

President's message

Aloha Hawai'i State DKG!

My story began when I ran into some teachers after they had attended a spring convention. They could not stop talking about the great workshops they participated in and the engaging conversations they had experienced. One of them was even carrying a jar of worms! I was a little jealous. I wanted to be a part of great workshops and conversations. And I wanted some worms! At the time, I was not a classroom teacher, so I could not join DKG, but the moment I was eligible, I sought out my educator friends.



Since that first experience, my DKG story has expanded exponentially. I have attended workshops and professional development training, traveled to new cities, enjoyed cultural exchanges, and, most importantly, met educators of all shapes and sizes worldwide. There is so much more to come. I am eager to hear your specific stories. Please join me at one of our HSO DKG events, like the Fall Forum, on Saturday, October 21, 2023, and share your story with me. I cannot wait!

That's my story, and I'm sticking to it,
Steph

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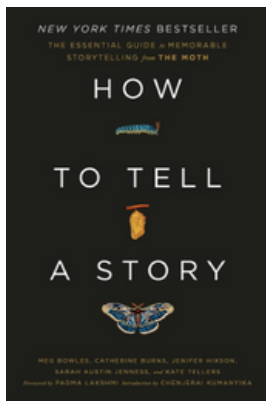


Congratulations to our 2023 Statewide Blooming Rose, **Mary Miura-Aguinaldo**, from **Iota** Chapter!

Recommended quarterly reading

How to tell a Story: The Essentials Guide to a Memorable Storytelling

The Moth (Author),
Meg Bowles (Author),
Catherine Burns (Author),
Jennifer Hixson (Author),
Sarah Austin Jenness (Author),
Kate Tellers (Author),
Chenjerai Kumanyika (Introduction),
and Padma Lakshmi (Foreword)



Save the dates:

Talk Story Tuesday

Please join us for a Talk Story Tuesday on the first Tuesday of each month. Topics will vary monthly.

Saturday, October 23

Eta and **Xi** Chapters proudly present the virtual 2023 Fall Forum.

Saturday, April 13

Lambda Chapter kindly asks for you to save the day for the 2024 Spring Convention. More information to follow.

Kahauiki Village adult ESL class

Educators often say the root of children's learning is in the home. At Kahauiki Village (KV), comprised of once-homeless families, the scenario of an ideal environment for learning is often absent due to cultural and social limitations. In 2019, **Sharon Inamine (Mu)** was referred to Duane Kurisu, the founder of KV, seeking individuals to help the children with their learning. This was the beginning of DKG's support of the after-school tutoring project.

A new chapter has opened with the beginning of adult classes. After ten months of planning and discussion by DKG Committee Members **Lena Kanemori** and **Carole Mitsuyoshi (Kappa)** and **Sharon Inamine** and **Ellen Tanoura (Mu)**, and with the partnership of McKinley Community School, Moanalua Campus Vice



The first day of class at the KV brought six adult students who stand proudly with Make-and-Take Baskets. DKG teachers: Carole Mitsuyoshi (Left), Lena Kanemori and Ellen Tanoura (Middle Back), and Sharon Inamine and Ann Takazono (Right).

Principal Lance Jyo, two classes have started at KV: an English as a Second Language (ESL) class of eight adults and a General Educational Development (GED) class of six adults. The successful launch of the adult program was possible due to the generous support of Lance Jyo and Principal Helen Sanpei, who provided classes on the KV site, materials (workbooks for ESL and laptops for GED), and funding for the courses. We want to give a very special thanks to Lena, Carole, **Ann Takazono (Kappa)**, Sharon, and Ellen, who teach the ESL class, and Kristina Leon, a KV staff member who teaches the GED class. Also, thank you to **Jacky Jaeger (Mu)**, who also volunteers as needed.

It is hoped that these classes will expand in size and will continue to be offered. Teachers for hire, as well as on a volunteer basis, will be sought in the future. Please contact the KV committee members for more information on this fun, exciting, rewarding project and after-school tutoring. These adults' journey is clear: they want a better life for themselves and their children. We are helping to make that happen.

-Ellen Tanoura, Mu

Fall Forum 2023

Eta and **Xi** Chapters are proudly hosting the Fall Forum 2023. This year, the theme is "Mo'olelo: Your Voice Matters." Please join us on Saturday, October 21, 2023, via Zoom from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We will be featuring Daniel A. Kelin II as our keynote speaker. Daniel has been affiliated with theatre and youth organizations in the US, the Pacific, and India. He has been awarded multiple fellowships, including three Fulbright-Nehru fellowships in India. His work highlights lesser-known and underappreciated stories, collaborating with youth and adults to cultivate their ability to express themselves. His points of pride include working with storytellers on the book Marshall Islands Legends and Stories, building local elementary students to create performances based on oral history interviews with relatives and neighbors, performing a solo play about a cross-cultural encourage in the mid-19th century that led to the first US public presentations of tattoos, and creating several short puppet films from storytelling interviews with local women from Pohnpei and Chuuk.

To register, please click [here](#). The form goes live on September 15, 2023. The registration deadline is Friday, October 6, 2023. Information will be emailed to registered attendees at a later time.

THE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL



2023 Hawai'i State Fall Forum
Saturday, October 21, 2023

"Mo'olelo: Your Voice Matters"

White roses

Darlene Oshiro (Theta) was born on January 1, 1952, and passed away on May 17, 2023. She joined the Theta chapter in 1986. She worked as an art teacher and art specialist in Central District. She inspired her students to submit their artwork to competitions, with many receiving scholastic art awards. Darlene was a gifted artist, photographer, and crafter. Darlene taught Theta to create cards using origami and a modified airbrush technique, make musubi stress balls, and back massagers with a tennis ball and sock. Darlene and her artwork will be missed.

Ruth Chun (Theta) was born on June 17, 1930, and passed away on January 10, 2023. Ruth was an active member for more than four decades. Ruth started as a teacher who stimulated the growth and development of students. She compiled an anthology of creative writings. She became an administrator and served as a secondary high school vice principal at Konawaena High School on Hawai'i Island and Leilehua High School on O'ahu. She also served as a state educational specialist for adult education. Ruth will be remembered for her orchids. She conducted orchid workshops at several of our State conferences and Fall Forums. Ruth was a Certified National Orchid Judge, and that took her all over the country. Whenever we see an orchid, we will think of Ruth.

-Deanne Kanekuni, Theta

Dr. **Mona Chang Vierra** was born on October 5, 1944. Her career within the Department of Education spanned 40 years. She held many different positions, starting as a classroom teacher to becoming an educational specialist. She was the last surviving charter member of the **Mu** Chapter, becoming a member on April 1, 1982. Mona was an active member at the chapter and state levels.

-Sharon Inamine (Mu)

International Convention 2023

DKG International Convention was held at the Sheraton Grand Wild Horse Pass in Phoenix, Arizona, from July 19 - 22, 2023, with the theme: "Moving Forward with Vitality, Relevance, Sustainability in Our Changing World." Believe it or not, the hotel was on an Indian Reservation with a casino nearby and a premium mall ten minutes away, conveniently connecting us to them with a shuttle service for cheap meals and fun during our free time. We were immediately immersed in Native American culture through art, artifacts, and Coyote, Rattlesnake, and Jackrabbit meeting rooms. A clever scavenger hunt designed by the committee forced us to scrutinize the surroundings.



Ellen Tanoura, Janis Barr (former Southwest Regional Director), Debbie LeBlanc (International President), Sharon Inamine

The number attending was smaller with the new format of various regions having conferences; however, it was a tight-knit, warm, and welcoming assembly of women educators. Having gone a day and a half early, Sharon and I volunteered to be greeters near the hotel's front entrance. We met many friendly and familiar faces, including the International President, Dr. Debbie LeBlanc, and Nita Scott, Executive Secretary.

The workshops were highly relevant, with many addressing membership relevancy, and igniting chapters. Speakers such as Alona Kladijeva, a World Fellowship Recipient and an English teacher in Ukraine, captured our hearts. Ashley Crose, a teacher at Saguaro High School in Arizona, speaking on "Mental Wellness Through an Active Classroom," reminded us of those still recovering from COVID. Seven breakout sessions were offered with a variety to choose from under each session. Debbie and Nita hosted a town hall meeting to address concerns about attendance in our chapters and conferences, giving us candid and timely information. We left the conference, as always, a bit more connected to our sisters outside of Hawai'i and more aware of the hard work that International and others are doing to keep our organization vital.

-Sharon Inamine and Ellen Tanoura, Mu