

President's message

Aloha HSO DKG Sisters,

As we move into the second quarter of the school year, I hope you have had opportunities to *A'o Aku, A'o Mai—To teach and learn* in your personal and professional lives. In October, over 100 DKG HSO members from all 14 chapters were able to *A'o Aku, A'o Mai* at the 2021 Fall Forum, *E Huli A'o Ana—Learning Changes* hosted by *Mu* Chapter. It was great seeing our sisters connect, teach, and learn virtually. We had 14 first-time attendees—five of whom were just initiated this year! Keynote speaker Duane Kurisu shared about Kahauiki Village and his lessons in leadership which have guided him to where he is today. We met in seven smaller groups during breakout sessions. As always, with so much valuable information and *mana'o* to share, they all seemed too short.



In addition to celebrating the high attendance at the conference, special congratulations go out to:

- *Elise Hu (Gamma)* for being our Kumu Award recipient. This award goes to the conference attendee who has been a member the longest. She has been a DKG member for 57 years!
- *Gale Ikeda (Delta)* and *Kathy Sakuda (Iota)* were tied for the highest score in our trivia game. Gale won the tiebreaker with the closest guess of the current membership (430).
- *Jacky Jaeger (Mu)* was the first to respond to my hidden note in the President's message.
- the recipients of the Frances Shimote Award. This award is in honor of *Theta* Chapter's *Fran Shimote* (HSO State President 1999–2001), who encouraged everyone to attend Fall and Spring Conventions. The award is given to the chapters with attendance rates of 30% or higher. This year's Fall Forum awardees were: *Mu*—90%, *Lambda*—50%, *Kappa*—45%, *Epsilon*—35%, and *Theta*—32%.

Another example of how we continue to teach and learn from each other is at the monthly Talk Story Tuesday events. We are fortunate in HSO to have so many talented members. In October, *Lisa Nagamine (Theta)* shared about TRIBES and building relationships and ways to connect virtually. In November, Chapter Presidents *Corinne Matsumoto (Beta)* and *Deanne Kanekuni (Theta)* led us in exercises on self-care. Most of us were so relaxed after the calming session that we signed off early and went to sleep.

We hope members will continue to join us on the first Tuesday of each month and other DKG HSO events as we continue to *A'o Aku, A'o Mai* from each other in 2022.

Lori Furoyama
Hawai'i State President

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Rho Chapter in Kona on the Big Island of Hawai'i serves four of the West Hawai'i High Schools: Konawaena (Kona), Kealakehe (Kailua-Kona), Kohala, and Honoka'a (North Kona). These schools have the opportunity to apply for our \$1,000 scholarship. This year, it was decided to raise the bar and provide two \$1,000 scholarships! Links to the application will be on each high school's website. For more information, please get in touch with Lori Uchimura at uchimuralori@gmail.com.
- Lori Uchimura, *Rho*



Spring Convention 2021

The Hawai'i State 2021 Spring Convention, held virtually in June, brought together members from every chapter across the state, fulfilling the theme, *Pūpūkahi i Holomua: Unite to Move Forward*. First-time attendees, recently initiated members, and members initiated as early as the 1960's all joined together via Zoom for an engaging day of a variety of activities!

Immediate Past President and DKG International Educators Foundation Director, Cathy Daugherty, spoke to "Why DKG?". Her keynote address enlightened new members and inspired returning members to think outside the box as we align our work with the five core values: collegiality, professional and personal growth, leadership, philanthropy and service, and international diversity.

We celebrated the Blooming Rose nominees and honored *Lisa Nagamine (Theta)* as our State Blooming Rose. We remembered our sisters who passed during a touching Ceremony of Remembrance coordinated by *Sue Alivado (Gamma)*, and we were treated to the beautiful sounds of a Maui Student Quartet. We also welcomed our new Executive Board members and participated in engaging breakout sessions that seemed to end too early as we wanted to hear more!

In response to the Quality Feedback survey, one sister stated, "The overall ambiance was most important with so many in attendance and with so much support felt for each other. Remembering, honoring, congratulating were all so important." Another sister shared, "It was inspiring to hear about programs, projects, and service happening through DKG." What a wonderful way to spend our day!

- *Cindy Asato-Kochi, Gamma*

Fall Forum 2021

The 2021 Fall Forum was the highlight of October. *Mu* Chapter was responsible for helping the Hawai'i State Organization Board put it all together. The event was well attended. There were a whopping 137 sisters registered for the event and over 100 in attendance.

The keynote speaker, Duane Kurisu, was amazing. His humble beginnings and his staggering accomplishments kept us in awe. His leadership is authentic, visionary, and courageous, as he pours his life energy into helping the people in our community with Aloha.

There were seven Breakout Sessions to attend. The Quality Feedback survey indicated the Breakout Sessions were informative and excellent. The survey also indicated the conference was well organized.

Thank you to our co-chairs *Ruby Hiraishi* and *Vivian Hee*. Thank you to *Mu* Chapter for your teamwork. Thank you to our State President, *Lori Furoyama*, and her tech team, *Mohala Boncales* and *Lisa Nagamine*. And, thank you to all for helping in various ways and for your wonderful attendance, making Fall Forum an uplifting event.

- *JennyLee Tam Sing, Mu*

Gamma busy at work!

Gamma is excited to announce our new website created by Webmaster *Trisha Roy*! It's been years in the making. We appreciate Trisha for her persistence and technological talents in getting this off the ground. Check us out at: <https://dkggamma.weebly.com>

Gamma Chapter initiated three new members through a virtual Candlelight and Pin Ceremony, held at our chapter meeting on September 11, 2021. We welcome Kalama Intermediate School Student Services Coordinator *Ginger Camara*, King Kekaulike High School Registrar, *Kim Uyehara*, and Maui Waena Intermediate School Media Teacher *Jennifer Suzuki*.

Our Supporting Early Educators Committee has been busy with many new teachers on Maui! Sixteen first-year and five second-year teachers at Kahului Elementary School received goodie bags filled with masks (sewn by our members), gift cards, hand sanitizers, wipes, bookmarks, and snack bars to let them know they are valued and supported. More activities are being planned to reach out to more new teachers in our Maui schools.

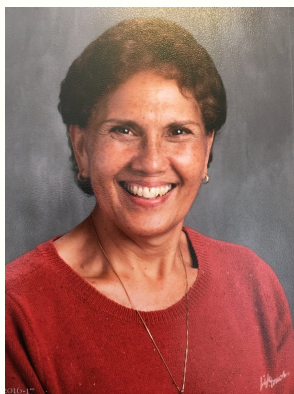
Gamma has planned future activities, including a collection of donations for the Maui Food Bank, a toy drive for Friends of the Children's Justice Center, and crocheting and knitting hats for the Cancer Institute. While virtual meetings have been convenient, *Gamma* Chapter misses the personal touch of being in person, and they look forward to seeing everyone in person soon.

- *Cindy Asato-Kochi, Gamma*

Beta's newest member

Beta Chapter would like to welcome *Renee Martin* to the sisterhood of DKG! Renee taught at St. Louis, Sacred Hearts, and Kamehameha Schools-Kapālama, teaching high school business and economics. She was also an administrator at Kamehameha for 12 years. Upon retiring in 2014, Renee moved to Hawai'i island, where she worked at Kamehameha School-Kea'au as a summer school teacher and administrator, substitute teacher, interim middle school principal, and one year as the athletic director at St. Joseph School.

- *Charlene Christenson, Beta*



Lambda's new members

Lambda initiated three new members:

- *Dr. Shawna Ortogero*, Professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in the College of Education-Special Education
 - *Puanani Wilhelm*, Curriculum Academic Officer in the Nānākuli-Waianae Complex
 - *Dr. Wingkan Hui*, School Renewal Specialist in the Nānākuli-Waianae Complex
- *Cynthia Choy, Lambda*



Left to Right: Shawna Ortogero, Puanani Wilhelm, Wingkan Hui

Introducing the newest Epsilon member

Please welcome, *Marlyn Hutton*, Epsilon's newest member. Marlyn has been teaching for almost 30 years and is currently the Vice Principal at Niu Valley Middle School.

- *Stephanie Conching, Epsilon*



2021 Chapter Blooming Roses

Heather Omori (Epsilon) is always willing to participate and help with events and programming. In her five years with Epsilon, Heather has held offices of secretary and treasurer and has invited community members to become involved with our chapter meetings through membership and as guest speakers. Hawai'i State members may remember her as a keynote speaker during our Southwest Regional in 2017.

Heather teaches third grade at Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School and is always bringing fun to the classroom, like that time she was the 65th Cherry Blossom Queen. She shared what she learned from the pageant with her class. Recently, the president of the Epsilon Chapter asked Heather about a task for her role as treasurer. With joy in her voice, Heather said, "Not a problem. I'm at the hospital about to have a baby, but I'll get right on it." Heather is truly amazing.

- *Stephanie Conching, Epsilon*



Chanel Dias (Iota) is simply divine. Since she joined our chapter in 2015, she has spread joy and positivity amongst our sisterhood. She always has a smile on her face, and we are charmed by her infectious laughter and good cheer! She has served as our chapter secretary for a number of bienniums and always keeps detailed and up-to-date minutes. We love watching her shop and support local businesses at the same time. She is unique and our pineapple queen.

- *Lisa Tsuruda, Iota*

Cindy Asato-Kochi (Gamma) has been a member of the chapter for three years. She is currently serving as the 2nd vice president. Since she became a member in 2018, Cindy has volunteered to take on all types of projects at the chapter level, in addition to her busy schedule at King Kekaulike High School. Not long after becoming a member, Cindy attended her first state convention and presented at the 2020 Fall State Conference. Although she may not have participated in any international events yet, we are sure those events will be in her future.

- *Jan Kakiuchi, Gamma*



Kahauiki Village Project

Six DKG sisters, *Jacky Jaeger, Sharon Inamine, Ellen Tanoura, and JennyLee Tam Sing* from Mu Chapter and *Claudia Kuniyuki and Corinne Matsumoto* from Beta Chapter, volunteered to help the children and parents at Kahauiki Village (KV) celebrate Halloween. It was a festive event where all participants had a good time! The outdoor lanai was fully decorated with ghosts, goblins, spiders, cemetery headstones, and such. Our DKG members helped with coordinating games, passing out treats, and picture taking. Donations were made by the previously named sisters and *Ruby Hiraishi (Mu)* and *Lena Kanemori (Kappa)*.



Claudia Kuniyuki, Sharon Inamine, JennyLee Tam Sing, Corinne Matsumoto, Ellen Tanoura, and Jacky Jaeger pose in front of two costumed KV children.

Volunteers will be needed to help with passing out smoked turkeys to the KV families for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 24. More details, including a time, will be forthcoming through your chapter president.

As Duane Kurisu said, "Leadership is commitment." DKG is making an impact in the community with our commitment to KV.
- *Ellen Tanoura and Sharon Inamine, Mu*

Rho chapter updates

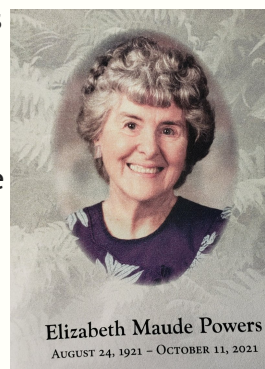
Rho Chapter in Kailua-Kona is busy nominating educators for membership. The chapter is eager to nominate new members and also to organically grow our membership, focusing on the diversification of new members. Rho is encouraging members to look for educators who represent not only public schools but also charter and private schools, community colleges, and the university. To increase membership, Rho will be holding monthly soirees for meeting and greeting potential nominees starting in January.

The committee also decided to continue hosting the "Cup O Cheer" events at schools not served last year. The membership chair will work with Hokupa'a for possible donations of coffee and treats for teachers.

The membership committee has decided to send personalized birthday cards via snail mail to connect more closely with the members. Additionally, the phone tree callers will send friendly messages and greetings for happy holidays to their members, creating a more personable atmosphere.
- *Dr. Nancy Jadallah, Rho*

White Rose

Elizabeth "Beth" Powers was an exemplary member of Delta Chapter. She was initiated on May 23, 1958, and soon found herself serving as Chapter 2nd Vice President (1976–1978), Chapter 1st Vice President (1978–1980), Chapter President (1961–1962; 1980–1982), O'ahu Coordinating Council Chair (1978–1980) and State Parliamentarian.



Beth was an English teacher at Kamehameha Schools for 50 years. Once she retired, she found time to walk and volunteer at Foster Gardens, Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens, and The Friends of the Library.

Beth will be missed by all who knew her, but most of all by her Delta sisters. She rode to meetings with *Vye Hara* and *Lei Oliveira*. Her empty seat will constantly remind them of an outstanding educator and, most of all, a treasured friend.

The following photos were taken at a bench dedication in her honor on Friday, October 29, 2021, at Smith Building on the Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus.
- *Lei Oliveira, Delta*



Delta members Jean Kimoto, Lei Oliveira, Mel Billingsley, Gale Ikeda, Linda Andersen, and HSO President Lori Furoyama at Beth's bench dedication at Kamehameha Schools Kapālama Campus

