

President's message

Aloha HSO DKG Sisters,

Happy Lunar New Year! As we leap into the Year of the Rabbit, I hope your 2023 is off to a great start. The rabbit is supposed to be the luckiest of all twelve animals. DKG Hawai'i State Organization is already off to a lucky year as we mark the first in-person statewide conference in four years. Kappa Chapter is working hard to welcome us all back in person to the Spring Convention at the Pagoda Hotel on April 14 and 15. Please mark your calendars for that weekend. Friday evening will celebrate the chapter and Hawai'i State Blooming Roses from 2020 – 2023. We will have the opportunity to network and enjoy fellowship (or, as I like to think of it, "femaleship") with our sisters across the state. On Saturday, we have a full schedule with our executive and general membership meetings and several exciting breakout sessions. Finally, we will end the convention by installing the 2023–2025 Hawai'i State officers. We hope to see you there!



A few reminders:

- We will start up our Web Wednesday again this month. February 22 will be another Google Forms workshop. Whether or not you attended the first one, we hope you will log in and learn how to utilize Google Forms in your personal and professional responsibilities.
- We continue to meet every first Tuesday of the month for Talk Story Tuesday. On March 7, we will share how chapters raise funds for various society activities like conferences, scholarships, and community donations. Come join us! Guests are welcome.
- Finally, the dates have been set for the 2023 International Conferences. They will be held July 11–16 in Detroit, Michigan, July 18–22 in Phoenix, Arizona, and July 26–29 in Tampere, Finland.

Take care and stay safe!



Lori Furoyama, PhD
Hawai'i State President



Save the Date
SPRING CONVENTION 2023
A'ohē pau ka'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi
(One can learn from many sources)
Hosted by Kappa Chapter
April 14 – 15, 2023

C'EST SI BON AT PAGODA
Friday: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
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Possible dues increase

The State Finance Committee will be proposing the dues increase for which you have received notice through the *Aloha i ke Akea* and should have discussed it at your chapter meeting.

The proposal is: The Hawai'i State Finance Committee recommends a raise of \$5.00 in 2024 and incrementally for the next 3 years. This would result in an increase of \$15 by 2026.

Your "yes" vote will enable the Hawai'i State Organization help to sustain quality programming.
-Peggy Hirata, Hawai'i State Finance Committee

Nominations for the 2023 – 2025 biennium

The Nominations Committee wishes to share the slate of Hawai'i State Organization's candidates for the 2023 – 2025 biennium:

President: *Stephanie Conching, Epsilon*
1st VP: *Teri Tabiolo, Theta*
2nd VP: *Ronelle "Ronnie" Kopp, Lambda*
Secretary: *Leigh Okazaki, Theta*

Voting and installation will occur at Spring Convention 2023.
-Gloria Kishi, Lambda

Building the next DKG slate of nominees begins with you

Your invitation to DKG membership highlighted your leadership. Are you ready to apply for an elected position at the international level, or can you encourage another member to do so?

Applications will be accepted by the International Nominating Committee (INC) in the summer of 2023. The time to plan and recruit is now! You, as a DKG member, may self-nominate or nominate another DKG member. Leadership in our organization is key to our future, so please give careful consideration to this important task.

All qualifications and recommendations for applicants for each position are listed in the International Standing Rules (ISR) 8.82.f. These are the only qualifications considered when the INC evaluates the applications.

Please ignore commonly assumed rumors. Applicants DO NOT need the following:

- Earned a doctorate
- Attended Leadership Management Seminar (Ignite)
- Participated in a prescribed number of international conferences or conventions
- Held a certain number of specific state positions
- Been a member for a minimum number of years

The duties and responsibilities of the elected INC members are outlined in the Constitution Article VIII Section B.8.b. INC members MAY NOT

- Recruit applicants
- Assist applicants in any way with the application process
- Discuss any application with anyone other than another INC member
- Support or advocate for any nominee in any way

Act now! Evaluate your interests and skills with the qualifications listed in SR. 8.82.f noted above.

Guidelines and applications will be posted on the DKG website in May 2023.

-Karen M. Duke and Yvette Moore, International Nominating Committee

Welcome our newest Rho member



Karen Wilson is a retired Academic Advisor from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, College of Education. Currently, Karen supervises student teachers. Sandra Taosaka has worked with Karen at Palamanui and believes Karen will be a great asset to our chapter. Welcome, Karen!

-Susan Suzuki, Rho

Spring Convention 2023

A'ohē pau ka'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi
"One can learn from many sources."

Join the celebration with your DKG sisters at the Pagoda Hotel at our first post-pandemic, in-person DKG Hawai'i State Spring Convention on April 14 and 15, 2023. Validated parking will be available at Ross.

Enjoy a relaxing evening on Friday, April 14, 2023, from 5:30 pm–8:30 pm in the downstairs International Ballroom, as we enjoy each other's company and fellowship and honor all of our Blooming Roses, past and present. Then, reconnect with your DKG sisters on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Pagoda Hotel C'est Si Bon Ballroom upstairs as we re-energize our commitment to DKG.

On Saturday, we welcome Noelani Goodyear-Ka'ōpua, educator, scholar, professor, and administrator at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, as our convention keynote speaker. Dr. Goodyear-Ka'ōpua has been recognized with the UH Board of Regents Medal for Teaching and is a newly appointed trustee for Kamehameha Schools. Please read more about our Keynote Speaker on the next page.

Keeping with our theme, "One can learn from many sources," you wouldn't want to miss the exciting Round Table sessions. Topics include Sergeant Chris Kim with Crime Stoppers, the Art of Ikebana, Growing Micro Greens, Supporting Teachers in a Pandemic, Aloha Across the Pacific, Your Core and the Pelvic Floor, Hula-size, Strawberry Mochi Making, Find Your Place in the Kahauiki Project, and Get Your House In Order. Difficulty choosing? Descriptions will be included to assist with your choice.

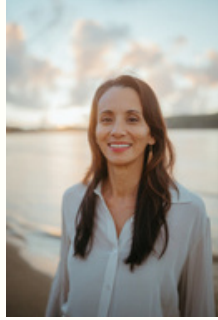
The Country Store has returned with much anticipation, including homemade food items. Please feel free to contribute to the sale items. More information about this event can be found on the next page.

Convention registration begins on Monday, February 13, 2023. Register before March 18, 2023, to save \$10 on the registration fee. Please sign up and be a part of this exciting in-person experience.

-Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai, Kappa

Keynote speaker: Noelani Goodyear-Ka'ōpua

DKG Hawai'i State Organization is honored to welcome Dr. Noelani Goodyear-Ka'ōpua, Professor and Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor of Academic Personnel at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, as our keynote speaker for Spring Convention 2023.



Raised on the waters of O'ahu, Dr. Goodyear-Ka'ōpua is a Kānaka Maoli who has dedicated her life to Indigenous education, social justice, and aloha 'āina (love of Hawaiian lands). For the past 15 years, Dr. Goodyear-Ka'ōpua has worked as a professor and administrator at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, where she has been recognized with the UH Board of Regents Medal for Excellence in Teaching. She is constantly learning alongside her three kids and her husband, 'Imaikalani Winchester, who is a public high school social studies teacher.

Dr. Goodyear-Ka'ōpua says of herself: "My interest in the political stems from my earliest days, as a keiki born to young activists who were also UH undergraduates. My parents raised me around student movements and exposed me to many ways Hawai'i communities were organizing against evictions, environmental degradation, and economic injustice in the 1970s and 1980s. As a UH undergraduate myself in the 1990s, I was surrounded by teachers and fellow students participating in the Hawaiian sovereignty movement. From this movement, I have learned that the most valuable places to invest our time and energy are into education and into the 'āina. One of my primary goals is to nurture students who are critical thinkers and doers, equipped to stand up for what they believe in."

Dr. Goodyear-Ka'ōpua's commitment to education is also evidenced in her work as a co-founder of Hālau Kū Māna public charter school, a board member of the Kānehūnāmoku Voyaging Academy, and a trustee of the Kamehameha Schools. She is a researcher and writer who has published several books and many articles on Hawaiian education and social movements.

-Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai, Kappa



DKG Hawai'i Convention 2023

Please kokua Country Store!

Kappa Chapter kindly requests donations for the Country Store. All proceeds will be given to DKG Hawai'i.

Time for spring cleaning?

We're seeking contributions of white elephant items, books, plants, jewelry, gift certificates, toys, toiletry items, new and/or gently-used clothing, homemade food items, crafts and anything else you are willing to part with.



Please bring your items pre-priced in whole dollar amounts.



If you want your unsold contributions back at the end of the sale, label them with your name and chapter and pick them up at the conclusion of the convention.



2023 DKG Conferences Detroit - Phoenix - Finland

Now is the time to submit an ad for a DKG Conference program book.

Ad Deadline: **April 15, 2023**

DKG is accepting ads for the 2023 summer conferences. State organizations, chapters, members, vendors, and more are invited to place an ad in the conference program book of your choice. Submission details are included on the [DKG Ad Form](#).

- Detroit, Michigan - July 11-16, 2023
- Phoenix, Arizona - July 18-22, 2023
- Tampere, Finland - July 26-29, 2023

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Theta updates

On January 7, 2023, *Theta* members celebrated their 60th birthday at Happy Days restaurant with a delicious dim sum lunch. We had games and lots of door prizes. We truly enjoyed spending time together, and catching up on everyone's lives. We have been busy with our SEE projects creating gifts that support early educators in the Waipahu and Pearl City Complex. We also had a very successful book drive for the children and adults at Kahauiki village. One adult at Kahauiki village saw a book, and as she pointed it out to another adult she said, "Look!" with excitement in her voice. We hope these books bring joy to Kahauiki families.

-Deanne Kanekuni, *Theta*

Keeping up with Eta

Eta had our first meeting of the 2022–2024 biennium in September 2022. We had a wonderful speaker, Leila Miss, who spoke to us about many literacy activities and provided great resources. Our December/Christmas meeting included a fun silent auction, a great luncheon, and a children's 'ukelele band concert. It was held at a restaurant in a local shopping mall so our lovely keiki also entertained many visitors. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 8. It will include recognition of our "Senior" members as well as a Ceremony of Remembrance for two members who passed last fall, nominations of proposed members, and a lovely cultural activity of making lei and haku lei.

-Rebecca Fries, *Eta*

Mu's musings

It isn't very often that a chapter can recognize a Red Rose member and a White Rose member within a short time! Our Red Rose is *Lori Furoyama* who earned her doctorate degree recently while working full-time and serving as State President. Our White Rose was *Mohala Boncales* who served as State Webmaster and State Secretary. The loss is felt by many members at different levels!

We celebrated the holidays with an in-person luncheon at Pagoda Hotel and Ballroom. We held our annual Silent and Live Auction with a special guest auctioneer, Duane Kurisu! He even led us in group singing! We found out that not only is he talented, but has a great sense of humor! We all had a fun time! The funds raised help to defray State convention registration fees for our members. Mu Chapter sisters had a great time for a worthy cause!

-Sharon Inamine, *Mu*

White Roses

Mohala Boncales, or "Queen B" as she was affectionately called, was a member of *Mu* Chapter since 2011. She was honored as the Hawaii State DKG Blooming Rose in 2020. At the time of her passing, she was our DKG State Secretary and webmaster. In addition, she also served as *Mu* Chapter's webmaster. Her passing has had an impact on the HSO.



Mohala had so many talents and was graciously willing to offer her assistance, especially when it came to things related to technology. Queen B would always make us smile and laugh. She brought passion to everything she did, from hula to cheerleading to educating students. Unfortunately, she left us much too soon and will definitely be missed.

-Donna Shigezawa, *Mu*

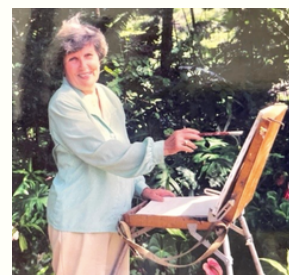
Frances Shimotsu was a mentor and role model as an educator. She served as a kindergarten teacher, vice principal, and Curriculum Specialist for the Windward District of O'ahu. In addition, she was in charge of Title I, ELL, and other compensatory educational programs.



Frances will be remembered as a person who always had lots of energy, positivity, and generosity. She used these traits to become an independent travel agent after retirement, taking many trips with her children and grandchildren.

-Christine Putzulu, *Epsilon*

Helen Sobaje was a member of the *Gamma* Chapter since 1972. Originally from California, she moved to Maui in 1970 after she accepted a position as a Psychological Examiner for Maui County. Helen used her BA from the University of Southern



California, Master of Art in Education from the University of California at Berkeley, and psychology classes from Fresno State University to help her service the three islands in Maui County, as well as students at Puunene. Helen continued in this position until 1992. After retirement, Helen remained active with Plein Air Painters and the Lahaina Art Society. In addition, she was active in her church and frequently played the organ at Po'okela Church on Sundays. Helen and her excitement for life will be missed.

-Teri Evangelista, *Gamma*

White Roses continued

Dr. *Patsy Izumo* joined *Kappa* Chapter in 1970 and served in various leadership roles, not only with the chapter but also with the greater DKG community, as Hawai'i State President and Southwest Regional Director. Patsy was recognized as Hawai'i's first DKG Southwest Regional Director and International's first Asian Regional Director.



Patsy's illustrious career included being a teacher at Ke'anae Elementary in Hana, Maui, a beginning teacher and librarian supervisor on O'ahu, and DOE state director for school libraries and Instructional Television and Multi-Media Services. Soon after completing her doctorate at USC, she briefly taught at the UH School of Library Sciences. After retirement from the DOE, she continued to be active in her professional life as Director of St. Clement's School. She was highly respected and adored by parents and students. She greeted them every morning and knew every student by name. She also served as a board member of Myron B. Thompson Academy and Academic Affairs at Sacred Hearts Academy.

The highlight of her post-retirement life was opening and operating a successful restaurant, Grand Cafe and Bakery, with close friend *Mona Chang Vierra (Mu)*. This was a brand-new undertaking by both women, who quickly and successfully overcame the steep learning curve. Patsy was an exemplary member of Delta Kappa Gamma. With her passing in December, we will miss her guidance with her knowledge of the history and protocol of Delta Kappa Gamma. In addition, she embodied DKG's ideals as "a leader, an educator and a conceptual thinker."

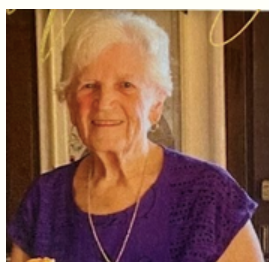
-*Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai, Kappa*

Shirley Iha joined the *Eta* chapter in May 1989. She was the mother of 2 boys who worked for the DOE for 20 years. She also had a strong faith and was significantly involved in her Christian Church, where she sang and played the organ and piano. Shirley was a true member of the *Eta* chapter and attended many meetings, including one last September just before her passing. She was a kind and gentle soul who touched many lives with that kindness. We will miss her dearly. Shirley passed away on November 2, 2022.



Joanne Nakashima passed away on December 16, 2022. She joined the *Eta* chapter in May 1975. She was a strong force in the chapter and the State for many years. She was the President of the *Eta* Chapter from 1990-1992 and Hawai'i State DKG President from 1995-1997. She held many different positions throughout her teaching career, culminating in developing and implementing the Mokihana Project, which brought attention to the needs of children coping with traumatic events like natural disasters. She will be missed at the local, State, and International levels.

-*Rebecca Fries, Eta*



Red Roses

Carli Miyashiro (Theta) received a Doctorate of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University. Her dissertation was entitled: The Impact of a Global Pandemic on Teaching: A Narrative of Two Veteran Middle School Teachers in Hawai'i. She will be presenting her research at the Spring Convention.

-*Deanne Kanekuni, Theta*



Lori Furoyama (Mu) recently completed her Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Her dissertation involved a case study highlighting the experiences and socialization of instructional faculty at UHM who had relocated to Hawai'i with no prior connections to the community. The study helped to determine the kinds of support services needed to strengthen relationships in and off of campus. Congratulations Lori on this huge accomplishment!

-*Donna Shigezawa, Mu*

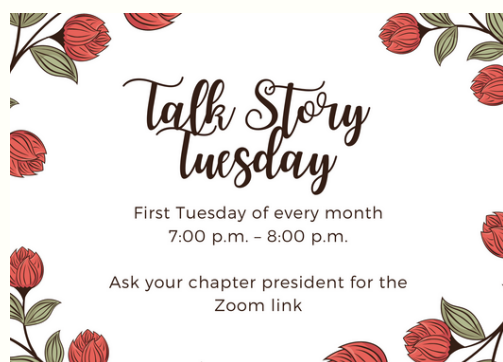


Maile Yasui (Mu) was honored at the State Captial for being an outstanding teacher at Momilani Elementary school. She also earned her second National Board Certification!

-*Sharon Inamine, Mu*

Ember Freitas (Epsilon) welcomed her son, Apollo-James Rockland Ho'āeae Freitas on December 30, 2022, at 10:05 am. He was born at 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 22 inches long.

-*Steph Conching, Epsilon*



Blooming Roses

Lambda Chapter is blessed with a unique, warm, creative, and supportive member, *Kaye Kroehler*. Kaye is open to all opportunities and challenges that DKG membership offers. In 2017, she participated in HSO's Seiwaloaha teacher exchange program in Kochi, Japan.



Born and raised in Japan, Kaye is bilingual, a special asset to our chapter and state. Her grandmother and mother were part of the US-Japan friendship doll exchange program that began in 1927. Kaye has shared articles and videos in her family files with Japan State members who are working on the "Blue-Eyed Dolls" project to continue the exchange and hosted members who visited Hawai'i to meet with her mother.

In her profession, Kaye has been a pioneer in special education, teaching in one of the first Department of Education classes to serve students with severe, multiple disabilities on the island of Kaua'i, as well as one of the first preschool teachers of special needs students when the program began.

-*Cynthia Choy and Gloria Kishi, Lambda*

Beta Chapter is honored to name *Laurie Pe'a* as our 2022 Blooming Rose. Laurie has been an asset to DKG and *Beta* Chapter. Since joining our Chapter, she has been *Beta* Chapter 2nd VP, on the nomination committee, evaluation committee, and Leadership



Development committee. Being part of DKG has allowed Laurie to find meaning in the idea of giving back to education.

-*Corinne Matsumoto, Beta*

Lori Uchimura is the nominee for Blooming Rose from the *Rho* Chapter. She has embraced the idea of encouraging and promoting education through the *Rho* Scholarship Program. Her enthusiasm, involvement, and follow-through has made the generating funds possible to support young women interested in a career in education. Because schools have been presenting scholarship opportunities to seniors virtually, Lori participated in a Parent/Student video where she was able to provide information about the scholarship.



As a retiree, Lori makes sure that the retired members are informed of the fundraising efforts and assists in distributing tickets and receiving revenue from the sales from the retirees. She also supports the in-service teachers by delivering fundraising items to them. For instance, in a recent Huluhuli chicken sale, she picked up the plate lunches and took them to the teachers. Lori continues to offer her service in promoting DKG and demonstrating educational leadership by supporting interservice teachers. Lori has also agreed to step into a *Rho* Chapter leadership position as the upcoming biennium treasure.

-*Nancy Soderberg, Rho*

Zeta's gifts of inspiration for first-year teachers

The first year of teaching can be an exhilarating yet daunting adventure. It can be filled with joy and inspiration and, at the same time, doubt and uncertainty. Gifts of Inspiration for First-year Teachers (GIFT) is one of the ways the *Zeta* Chapter supports early educators on Hawai'i Island.

This project was first created in partnership and collaboration with several Hawai'i Department of Education induction and mentoring resource teachers and *Zeta's* Supporting Early Educators (SEE) committee. The resource teachers shared with us the scope of their work, challenges, and needs first-year teachers often have. One of the biggest challenges for them is not having enough time in the day to complete their never-ending tasks. Other challenges included needing emotional support and words of encouragement. In what might be perceived as today's topsy-turvy world of technology and social media, we thought we would go back to something we know and could do for the next teaching generation: a good old-fashioned letter-writing campaign. Many of our *Zeta* Chapter members have wisdom and experience, and we thought perhaps the best gift we could provide is letting the first-year teachers know how important their work is. By sharing words of encouragement, validating their experiences, reassuring them that things will improve, and telling stories of success and challenges, we might be able to give them a kindhearted boost and positively impact the journey through their inaugural year in the profession.

Several recipients have shared that this practice has made a small but meaningful difference. For example, Kawika Osorio tells us that even after a year, his letter from *Zeta* member, *Lynn Fujii*, is still on his desk, reminding him of his journey as an educator. When we hear his words, we are reminded of how we all began, the importance of connection, the power of our words, and the gifts of inspiration we can all provide our beginning teachers.

-*Donna Foster, Zeta*