

BETA CHAPTER YEARLY REPORT

2021-2022

JULY: We met at a park to visit and shared activities and trips we had planned for the summer. Dr. Beverly Klug, Professor Emerita, Idaho State University, brought copies of her new book entitled Culturally Relevant Teaching: Making Space for Indigenous Peoples in the Schoolhouse.

AUGUST: We talked about our declining membership and discussed ways to seek potential members.

Elaine Smith talked about scholarships we gave to two women and one man who are students at Idaho State University.

Peggy Vogt (from OMEGA chapter) gave a detailed report on the convention in Caldwell, as one of our members had attended. She talked about fundraising for the next convention with Fill the Purse and the need to collect plastic grocery bags for next year's convention project.

Several certificates and pins were awarded to Joyce DeGarlais (40 years), Janice Matteson-Howell (35 years), Elaine Smith (35) years, Ruth Newell (25 years), and Cristina Serpa (25 years).

We voted to have a new member join our chapter.

OCTOBER: Our chapter met at the College of Education at Idaho State University to hear the new Dean (Jean McGivney-Burelle) talk about how she came to Idaho and her plans for the new school year.

On **OCTOBER 23rd** eight of our Beta Sisters were on the “**SHAKE IT UP**” ZOOM call with Leeann Thomas. We came away with some great ideas to seek out, find and keep new members.

DECEMBER: We had our Christmas meeting with special treats and Christmas decorations. For our annual *Teddy Bear Project* we each brought stuffed animals to be donated to the community resource workers at the Pocatello-Chubbuck School District.

We honored Diana Fonner (Eva Ochoa’s mother) who collected stuffed critters throughout the year to donate to schools. She had been a guest at our meetings and played the piano for us.

We voted to have three new members join our chapter.

MARCH: Jill Robertson (Community Resource Worker), Lewis and Clark Elementary School, told us how our donated stuffed animals are used in the school district. She told stories of their work with families in crisis, about a child needing glasses, and a local teacher adopting siblings.

Rita Haggardt presented her with a commemorative teddy bear as she was leaving.

Dr. Beverly Klug Professor Emerita, Idaho State University, gave a talk about her book entitled **Culturally Relevant Teaching: Making Space for Indigenous Peoples in the Schoolhouse**. She discussed her book about the history of Native American education and culture and its effects on the teaching and learning styles for Indigenous peoples with the goal of building bridges between home and school for indigenous students. Dr. Klug said the book can be used in college to train teachers. There are now more Native Americans in cities than in rural and reservation areas.

On **APRIL 2nd** our joint chapters (BETA and OMEGA) met with Connie Higgs, (1st Vice President), who gave a talk based on a power point presentation by Lee Ann Thomas (State President).

May: We had our final meeting with nine members attending. We voted for new officers, approved our standing rules, and discussed meeting times for the coming year.

For Founder's Day we talked about the start of Delta Kappa Gamma and the life of Annie Blanton Webb.