

## Theta Chapter Report

In order to enlarge our membership we have put together some excellent informative programs, some social events and programs that combine both. At our Sept. 4 meeting we initiated Liz Kane, an active teacher, who teaches first grade and has worked as an educator for fifteen years. She is involved with the Nordic Ski Club and other organizations. At our second meeting we invited several prospective new guests and although only one could attend she has agreed to join. She is a coach-teacher at a Middle School and she has much to offer our group and she seemed very comfortable with us.

Theta Chapter had eleven scholarship recipients of \$1,000 each for 2019-2020. We also awarded many mini-grants to teachers who some may be possible future members. We are visible in our community, Theta chapter supports Fairbanks Youth Advocates "The Door" which had their annual sleep overnight. A few of us participated in this fund raiser. We invited one of our legislators Steve Thompson, who gave an informative presentation about the Alaska Permanent Fund, principal of the fund, interest, and projects the state provides from the interest on the principal. Many of our questions were answered by Mr. Thompson. He also learned from us about Delta Kappa Gamma and what we stand for and do in our community.

Our Projects include:

1. This is Theta Chapter's 42nd year to supply school bus signs for all the First Student buses, so children can easily identify their buses.

2. Mini-Grants for Educators - Class room teacher's apply for a proposal for supplementing their teaching/activities up to \$500. In Feb. and Mar. we ask the Teachers receiving the Mini-Grants to present what they did. We had (I don't remember the number we had) during 2018-2019.

3. "Time for Rhyme" 1,000 cards for the free Nursery Rhyme Books were given to the Hospital Women's Center in July. Many books were taken to the Noel Wien Library for distribution in June.

We have started and continue to update our rules to fall in line with Internationals recommendations.

We were honored to have our State President, Cynde Hill with us September 13. We had a good time meeting her and listening to what she is interested in moving DKG Alaska forward.

Respectfully submitted

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