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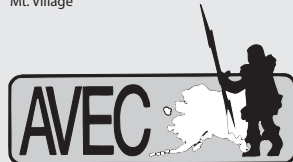
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Communities Served

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| Alakanuk | New Stuyahok |
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| Brevig Mission | Nulato |
| Chevak | Nunapitchuk |
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| Gambell | Russian Mission |
| Goodnews Bay | St. Mary's |
| Grayling | St. Michael |
| Holy Cross | Savoonga |
| Hooper Bay | Scammon Bay |
| Huslia | Selawik |
| Kaltag | Shageluk |
| Kasigluk | Shaktoolik |
| Kiana | Shishmaref |
| Kivalina | Shungnak |
| Kobuk | Stebbins |
| Kotlik | Teller |
| Koyuk | Togiak |
| Lower Kalskag | Toksook Bay |
| Marshall | Tununak |
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| Minto | Wales |
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Spring Is In the Air

It may not seem like it, but spring starts on March 20—the day we have an equal amount of daytime and nighttime. It won't be too long after that when the first geese start to arrive in Anchorage and, shortly after that, in our AVEC communities. That is probably the first true sign of spring!

The other sign of spring, at least at AVEC, is our cooperative's annual meeting. That is the single most important event on our calendar. It is when delegates arrive from across the state and assemble here in Anchorage to exercise their right to vote and to elect from amongst themselves people to serve on the AVEC Board of Directors and to take action on other important matters, such as bylaw changes.

In 2012, delegates voted to change the bylaws to allow the annual meeting to be held in either March or April, and also to change delegate terms from two to three years. They also extended the time during which Village Annual Meetings could be held. As of mid-February, 38 villages had held their annual meetings, with more than 1,100 members attending in person. Fifty-five delegates from these villages will participate in the AVEC Annual Meeting on April 10, 2013, in Anchorage. The remaining 15 villages likely will hold their meetings in the last two weeks of February, selecting delegates to represent their communities in April.

AVEC's annual report will be circulated in April and will include the year-end financial statements and highlights of the year 2012.

The legislative session is now in full swing, and I will report to the delegates on key legislation we are supporting. The May issue of Ruralite also will include a recap of the legislative session that ends in April.

I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you this coming year, and hope you will take the time to stop by to see us when you visit Anchorage. It is always a pleasure to hear from you, and we would love to give you a little behind-the-scenes tour of your AVEC building if your time allows.

Until next time,

Meera Kohler
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