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# Alaska Sewlutions

EAGLE RIVER CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SEWING GUILD

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 5:** Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

**January 12:** Holiday Party at Rae's

**February 2:** Anchorage Neighborhood Meeting

**February 9:** Valley Neighborhood Meeting

**March 14-17:** Spring Retreat

**March 16:** Annual Membership Meeting

## A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sewing Sisters,

The literal and emotional upheaval of the earthquake that disrupted our lives and canceled our Christmas Party has been pretty well put back together. I am still sewing some gifts, and always have plans for many more than I actually complete. My grown up daughter shared with me recently that someone asked her what her favorite Christmas present was as a child and she could only remember one specific gift. She did, however, talk about memories of cabin trips, a family outing to Chena Hot Springs, skiing at Alyeska and seeing movies together. It seems like, especially in the aftermath of the earthquake, that I am reminded even more than ever that the precious things are really the people and the shared times together, and not whether I get another potholder or pillow finished. I am sending this with my personal wishes that this time of year will include for each of you some special friends and family, a little Peace on Earth, and you won't stay up all night Christmas Eve working on a last minute gift!

I am so happy to let you know that all the offices for the coming year are filled and the leadership team for Alaska Sewlutions is an outstanding group.

Julie Gleason will be taking over as President, Tessie Gleason has stepped in as the new Vice President and membership person, Linda Maclure will continue as Secretary, Beverly Holmes remains the Treasurer, and Kirstin Tysver is taking over for Special Events as the Superintendent to represent the Guild at the Alaska State Fair for the Sewing Department. Emily Longbrake is going to take over the newsletter duties. Etta Gamble and Ada Gleason continue as Neighborhood Group Leaders. These folks will spend time taking care of all of us, and I am especially thankful for their willingness to donate their time and energy to the Guild.

Special thanks to Molly Johnson as she steps down from the newsletter editor, and to Megan Cate for being our representative at the Fair for the past term. We are grateful for your time and expertise.

This will be my last note to you as President. I am not going anywhere, but looking to be working some less and traveling some more in the coming year, so it is a good time to transition out of this role and see what the future looks like. I plan to spend more time sewing!

Love, and my best wishes for you and your families now and in the coming year,

*Kathy Rockey*

## HOLIDAY PARTY & ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING

Saturday, January 12, 2018, 12pm  
1201 S Grover Lane, Palmer, AK

We hope you'll join us for our rescheduled annual membership meeting, potluck and optional white elephant gift exchange. To join the gift exchange, bring something from your home: no fair buying something new! For this potluck, Rae will be providing a tasty main dish. Please bring something to share according to your birth month:

- January-March: Appetizers
- April-June: Sides
- July-September: Salads
- October-December: Desserts



## UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

The next Valley neighborhood meeting will be **February 9, 2019.**

The next Anchorage neighborhood meetings will be held at the Anchorage Senior Center:

### **Saturday January 5, 11am-2:30pm: Chemo Caps**

Please bring a favorite chemo cap pattern or bring your own project. Not able to make it to the meeting? Try the pattern at [alaskasewlutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ChemoHeadwearPatternCraftsy.pdf](http://alaskasewlutions.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/ChemoHeadwearPatternCraftsy.pdf) to get started.

**Saturday February 2nd 11-3:30:** Project to be announced!

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## ALASKA STATE FAIR 2019

As the snowy winds blow outside, guild members sew inside! What better time to get a start on your projects for the Alaska State Fair? Check out last year's exhibitor's guide here for inspiration: [alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibits/sewing/](http://alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibits/sewing/)