

## 2011 Donor Reception Celebrates philanthropic giving at UAF

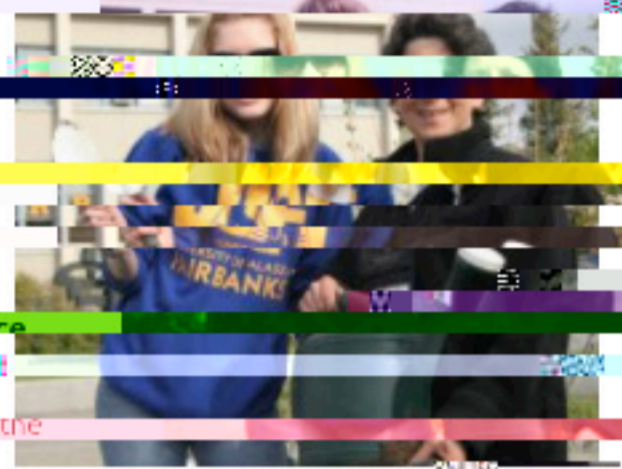
The 2011 UAF Donor Reception, "Giving is the Best Gift," was held on November 17, 2011. This reception celebrates philanthropic giving at UAF and special recognition is given to an individual, corporate and foundation donor. This year's honorees were Bill and Betsy Robertson; Fairbanks Memorial Hospital; and Kaslo Foundation. Thank you to the many donors whose generous contributions have supported UAF. Chancelor Brian Rogers, welcome reception attendees.

## Cooperative Extension Service welcomes \$100,000 gift

Anonymous donor generously supports value-added agriculture program

The University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service has received a sizable donation from an individual donor.

Pete Kelly, vice president for Outreach/director of Cooperative Extension Service said a \$100,000 donation to the University of Alaska Foundation was made anonymously in December, and is dedicated to Extension program activities. The donation was the largest in Extension's 79-year history.



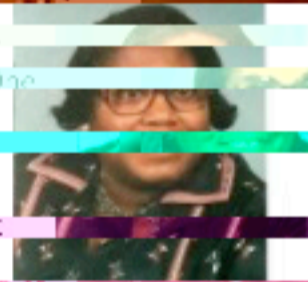
"We're very grateful to receive the donation," he said. "In these difficult times for the economy, such a gift says a great deal about the public understanding of the important role of university service to Alaskans and the confidence through the Cooperative Extension service."

Extension has offices in 10 Alaska communities and serves 60,000-70,000 Alaskans annually as a gateway to the university system. Extension provides research-based practical information through workshops, classes, individual contacts and hundreds of free publications that are available online and through district offices. Information and programs cover a variety of topics, including energy, healthy living, home economy and food preservation, agriculture and horticulture, and 4-H and youth development.

Extension programs exist at land-grant colleges and universities in every U.S. territory and state as part of the largest informal information system in the world. For more information, contact Doreen Finney at 479-4296 or [dff@uaf.edu](mailto:dff@uaf.edu).

## Inspiring Lifelong Learning: The Ronald and Onnie Bouchum Multicultural Scholarship

When RG Bouchum decided to work in his late 70s, after an earlier lifetime with long hours of work and education, there was suddenly no stopping him. It was a glorious day for daughter Dorothy Jones when she received an e-mail the first written correspondence he'd ever sent her—but soon he topped that by writing "Dear Dorothy, 'Dear Man, Dear Book,'" about his life.



RG and his wife Onnie Bouchum value education, says professor emeritus Dorothy Jones, who retired as assistant to the chancellor for equal opportunity in 2001. After Onnie passed away a few years ago, Dorothy says, "I wanted to do something to honor my parents, neither of whom had any high school experience, but being inspired others to continue learning." The site to donate a scholarship in their name.

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Scholarship. RG passed away in November 2007 at age 90. A regular attendee of the UAF Scholarship Breakfast, he was honored in the program and missed by all at his table. But here's the best part: more than a few people go back to school, and Onnie V. Bouchum Multicultural Scholarship, and the devotion of his family and friends, his example continues to motivate and move UAF students.

single mom who was inspired herself and is now a teacher.

## Dr. Neil & Mrs. Rosemarie Davis

Long-time Alaskan and UAF supporter and author Neil Davis is the author of many technical articles with NASA and the Geophysical Institute, UAF. In 1976, he began a regular newspaper column illuminating aspects of science for the general public which became the book Alaska Science Specters. Neil Davis writes fiction as well, and readers have found it just as appealing and enjoyable as his nonfiction. Just published is a nonfiction book, *Mirac in the Health Care Memoirs*, which discusses the importance of health care in the United States.

While studying geology at UAF, Neil's own education was launched because of a modest Sears-Roebuck scholarship. "I had other than awards for receiving it, but it was the awareness that someone else was willing to help me get an education that did more for me than the actual money."

At the "Rise & Shine to the Best & the Brightest," our 11th annual breakfast held April 8, 2008, Dr. Davis gave this heart-warming speech.