

*Alaska Women's Hall of Fame*

*celebrating the women who shape alaska*

# *Fifth Annual Induction Ceremony*

## **Honoring 2013 Inductees**

**Thursday, February 28, 2013**

**Wilda Marston Theatre, Loussac Library**

**Doors open 5:30 pm, Ceremony 6:00 pm**

**The mission of the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is to honor, in perpetuity, women whose contributions have influenced the direction of Alaska in their community or the state in any field, including, but not limited to the arts, athletics, business, community service, conservation, education, government, health, the humanities, Native affairs, philanthropy, politics, theology and science, among others.**

The Alaska Women's Hall of Fame is a collaborative project of the Zonta Club of Anchorage, the Alaska Women's Network, YWCA Anchorage, the Alaska Women for Political Action, the Anchorage Women's Commission, the University of Alaska Anchorage and a large number of interested Alaska women. Together, they have created a place to remember and embrace the strong Alaska women who came before us and walk beside us today.

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# History of the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame

The idea of creating the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame was initiated in 2008 when the Alaska Women's Network's Board of Directors (AWN) discussed how it could use its web site to honor Alaska's women as part of the upcoming celebration of Alaska's fifty years of statehood. Two ideas were suggested: first, update the 1983 Profiles of Change, a publication by the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women and, second, establish a way to profile and honor the Alaskan women who had been involved in shaping Alaska.

Members of AWN solicited ideas and support from other women's organizations. The Anchorage YWCA offered its support, and a meeting space.

A brainstorming session was held there on August 15, 2008, which was attended by women from throughout the community. It was decided to work with the UAA Consortium Library to digitize the Profiles of Change so people throughout the state could access the stories of the outstanding women described in the publication. Additionally, at that meeting it was learned that the Zonta Club of Anchorage had been working on developing a web site to house a "virtual Alaska women's wall." The two groups decided to collaborate and join their efforts.

From that meeting, an informal steering committee was formed, composed of representatives of the AWN, Alaska Women's Political Caucus, Anchorage YWCA, UAA, Anchorage Commission on Women and the Zonta Club of Anchorage as well as several women who were interested in the idea, but not affiliated with a particular organization. The steering committee developed the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, solicited nominations from across the state, selected 50 women to induct on March 6, 2009 and launched the web site that hosts the biographies of the honorees. March was chosen as the annual date of the induction to coincide with Women's History Month. The Zonta Club of Anchorage has accepted responsibility for the creation and maintenance of the web site, [www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org](http://www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org).

The digitization of the Profiles of Change was completed, with the assistance of volunteers, in February 2010. It is available through the Alaska Digital Archives at <http://vilda.alaska.edu/>.

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### **Arne (Bulkeley) Beltz • 1917 - 2013 • Achievement In: Public Health Nursing**

Arne Beltz, with a physician father and a nurse mother, grew up in a household which was built around the patients. Inspired by her father's dedication to his patients, she chose a career in nursing. While serving in the Public Health Service in Georgia (1946-47), Beltz answered "yes" when her supervisor asked for a volunteer to go to Alaska. For 32 years (1948-1980), Beltz provided public health services in village Alaska and in Anchorage during polio and TB epidemics and the 1964 earthquake. She pioneered the use of nurse practitioners in Alaska and creatively organized Anchorage entities and federal funds into a training facility for premed, nursing, village aides, public health nurses and others. During her 20 years as manager of the Community Health Services Division of the Municipality's Health Department, Beltz started the Women, Infants and Children's Nutrition Program, the Child Abuse Board, Home Health Agency and the Family Planning and Women's Health Program. Many of the health-related non-profits in Anchorage today owe their origins to the encouragement she gave her staff to engage in community affairs and professional organizations.

Beltz was honored by the Municipality for her many contributions to public health nursing, naming the building which houses the Department of Health and Human Services as the Arne Beltz Building in 1990. In 1991 she was inducted into the Alaska Women's Commission Hall of Fame. In 2003 she was one of the first four nurses in the state to be nominated to the Alaska Nurses' Hall of Fame.

She is regarded as a visionary leader in public health, one who shaped its practices and institutions and played a key role in Alaska's major health events, as well as serving as a mentor and inspiration to all who worked with her.

### **Judith "Judy" (King) Brady • 1941 - • Achievement In: Public Policy Direction**

Judy Brady is respected for her thoughtful, deliberative approach to understanding key public policy issues; her ability to effectively communicate the pros and cons in advising key policy makers on these issues; and an ability to effectively work at resolving differences on difficult issues. Both Republican and Democrat mayors and governors have appointed Brady to public policy boards and commissions, which is indicative of the respect she has earned in her nearly 50 years of involvement in important public policy issues – from Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to managing Alaska's resource wealth. Throughout Brady's career she has displayed leadership in pursuing contentious issues affecting Alaska and as a result has influenced the course of our state's history.

Early on, Brady became interested in Native land claim issues and Native education issues. She was invited to become one of only a few non-Native board members of the Fairbanks Native Association and later was made an honorary lifetime member of the association. After passage of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Brady was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior as chief administrative judge of the Alaska Native Claims Appeals Board – the first woman to chair an Interior land appeals board in the United States. When the board finished its appeals eight years later, former governors Walter Hickel (R) and William Egan (D), co-chairs of Commonwealth North, named her as the first woman executive director of that public policy forum. She later became Commonwealth North's first woman president. Brady served as Commissioner of Natural Resources for the State of Alaska, the second woman to hold that position. She ended her professional career as the first woman executive director of the Alaska Oil & Gas Association.

Throughout her life in Alaska, Brady has been actively giving back to the community and in 2007 received the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Gold Pan Award for Distinguished Community Service by an Individual.



### **Daphne Elizabeth Brown • 1948 - 2011 • Achievement In: Architecture & Civic Involvement**

Throughout her life, Daphne Brown maintained an intense curiosity about place in an historical context. From trips to England at a young age to visit her mother's family to ferreting out old graveyards and rock walls in the New England woods and countryside, Brown developed a keen historical imagination and sense of landscape, families, and communities as they evolved over time. She approached her life in Anchorage and Alaska with a similar curiosity and wonder; often commenting on how privileged she was to be part of an ever-evolving city situated in the wilderness.

Her career as a prominent Anchorage architect reflected her love and respect for place and community. Arriving in Anchorage in 1975 Brown worked for CCC Architects under the tutelage of Ed Crittenden. In 1987 she went to work with Kumin Associates. These 35 years included significant service to her profession and community at national, state, and local levels serving various professional boards and commissions, including multiple terms as chair of the Municipality of Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission and state and regional licensing boards. Her public service reflected her deep commitment to viewing public planning, not just from the perspective of an architect, but as an active and involved citizen of the community.

This public service commitment started early in her career at CCC, and was reflected in some of her most significant projects throughout the state. It culminated in the Anchorage museum's expansion project where she led the design and construction team as the project manager for Kumin Associates.

Reviewing the list of Brown's service and achievements is a history of the growth and development of a remarkable woman, a person who would volunteer to serve and follow through on that commitment for years. She had a passion and a gift for public service and was genuinely committed to the growth and development of her community. She inspired many to follow in her footsteps and fought hard for sound and humane development practices, as well as for the joy a little art can bring into our lives.

### **Carolyn (Huntsman) Covington • 1936 - • Achievement In: Education, Political Activism & Community Service**

A strong advocate for innovative and inclusive education, Carolyn Covington earned her master's degree in Vocational Administration from the University of Alaska Anchorage, and her bachelor's degree in Business Education from Western State College of Colorado. In addition to a career that spanned teaching roles in Whittier and Palmer and an assistant professor at Mat-Su College (UAA), she worked to procure grant funding that developed a district-wide Diversified Occupations program in the Mat-Su Borough School District and the Skill Center, which provides open-entry, open-exit classes at Mat-Su College. These two programs made it possible for her students, primarily women, to successfully develop office occupations and related skills to complete high school, earn an associate's degree in Office Occupations and move on to job placement or further education.

A founding member of the Valley Women's Resource Center, the first resource and shelter in the Mat-Su Borough for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, Covington was also a political activist. She served 29 years as secretary of the Alaska Democratic Party and ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 1998. She has served as board member of many non-profit organizations and continues to be a strong political voice in the community advocating for women, the disabled and other persons with special needs. She is described as a "model feminist and human being" and was nominated for teaching young women "the way to self-actualization by role-modeling her equal-rights values every waking moment of her life."

Covington's service to the community is extensive. In addition to the Valley Women's Resource Center, she helped to organize the Mat-Su chapter of P-Flag, was a charter member of Mat-Su Coalition for Choice, served on the board and as president of the board of Valley Hospital Association, and served as a board member and secretary of the Matanuska Valley Federal Credit Union. For 15 years, Covington has served as secretary-treasurer of Valley Residential Services, which provides housing for low-income and other persons with special needs. Her volunteerism and activism have been invaluable to human rights throughout the Mat-Su.





## **Diddy R.M. Hitchens, Ph. D. MBE • 1945 - • Achievement In: Political Science and International Relations Education**

Passionately committed to international education, Diddy Hitchens devoted her professional career in Alaska to ensuring that University of Alaska Anchorage students and the community had a curriculum that allowed them a real understanding of Alaska's place in the world.

Born in Scotland and raised in England, she studied politics, sociology and economics and developed an interest in international relations. Arriving in Alaska in 1974 with Cliff Hitchens, her engineer husband, she was hired by UAA and served as the founding chair of the new Political Science Department, creating its internationally focused curriculum.

Hitchens then shifted her academic focus from Europe and Africa to Alaska's neighbors - Canada, the Russian Far East, Japan, the Koreas and China - and pursued an understanding of international relations across the North Pacific and Arctic regions. She founded and directed the innovative, multi-disciplinary and team-taught Canadian Studies Program and the North Pacific Studies Programs at UAA. Hitchens then created the nationally and internationally recognized Model United Nations of Alaska to offer all Alaska high-school students the opportunity to participate in an international simulation, which for many rural youth opened pathways to becoming students at UAA.

Hitchens forged links between UAA and the wider community by sharing her international expertise within organizations such as the Alaska World Affairs Council and the World Trade Center Alaska. She also served for more than 25 years as British Honorary Consul for Alaska and was honored in 2005 when Queen Elizabeth II personally conferred upon her the prestigious "Member of the Order of the British Empire," or MBE, at Buckingham Palace for her contribution to British-Alaska relations.

In reflecting on her career, Diddy Hitchens said: "The most rewarding experience has been to see my former students - particularly women - pursuing international graduate studies and embarking on careers in the international arena. I am equally warmed by other students who have assumed a variety of roles in Alaska and throughout the USA, whose professional behavior and practice is based on respect for all nations and peoples - values which I also see reflected in my daughter, Dzagbe, who is a successful fashion executive in Seattle."

## **Karen L. (Lueck) Hunt • 1938 - • Achievement in: Law as Judge and Educator**

Karen Hunt has been a pioneer in the Alaska legal world: the first woman appointed to serve as a Superior Court Judge (1984-2000); an educator and innovator in the practice of law and a leader of women in the law and in the community. The bench, the bar and the community have recognized her leadership and achievements through such awards as: Alaska Supreme Court Community Service Award; Alaska Bar Association Public Service Award; Anchorage YWCA Woman of Achievement; Anchorage Chamber of Commerce ATHENA Society; University Medal, Alaska Pacific University; and Alaska ACLU Liberty Award.

Hunt was one of the first two women hired by the city's largest law firm when she arrived in Anchorage in 1973. On the bench, Hunt initiated various reforms in both civil and criminal practice. Recognized as a leader by her peers, she was one of the first two women elected to the Board of Governors of the Alaska Bar Association. Subsequently, she was elected president of the Anchorage Bar Association and of the Alaska Conference of Judges - the only person to have been elected as president of all three professional organizations.

Hunt was also an educator. She taught judicial writing to judges throughout this country and abroad. Hunt was one of the first few women invited to join the faculty of the National Judicial College. Her 1994 presentation on evidence is included in the continuing legal education "Masters of the Courtroom" videotape. In 2005-06, Hunt trained more than 200 judges hearing federal Medicare appeals. Recently, she provided conflict-resolution training to more than 1,700 state employees. She also has assisted in the training of union stewards and supervisors.

Hunt has organized, created or helped to govern a wide variety of community organizations, including early efforts to organize women attorneys and political women, and has served on many boards such as Anchorage Opera, APU Board of Trustees and Commonwealth North.

Hunt was raised by a strong mother whose frequent admonishment: "Well, you just don't treat people that way," has informed and guided Hunt's life, career and community involvement.



## **Joan Hurst • 1927 - 2003 • Achievement In: Youth Development and Advocacy for Children**

Joan Hurst was a passionate advocate for kids. For 35 years, she created and directed youth development programs within the Alaska Camp Fire Council and established before- and after-school childcare programs to help working parents. She initiated the first water-safety program to teach kids in rural Alaska how to swim, and she also developed the first non-sectarian, co-ed, nationally accredited resident camp in Alaska on Kenai Lake - Camp Kushtaka.

Hurst was raised in Madison, Wisc., and after teaching school for four years, came to Alaska in 1963 to serve as the first executive director of the local Camp Fire Council. Under her leadership, the council grew from a volunteer-driven, club-based program for girls into a comprehensive, co-ed, youth-development organization serving thousands of youth across Alaska.

Upon her retirement in 1998, the organization had grown from serving 350 girls in Anchorage to serving 5,000 girls and boys in Anchorage and Fairbanks as well as communities throughout rural Alaska.

During her tenure, Hurst spurred the national Camp Fire USA to expand its mission to address quality childcare based on the Alaska experience. The national chief executive officer of Camp Fire, Stewart Smith, said: "Joan Hurst created the model for how to provide before- and after-school care. She was a hero throughout the Camp Fire system."

Former Gov. Tony Knowles said: "Joan's vision for child care has helped change the lives of thousands of kids for the better." And former superintendent of the Anchorage School District, Carol Comeau, said: "Joan was a tenacious advocate for kids."

Before retiring, Hurst negotiated the renewal of a 55-year lease for Camp Kushtaka and, in a forward-thinking move, she named a group of kids as the "stewards" of the camp. In 55 years they will be the adults who were given the responsibility to protect the camp when they were children. In this, as in all matters, Joan Hurst acted on her belief that adults should do right by children.

## **Dorothy M. (Knee) Jones, DSW • 1923 - • Achievement In: Anthropology of Aleut Communities & Women's Therapy**

Dorothy M. Jones' career in Alaska spanned the 1960s through the '90s, starting with groundbreaking anthropological research in the communities of the Aleutian Chain and the Pribilof Islands. That was followed by 13 years as a professor of Sociology at the Institute of Social and Economic Research and culminated in many years of counseling with women facing domestic abuse and social and economic injustice.

Jones lived and traveled throughout the Aleutian Islands for a decade, leaving briefly to earn her Doctorate in Social Work at the University of California, Berkeley. Jones then returned to the University of Alaska in 1968, where she served as a professor of Sociology and wrote *Aleuts in Transition: A Comparison of Two Villages* (1976) and *A Century of Servitude: Pribilof Aleuts Under U.S. Rule* (1980), as well as numerous articles about the Aleut people, urban Natives, and women's therapy.

She was an advocate for women's rights and in 1977 she co-authored "The Status of Women in Alaska," which motivated the establishment of the Alaska Commission on the Status of Women. In 1982 Jones founded the women's counseling program at the Alaska Women's Resource Center and followed that by establishing the Feminist Therapy Collective and many years of work to improve counseling for women.

As an instructor, therapist and author, Jones inspired generations of women to engage in the fields of social work, anthropological research and community activism. In the past decade, Jones embraced her lifetime dream of writing fiction and is currently working on her third novel.

In reflecting on her life, Jones said: "When I was 15 years old, my boyfriend asked me how I pictured my life. My spontaneous response was: 'I want to do something that makes a better world.' That wish guided me, not only in writing and political activity, but also in the values I imparted to my children, all three of whom care deeply about fighting inequality, injustice, and abuse."





### **Jewel Jones • 1943 - • Achievement In: Public Health and Community Development**

Jewel Jones has been a predominate force in Anchorage municipal government for 32 years. Serving at the will of six mayors, her responsibilities have included executive management of City of Anchorage Social Services Department and the Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services. During her time in public service, Jones recruited and mentored hundreds of minority men and women to work in public services and was instrumental in shaping the municipal health system, establishing the Anchorage Senior Center, and advocating for services for low-income families.

Currently serving as executive director of the Anchorage Community Land Trust, a community development organization that invests in grass-roots, community-based projects, Jones has been instrumental in helping to develop services and economic opportunities for the citizens of Mountain View, a low-income neighborhood of Anchorage.

In addition to her public and private service career, Jones has served on many boards and community groups, including the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, where she helped to ensure senior housing projects were built across the state. Jones has worked tirelessly to provide opportunities for women and minorities in Alaska and has received many honors and awards for her advocacy and her work.

### **Mary Joyce • c. 1899 - 1976 - • Achievement In: Business and Adventure**

Mary Joyce was a pioneer southeast Alaska entrepreneur and adventurer. During the 1930s, she owned and operated a remote wilderness lodge, became the first woman radio operator in the Territory of Alaska, made a thousand-mile sled dog trip from Juneau to Fairbanks, and was a hunting guide, pilot, flight attendant, nurse, and candidate for Alaska Territorial Representative. She inspired news and magazine articles, poems, plays, books, movies, art and songs.

Joyce helped run the Taku Lodge in the 1930s with "Hack" Smith. The two added buildings, guided hunters and raised sled dogs. In 1935 she operated a radio station from the lodge for Pacific Alaska Airways' Juneau-to-Fairbanks flight and became the first female radio operator in Alaska. In 1935 Joyce embarked with five dogs on a 1,000-mile, three-month overland trek to represent Juneau at the Fairbanks Winter Carnival. She also became one of the first female pilots in Juneau.

Because of her knowledge of the remote country, Joyce hauled radio equipment by dog team for the Navy as it built defenses during World War II, was a consultant for construction of the Alaska-Canada Highway, taught survival skills to troops, and helped develop a new air route from New York to Fairbanks.

In the 1940s, Joyce sold her lodge and moved to Juneau where she was a nurse at St. Ann's Hospital and where she later purchased the Top Hat and Lucky Lady saloons. She led the statehood parade in Juneau and cut the ribbon for the first Iditarod trail race in 1973.



### **Thelma (Perse) Langdon • 1925 - 2012 - • Achievement In: Activism in Education, Mental Health & Aging**

Thelma Langdon is known for her advocacy, activism and volunteering for education, mental health and the challenges of aging. Her leadership on the state Board of Education and a wide number of community non-profit organizations epitomized her commitment to improving lives and finding ways to accomplish her goals. She exemplified how human efforts can make a powerful and positive difference in the lives of others.

Settling in Anchorage in 1958 with her psychiatrist husband, Dr. J. Ray Langdon, she became involved with Providence Medical Auxiliary and Anchorage Mental Health Association, taking on leadership roles in several advocacy programs aimed at creating greater awareness in the general public about mental health. Later Langdon served on the Alaska state Mental Health Board where she actively promoted the responsible revision of the provisions for the use of lands dedicated by the Alaska State Constitution to support of mental health programs so that they would provide the revenues needed to make improvements in those programs.

Langdon's civic involvement in activities to provide for children was carried out in numerous organizations where she always sought ways to work together to meet needs and improve services. This led her to be selected the Southcentral Regional Delegate for Alaska at the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

As years went by and she assumed the role of primary caregiver for her father, her attention turned to issues associated with the challenges of aging. Also after her husband passed away at home, Langdon became a strong advocate and supporter of hospice and became active with the Alzheimer's Disease Family Support Group. Her last leadership role was as the head of the Older Persons Action Group where she led major institutional and financial reform.

### **Emily Morgan • 1878 - 1960 - • Achievement In: Health and Community Service**

Trained as a registered nurse and a public health nurse by the Red Cross in Wichita, Kan., Emily Morgan was responsible for administering the serum that was brought to Nome via the famous Iditarod Serum Run for the diphtheria epidemic of 1925. She was named the "Angel of the Yukon" for saving the Natives of Nome from the "black death" during that epidemic, according to Wichita newspapers. Her work stopped the spread of that deadly disease to other villages in the Arctic during one of the greatest health crises Alaska has ever seen.

During the First World War, Morgan had a commission in the Army Reserve Nurses Corps. She served for three years in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, England and Australia. While working back home as the first public health nurse in Wichita, she asked for missionary work, which brought her to Alaska for 15 years: the Jesse Lee Orphanage in Unalaska, the Maynard-Columbia Hospital in Nome and the hospital in Barrow. Morgan performed her job in Nome under the harshest of conditions - an epidemic in a rural Alaska village, a race to bring serum by dogsled delayed by blizzards, rising numbers of diphtheria cases and a serum that then had to be safely unfrozen before it could be used with patients.

While on furlough in Kansas in 1928, Morgan was called back to Nome to help fight the smallpox epidemic in northern Alaska. In 1935 she was in charge of the Barrow Hospital when the bodies of Wiley Post and Will Rogers were brought in from their plane crash on August 15. Post, a famous American aviator, and Rogers, celebrated as "America's favorite Hollywood actor" just the year before, were on a vacation to Alaska and crashed just after takeoff near Point Barrow.

Morgan died in Kansas in 1960 at the age of 82.





### **Ruth E. Moulton • 1931 - 2006 - • Achievement In: Community Activism/Establishment of Anchorage's Town Square Park**

Ruth Moulton was a community activist, educator, outdoorswoman – and the person considered most responsible for the establishment of Anchorage's Town Square Park. Moulton grew up in the small town of Standish, Maine. When she made Alaska her home in 1960, she brought with her the town-meeting philosophy engrained in her New England upbringing. Getting the Town Square Park established on a city block in the heart of downtown Anchorage engaged Ruth off and on for nearly 25 years filled with initiatives, petitions, legal battles and personal perseverance. While many Alaskans were involved in the Town Square project over the years, it was Ruth Moulton who is credited with spearheading the battles to achieve success.

A 2006 Anchorage Assembly resolution honoring Moulton's accomplishment reads in part: "...Ruth left her mark on everything she was determined to accomplish with her vocal and steady civic presence, an unwavering, principled community activist who worked twenty-five years through elections and lawsuits to help bring the Town Square project to fruition..."

A founding member of Friends of Neighborhoods, Moulton was a champion of community councils and was significantly involved in the Fairview and South Addition community councils for two decades. Up to the time of her death, she fought for the survival of Fairview as a safe neighborhood.

A 2007 resolution of the Anchorage Public Facilities Advisory Commission reads in part: "...all of Anchorage has benefited from Ruth Moulton's tireless advocacy for parks, trails, gardens, and her Fairview neighborhood..." The resolution refers to Moulton as the "linchpin" in the creation of Town Square Park, and concludes... "the Park has become the symbolic heart of the city of Anchorage..."

After her death, the Anchorage Assembly, 16 community councils and numerous individuals petitioned for Moulton's achievements to be publicly recognized. The Ruth Moulton Plaza in Town Square Park was dedicated in 2010.

### **Marie (Matsuno) Nash • 1943 - • Achievement In: Human Rights Advocacy**

Marie Matsuno Nash has a very long and deep history of contributions to the people and communities of Alaska – both rural and urban – as a professional and volunteer with non-profits. Currently, Nash serves as the board secretary of the Japan Relief Fund of Alaska Foundation and has been instrumental in JPRF's efforts to raise donations and awareness of the Great East Japan Earthquake /Tsunami that Japan experienced in 2011. Nash was born in the Minidoka Internment Camp in Idaho where her Aleut Mother and Japanese-American father, along with her older brother, were interned during World War II. After the war, her family returned to Ugashik, Alaska, her mother's village. From the fourth grade she was schooled in Haines and returned home during the summer to commercial fish and assist in the food preservations for winter. These life experiences greatly influenced her advocacy and humanitarian work.

Her distinguished career in politics started at the University of Alaska when she met Howard Pollock during his campaign for Congress. After graduating, she worked for Pollock in his office in Washington, D.C. This was followed by working for Governor Hammond and Senator Stevens.

To quote her nominators Tony Nakazawa and Irene Rowan: "Nash is a truly genuine person who is committed to helping individuals in a crisis, serving at all levels, going above and beyond the norm in helping individuals and community organizations." Joy LeDoux Mendoza, former high school and college intern for Senator Stevens, says Nash "served as my mentor then and currently as a second mother." She remembers Nash for the home cooked meals she supplied to many interns and, "how she guided me gracefully to overcome the mistakes I made along the way."



### **Anne Newell • 1946 - • Achievement In: Human Rights and Public Safety**

Anne Newell spent 23 years as an Anchorage police officer and detective. At 27 she was the first female police officer at the Anchorage Police Department with powers of arrest.

When she arrived in September 1973 she applied to APD with an associate degree in Science in Law Enforcement and with some police experience. Newell had no idea how difficult the job would be and how much time would pass before she would be as an employed APD officer. At the end of the first interview, she said: "The response was that 'we do not employ women to be police officers.'" Newell filed her lawsuit with the State Human Rights Commission against APD and the Greater Anchorage Area Borough, the local governing body at that time.

She sued to provide women the opportunity to be police officers at APD so they could show they could do the job. The suit took more than two years to settle; in the interim Newell became a volunteer auxiliary police officer, working with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. At the same time she was working full time at East High school, and with her husband raised six children.

Her suit was settled in November 1975, so she was able to attend a police academy and become a sworn officer. While on the police force she endured the rude, vulgar and shortsighted behavior from some of her male counterparts. Her success as a police officer made it easier for other women to become sworn officers.

She received the Alaska Women in Police award of Achievement in 1996, for successfully arresting sex offenders who were prosecuted and imprisoned. She retired after 22 years with the Anchorage Police Department.

## **2014 Request for Nominations**

People from across the state and the country are invited to nominate a woman to be considered for the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame by going the website at: [www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org](http://www.alaskawomenshalloffame.org). Please click on the "Nominate a Woman" tab, read the criteria and instructions, then go to "Click here for the 2014 Nomination form", answer the questions about your candidate and submit the nomination electronically. Nominations for 2014 must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2013. Nominees may be living or deceased and must have lived in Alaska at some point in her life. If a nominee is living, she must be at least 65 years of age as of Nov. 1, 2013.

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