

Iota Chapter Report

Our theme this year is Navigating Transitions. The intent is that we are navigating back to more in-person after the pandemic/endemic. So how do we go about things now as individuals, a group, a society, and what is next for us all, as many are now retired, another major transition? We have 20 some members although we are three fewer than last year.

In September our group gathered for coffee and treats at Jan Love's house and came up with initial plans for our 2023-24 program.

In October we participated in Sitka's Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration in lieu of our meeting. Some brought food for the potluck, some helped in the food line, others greeted people, etc. It was a worthwhile night and a good service time.

In November, we will meet in the Keet Library where Jennifer Davis will set up a presentation about the Alaska Reads Act. Since November 11 is National Education Day, our members will each bring three dozen cookies to the meeting and put trays together for each of Sitka's public schools. Making ahead and freezing them works well.

The Santa Sale is our ongoing holiday project that raises money for the Scholarships and mini-grants we give out in the spring and fall. Some things in the Sale are things we make like quilted placemats, artwork or fudge, etc. Some things are being regifted while others came because we don't use or collect them anymore. There is a bidding process which makes it interesting and we have fun!

In February, using the theme Love, Kindness, Care. Kathryn will put together a program on the topic of Home Health. The meeting will be at the Brave Heart Building.

In March we will explore the topic of **Food Security** and, also perhaps, tour Pacific High Gardens.

April is our community Involvement project where we try to get two female assembly members to talk with us and learn more about it.

In May we have our Founder's Day book share. Though we are only asked to bring in one book to share it often grows as teachers find it hard to choose just one. We review the year and our dues and leave with a list of recommended books.

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