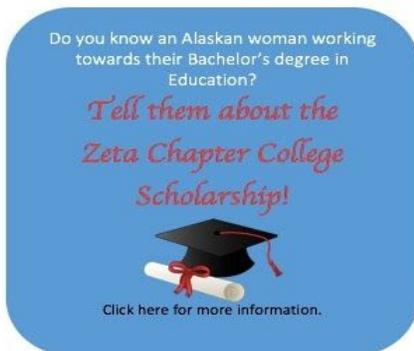
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AK STATE FOUNDATION

Anchorage Area Council

Submitted by Cherilyn Ansley

The Anchorage Area Council consists of the DKG chapters in the Anchorage area. Members from Eta, Nu, and Zeta meet to discuss items of interest to all chapters in our area. We also oversee the Mini-Project Awards and Breakfast, Founder's Day recognition, Bunko Night, and the Golden Apple awards for our area.

Attendance is open to any member from the Anchorage area.

2019-2020 Officers:

President - Cherilyn Ansley, Zeta
Vice President - Nicole Ullman, Zeta
Treasurer - Judy Ireton, Eta
Secretary - Gretchen VanHove, Eta

Meeting Date:

- August 10, 2020, 7:00 pm, Cherilyn Ansley, hostess

A Special Word
from
Nita R Scott, CAE | Executive Director to our State Leaders

Thank you all for a great day together! Cynde and Gara, you did a fantastic job of managing a productive meeting and still making us all feel connected. I was delighted to be able to share with you all and answer your questions. I look forward to a day when I can give you “real” hugs again.

Again – Keep moving forward with dedication, forward-thinking and creativity – You all are amazing!!

Warmly,
Nita

BETA



Chapter Report

Submitted By Maryanne Allan

This year Beta Chapter looked at services we might offer our local community as well as our global community. We looked for ways to bring our members together in fun and/or meaningful activities. Then we grieved together for our sister, Lynda Ault, who lost her battle with cancer last Fall.

Our local projects included gathering toiletries and delivering them to the Center for Non-Violent Living. We celebrated Marylee Bates, an innovative leader of a local program working to care for homeless teens and children with our Friend of Education Award.



For a global project, we have been collecting shoes for Africa. Our goal is to collect 2,500 pairs of gently used shoes. Together we enjoyed a number of social events and fundraisers.



Beta chapter of DKG Alaska is sponsoring a local shoe drive concentrating on collecting new and gently used shoes to distribute to those in need, particularly Africans. Since shoes are an item of comfort, even fashion, for most people, you might ask, "Why shoes? Aren't there higher priority needs in disadvantaged countries?" The reality of life for many individuals in impoverished parts of Africa, Asia, and South America is that shoes are a rarity. It is not uncommon for children to grow up in these areas without ever having had a pair of new shoes - or any shoes at all.



Naomi Rambo



Linda Witt

Because wearing shoes helps prevent the spread of parasitic diseases that plague an estimated billion people worldwide, they are a basic human necessity. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that there are many hazards associated with going barefoot in contaminated sand, soil and dirty water, but the most obvious public health problem is hookworm disease. Parasitic infections often prevent adults from being able to work and children from being able to attend school. The relationships between illness, access to education, and poverty have been well-documented by organizations such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). All are working toward disease prevention in an effort to promote education and alleviate poverty.



Judy Tolbert



Collecting Shoes for Africa

Submitted By Maryanne Allan and Eleanor Houts

In the last 20 years or so, the fight against HIV/AIDS and malaria has captured public attention. This has resulted in parasitic diseases being overlooked; they are now referred to as "diseases of neglect." Through the efforts of numerous world organizations, there is now an increased awareness of these diseases. There are organizations working to serve as a bridge between global and grassroots organizations seeking to eradicate these illnesses and alleviate poverty in these countries.



Leigh Ann Cox, Eleanor Houts, Judy Jaspersen, Janet Taylor, and Maryanne Allan sitting on 1000 pairs of shoes.

Beta chapter is now in the process of collecting shoes of all kinds. The company we are working with will pick up the shoes in Seattle, ship them to

Africa and distribute them there. We must have 2500 pairs of shoes waiting for them in Seattle. We were fortunate to have the shipping of the shoes to Seattle donated by one of our Beta members' husband, Ken Hall of Lynden Transfer. We have had two "shoe parties" in Eleanor Houts's warehouse to 'rubberband' the shoes of each pair together and bag them in groups of 25 pairs. Our total number of pairs collected at this point is approximately 1500. We are hoping to complete this project by summer.

For more information about the parasitic diseases that wearing shoes can prevent, check out the following NPR article.

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=7815086?storyId=7815086>

EPSILON

Chapter Report

Submitted By Peaches

Epsilon chapter worked throughout the 2019-2020 year preparing for a fabulous state convention scheduled for April 2020. However, the COVID-19 pandemic brought changes to those plans!

We are putting these plans and preparations on a



shelf to be brought out in time to "Take Two" in 2022. Please plan to join us then!

ETA

Chapter Report

Submitted By Judy Kern and Gretchen Van Hove

ETA Chapter had been enjoying an exciting year with inspirational speakers and fun events prior to the arrival of Covid-19. In the fall, after a



presentation by Mobile Medics International, ETA donated over \$1000 to their cause.

In December, Eta donated \$700 to an ongoing project, the Anchorage School District's Child in Transition Program. January brought a brisk yet fun outing to the Alaska Zoo for their annual "Zoo Lights" event followed by a dinner out.



Judy Ireton, Gretchen Van Hove, Carolyn Crosby, Barb Sell, Judy Kern



Eta Christmas Brunch-Cynde Hill, Kathy Wright, Gretchen Van Hove, Judy Ireton, Joan Lower

In February, we enjoyed a program of yoga stretches and inspirational ideas to improve circulation and flexibility.

We hope that we may be able to hold our annual garage sale fundraiser in late May. ETA has also successfully nominated and voted on a new slate of officers for the next two years.



Karen Wallace, our new President
Lynn McNamera, Co-Vice President
Tana Kirkhart, Co-Vice President
Barb Sell - Parliamentarian
Joan Lower - Treasurer



Home of Lynn McNamara- Lynn McNamara, Barb Sell, Kathy Wright, Gretchen Van Hove, Mary Ann Curtis, Cynde Hill, Joan Lower, Carolyn Crosby, Rose Van Hemert, Peggy Ammann

IOTA

Chapter Report

Submitted By Marcia Hirai

Iota has made classroom teacher support a theme for this year. To that end, we offered a service to promote Teachers Teaching Teachers, T3 to teachers within our district in February and March and would have continued into April. We offered to cover classrooms for teachers who wished to observe in another classroom. We all know how solitary classroom teaching can be, so this was our effort to give teachers a way to share their skills and

successes with each other.



Each December we have our own annual Santa Sale where

members can donate money or bring all kinds of items for our silent auction. The money we receive goes into our scholarship fund. We gave two mini-grants to local teachers for innovative classroom projects in April and will give three more this next fall. Our chapter takes great pleasure in supporting the classroom teachers in Sitka.

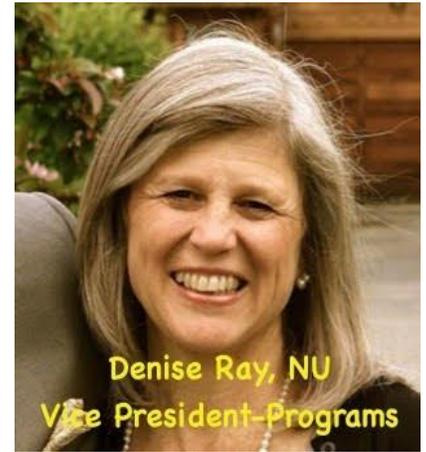
We have had two zoom meetings since the pandemic. Our May Founder's Day meeting always features one or two members who share about their lives as teachers, and their involvement outside of school as well. This year our member is Jan Love who taught for 35 years. Mary Stevens, a retired kindergarten teacher was also honored and given her 25 year pin. We also did our installation of new officers over Zoom, too and we will be initiating new members in the fall.

Iota wishes all our sisters in the State to be safe and stay healthy.



back to school backpack and book giveaway (HUGSS) in our community of Eagle River.

We volunteered with the Thanksgiving Blessing event at Joy Lutheran in



Denise Ray, NU Vice President-Programs

Eagle River, where we also had a book giveaway table set up for children and adults. In addition, we helped sign up families for the Imagination Library Program.



Barb Kovarik, Recording Secretary

Nu had a wonderful social in November, with an awesome craft activity, in which we were able to share information with a few guests about our fantastic organization. In December and January, we participated in a couple of our favorite events which included



Mary Vaught, NU Treasurer

gathering donations for Children in Transition (CIT) in which we were able to collect pillows, pillowcases, and food gift cards. We also participated in the Linus Project. Some of our



Shannon Lampert, NU Vice President-Membership

NU

Chapter Report

Submitted By Helen Harmon and Denise Ray

Aside from our hiccups over the last month due to COVID 19, our chapter participated in some wonderful events during the year. In May, even though we had to say “see you later” to some of our wonderful members who were moving away, (including my predecessor, who left BIG shoes to fill, Colleen Brown) and is enjoying the beauty of Hawaii. We were also able to present a wonderful milestone of congratulations to our sister Norma

Hannan who has been a member for 50 years!



Helen Harmon, NU President

In June, our sisters participated in a member yard sale, even though the rain tried to shut us out! The Fall gave us opportunities to participate in a

sisters and a few guests were able to make 15 blankets! Our December gathering gave us the opportunity to create Mason Jar soup mixes in which several were specially crafted to bless others.

We are looking forward to being able to share time and company with our sisters again soon, while we wait on Mini Project grant applications and consider Golden Apple recipients.



OMICRON

Chapter Report

Submitted By Amy Budge



I send my regrets at missing the Workshop in Ketchikan. It is a strange time with everyone

isolated and unable to meet. We missed both our March and April meeting because the school was closed. We have 28 members this year divided into four committees. Each committee is responsible for two meetings a year which includes the program and a meal. We meet at a town elementary school. Our programs are generally about community information or local agencies working with students. Our service projects revolve around the Homer Food Pantry.



Omicron has continued to provide backpacks filled with student supplies for the first day of school and give more supplies right after Christmas for the 2nd semester. We have expanded to include community receptacles in the local stores. The Rotary Club has also become involved with this effort.

We provide a biannual \$2000 scholarship for an undergraduate student who is pursuing an education degree. We had a very worthy candidate who has since taken a job at one of our Russian villages. This has been a successful outreach in the community.

We keep in contact with one another through email, sending agendas, minutes, announcements, and birthday celebrations. Omicron always has a quorum at our meetings and starts each with a nice dinner presented creatively, with an interesting program, and a business meeting. We look forward to bringing in some new members in the Fall who are at the beginning of their careers. This was our 26th year anniversary!



2020-2021 Officers:

- President - Amy Budge
- 1st Vice President - Elaine Challup
- 2nd Vice President - Rebecca Paul
- Recording Secretary - Milli Martin
- Corresponding Secretary - Sue Brass
- Treasurer - Sharron Cotogno.

THETA

Chapter Report

Submitted By Tanya O'Brien

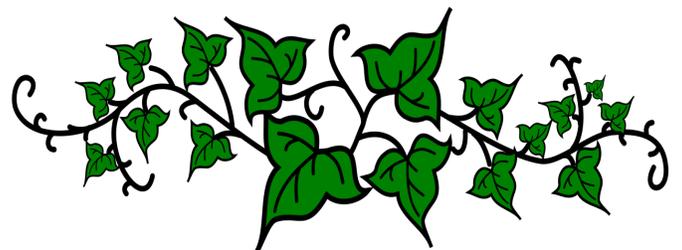
Theta Chapter has had a short but very productive year to date. We installed two new members, both working teachers. We have had well attended and interesting programs thanks to the Program chairman and its members. We are voting for our slate of recommended officers through email shortly and of course had hoped to attend the conference in Ketchikan. Our nominated officers will be a dynamite group of active, knowledgeable, hard workers who will be excellent leaders. We will also appoint a new treasurer.



This year we are proud that we were able to award over \$5,000 in Mini-grants to working teachers from Elementary through High School. A significant part of our Programs in February and March are short, five to ten presentations from those receiving the grants to share their projects. This is always enlightening, fun, and hopefully opens the door for new members to be interested in joining Theta.



For one program, we experienced a Make-Over Night with a presentation about essential oils and invited guests. Another was a tour of the Pioneer Museum at Pioneer Park. Our December traditional brunch was at member Sandy Buhite's exquisitely decorated home with wonderful cuisine provided by Sandy and a few gourmet cooks in Theta.





Aldean Kilbourn - President



Marlin Collins - Vice President



Christine Cook, Secretary (Front Row, First on Left, next to daughter)

In February, we held grant presentations and prepared nominations for our chapter election of new officers. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we cancelled our presentations from the grant awardees in person in March. Christine Cook, the chairman of that committee, has contacted all of them about turning in via email or mail, pictures and a short synopsis of the project. As with many other functions, this will be carried over to a later time.

Due to a large part of our Theta Members being

over 60, we are checking and offering assistance when needed. Scholarships considerations will go on virtually if needed, and we will still try to make our awards by graduation time. Obviously, everything is on hold. We have also been a sponsor of the “Door,” our community program for homeless youths between ages 12-18, and will continue to try to assist them when we can. At this time we cannot get a current photo of all our members, but we will try to send something appropriate.



We have two members this year celebrating 25 years with DKG, they are Pat Walkotte and Emma Barth!

We would like to include our sincere sorrow at the Ketchikan conference being cancelled and want those lovely ladies to know we look forward to our visit in the future

ZETA

Chapter Report

Submitted By Jessica Minguez and Nicole Ullman



In the 2019-2020 school year Zeta chapter has held all business and social events regularly before our nation came to a screeching halt due to this global pandemic. As a chapter, we are committed to continuing our efforts to support teachers as well as our community abroad with a model and philosophy of “Zeta Gives Back.”

We are actively looking at ways to make this possible. Our current efforts during our “hunker down” phase have included shifting our state convention registration fees to supporting Claire and Covenant Houses, as well as the AWAIC Shelter to the tune of \$500.

Sadly, our scheduled blood drive and tour in March has been tabled but we are hoping to rally the troops and are encouraging our members to give as they see fit and qualify to give after many have traveled outside the state during Spring Break.



Our grants committee has continued to support member’s attendance of conferences to ensure that as members we develop and enhance our growth mindsets. They also are rethinking ways to support and extend our funding to aspiring educators to extend outside the state.

As a chapter, I see a zoom meeting in our future as we regroup and move forward!



October brought our local mini-grant breakfast to support member’s efforts in their classroom and school wide. As well as our annual attendance of the AWAIC Shelter Gala offering relief to them as a chapter and individually. In December, a handful of our most brave members took the Polar Plunge and were “freezin’ for a reason”! Love and care was in the air as we came into February and brought a little love through some home cooking with a brunch for the families and staff at the Providence NICU.



Installation of State Officers-
President Cynde Hill,
2nd Vice President, Cherilyn Ansley



Treasurer, Joan Lower



Secretary

Gretchen Klein,

SCHOLARSHIPS

This scholarship was created to support an Alaskan woman pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in education. Please see the link for more information. [Zeta Chapter College Scholarship](#)

ALASKA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Amendment Updates

By Cherilyn Ansley and Barbara Sell

At the April 25, 2020 State Leadership Convention three Amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules, submitted by the Rules Committee, prepared by the Finance Committee were passed. If you wish to view these changes, they are posted on the State website.



2020
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION
Philadelphia, PA*
July 7-11, 2020
*Awaiting decision by DKG International whether this event will be cancelled or moved to a new date.

Alaska State Organization



Achievement Award Recipient!

It is our pleasure to announce the recipient of this biennium's State Achievement Award. We were truly sorry that under these unusual circumstances, we were unable to make this presentation in person. Per the State's Standing Rule J.4, we shall send the medallion to the recipient's chapter President for physical presentation at their next chapter event. The medallion being awarded this year originally was given to Pat Dart, Zeta, and was returned to the State upon her passing.

Our sister nominee has a masters in Library Science and has taught at the middle and high school level. Although retired, she continues to take classes to keep her teaching certificate active.

This individual has been a member of DKG for 16 years and has held several elected offices and committee positions in her chapter, as well as acting protem for officers on an as needed basis.

At the State level, this sister has served multiple terms on the Nominations Committee, Communications Committee, and has worked tirelessly as the Nuggets Editor.

Civically, this member has served on and/or volunteered with the State Library Board, Clay Street Cemetery Commission, Genealogical Society, UAW, Noel Wien Library, and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

By unanimous vote, we are pleased to present the State Achievement Award to Aldean Kilbourn of Theta Chapter, Fairbanks. Congratulations Aldean!!

Cherilyn Ansley, 2nd VP
Claudia Pierson, Beta
Cynthia Miller, Nu
Gloria Hensen, Omicron

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Honoring 50 Years of Membership

Norma Hannan, 1968, *Nu*

Eleanor Houts, 1970, *Beta*

Sandra Bhuite, 1969, *Theta*

Elizabeth Robbins, 1969, *Epsilon*

Patricia Turner, 1969, *Thet*



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