



President's message

Ellen Tanoura, President



My fellow Hawai'i State DKG Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you ended 2025 fruitfully with celebrations—family, friends, and food! I wish for you to be

ready for 2026, facing it with rejuvenation. Perhaps DKG was put on the back burner because of holiday commitments; I hope, though, that you can bring the spirit of a new year to a renewed commitment to DKG as we spend the following months on many critical actions. It will take each of you to “make or break” your chapter's success. I urge you to support your chapter this year with vigor by: 1) attending your meetings,

2) responding promptly to communication, 3) taking a more active role in any way you can, and 4) being a supporter and cheerleader for your chapter

An epiphany for me: At the end of a Zoom meeting last month, Stephanie Conching, Past State President (Epsilon); Donna Shiroma, State Executive Secretary (Kappa); Sharon Inamine, State Bylaws chair (Mu); Christine Putzulu, Chapter President (Epsilon); Sandy Domion (Epsilon); and I gathered at Tea at 1024. It was a quickly planned multi-chapter gathering—relaxing and fun! DKG, of course, came up. What these ladies did not realize is how this gathering and “small talk” energized me in my role in DKG and reminded me why I am part of it. After all, we are “sisters,” and we are there to be of “service” to each other.

The following events and tasks, I hope, will be acted on as part of your commitment to an organization you are proud to be a member of—one which you will help grow and nurture in every way you can.

Actions and events critical from January – May 2026:

- **Slate of officers:** Have a slate of officers ready (agree to be part of your chapter's slate) to be voted on and initiated by May 30, 2026. (Note: Co-presidents are allowed; VP I & II can be one person).
- **Leadership Development Workshop:** Mark June 6, 2026, on your calendars. Mentor the new team throughout the first part of 2026, even before installation. To the new officers: research the DKG International website and State documents, learn through observation of your chapter's actions, and invite yourself to another chapter's meeting.
- **SAP Activities:** Take direct action on your chapter's SAP activities before June 2026.
- **Membership:** Seek and mentor possible new members for your chapter—they are out there, ready to be asked.
- **Spring Convention:** Start a “buzz” about attending the Spring Convention on April 18, 2026, in Hilo. Support Zeta Chapter and get the latest updates at the business meeting. Registration is in this issue of *Aloha i ke Akea*.

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- **International Convention:** Begin conversing about attending the International Convention in Aurora, Colorado, June 30 – July 4. Registration materials will be publicized soon.

At the Spring Convention, selected State Officers and State Chairpersons will be reporting data and evidence-based reports on chapter progress with projects, events, and actions. They will also provide specific deadlines. Simply put, chapters will be asked—for their benefit and for reporting purposes—to show responsibility in attaining their chosen goals. As an organization, I don't think any of us want to remain paying members in "name only," but rather part of a group that prospers and thrives because of members rich in talent and energy. As a gift to ourselves for 2026, let's do it!

Aloha & Mahalo for all of your hard work!

Ellen Tanoura, Hawai'i State President, 2025–2027

BARGAIN! BARGAIN! BARGAIN!

Any Takers for a BROTHER CS7000X?

Submitted by Ellen Tanoura, DKG President

Is it a computer? A printer? A car?

No, no, and no! It's a compact sewing machine!

Two years ago, a DKG grant was used to purchase two sewing machines for the adult literacy classes at Kahauiki Village. Now that those classes have concluded, DKG has these two machines available.

Originally purchased for \$250 each, we are offering them to DKG members to return the proceeds to our scholarship fund.

The Details:

- Condition: Nearly brand new. Each machine was used for only one semester (once a week).
- Ideal For: Beginners, mending, or simple sewing projects.
- Model: Brother CS7000X (Please check the internet for specific technical features).
- Price: \$200.00 per machine.
- Bonus: Includes a sewing kit (pins, pincushion, scissors, and other tools) in addition to the standard kit and carrying case that comes with the machine!

How to Buy: The first person to call or text Ellen Tanoura at (808) 384-0337 will get them. Don't miss out on this great deal for a good cause!

"Like the first buds of spring, our sisterhood is a promise of continuous growth and blossoming."





Save the Date:

2026 Hawaii State Organization's Spring Convention

Submitted by **Kahanu Nguyen**, Zeta Chapter

Aloha! We cordially invite you to the [2026 DKG Hawaii State Organization's Spring Convention](#) on **April 18, 2026**, at Keaukaha Elementary School in Hilo.

This year's theme is "**Take a Stand and Rise Up!**" Our keynote speaker is the dynamic Dr. Pascale Pinner, an exceptional educator and 2025 inductee into the prestigious National Teachers Hall of Fame.

Convention Highlights

- **Engaging Breakout Sessions:** Choose from a variety of interactive experiences.
- **The Country Store:** Shop for homemade, handcrafted items and exclusive DKG Hawaii merchandise.
- **Local Hilo Flavors:** Pre-order local food items through the [Zeta Chapter Website](#).

Registration Details

- **Early Bird Deadline:** [Register by March 9, 2026](#), to save on your registration fee.
- **Final Deadline:** The last day to RSVP is **March 30, 2026**.
- **Agenda:** Visit the [Zeta Chapter website](#) to view the tentative agenda and access registration forms.

Support The Country Store

Zeta Chapter is seeking donations for the store! We are looking for:

- **Homemade baked goods** (Please list all ingredients on the packaging).
- **Handcrafted items.**
- **"White Elephant" items** (New or gently pre-owned items only).

Important Note: Please price all items to the nearest dollar. We kindly ask for an inventory list with your donation, including the quantity, price, your name, and your chapter. Items can be dropped off at the store before or after you pick up your registration packet.

Payment Reminder: Bring your checkbooks! No cash will be accepted.

We look forward to your participation and seeing you in Hilo. **E komo mai!**



2026 DKG Annual Scholarship Opportunities: Apply Now!

Submitted by **Alicia Miyashiro, DKG Scholarship Committee**

DKG remains committed to fostering excellence in education by supporting both aspiring teachers and our dedicated current members. Whether you are pursuing a degree, seeking professional development, or launching a community project, financial assistance is available.

The clock is ticking—now is the time to gather your materials and apply!

Available Scholarships at a Glance

Scholarship Name	Eligibility	Award Amount	Deadline
Lucille Hodgins Scholarship	College Students	Up to \$1,000	March 4, 2026
Eva Philip Curry State Scholarship	DKG Members	\$500	March 9, 2026
Josephine E. Day Perpetual Scholarship	DKG Members	Up to \$1,000	March 13, 2026

How to Apply

Official application forms and detailed eligibility requirements are available on the **DKG Hawai'i State website**.

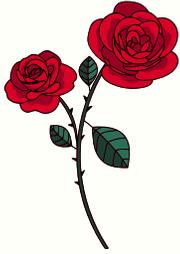
Visit: <https://dkghawaii.org>

Submission Guidelines:

Please ensure your completed application and all required supporting documents reach the Hawai'i State Scholarship Committee by the respective deadlines listed above.

- **Preferred Method (Digital):** Email your documents to alicia.miyashiro@k12.hi.us.
- **Alternative Method (Mail):**

Hawai'i State Scholarship Committee of DKG Society International
c/o Alicia Miyashiro
4450 Iliwai Street Lihue, HI



Save the Date: Leadership Development Workshop

Submitted by **Mary Miura-Aguinaldo, Leadership Development Committee**

Start planning for the next biennium today! Hosted by **Epsilon**, this workshop is designed to ensure a smooth transition for your chapter's future.

- **When:** June 6, 2026
- **Where:** Via Zoom
- **Who Should Attend:** Incoming officers (specifically Presidents and Treasurers), plus any members interested in future leadership roles.

Registration Details: Links will be sent shortly after the Spring Convention. Registration will remain open through mid-May. We encourage chapters to send representatives for all key positions to help define roles and responsibilities for the upcoming term.



DKG Hawai'i State Organization



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1st Vice President Zoe Green (Beta)

2nd Vice President Cindy Asato-Kochi (Gamma)

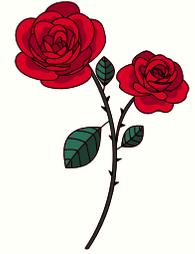
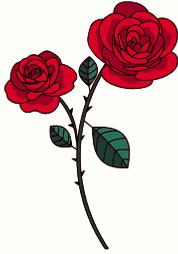
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Executive Secretary Donna Shiroma (Kappa)

Immediate Past President Stephanie Conching (Epsilon)



The SEE Initiative

Submitted by **Gale Ikeda and Karen Koles, DKG SEE Committee**

DKG Hawai'i State SEE Committee

Delta Kappa Gamma International is dedicated to the **Support for Early-career Educators (SEE)** initiative, a mission that recognizes the vital importance of uplifting those just beginning their journey in the classroom.

Empowering Our Chapters

In alignment with this international goal, the Hawai'i State SEE Committee is encouraging each chapter to determine how best to accomplish this goal.

Sharing a Wealth of Ideas

To help spark inspiration, we are currently collecting mid-year questionnaires and surveys. Once the data is in, the State Committee will compile a **comprehensive resource spreadsheet**. This "idea bank" will allow chapters to see what other chapters are doing, highlighting successful focus areas and priorities.

Excellence in Action

Many of our chapters are already making a significant impact. Current success stories include:

- **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaborating with specific school complexes.
- **Expert Consultation:** Working with the **Hawaii DOE's New Teacher Center** to ensure support is targeted and effective.
- **Direct Mentorship:** Establishing personal relationships with new teachers to provide a steady hand and a listening ear.
- **Custom Projects:** Developing creative programs specifically tailored to meet SEE objectives.

A Call to Action

Our vision is simple yet powerful: **The State SEE Committee aims for every chapter to engage in at least one activity during the second half of this year.** Whether it is a small gesture of appreciation or a large-scale project, your involvement makes a world of difference to an educator finding their footing. Let's finish the year strong and show our early-career teachers the power of the DKG sisterhood!



PLANNING WITH PURPOSE

A GUIDE TO EMBRACING YOUR CHAPTER'S S.A.P

submitted by Zoe Green, First Vice President, Hawai'i State DKG

GRACEFUL REFLECTIONS OF OUR CHAPTERS

WHERE STRUCTURE MEETS STORY

My family places bets on when I will take down our Christmas tree. It differs each year. Once I kept our tree up well into the Spring. I can't help it. I find joy and comfort in each stage of decorating a tree, and always dread the merry un-making process of putting the decorations away. This year, however, while glumly stowing the Christmas tree's contents, something hit me! I realized how similar decorating a Christmas tree is to completing a Strategic Action Plan. Both may seem like daunting production, but it's as simple as telling a story--the story of your chapter.

Let this be your guide to creating an S.A.P. with joy, simply by illuminating what already exists in your chapter.



LIGHTS

The lights connect to illuminate your path--each bulb is a plot point or meaningful connection in your chapter's journey.

- What activities/ initiatives are in place for your chapter? (SEE, GIRLS, etc)

ORNAMENTS

These delightful items represent your members, and give your chapter personality.

- Who are your chapter sisters?
- Do you hope to gain new members or focus on enhancing your existing roster?

TOPPER

The star or tree topper is the focal point of grace and view from above. It peers into your chapter's needs to help set your goals.

- How do you establish & promote leadership?
- Do you empower others to take leadership roles?

GIFTS UNDER THE TREE

This is what people gain from what you create. It is your gift to others. When your chapter's core is nurtured and goals rooted from your members' strengths, your unique gifts can be shared far and wide.

- How are you elevating education?
- Are there new collaborations or resources you've created?



DKG STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

SUPPORT MEMBERS

1. Create new membership opportunities
2. Enhance existing membership

PROVIDE GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Create new global opportunities
2. Enhance existing global opportunities
 - G.I.R.L.S. Project, International Speaker's Fund, World Fellowship Fund, Partnership with the United Nations
3. Embrace intercultural awareness

DEVELOP LEADERS

1. Create leadership opportunities
2. Establish leadership training

BUILD HUMAN, FINANCIAL, & PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

1. Elevate the Profession of Education
2. Create new resources

[DKG International Strategic Plan link](#)

CLARITY OVER COMPLEXITY

Effective planning does not require complexity. Clear goals, thoughtful reflection, & honest assessment lead to stronger outcomes than overextended plans. The SAP works best when it reflects focused priorities rooted in the chapter's capacity and values.

SHARE YOUR STORY

I am genuinely interested in learning about each chapter's essence, work & impact. I welcome conversations that highlight chapter priorities, challenges, and successes. Whether your SAP is completed, or not yet started, and if you are open to it, I would be elated to attend your chapter gatherings as a listener and supporter, strengthening connections across our DKG community.

ZOE GREEN, VP1
zoegreenhawaii@gmail.com



A Tapestry of Sisters in Spring

By A1 and Aloha i ke Aloha editors

*Where palm trees sway in gentle island breeze,
And morning light reflects upon the seas,
The sisters of **DKG Hawaii** stand,
To spread the seeds of wisdom through the land.*

*The winter fades, its quiet shadows flee,
As springtime brings a new vitality.
Like lilies blooming in the tropical sun,
Our work of sisterhood has just begun.*

*From different shores, yet sharing but one heart,
In every school, we play a vital part.
Through **Delta Kappa Gamma**, we are bound,
By common goals and truths that we have found.*

*The dawn arrives, the light begins to pour,
To open wide an academic door.
With faith in youth and courage in our stride,
We lead our students with a joyful pride.*

*So let us celebrate this season's grace,
As spring's renewal brightens every face.
A sisterhood of excellence and light,
That keeps the flame of learning burning bright.*



CHAPTER	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Mtg. locations/Other information
ALPHA							
BETA		2/28			5/2 Install		Various locations, usually in the Pearl City-Honolulu area
DELTA		2/15					
EPSILON		2/23			5/2 Install		Various locations as available
ETA		2/7			5/3 Install		Lihue Lutheran, Koloa Union Church, May Duke's
GAMMA		2/7			5/2 Install		Mtgs usually held at UH-Maui College & Zoom
KAPPA	1/17, 1/22 Service Project	2/7 New Member Orientation		4/12, 4/22 Raku & Mtg.	5/2 Install, Initiate		1/17; 1/22; 2/7, 5/2 at Arcadia 4/12 & 4/25 @ Makua Alii Senior Center
IOTA							
LAMBDA			3/7		5/9 Install		
MU			3/2		5/2 Install		Usually Paoa Elem Library
RHO		2/24			5/8 Install		
THETA	1/24	2/21					Fisher Hawaii Mapunapuna
ZETA	1/10		3/14		5/16 Install		



DKG International News



DKGIEF Grant Opportunities

Submitted by **Faye Toyama, DKGIEF Ambassador**

The **Delta Kappa Gamma International Educators Fund (DKGIEF)** is officially seeking applications for Educational Projects and Individual Professional Development. Driven by our mission to promote the professional and personal growth of women educators, these funds turn visionary ideas into reality.

JUL 17 **Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Deadlines**

Deadline	Application Type	Focus
March 1	Educational Projects	Funding for innovative projects that impact students and communities
May 1	Cornetet Professional Development	Funding for graduate studies or professional development programs

A Legacy of Local Impact

Hawai'i State has a rich history of utilizing these funds to inspire. In 2009, we received a Lucile Cornetet Seminar Award to bring author Mark Hoog to our islands. He shared his powerful work on helping children overcome fear and build leadership skills in the wake of Hurricane Katrina—a visit that left a lasting mark on our local educators.

Supporting Our Own

Since 2006, Hawai'i members have received **\$10,673** in support. Whether you are pursuing a graduate degree or attending a specialized seminar, these funds are designed to support your journey.

Past Hawaii Recipients Include:

- Lori Furoyama (2006)
- SooBoo Tan (2007)
- Kelly McIntyre (2009)
- Lori Oda & Dr. Grace F. Fong (2010)
- Teri Ann Tokushige (2012)
- Alexandra Obra (2017)



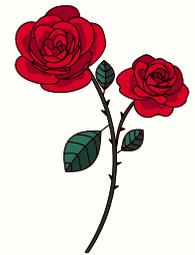
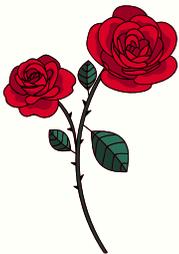
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Ready to Apply?

Don't let the paperwork intimidate you! If you have a project in mind but need assistance navigating the grant-writing process, we are here to help.

- **View Forms:** Visit the [DKG Website](#) under the DKGIEF tab.
- **Get Guidance:** Contact **Fay Toyama** at fay.toyama@gmail.com or 808-295-0025 for personal support.

NOTE: Fay Toyama of Theta Chapter is a longtime supporter of the DKGIEF. When each state organization was invited to select an ambassador for this initiative, President Ellen Tanoura invited Fay to serve. A sincere and dedicated DKG member, Fay will represent HI State with dignity and perseverance.



ELEVATE POTENTIAL, EMBRACE CHANGE, EMPOWER ALL

from the DKG Society International website

Join us for the [2026 International Convention](#) at the stunning Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center in Aurora, Colorado, U.S.A., from **June 30 to July 4, 2026**. This historic event will mark the 250th anniversary of the United States and bring together key women educators from around the globe to celebrate professional growth, leadership, and our shared mission of advancing excellence in education.

Throughout this immersive five-day event, attendees will engage with inspiring speakers, meaningful presentations, and vital discussions on the future of our society. This includes voting on proposed bylaws that will shape our organization's future, ensuring it remains a powerful force for change.

Whether you are attending to gain new insights, network, or influence the direction of DKG, this convention promises to be a milestone in our ongoing commitment to **"Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide."**



MEMBERSHIP IN ACTION

Submitted by **Cynthia Asato-Kochi, DKG Hawai'i State Membership Committee**



We are excited to spotlight “membership in action” by highlighting Eta Chapter’s dedicated efforts to strengthen their chapter. Our sincere thanks to Roberta Zarbaugh, Eta Chapter President (2024-2026, 2010-2014) for generously sharing their work.

Eta Chapter Kaua'i Blending the Generations

Eta Chapter’s membership comprises 70% 60 years and older to 30% 50 and younger. We were still recovering from the distancing that resulted from COVID-19 and we needed to get reacquainted!

June 2024 we began the biennium with an electronic survey to then 48 members asking 4 key questions:

1. What days of the week would you prefer for meetings (4 meetings, one a quarter)? **Response: Saturday**
2. What times are most convenient for you? **Response: 12:00-2:00pm.**
3. What topics are you interested in at a meeting? The brainstormed list was generated by members.
Responses: Top 3 out of 8 listed
 - a. How can we make a difference?
Suicide/Teens/Young Adults
 - b. AI background and Intelligence
 - c. Internet scammers

4. What activities would you enjoy doing, learning within the time frame of meetings? **Responses: Line Dancing, Making Origami, Ti Leaf Rose and 8 more items in the list**

GREAT! -- our programs and time of quarterly meetings emerged! In early July we distributed Eta Chapter Program of Work for 2024-2025 and in March started planning 2025-2026. Personal calendars fill up so quickly and members need to save the dates

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Another focus was having members know each other's name by wearing name tags that we collect after each meeting. This enabled us to randomly assign members to table/group seating according to what table they found their name. We intentionally mixed 2 (70 older) with 2 (50 younger), mixing generations, years in chapter, places of employment (schools etc). Every meeting began with a get acquainted/working together activity with reporting responses out. One of my favorite activities was focusing on the Meaning of ALOHA and how it related to DKG/Eta. Each table received a letter from ALOHA and discussed what Hawaiian value was assigned to the letter example: A= Akahai (kindness shown with tenderness).

Another favorite and successful activity was honoring Past Presidents of Eta since 1961 and stating the dates and number of years they served. We presented them with pa`akai (imagery of them being the salt/preservative and seasoning for the chapter), accompanied with a unique seashell (treasured one-of-a-kind) in a small koa bowl as a tribute to our past leaders.

Lastly, we attempt to have our meetings held two in Central Kauai (Lihue) and one East and South/West. I am blessed to have an awesome executive board and members who graciously accept being on key committees.



Eta Chapter is pleased to welcome five new members who have merged from **Xi Chapter**: **Cherish Mexia, Shirley Akita, and Lisa Tomita.** Not pictured: **Kathy Carveiro, and Alicia Miyashiro.**



**Great things are done
by a series of small
things brought
together.**



CHAPTER REPORTS

Kappa Chapter News: Service and Leadership in Action

Submitted by **Ann Takazono, Kappa Chapter President** and **Lena Kanemori**

Kappa Chapter continues to demonstrate its commitment to educational excellence and community service through a variety of recent initiatives. By supporting local school libraries and fostering intergenerational connections, the members of Kappa Chapter are upholding the DKG mission to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. From hands-on school support to creative membership programs, here is an overview of Kappa's recent activities and upcoming events.

Dedicated Volunteer Efforts

Kappa Chapter members have been active in several volunteer capacities, providing essential support to local educational and community institutions:



- **Aiea Hongwanji Library:** A team consisting of **Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai, Gail Ogawa, Tamayo Matsumoto, Marilyn Naka, and Maddie Oshiro** worked diligently to organize the library, ensuring the facility remains an orderly and welcoming resource. **Claire Tamamoto**, director of Aiea Hongwanji Preschool standing next to **Maddie Oshiro**, attended the grand opening of the library.
- **Kanoelani Fun Fair:** Support for local school community events continued with **Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai, Donna Shiroma, Adele Wada, and Ann Takazono** volunteering their time at the Kanoelani Fun Fair.



- **Kapunahala Elementary School:** Monthly assistance is provided to the school librarian by **Adele Wada, Ann Takazono, and Lena Kanemori.**
- **Robotics Competition:** **Donna, and Jennifer Shiroma** served as judges for a recent robotics competition, supporting students as they explored complex problem-solving and engineering.

Committee Programs and Outreach

The committees within Kappa Chapter have designed programs that focus on membership sustainability, digital literacy, and personal enrichment.

Membership Committee: The Membership Committee hosted the "Jingle Mingle Event." The event served to strengthen bonds among current members while inviting prospective members to learn more about the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. During the gathering, attendees created handmade ornaments that were donated to the residents of Arcadia, spreading holiday cheer through creative service.



Communication Committee: During January, the Communication Committee focused on digital outreach by conducting two **Tech Sessions** held for the residents of **Arcadia**. These sessions were designed to help seniors navigate modern technology, providing them with the tools to stay connected with family and friends.





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Leadership Committee: The Leadership Committee is currently in the planning stages for an upcoming Raku (Pottery) Workshop. This event will offer members an opportunity to learn the traditional Japanese art of Raku firing, fostering both leadership skills and artistic expression. The recent activities of our chapter reflect the enduring spirit of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Through consistent volunteerism and thoughtful programming, members continue to make a tangible impact on the community and each other. The dedication shown by Kappa Sisters ensures that the chapter remains a vibrant and supportive network for women in education.



The Heart of Sisterhood: A Festive Afternoon with Mu and Iota Chapters

Submitted by **Phyllis Unebasami, President of Mu Chapter**

For the second year in a row, the Mu and Iota Chapters gathered for a festive Christmas afternoon, strengthening the bonds of sisterhood through play and shared traditions. The celebration was made even more special by the presence of guests who experienced our vibrant community firsthand. By witnessing our connection and spirit in action, these potential new members got a true glimpse into the heart of sisterhood.





Red Roses

Gamma Chapter Honors Marion Muller

Submitted by **Cindy Asato, Gamma Chapter**

Marion Muller was inducted as a *Legend of Lahaina* by the Lahaina High School Foundation. She was honored for her outstanding contribution to Lahainaluna High School where she served as Counselor, Registrar, and Vice-Principal for 20 years.



Mu Chapter's Soo Boo Tan Honored

Submitted by **Phyllis Unebasami, President of Mu Chapter**

We are beaming with pride to share a huge congratulations with our very own **Soo Boo Tan of Mu Chapter** for her outstanding recognition in the DKG Arts & Humanities Gallery! A dedicated DKG member since 2002, Soo Boo shared her personal journey with ikebana, the Japanese art of flower arranging, which she discovered by chance in 2011. Soo Boo, your beautiful work and thoughtful reflections are an inspiration. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!





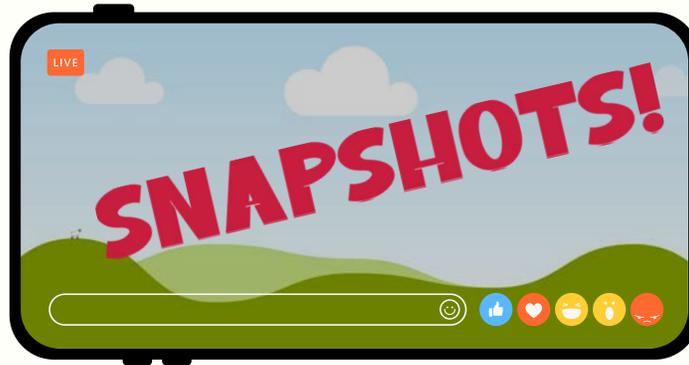
Serenity in Design

Submitted by **Soo Boo Tan, Mu Chapter**



I joined DKG in 2002 when I was a resource teacher with the Hawai'i State Department of Education. I discovered ikebana by chance one weekend in 2011 when I happened to walk into a class at Windward Community College. Maybe because I have always liked nature and art, ikebana resonated with me enough to continue many more sessions of ikebana lessons after that. Soon, I was beginning to see plants with "ikebana eyes" on my walks, drives, hikes, and so on, as in: "Hmm... that branch's got a great curve to use for ikebana," or: "Hmm... gotta take back this old and shriveled dried palm frond on the ground—it will be great for ikebana class tomorrow!" I forget about everything else while doing ikebana. The world's troubles fade into the background when concentrating on where to position a flower or how far back to bend a branch. At times, it feels like I am that flower or branch choosing where to face or how far to bend back. They say when you let flowers into your heart, wonderful things happen. Someone once said: "Try smiling at flowers, and they will smile back at you." (It seems they continue to smile even when your teacher severely criticizes your arrangement. For they too, can empathize.)

**May your actions be the proof that
you believe in the power to lift, grow,
and thrive.**



Gamma Chapter in Action

Submitted by **Cindy Asato-Kochi, Gamma Chapter**



Fellowship Program presented by Crystal Alberto, our devoted Gamma member who lives in California.



Gamma Chapter Silent Auction featuring the best baked goodies and handmade cards. One of our favorite meetings - since it involves shopping!



Charlotte Wilkinson (left) holds our meeting favors made by Sandy Hirata (right) joined by Barbara and Colleen Shishido.



Gamma 8 - Corresponding Secretary, JoAnn Oshiro, and member, Dayna Taketa, another former teacher/student pair.



SNAPSHOTS!

From Delta

Delta Chapter's 2025 Christmas Lunch at 3660 On the Rise brought together dear friends and family for festive celebration and fellowship.





SNAPSHOTS!

From Kappa



Arcadia residents with Kappa members (in red) and helpers at the January Tech Workshop.

Multi Levels, Multi Chapters



Multi Level Tea at 1024 brought together Chris Putzulu, Stephanie Conching and Sandy Domion (Epsilon), Donna Shiroma (Kappa), and Sharon Inamine and Ellen Tanoura (Mu) during the holidays to talk story and relax!



SNAPSHOTS!

From Rho



DKG Rho celebrates the holidays with a food drive and reindeer games!



Keep those **SNAPSHOTS** rolling in for our upcoming issues!





SAVE THE DATE!



DKG
Hawaii State Organization

Leadership Development Workshop

CALLING ALL *incoming/outgoing officers and interested members*

Date: June 6, 2026
Time: 8:45am-1:30pm
Place: ZOOM
Host: Epsilon Chapter

"Working SMART with Heart"

Specific Measurable Attainable Reliable Time bound

For question/info contact chris putzulu 888.291.5843

- Hawai'i State Spring Convention, April 18, 2026, Keaukaha Elementary, Hilo, HI.
- Leadership Development Workshop, June 6, 2026, Zoom.
- International Convention, June 30 - July 4, 2026, Aurora, Colorado.



EDITORS' CORNER

From the editors of the *Aloha i ke Akea*
Lena Kanemori, Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai,
& Joyce Ono



We extend a heartfelt mahalo to all chapters who submitted articles and photos to our snapshot corner. Looking ahead, we invite and encourage contributions from all chapters for our summer edition. Please submit your highlights for:

- Spring Convention: Candid photos and/or event recaps.
- Chapter Milestones: Officer installations and year-end celebrations.
- Impact: Articles and photos showcasing your latest SEEs projects.