

President's message

Thousands of athletes worldwide will gather in Paris for the 2024 Summer Olympics. At my house, we can't get enough of these humans coming together to test their personal limits and work as a team to achieve goals that most only dream of.



As our chapter leaders begin their biennium, I am reminded that we are not unlike the track and field relay team, the gymnastics team, the basketball team, or even the entire team of US Olympic athletes. We are outstanding individuals who unite to support our personal goals and expand our abilities.

Keep the Olympic Values alive in your meetings: excellence, respect, and friendship. These three tenets fit right into our own Seven Purposes. Remember that we are not alone in our endeavors; we have a chapter, a state, and an international organization to help achieve our goals.

Here are a few quotes from Olympians to inspire you:

- "He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life." - Muhammad Ali
- "I work hard, and I do good, and I'm going to enjoy myself. I'm not going to let you restrict me." - Usain Bolt
- "I've failed over and over and over again in life. And that is why I succeed." - Michael Jordan
- "I don't run away from a challenge because I am afraid. Instead, I run toward it because the only way to escape fear is to trample it beneath your feet." - Nadia Comaneci

We are marvelous individuals that together made a formidable force of educators. Annie Webb Blanton believed that women working together would be stronger than those who work alone, and how right she was! Keep up the excellent work, everyone!

-Stephanie Conching

Recommended quarterly reading

Rather than one book for the summer edition of Aloha I ke Akea, we recommend the Hawaii State Library Summer Reading Program. How can we possibly suggest only one book when there are so many to choose from? Check your local library for more information: <https://www.librarieshawaii.org/summerreading/>



Upcoming events

June 30, 2024	Chapter Treasures collect dues
July 9 - July 13, 2024	DKG International Convention in National Harbor, Maryland.
July 15, 2024	Chapter Treasurer report to State Treasurer
Aug 1, 2024	Bulletin Exchange submission deadline
Sept 1, 2024	State Treasurer report form due
April 12, 2025	2025 Spring Convention hosted by Mu .

Women keynote the 2024 Spring Convention

"Captivating" and "inspiring" remarked attendees of the April convention. Mehanaokala Hind spoke of growing up in Palolo, "the center of the universe," and Ku'uipo Kumukahi talked story of growing up on Big Island, both secure in the love of encouragement of their ohana. Mehana's journey led to realizing the power of wahine and becoming a trusted leader in the community, currently serving as Senior Advisor to the Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement. Ku'uipo's journey as a songwriter and musician led to several Nā Hōkū Hanohano awards, including Female Vocalist of the Year. Her deep ancestral roots moved her to start the Hawaiian Music Perpetuation Society.



Mehanaokala Hind

"Awesome" and "inspiring" also expressed reactions to the four breakout sessions:

- Ian Kitajima, Stephanie Mew, and Gabriel Yanagihara on Artificial intelligence
- Bill Teter on local literature in high school English curriculum
- Puanani Wilhelm on online Hawaiian resources
- Dineene O'Connor on the Windward Community College's Hōkūlani Imaginarium and Aerospace Exploration Lab, which are open to school visits.



Puanani Wilhelm
and Wing Kan Hui

The McKinley High School Knitting and Crochet Club thanks those whose donations for their crocheted bouquet centerpieces help them continue their community projects. Windward Community College thanks the Hawai'i State Organization for its donation of their scholarship fund.

-**Sandra Shimabukuro, Lambda**

Our Hawai'i (Beta Beta) State banner

The banner of Beta Beta State is crafted in the style of Hawaiian quilts. Designed by **Irene Kubo (Zeta)** in May of 1991, the banner blends Hawaiian culture, flora, and society symbols. The red shield is the banner itself, surrounded by a band of gold. Hawaiian Alexandrine Laurel flanks the center applique pattern of Hawaiian hibiscus. The yellow hibiscus is Hawai'i's state flower, and the laurel has fruits like little ping pong balls with small, white, fragrant flowers. Three red silk roses symbolize the three Tudor roses found attached at the top. While the work has thousands of hidden stitches, only hundreds of tiny stitches are visible in the applique design. The design of a quilt is a very personal experience. We are incredibly grateful to our sister for sharing her gifts with us.

-**Kathy Sakuda, Iota**



Ho'omaika'i

Congratulations to **Lori Furoyama** of **Mu** Chapter, who received a 2024-2025 Project Grant from the DKG International Educators Foundation. The title of her project is "Ho'olauna - New Faculty Experience."

-**Stephanie Conching, Epsilon**

Aloha from the Treasury

Serving alongside our Executive Committee, State Finance Committee and our friendly DKG International Finance Team has been a pleasure. I have also enjoyed working with our 14 Chapter Treasurers. These gals work hard behind the scenes. Aloha Nui to:

- **Date Tominaga, Alpha**
- **Elsie Gushiken and Anne Marie Matsuzaki, Beta**
- **Amelia Lee, Delta**
- **Heather Omori, Epsilon**
- **Janice Nitta, Eta**
- **Debby Takahashi, Gamma**
- **Stephanie Grande Mizaki, Iota**
- **Jennifer Shiroma, Kappa**
- **Susan Saka, Lambda**
- **JennyLee Tam Sing, Mu**
- **Lori Uchimura, Rho**
- **Claire Uehara, Theta**
- **Fay Vea, Xi**
- **Donna Foster, Zeta**

We are now collecting Membership Dues for 2024-2025. Our State dues have increased by \$5, so please computer that into your chapter dues. Our deadline is June 30, 2024, the fiscal year's end. Please kokua. Bring your checkbooks to the next chapter meeting or mail your dues to your Chapter Treasurer. Put "Dues Collection" on your General Meeting Agenda. We aim to tie this up before the new chapter officers take the lead on July 1, 2024.

It has been a busy year. I'm happy to report that all 14 chapter 990-N filings were successfully submitted. Great job! State-wise, we have changed names from Beta Beta State to DKG Hawaii State Organization with both First Hawaiian and American Savings. We have also mailed our documents to the IRS and the Hawai'i State Tax Office. We opened a two-year CD for \$20,000 from one of them. Our accounts are at 4% APR with Hawaii USA Federal Credit Union. Our insurance policies are renewed to date. Our Finance Committee, headed by Peggy Hirata (Epsilon), has been actively meeting. We will submit some suggested changes to our State By-Laws at the 2025 Spring Convention.

We started the year with \$3969.08 in our checking account. We received a total of \$12,432. We spent a total of \$13,451.11, leaving a checking account balance of \$2,949.97 as of April 30, 2024. Our savings account total is \$74,838.36 as of April 30, 2024.

-JennyLee Tam Sing, Mu

Welcome new sisters

We proudly welcome our new sisters from **Rho**.



Jessica Guillermo



Rachelle Matsumura



Casey Wainwright

-Susan Suzuki, Rho