



**Hawai'i  
State Organization**

## **Hawai'i State Organization 2024 Spring Convention Chapter Reports**

### **Alpha:**

**Submitted by:** Kara Ono

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Honestly, we are still struggling as a chapter as members have been dwindling down in numbers. We were able to get together during Christmas and we saw members that we haven't seen in a while.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 2

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** It's been challenging to get members to come.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** To continue to try to engage all of our members.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Honestly, it will be challenging in getting a new president.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?**  
Continue to communicate joint activities with all chapters.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

### **Beta:**

**Submitted by:** Zoe Green

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Coming into the new role while tasked with chairing the OCC--about which I knew little, yet learned much.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 3, and another scheduled next month

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** We held our August (working meeting) at one of our member's homes on Hawai'i Loa Ridge. It was a productive and positive meeting, filled with engagement, camaraderie and sharing. We grew closer as a chapter of sisters.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Solidify structure of committees and standard operating procedures for communication/networking.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Support through volunteering and mentorship, continued collaboration.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?**

N/A at the moment

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

## **Delta:**

**Submitted by:** Gale Ikeda

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** During this biennium for the first time, we initiated two collegiate members, Haley Chibana and Kylie Otsuka into our chapter. We are so proud of these young ladies as they are juggling their schedules to meet all their obligations. We want to keep our younger members engaged and really feel that they are contributing to the chapter. So this coming year, they will serve as co-corresponding secretaries.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** By the end of my biennium, Delta chapter will have held a total of five chapter meetings.

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.**

Following Hawaii State theme, "Mo'olelo, our chapter trekked across the island to beautiful Waialua to Karen Tanaka's hale for our March meeting.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** My goal is for my successor to continue Deltas legacy of leadership, compassion and friendship.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** We will all help by always lending a helping hand and our ears to always listen.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?**

One area would be to continue with the talk story sessions and perhaps have more opportunities to interact with other chapters.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?** Hawaii State officers, please know that you are appreciated and we value your commitment to DKG Hawaii.

## **Epsilon:**

**Submitted by:** A report was not submitted by the deadline of April 9, 2024.

## **Eta:**

**Submitted by:** Rebecca Fries

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** We inducted 4 new members, provided a new book to all students in a small private school destroyed by the Maui wildfires, had presentations about the World Fellowship Scholarship Program and sent them a contribution and had in person meetings with good programs and fellowship and elected new officers for the next biennium.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** This year we have had 3 meetings with another scheduled in May.

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** At our last meeting we had a fun get together activity and had a very interesting presentation by one of our

members about her dissertation which involved talking with students about their reaction to feelings during the isolation of the pandemic.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Provide more inspiration for future projects.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** In any way she needs or wants me.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?**  
Be there and respond when the President requests help or more information.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?** I appreciated the support from the State DKG, especially the communication with Lori Furoyama during 3 of my last 4 years as President and Stephanie this last year.

## **Gamma:**

**Submitted by:** Cindy Asato-Kochi and Melanie Nakashima

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Working with other chapters and induction of new members and supporting sisters not attending meetings by checking in and mailing favors and notes.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 4

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** One of our most engaging chapter meetings we discussed our new committees and revised what each committee is responsible for and reporting out. We also shared the support from other chapters with donations for our members who were affected by the Maui Wildfires, who lost homes and to see the support come in was amazing, plus what our chapter was doing to fundraise and help our community and Maui food bank.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Cindy is going to continue to be the sole (not Co-President) and the goals I would suggest for her is to ask for help and accept it!

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Our Co-President Cindy will stay on the next two years. I will support her (without the title) and help her delegate also :)

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?**  
Maybe quarterly or biyearly opportunities for officers to meet with their respective chapter officers facilitated by HSO officer to share ideas, challenges, etc. Example, HSO President meet with chapter presidents via zoom; HSO VP1 with chapter VP1, etc. Could be for all or just new officers.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?** N/A

## **Iota:**

**Submitted by:** Camille Masutomi

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Being able to spend time at Chapter Meetings with my fellow Iota Chapter sisters.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 3

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** My favorite is our Christmas gathering where we hold an ornament exchange.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Increase membership

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Provide mentorship and anything I can do to help

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** I used state convening as a recruitment tool. I brought a potential member to the Birthday Bash.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

## **Kappa Chapter:**

**Submitted by:** Carole Mitsuyoshi-Sugai

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Attendance at our meetings have been averaging between 65 - 75%. This is an increase from previous years.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** Kappa Chapter always has 4 meetings annually.

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** Our most engaging chapter meeting this year was having 3 chapter members teach us to make beautiful succulent arrangements.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Continue to work on increasing membership and participation.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Support our presidents by being encouraging and attending all meetings.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** Have State Officers provide a platform for chapter officers to meet and discuss possible opportunities to have joint activities.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

## **Lambda:**

**Submitted by:** Sandra Shimabukuro

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** As host of the 2024 Spring Convention Lambda members worked closely to brainstorm, research venues and speakers, gather information, rely on each other's creativity and inspiration, and enjoy the camaraderie of planning the event together. We started our first planning meeting in July 2023 and kept the momentum and excitement growing as each piece fell into place. We are happy to welcome Hawai'i State members to the 2024 Spring Convention.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** To date, nine meetings. We need to conduct two more meetings before we end the year.

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** Our sole goal this year was to plan the 2024 Spring Convention, so nothing fancy was held but all meetings were engaging as we exchanged and shared ideas. We did hold more in-person meetings than last year. Getting together was fun.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Keep in mind the seven purposes/goals of DKG International. I suggest selecting a focus, such as a community project to accomplish these purposes/goals.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Call anytime, assist with planning meetings, volunteer when help is needed.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** Continue to send communication and in a timely manner.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

**Mu:**

**Submitted by:** Jennifer Koike and Sharon Inamine

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Mu Chapter is proud to help develop the community and education at Kahauiki Village. We got a lot of support from our own chapter as well as other chapter involvement with major holiday events like Christmas, Halloween, Easter, and leis for graduation. The program has expanded from after school tutoring with the children to now teaching the adults in coordination with Moanalua Adult Education. We completed two successful sessions and now in our 3<sup>rd</sup> session. The adult sessions is a family literacy class. The adults learn to read, write, and expand vocabulary through activities like yoga, sewing, cooking and other artwork.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** We held 4 meetings and our last meeting, meeting #5, will be in May.

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** Our most engaging meeting was at our Christmas party. We made Christmas wreaths, ate, held a silent auction, and then concluded with our meeting. Our meeting was the most engaging because we were on a strict timeline and got right to the point of each topic that needed to be discussed. Although it was short, we got a lot of great participation. We also held themed meetings that everyone dressed up for.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** To continue and build on special events and activities that are not meetings. We would like to see our Mu Chapter community grow stronger and closer.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** We will be present at EB meetings if allowed. Fortunately, our upcoming president really assisted us during our biennium as she was our secretary and techie leader.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** Can we get more advanced notice for reports? If there are resources out there that can help keep us aware of reports and events, I think we need training again on where to find these things.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?** Thank you for all you do.

**Rho:**

**Submitted by:** Nancy Jadallah

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Getting back on track after the pandemic...reaching out to schools to entice students towards a career in education, educating students on the benefits of a teaching or related career, building an active group of collegial members who participate socially and professionally. I am also proud of our increased level of volunteering in the community. Also we are now giving two scholarships for those entering education programs, an increase of one scholarship.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** Four general meetings plus social, volunteering in the community, and presenting in the schools.

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** I think the most engaging chapter meeting was when we invited presenters who are currently working in our school system

to speak to the members. It was also a night that we introduced our newest members And have a very lively discussion about how we could increase our membership and have more participation.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** I think we need to continue to find ways to increase our membership, diversify our membership, and find ways to be more present in the community and in the schools. I think that we need to promote education as a career path..

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** We are a very communicative group of ladies especially the board. We will continue to support in anyway that is necessary to keep an active chapter.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** I would hope it some point that you would consider doing some activities or meetings on the outer islands rather than just on Oahu,

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

## **Theta Chapter:**

**Submitted by:** Deanne Kanekuni

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** We have done a lot of outreach activities. Our SEE projects with the Waipahu/Pearl City complex schools have been appreciated by the first and second year teachers. We also provided stress balls and massagers for teachers on Maui.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 4

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** One of our most engaging chapter meetings was making strawberry mochi. It was a hands on activity and everyone was able to enjoy. One of our members has the perfect house to demonstrate cooking techniques. We also made lilikoi jelly at another meeting.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Reach out to the members in the chapter for advice and support. Everyone has a skill set that is a valuable resource.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Our incoming president is a long time DKG member who has been president before. I will support her by being active and helping her as needed. She really helped me.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** Maybe have more state events like field trips. It is so lovely to get together with other chapter members.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

## **Xi:**

**Submitted by:** Alicia Miyashiro

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** I tried to rejuvenate our current active sisters. We did have one meeting after COVID and we got to reunite in a first in-person meeting.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 2

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** We had a small group meet after Covid shut down at a local restaurant. It was only a handful of sisters but we had a great time reuniting.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Focus on recruiting new members

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** Provide support

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?**

Share ideas of how to retain and recruit new members.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?**

**Zeta:**

**Submitted by:** Keikilani Meyer

**What are you most proud of accomplishing during your biennium? Explain** Fulfilling goal to increase community presence and membership recruitment. Participated in Kamehameha Schools Annual Ho'olaule'a the past 2 years. Provided information on DKG to the community and potential members. Also partnered with IHOP in Hilo in celebration of Kamehameha III's lā hānau and commitment to a literate citizenry on 3/17. We hosted a reading corner for keiki, giveaways, and prizes.

**How many chapter meetings did your chapter hold this year?** 3 as of this date

**Describe one of your most engaging chapter meetings during your second year in office.** Our January meeting was very special because a lot of veteran members attended in person and we awarded scholarships to 2 awardees.

**What goals would you suggest for your successor?** Continue to increase community presence. Realized our organization isn't known within our community.

**How will you and your chapter assist your incoming president?** For myself, not sure at this time. For Zeta Chapter, focus on increasing community presence and increase membership.

**What can the DKG Hawaii State Organization do to support you and your chapter in 2024-2025?** Develop a statewide strategy to increase membership.

**Any comments, questions, or additional items to share?** None at this time.