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President's Message

As I write this, O'ahu is in a partial shutdown again. The mayor's "Act with Care—Do Not Gather" order began this past weekend. As the number of COVID-19 cases continue to climb and public and private operations begin to close again, it has been difficult to find the red roses. To keep me going each day, I try to think of the positive effects of the pandemic.

One benefit of COVID-19 is the opportunity for chapters to meet online. Attendance at meetings has increased, and we reconnected with members we have not seen in years. For myself, I feel so fortunate to have had the chance to attend the meetings of Epsilon, Kappa, Mu, lota, and Xi chapters in the last three months. With each meeting, I am delighted to meet more members in DKG Hawai'i State and learn about all the wonderful projects chapters are supporting through this pandemic.

I am also grateful for the technology available to support us in our professional and personal lives. I never imagined I would become so familiar with and reliant on Google Suite. Connecting on Zoom and having brainstorming sessions with virtual Post-it notes have become a daily activity. Prior to the pandemic, I had experimented with these programs but did not expect I would one day rely on them. This pandemic has pushed me out of my comfort zone and forced me to tackle these new technology tools.

As we reimagine our Society in this pandemic, I encourage all of you to try something new and join Hawai'i State as we gather for our first ever online events. September 12 is the Leadership Development Workshop. Whether a first timer holding a DKG position or a veteran officer repeating for another biennium, all 2020–2022 chapter officers are asked to participate in the Leadership Development Workshop to jump-start the biennium.



October 17 is the Fall Conference, *Mālama—"Caring for ourselves, our sisters, and the Society.*" We invite every member to attend the first statewide online and **free** Fall Conference hosted by Kappa Chapter. Members who have never before attended a state event, now is your chance to join in and meet sisters from other chapters! The program includes our general membership meeting, as well as relevant and timely breakout sessions for everyone.

So yes, even as this pandemic continues, we can find red roses all around us. Remember, stay physically distant but socially close to one another.

E mālama pono,

Lori Furoyama Hawaiʻi State President

Beyond the Virtual Event

Experience the July 2020 International Convention online and click on the link below. Highlights and links are available for a year.

https://www.dkg.org/DKGMember/Events/2020_ International_convention/2020_Virtual_Schedule.aspx

Welcome New Officers! Nā Alaka'i—The Leaders



July 1 marked the beginning of the new biennium for Hawai'i State chapters and the transition of leadership to incoming officers. Following the new deadlines initiated last year, chapter treasurers were busy with dues collection before turning over books to their successor.

Roles and responsibilities may still be unclear as we face the challenges of the pandemic. Don't panic. Help is on the way. Receive guidance from state officers during our online Leadership Development Workshop, *Nā Alaka'i—The Leaders*, on September 12.

We still welcome participants. The link to the registration form is <u>https://forms.gle/TQqBGKASvjkLknvU7</u>.

Mark Your Calendar

Mālama "Caring for ourselves, our sisters, and the Society"

DKG Hawai'i State Fall Conference

Saturday, October 17, 2020 Virtually via Zoom

Join your DKG sisters for a wonderful program, including State Executive and General meetings, presentations, and recognition of members

Registration information will be sent to chapter presidents.

Come and be a part of this exciting new experience!

Call for Presentations for 2020 Fall Conference

Please consider sharing your special talents as a leading woman educator during our virtual Fall Conference on October 17, 2020 via Zoom. We are seeking presentations on personal and professional development topics that would be of interest to our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters in keeping with our theme, *Mālama*—"Caring for ourselves, our sisters, and the Society."

We ask each chapter to participate by presenting or facilitating a 30-minute talk-story session. Of particular interest are topics or tips on coping with COVID-19 and the quarantine, i.e., mask making, easy cooking recipes, online teaching, or stress-reduction.

We ask each chapter to complete and submit the 2020 DKG Fall Conference Breakout Session Proposal by September 10, 2020. Please click on the link or paste URL to complete the form,

http://bit.ly/DKGproposal2020. Please feel free to contact Shely Chang (808.391.5657) or Adele Wada (808.753.0567) if you have any questions.



"Hei" or Hello in Finnish

Auli Ottelin is principal of an elementary school and the DKG Finland State President. She writes, "I would love to hear [from Hawai'i State members] interested in co-operation between students and teacher."

"Here is a link, where you can find pictures of our school and pupils, whose ages are between 7–12. The pupils start studying English at first grade."

https://peda.net/forssa/perusopetus/ talsoilan-koulu/valokuvia-lv2019-20

If interested, contact Hawai'i State President Lori Furoyama.



Mahina Anguay, member of **Eta** Chapter, is the 2020 Hawai'i Association of Secondary School Administrators

Principal of the Year. Mahina is principal of Waimea High School on Kaua'i, a position she has held for seven years. Under her leadership the school moved from a traditional model to a career-academy focused one.

Mahina said her goal is to graduate students who are "technically proficient, resilient and purposeful, and culturallyand community-minded. My vision for my teachers and staff is very similar, that they continue to find deep personal value in teaching and grow professionally."

Mahina is also the recipient of the Liko A'e award with Kamehameha Schools, and in 2016 she received the Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award.

Excerpted from the *The Garden Island* article by Stephanie Shinno, June 29, 2020.

Congratulations!

Allison Carveiro, member of **Xi** Chapter, is the new principal of 'Ele'ele Elementary School on Kaua'i. Her 30+ years in education include administrative positions at Wilcox Elementary and Kaua'i High Schools.





Allison is committed to providing a space for students to learn and she expects the same from those who attend 'Ele'ele Elementary School. "What we know is 'Ele'ele's staff is committed to providing opportunities to learn and be prepared for middle school, high school, and beyond. All I expect is for you (our students) to be committed to your learning, too."

She continued: "I believe in an open-door policy and invite the community to stop by and introduce yourself or talk story. Just be sure to wear your mask."

Excerpted from the *The Garden Island* article by Stephanie Shinno, June 24, 2020.

Lambda New Retirees: Ann Mahi, from her position as Nanakuli-Waianae Complex Area Superintendent and

Lorene Suehiro, from her position as Vice-Principal of McKinley High School

New Appointee: Sarene Oda, principal of Kahala Elementary School

Calendar

September 12. Saturday. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Nā Alaka'i—The Leaders*. Leadership Development Workshop Virtually via Zoom

October 17. Saturday. Hawai'i State Fall Conference Virtually via Zoom



Kappa Chapter Mask Sewing Project

In the past few months, our lives have been turned upside-down and inside-out. Some of us may have suffered moments of depression as the lockdown continued because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of us did long-intended cleaning, purging, and organizing at home. We needed to find the best way to spend our days in confinement. We also needed to find a project to help us renew our energies for DKG.

After a quick survey, Kappa Chapter decided to sew cloth masks for our in-service teachers to give to students who forget to wear their masks, or drop or lose them during the school day. Nine retirees dusted off their sewing machines to help our teachers prepare for a very different school year.

In a week, we completed the request for over 40 masks. When face-to-face learning resumes, we will continue to replenish the supply. Knowing that we can do something during this difficult time gives us a sense of purpose.