

Theta meets 6 to 8 times during the school year with a business meeting and a program and a social activity during the summer. Last Fall we had programs about the historic Wickersham House and Kitty Hensley House. Next, we joined other FNSBSD women teachers for the First Friday Art Tour of Noel Wien Library. In November Marlin Colins and Aldean Kilbourn presented ways to create and publish books with the program, Self-publishing: What is your objective?

In February we launched our new website <aktheta1.webstarts.com> and voted on our budget for 2023-24. We also invited 8 Mini-grant applicants to present their project ideas for using \$500 grants they received in the fall. March saw the remaining fall Mini-grant recipients present their project expenditures.

We continue to purchase a nursery rhyme Board book, with a pamphlet explaining the importance of rhyming for reading readiness, which is available to parents of each newborn baby born in Fairbanks. These are handed out at the public library.

Each year, a sign with a colorful picture and school bus number is constructed for each school bus in the district. These signs are placed in the windows of all school buses, so the children can easily identify their commuting buses. Theta Chapter has been providing the bus signs since 1977 and constructs one hundred fifty signs every year.

Local scholarships are offered via application from high school seniors and university students in education at the beginning of each spring.

Each year Theta Chapter members nominate education advocates for the Golden Apple Award. These nominees are involved in education and have made significant contributions in educating our youth.

Our current concern is how to get an executive board (president, vice president, treasurer, secretary) for 2024-2026. We've had no one willing to step forward.

Aldean Kilbourn
Theta President 2020-2024