



## Please Join Us in Expressing Appreciation

With the University of Alaska Anchorage Diversity Action Council cosponsoring, **Honoring Our Wisdom Keepers** is a community-based effort to recognize people who are the carriers and teachers of traditional knowledge, and who actively practice traditional ways. Our second annual event is to honor

### **Rita Blumenstein**

a traditional Yup'ik healer and the first certified traditional tribal doctor in Alaska

**Saturday, February 18, 2006**

**Lucy Cuddy Center, University of Alaska Anchorage**

**8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

**Free and Open to the Public**

### ***Proposed Schedule***

#### ***Morning Sessions Honor Rita's Work with Panel Discussions Relevant to Traditional Healing***

- 8:30 - 9:00 Opening prayer and permission for ceremony.
- 9:00 - 9:45 Keynote Presentation, R. Dale Walker, MD, Professor of Psychiatry, Director, One Sky National Resource Center: *Traditional and Contemporary Medicine as Partners in Healing*
- 9:45 - 11:00 Panel Discussion I - Traditional Healing Practices: what we know, what we do, what barriers we face in treating our patients
- 11:15 - 12:30 Panel Discussion II - The Road Ahead in Medical Practice

#### ***Afternoon Sessions are the Honoring Ceremonies***

- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch — Pot Luck, please bring a dish to share
- 1:30 - 2:15 Welcome by UAA Chancellor, Elaine Maimon; Declaration of February 18th as Rita Blumenstein Day, Honorable Mayor Mark Begich
- 2:15 - 2:45 Rita Blumenstein award presentations
- 2:45 - 3:30 Community Presentations -- various speakers
- 3:30 - 5:00 Honoring Dance, Friendship Dance

*Afterwards, please join our friends at the First Annual Fur Rondy Pow-Wow, starting at 6:00 PM at Romig JHS*

For additional details, map, and updates, visit our website at  
<http://wisdom.heartmindway.com>

Donations are welcome. Please make checks payable to **Honoring Our Wisdom Keepers**  
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The National Library of Medicine Arctic Health Website is the source of Rita's photo. [www.arctichealth.org](http://www.arctichealth.org)