

## President's message

Aloha HSO DKG Sisters,

Welcome back to another year! Now that things are starting to return to normal, it seems like summer went by faster than ever. In the short three months since the last newsletter, we had several DKG events.



On Saturday, June 18, we held the Leadership Development Conference via Zoom. Over 70 leaders from all 14 chapters participated in the training for chapter officer positions. We covered a lot in six hours. Chapter leaders are ready for the new biennium.

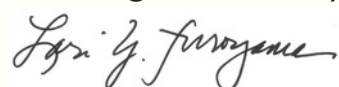
In July, 12 members from five chapters (*Beta, Epsilon, Gamma, Mu, and Theta*) attended the DKG International Convention in New Orleans, LA. From July 11–16, we attended workshops and general sessions, ate beignets, and connected with women educators from all over the world, including our fellow Hawai'i State members.

On July 24, 44 O'ahu members gathered at Waialeale Country Club to celebrate our first in-person event in three years. A special thanks to *Kristie Araki (Delta)* who helped coordinate the Christmas in July event and led us in fun games and mixers. We all met at least one new sister from another chapter.

This year, there are several more opportunities to connect with each other. We will continue with our Talk Story Tuesdays every month at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Next month, on September 6 at 7 p.m., Dr. Michael Cheang will present "Caring for our Elders, Caring for Caregivers: The New Normal of Caregiving." Since many of our members are impacted by loved ones living with dementia, including Alzheimer's, we have asked Dr. Cheang to share a brief presentation followed by a discussion. We hope to see you there. Guests are welcome to attend.

Finally, April 14–15 will be the Spring Convention, hosted by *Kappa* Chapter. Friday night will be a reception to meet and greet the 2023 Blooming Roses. Saturday will be the annual meeting at the Pagoda Hotel. We look forward to seeing all Hawai'i State members in-person once again.

Have a great school year!



Lori Furoyama  
Hawai'i State President

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## Nominations for the 2023–2025 biennium

The Nominations Committee is looking for enthusiastic and motivated members to serve in the following state offices for the 2023–2025 biennium: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Secretary.

Leadership is the key to sustaining any organization. DKG HSO is a vibrant organization that offers leadership opportunities in a collegial, collaborative, and supportive community. State officers learn and hone leadership skills with encouragement and mentoring from individuals at all levels (international, state, chapter, and former state officers) and can access valuable resources on the International website.

More information will be forthcoming via the Aloha i ke Akea newsletter and emails to chapter presidents.  
-*Cynthia Azama, Lambda*



*Save the Date*  
2023 SPRING CONVENTION  
APRIL 14 - 15, 2023  
HOSTED BY KAPPA CHAPTER  
PAGODA C'EST SI BON BALLROOM  
FRIDAY: TIME TBD  
SATURDAY: 7:30 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

## Ulu Pono - "Grow Well - Professionally and Personally"

Our biennial Leadership Workshop is one of the ways DKG provides leadership growth opportunities for all of our members. On June 18, via Zoom, chapter leaders from each of our 14 chapters met to review, rejuvenate, and increase our knowledge of our international, state, and chapter goals for our next biennium. Leaders learned from one another to increase their knowledge of DKG and to renew our commitment as a state and chapter to achieve our selected goals. *Alpha* Chapter, led by President *Kara Ono*, planned and facilitated the workshop with help from the state Leadership Workshop Committee.

Highlights of the Leadership Development Workshop include:

- Kara warmly welcomed our chapter leaders and gave us a detailed look at the day's agenda. She thanked her Alpha sisters and the State Leadership Committee for planning the day to provide us with the tools to *ulu pono* - grow well, professionally and personally. During the panel discussion, many commented that Kara's facilitation skills rivaled Vanna White's.
- Officer training sessions were led by State Officers: President *Lori Furoyama (Mu)*, Vice President *Lisa Nagamine (Theta)*, Treasurer *Adele Wada (Kappa)*, Secretary *Robin Awa (Beta)*, and State Secretary and Webmaster *Mohala Boncales (Mu)*. Before the workshop, facilitators shared materials through Google Docs for participants to preview. This was very useful preparation and enabled the new officers to come ready with questions and concerns.
- Chapters took time to work on their Strategic Action Plans (SAP). Guided by Lisa's overview of the overall design and function of the state SAP, chapters worked and shared ideas via a virtual Gallery Walk. In addition, everyone learned how to use Padlet, thanks to *Mary Miura-Aguinaldo's (Iota)* tech lesson. Padlet is an efficient way to add comments and questions on other chapters' posts.
- Chapter time was a vital component of the day. Our morning session encouraged chapter leaders to identify their goals as officers and chapter goals for themselves. Throughout the day, there were opportunities for chapter members to share among chapters through virtual gallery walks.
- There was a positive, enthusiastic welcome by Lori. Through a creative and engaging PowerPoint, Lori provided an informative overview of the day's activities. She shared an inspirational book, *Be You*, which encourages us to develop our style as we work together to lead and strengthen our organization. Lori introduced *Nita Scott*, DKG Executive Director, who joined us from her home in Texas.
- "Taking the Lead - What's Involved" panel session provided participants the opportunity to hear *Nita's* thoughts and research on leadership skills and personal/professional growth, followed by a sharing of experienced local leaders *Judy Cabanting (Xi)*, *Stephanie Conching (Epsilon)*, *Alicia Miyashiro (Xi)*, and *JennyLee Tam Sing (Mu)*. Kara presided over a lively Question and Answer session as participants asked questions about being a leader.
- A quick overview of DKG's Mission, Vision, Purpose, and Structure helped to focus attention on our organization. *Eileen Clarke (Iota)* shared the International roles, *Sharon Inamine (Mu)* shared the state, and *Kathy Sakuda (Iota)* shared the Chapter roles. It was impressive to hear how much they covered in fifteen minutes!

We closed with *Stephanie Conching (Epsilon)* leading us in the Delta Kappa Gamma song! While we were alone in our homes, the smiles on the computer screen showed the joy we all felt from being part of DKG and sharing the day together.

-Anne Marie Duca, Lambda

## New Orleans, LA recap

It was a wonderful trip to New Orleans, Louisiana with our Hawai'i DKG sisters. We were able to see and connect with many administrators and teachers from all over the world!

Eating and talking to our sisters was awesome! We had great food, like seafood gumbo and beignets. We enjoyed walking and checking out the French Quarter. We found a lot of great restaurants! And, even though the food was delicious, eating with friends, new and old, was absolutely the best part!



Three HSO sisters were invited to practice and sing with other sisters for everyone in attendance. Practicing with sisters who love music was a blessing! It was something that I will never forget!

-Charlene Oyama, Epsilon



## Rho reads: Community service and relationship building continues to grow in Kona

A Kona business hollered, and *Rho* responded! As the new school year was quickly approaching, Olivia Claire Boutique of Kailua-Kona wanted readers for their two afternoon read-aloud sessions on July 24 and July 31. Vice President *Sandra Taosaka* rounded up enough sisters within days to cover eight hours over four shifts.

Due to the limited publicity for the event, a handful of children attended the sessions. During the downtime, the sisters took the opportunity to get to know each other better and catch up on life.

Olivia Claire Boutique offered a 20% discount for any person who donated three or more school supply items. They will distribute the supplies to local schools. The boutique has also committed to continuing Read to Keiki activities.

-*Susan Suzuki, Rho*



*Christie McCarley, Chelsea Qualey, Susan Suzuki*

## Welcome new sisters

We proudly welcome two of our newest members to *Gamma* Chapter. First, we introduce Dr. *Mahina Hannemann-Gago* who has served as the Associate Athletic Director at Kamehameha Schools-Maui for the past six years. Previously, she was an Academic and Athletic Administrator at a charter school in Las Vegas, NV. She has played college basketball at BYU-Hawai'i, where she earned her B.S. in Exercise & Sports Science and she was a graduate assistant in the athletic department at Dakota Wesleyan University where she earned her M.A. in Higher Education Policy & Administration. She also received her Ed.D. in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University and is currently a Ph.D. student in Psychology at Grand Canyon University. In her spare time, she spends time with family, plays basketball, and goes to the beach.



Second, we welcome *Lauren Kodani*. Lauren was born and raised on Maui, and is a proud Lahainaluna graduate. Lauren has earned A.A. degrees in Business and Accounting. She has a B.S. in Applied Business and Informational Technology, a Master in Educational Technology, and a graduate certificate for online learning and teaching. Today, Lauren is the Educational, Communications, and Technology Developer at the University of Hawai'i-Maui College. She believes in supporting student success and the achievement of learning outcomes by helping faculty and staff achieve success.



-*Cindy Asato-Kochi, Gamma*

## Kahauiki Village summer fun

Mahalo to the individuals who volunteered at Kahauiki Village this summer:

- *Karen Koles* and *Gale Ikeda* (*Delta*)
- *Peggy Hirata* (*Epsilon*)
- *Sharon Inamine*, *Jacky Jaeger*, *JennyLee Tam Sing*, and *Ellen Tanoura* (*Mu*)
- *Eileen Clarke* and *Susan Fryxell* (*Iota*)
- *Lena Kanemori*, *Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai*, and *Gail Ogawa* (*Kappa*)



*Karen Koles helps with crafts.*

Mahalo to the chapters and individuals who contributed school supplies for students:

- *Delta* Chapter
- *Epsilon* Chapter
- *Iota* Chapter
- *Ellen Tanoura* (*Mu*)
- *Gail Ogawa* (*Kappa*)

The staff appreciated the support and so did the kids! Donated items are welcomed all year. We will be in touch as the new year begins to ask for support for tutorials and other help during the year.

-*Sharon Inamine & Ellen Tanoura, Mu*



*Eileen Clarke and Susan Fryxell donate school supplies to KV!*



## Statewide Blooming Rose 2022



Dr. Carli Miyashiro has been a member since 2020, and she has brought energy, leadership, and excitement to Theta Chapter and the HSO.

She recently finished her doctorate and works at Kapolei Middle School and the University of Hawai'i at West O'ahu as a math teacher and lecturer. Although a new member herself, Carli has brought in four new members, become our chapter webmaster and social media manager, and is the editor of Aloha i ke Akea. After being named Statewide Blooming Rose, Carli became the secretary for the chapter.

Outside of work and DKG, Carli was a Board Member of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) Hawai'i Chapter, leading the silent auction committee, and a member of the NMSS Walk and Bike Committee. In her math and educational leadership, she has done a host of conference presentations, co-wrote the State of Hawai'i Algebra I Curriculum, and has done Data Review and Rubric Validation for the American Institute for Research.

Smart, quick, and positive, Carli is an awesome addition to all of DKG. She has jumped into leadership roles, contributed in any way she can, and just had a baby! Yet, nothing seems to slow her down. She is just awesome!  
-Gwen Mau, Theta

## Red Roses

Ann Mahi (Lambda) is the new executive director of the Hawai'i State Teachers Association (HSTA). In their press release, HSTA notes she brings considerable experience as a teacher, school administrator, state officer, complex area superintendent, and union leader to this position. Ann states, "HSTA provides me a wonderful opportunity to be able to work with those who are right there on the front lines and to be able to support them with what they need in order to do the work that will impact the lives of the next generation and future of Hawai'i."  
-Sandra Shimabukuro, Lambda

Delta Chapter proudly recognizes Lorilene Pereira with a red rose on her recent promotion to assistant middle and high school principal for academics at Mid-Pacific Institute. Lori, formerly assistant middle school principal and math teacher at Mid-Pacific Institute, previously served as administrator and math teacher at Kamehameha Schools and has been a DKG member since 2020. Congratulations, Lori!  
-Gale Ikeda, Delta

## Christmas in July

