

President's Message

Happy New Year!

The new year often brings thoughts of reflection and goals for the months ahead. What were our greatest achievements in 2019? What goals do we have for ourselves in 2020?

At the Fall Forum in Hilo, I asked all members to consider one act or goal they could achieve to move our society forward. With just three months left in the academic year, let's think about what we need to do to move closer to our goals, closer to Mālamalama. For myself, I look forward to attending more chapter meetings and initiating our first collegiate members.

For some of you, your goal may be to attend one state event. Kappa Chapter has been working hard to coordinate and produce our April 2020 Spring Convention. The registration form is available online at <http://deltakappagammahi.org/calendar.htm>

Friday, April 3, at Chaminade University is the recognition dinner of each chapter's Blooming Rose nominee. Blooming Roses are our newest members (less than 10 years) who have contributed or been recognized by the society at the chapter, state, and/or international level. Forms are due by March 1. Please be sure to come and support your chapter sisters at the dinner Friday night.



Lori Furoyama
Hawai'i State
President

Saturday, April 4, at Pōmaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery is the combined Executive Board and General Membership meeting. This year we are privileged to have as our speaker DKG International President Cathy Daugherty. You will have opportunities to meet her at Friday's dinner and Saturday's convention. In addition, Duane Kurisu, aio Foundation founder and chairman, will share about the Kahauiki Village project.

Finally, if your goal is to attend an international event, the International Convention is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 7–11. Early registration ends March 6. This is a great opportunity to meet your DKG sisters from around the world. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to meet fellow DKG sisters in the upcoming months.

Happy New Year, Hawai'i State!

Respectfully submitted,
Lori



Cathy P. Daugherty, a member of Virginia State Organization, leads the Society as 2018–2020 International President. In her message in *DKG News*, Nov/Dec 2019, Daugherty writes that "An organization's culture encompasses its beliefs, core values, and purposes... Successful cultures must have leaders whose decisions are led by the goals of the organization with input from the membership."

Take Legislative Action: United States Forum

from *U.S. Forum Connection*
December 2019, Angela O.
Bedenbaugh, Editor

The purpose of the United States Forum is to identify major issues affecting women, children, and education upon which the U.S. members of DKG may take action.

The Forum sponsors the National Legislative Seminar at the Holiday Inn Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia on March 15–18, 2020. The main discussion issues this year are human trafficking, gun violence as it pertains to school shootings, opioid crisis and vaping among our students, and mental health issues with students. Other opportunities include practicing advocacy skills, attending legislative briefings, and networking with DKG members.

Participants will visit their legislators on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 17. Members are also encouraged to contact their congressional representatives at this time to express their opinion by mail or phone. For updated information the Forum website is <http://www.usforumdkg.org/>



Keeping up the Momentum with New Members

Excerpt from *Nebraska Quarterly Winter 2019–2020* by Lauren Walker,
Second VP and Membership Chair

As the newness of the school year fades, it can be hard to sustain the efforts of doing anything “extra” in our schedules. Those of us who are established members of Delta Kappa Gamma are accustomed to making our chapter and state DKG meetings and programs a priority. We look forward to the fellowship these times bring and, therefore, are excited to keep these commitments. Our newest members obviously do not yet have the same level of connection to their fellow chapter members or the society. These connections take time and effort to develop, and it is a two-way street.

Most likely newer members are enthusiastic to participate in DKG events but haven’t yet made such events part of their routines. Even if you’re extremely busy, please take the time to check in with a new member to begin building those strong friendships we value in our organization. Think back to when you first joined DKG. What made you feel welcomed at meetings and inclined to return? If possible, find a way to emulate that experience for your newest member.

Additional information on strategies to retain new members, is available on the DKG website,, www.DKG.org. Follow the tabs for Resources>Chapter Tools>Engaging New Members (login required). There you will find a document entitled “After the Induction: Keeping New Members Engaged.”



Get Inspired! Make Invaluable Connections!

Get inspired and learn how successful women overcame obstacles. Make invaluable connections with people from all over the world. Explore the historic sites of Philadelphia. Register for 2020 International Convention at www.dkg.org.

Keynote speakers are Jane Golden, American Artist and Director of Mural Arts Philadelphia, and Olympia LePoint, Award-winning Rocket Scientist, Science Entertainer, and Educator.

White Roses

Sadly, Delta Chapter lost two sisters last year:

Beatrice Yoshimoto on
May 11, 2019

Doris Fuchikami on
November 28, 2019



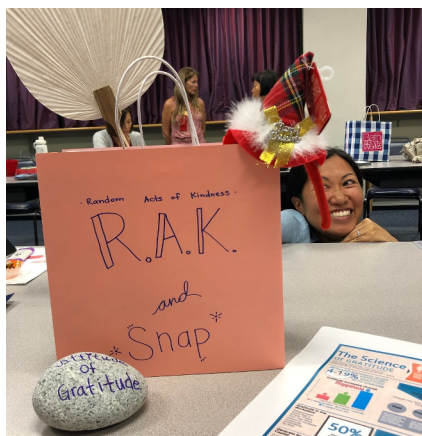
A Meeting of Iota Sisters

A few weeks before break all Iotas gathered to celebrate



Create lessons, teach gratitude, share resources

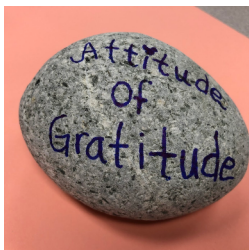
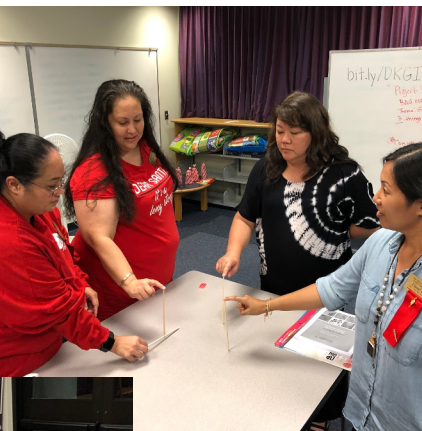
Take pics with apps, no time for quick naps



A chopstick ice-breaker to show

That communication matters to all who we know

Chopsticks start to scatter amid tons of laughter and clatter



Red Roses of Lambda

To Joanne Swearingen, Lambda Chapter's *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* letter-to-the-editor star, whose thoughtful and thought-provoking letters are an example of Delta Kappa Gamma's involvement in our community.

To Gloria Kishi, Anne Marie Duca, Ann Mahi, and Joanne Swearingen, who are leading the implementation of the DKG Educational Foundation grant that funds the viewing and panel discussion of "Rise of the Wahine: Champions of Title IX".

To members whose leadership as chair of DKG Hawai'i State committees shows Lambda's continuing service to the Society:

Sandra Shimabukuro and Susan Saka: *Aloha I ke Akea*

Ronnie Kopp and Ann Mahi: Scholarship

Anne Marie Duca: Leadership Development Workshop

Jeannie Matsuo: SEE Initiative

J. Matsuo



We end wishing all DKG sisters,
Happy holidays and Hau'oli makahiki hou!

E. Yagi and C. Masutomi