

President's message



"Charles Baudelaire stated, "A book is a garden, an orchard, a storehouse, a party, a company by the way, a counselor, a multitude of counselors." Books offer so many things!

Like many of you, I love books. I can't resist the allure of the stacks. And that feeling of holding a book in your hands - WOW! When I have too many, they stack into artful piles around the house. There is a pile from the library on the end table in the living room, a stack beside the dresser, and small stacks adorn the steps of the stairwell. I have every intention of reading them all. Without realizing it, I am practicing tsundoku.

Tsundoku is the art of stacking your books artfully in a home. If a book is all those things that Baudelaire claims, who wouldn't want to have stacks of books around?

How do you keep your books? Are they on shelves, alphabetized by author or title? Do you keep them organized by size or color?

Consider where DKG is in your stack of activities. Is it getting a little dusty from lack of use? Does it rest on the shelf where you might sometimes pull it out to browse? Is it in the beautiful stack of books that you really like but you'll never read? Let's keep DKG easily accessible and ready to open and share.

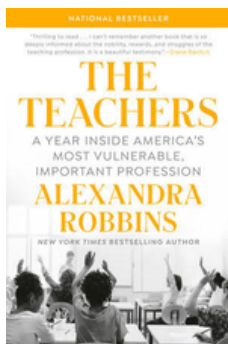
As you plan your meetings this year, could you consider a book exchange or a book discussion? Each member could bring their favorite book and read a portion of the text aloud - even if it is a cookbook. Several of our state libraries have meeting rooms; you could meet there. Hawai'i State Organization once hosted an author, and several of our chapters have sponsored author talks.

Let's keep our stories vibrant and ready to be read out loud.

-Stephanie Conching, Hawai'i State President

Recommended quarterly reading

Alexandra Robbins is the 2024 DKG Educator Book Award recipient. Alexandra spent a year following three teachers in and out of the classroom. She reports on their triumphs and their challenges. The book includes stories that examine some of the biggest issues facing today's educators.



Save the date

**September
15, 2024**

Arts and Humanities Gallery submission for Fall Gallery

**October 1,
2024**

Bulletin Journal Submissions

April 12, 2025

Mu Chapter kindly asks that you save the day for the 2025 Spring Convention. More information will follow.

Reflection on DKG International Convention

Our first International Convention was mixed with a lot of different emotions! Excitement was the first emotion to come to mind! Being newbies to the conference and not knowing what to expect made us uneasy or apprehensive. With the Hawai'i State contingency, which included Hawai'i State President **Stephanie Conching (Epsilon)**, **Sharon Inamine**, **Jennifer Koike**, and **Ellen Tanoura (Mu)**, and **Amelia Lee**, **Tammy Ogata**, **Mindy Nakashima-Inouye (Delta)**, apprehension was soon replaced with a sense of comfort knowing what to expect, sisterhood, and fun! We were fortunate to have **Japan** State sister, **Hatsue Kitahara** join us as well.



Opening Night was a fun way to kick off the conference with bingo and ice cream. DKG sisters from around the world gathered, and the room was filled with laughter and a sense of competitiveness! Each day began with a general meeting and voting on 94 proposed amendments, aided by using a voting device that quickly provided results. While this part of the conference was intimidating and arduous, President Debbie LeBlanc presided with grace and precision. Thus, the sisters in attendance could get through the process quickly and with little discord. Spotlight sessions offered included Maintaining, Revitalizing and Growing, Inclusive Education, Empathy Walks, how AI is changing education, Writing for Publication, Financial Stability, and Women Changing the World, to name a few. Many sessions drew standing-room-only audiences, with participants flowing out the doors.

There were two luncheons with excellent keynote speakers. One speaker was writer, researcher, and entrepreneur Margot Lee Shetterly, author of Hidden Figures and other best-selling books. The other was slam poet Andre Bradford. His poetry covers topics ranging from mixed-race to social justice, mental health awareness, and relationships.



The conference concluded with Officer Installation, a reception, and a banquet dinner. We recognized the service of Outgoing President Dr. Debbie LeBlanc and celebrated Incoming President Dr. Beverly Hall-Maughan's leadership. The Hawai'i State and Japan State members presented both presidents with beautiful gifts. Delta Chapter also brought goodie bags filled with Hawaii treats to pass out to anyone and everyone at the conference. We gladly donated fashion accessories (costume jewelry, scarves, etc.) to be collected and donated to Women Giving Back.

As we reflect on our first International Conference, we are happy to report that it was a worthwhile experience we will never forget. We gained valuable sorority knowledge and connected and developed relationships with our Hawai'i State contingency and Japan State sister.

-Amelia Lee, Mindy Nakashima-Inouye and Tammy Ogata, Delta



Virtual Teacher's Lounge

The Virtual Teacher's Lounge (VTL) welcomes you to our 2024-2025 meetings held on the third Wednesday of every month. The VTL is a place where teachers may share how they are managing with students, share best practices, and receive your support.

The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 7:30 PM Eastern Time or 1:30 PM HST. For this first session, the question to ponder is: Do we listen to our teachers' ideas, thoughts, and suggestions? Join Karen Gross, Sakina McGruder, Pat Neal, and Ed Wang as they brainstorm this issue for strategies, solutions, and action steps.

The registration is linked [here](#) and will close on September 18, 2024, at 9 AM Eastern Time, or 3 AM HST.

-Fay Toyama, Theta

White Roses

It is with heavy hearts that **Beta** Chapter shares the passing of two long-time members: **Anna Goo** and **Phyllis Nakasuji**. Their contributions, smiles, and laughter in our chapter will always be remembered. They will be greatly missed.

-Jandi Nagasawa, Beta



Aloha from a lei



Aloha with a lei goes a long way. Judy approached **Ellen Tanoura (Mu)** to thank her for a crown flower lei she had given her at the Southwest Regional Conference in Hawai'i years prior. **Hatsue Kitahara** from Japan State enjoyed the conversation.

-Ellen Tanoura, Mu

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SEPTEMBER QUESTION TO PONDER: DO WE ACTUALLY LISTEN TO OUR TEACHERS' IDEAS, THOUGHTS, AND SUGGESTIONS? Join us as together we brainstorm this issue for strategies, solutions, and action steps with founders Karen Gross, Sakina McGruder, Pat Neal, and Ed Wang. Karen, Pat, and Sakina are DKG DCSO members.

Registration for the Wednesday, September 18, 2024, session

<https://forms.gle/wL15DBM6JvkZQw1A8>

Registration for this event will close on September 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. ET

Mark your calendars for these upcoming fall Virtual Teachers' Lounge dates!

- Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. ET

Upcoming Webinar

Our first webinar for the season will be held on **Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) to 1:30 p.m. ET**. Join Karen Gross and Ed Wang to discuss their new book: **Mending Education**. Watch for more details and registration coming soon!

Happenings at Kahauiki Village

At the Spring Convention, a request for ribbon leis was sent out to celebrate graduating students at Kahauiki Village (KV). **Delta, Iota, Mu, and Theta** Chapters answered the call, gifting 71 lei. Kristina and Gwen of KV were overwhelmed! The lei were presented to the KV students of Puuhale Elementary, Kalakaua Middle, and Farrington High School and their teachers and staff.

The third session for the Adult Education program focused on Family Literacy and life skills, such as sewing and cooking, ended in July. It was a great learning experience for all involved! **Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai (Kappa)** and **Ellen Tanoura (Mu)** were outstanding teachers. **Lena Kanemori (Kappa)**, **Ann Takazono (Kappa)**, **Sharon Inamine (Mu)**, and Gladys Umemoto (Ellen's sister) also supported the effort as volunteer tutors.

With a new school year starting, afterschool tutors are needed for Monday and Friday from 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm. To date, we have these returnees:

- Tuesday: Ellen and Sharon
- Wednesday: **Kaye Kroehler (Lambda)** and **Gail Ogawa (Kappa)**
- Thursday: **Patty Urso (Beta)** and **Eve Sommers (Calif. DKG)**

Please call Sharon at 808-781-8104 if you have questions or want to support the effort. If you have travel plans, don't worry if you miss a few sessions. We hope you will consider helping!

KV is asking for donations for afterschool snacks (healthy and not-so-healthy). Individually packaged snacks are preferred, and no peanuts, please. There are about 20 keiki. You can drop the snacks off at Kahauiki Village on Nimitz Hwy. Call Kristina at 808-238-7389 first. Mahalo!

-Ellen Tanoura and Sharon Inamine, Mu

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. **Carli Miyashiro (Theta)**. She was celebrated at the International Convention for completing her dissertation. She was given chords to commemorate the event.

-Stephanie Conching, Epsilon



Eta news

Eta Chapter members once again volunteered at the Back to School Bash on Kauai this summer. They helped to pack and distribute 2,700 bags of school supplies for local students in elementary, middle, and high school.

-Sarah Iha, Eta

