



# Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa Ka Pine **Ho'ohui**



"*The Linking Pin*"

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I am also encouraging sisters to think about taking on leadership roles as a learning experience and to help sisters become more effective and contributing members. Do not be afraid to take that leap to be a state committee chair, state officer or chapter president. I know it will be an excellent opportunity for you to grow as a person.

In closing, I invite all my AΔK sisters to join me and our state officers in Taking That Leap to serve, to learn, and to grow with Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa! Together we can make it an outstanding and exciting biennium.

Fraternally,  
Jeanne Chang 

## President's Message

Greetings from your State President Jeanne and from my good buddy, Froggy. Froggy has been teaching me how to take leaps!

I know that we all got off to a slow start for this biennium courtesy of COVID-19, and just as it happened with 9-11, our lives have been changed forever. But this has made me more determined to do what I can to help make this biennium an exciting experience for all of us. Join the state officers, the committee chairs, and your chapter presidents to "Take That Leap" together. When we participate in different AΔK activities, we discover more interesting things about Alpha Delta Kappa. I encourage all of you to think about how we can be a bigger part of AΔK. If we all thought about how we can help to make our organization better, Alpha Delta Kappa will become better.

Once upon time, I had no interest in attending a mainland convention. It was not until I had to attend my first Regional Conference as a new officer did I learn what a wonderful experience it could be. It was even bigger and better when I attended my first International Convention in Washington DC and got to celebrate the 4th of July at our Nation's Capital.

For our Hawai'i State Convention in 2022, I would like to entice as many first timers as possible to attend, including some of our elder members who have never attended a convention. I also will ask all "experienced" Alpha Delta Kappa sisters to join in helping to make it a most wonderful experience for all our first timers.

## Alpha's Diamond Sister

Ethel Yoshiko Nishino Hasegawa was Hawai'i's Alpha Delta Kappa Diamond sister. Alpha sisters lost our dear mentor on June 11, 2020. Ethel was 94 years old at the time of her passing.

Ethel was really looking forward to celebrating her 95th Birthday on August 20, 2020. Knowing this, her family will be having a "Celebration of Life" service honoring her in August, 2021.

Ethel was born in Lahaina, Maui to Mitsugu and Tojiu Nishino, immigrants from Kumamoto, Japan. Ethel was the 6th of 7 children. The Nishino family owned and operated a fish market in downtown Lahaina.



Working on a crane art work at Alpha's meeting

Ethel was married to her high school classmate, the late George Hasegawa. She is now survived by her 3 children and their spouses and 6 grandchildren.

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She was a student at Lahainaluna High School and was the first in her family to attend college earning a Bachelor's of Education, 5th year professional teaching certificate and a Master's of Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Ethel's teaching career included teaching grades 4-6 gifted and talented curriculum from 1947-1978 at Kaumakani School on Kauai, Pu'uhale Elementary School, Aina Haina Elementary School and Mayor John H. Wilson School in Honolulu. Following her 31 years as a classroom teacher, Ethel retired from teaching and she continued to work as a language arts consultant to Hahaione, Koko Head, Kamiloiki, Liholiho, Waikiki and Wilson Elementary Schools.

Ethel became a member of Alpha Delta Kappa in 1960. She was also the first Hawaii ADK State President in 1970 and was elected as an International Officer during the 1980's. She served at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii as a volunteer greeter, docent and gift shop helper.

Throughout her entire career and as a loving mother, Ethel enjoyed reading, traveling, crocheting, needlepoint, and playing mahjong. One of her most recent readings included Michelle Obama's book, "Becoming". When she shared this with her Alpha sisters, some of them were encouraged to also read "Becoming."

Ethel is fondly remembered for her alert mind, her accomplished years of service as a teacher, Alpha Delta Kappa sister and her knowledge of bylaws, procedures and policies of Alpha Delta Kappa. She also shared some heartwarming, personal stories of Agnes Shipman Robertson. Ethel always made it a point to attend Alpha's chapter meetings. She looked forward to the fraternalism she shared with her sisters.

The sisters of Alpha Chapter cherished Ethel and will miss her at our meetings. She truly deserved to be a Diamond sister, so unique, beautiful, a one-of-a-kind individual who had left a legacy of her accomplishments. We love you, Ethel. ❤



*Ethel accepting Alpha Chapter's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognition award in 2019*

## Ka Pine Ho'ohui

*Auhea 'Oe e Nā Lālā 'Ōlelo Hawai'i  
Mai ka lā 'oili i Ha'eha'e a hāli'i i ka mole 'olu o Lehua, aloha nui loa kākou e nā hoa o ADK. He leo paipai nō ia iā kākou i nā lālā 'ōlelo Hawai'i e holomua i kēia wā pōpilikia. Maopopo le'a iā kākou i ka hana nui ma mua o kākou i ke kele a'o 'ana i ka po'e kamali'i a me ka ho'okō 'ana i ke kuleana o ka 'ohana a me ke kaiāulu. No laila, mai hā'awi pio, ea. I mua kākou a loa'a i ka lei o ka lanakila!*

Na 'Alohilani Okamura  
Nu Pelekikena

## Who Are These Masked Women?

*From the September 2020 Kappan*



## Maskarade Parade: Sisters Unmasked

- #82: Jeanne Chang
- #83: Susan Okano
- #84: Meredith Ching



*Breaking News: As of October 1, 2020, DUES for new members will be prorated!*

## SW REGIONAL EIE HAΔK NOMINEE

Finding Your Balance

By Christine Taylor and Sylvia Wee

Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa's nominee for the Southwest Regional EIE award is Eta sister Miki Maeshiro. Miki is an education design specialist at Kamehameha Schools and a teacher-researcher, learning from what happens in her classroom through inquiry, research, insights, and reflections. She's a curriculum driver, effecting change in the classrooms and schools. Most of all, Miki is a role model, not only for her accomplishments in her profession but also for her journey to find her life's passion and her commitment to finding balance in her life.



*SW Regional EIE Finalist  
Miki Maeshiro*

enrolled in a Hawaiian language course that sparked her interest to learn more of the Hawaiian language. During college, Miki worked with a restoration project for an ancient Hawaiian water system. She was mentored by Native Hawaiian kupuna and developed a respect and reverence for Native Hawaiian culture. This led to a career in serving Native Hawaiian students. After graduating, she taught at a Hawaiian Immersion preschool class before she transferred to Kamehameha Schools to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She became a resource teacher and then an instructional coach with Kamehameha School Community Programs, collaborating with the DOE Hawaiian Immersion Program. Three years ago, she became the Educational Design Specialist, supporting teachers on the three Kamehameha campuses and in preschool settings. Through her work, Hawaiian students have found a voice through literacy instruction.

This fall will be Miki's 37<sup>th</sup> year in education. Miki attributes her longevity in her teaching career to multiple transitions of different teaching positions and educational settings. She has also been able to

sustain her high-achieving professional career through life activities that help her maintain a balance between her mind, body, soul/spirit, and heart for things Hawaiian.

Paddling is one of the activities has helped Miki maintain that balance. She started paddling at age 18 and paddled for 20 years. She paddled with an outstanding senior crew for many years and completed the rigorous, Na Wahine O Ke Kai (Women's Molokai Canoe Crossing) eight times. Miki enjoyed the spiritual part of canoe paddling because it required teamwork, one mind, and focus. The six paddlers become one, one spirit working together for a common goal.

Hawaiian music is another important part of Miki's life. A novice to the ukulele, Miki learned how to play ukulele because ukulele and mele (song) were part of the classroom routine and curriculum in the Hawaiian Immersion preschool and at Kamehameha Schools. She persevered by strumming and singing day after day till it was second nature to her. Outside of school, Miki and her ukulele are now active members of Na Wahine Mele.

For the past fifteen years, hula has been a steady influence in Miki's life. She dances with Ka Pa Hula O Ka Lei Lehua, under the direction of Kumu Hula Snowbird Bento. She enjoys the makuahine class for mature women because the pacing is perfect for her. This activity is another channel to be immersed with rhythm and beat and becoming one with the hula.

Meditation is another important part of Miki's life. She completed a course of study in Zen karate and earned a black belt. She still practices and meditates to this day. Zen karate has helped her feel grounded and balanced especially during the COVID 19 "new normal" in assisting and preparing the teachers to open the school year safely.

We congratulate Miki for being selected as one of the Southwest Regional's Excellence in Education finalist. She is already a winner in our eyes for her personal and educational accomplishments! Miki will continue to strive for educational excellence in her learning and professional community.

### Upcoming Scholarships (Fall)

October 15: [Mini Regional Scholarship](#)

- \$1500 per region, with up to \$500 per scholarship
- (For activities taking place between November 15 – May 15)
- May be used for Non-Alpha Delta Kappa sponsored conferences, classes, or workshops
- Members engaged in education or retired from education are eligible

# STATE COMMITTEES

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER



As International President Judy Ganzert proclaims, we welcome a new biennium of infinite possibilities. The pandemic has forced us to be creative, reflective, and mindful of how interconnected we are. As we recognize and celebrate the unwavering efforts of those before us, it is time for us to take the leap by spreading the word about this wonderful organization and welcoming others to our membership. The membership team--Amy Katsumoto, Louise Cayetano, and Susan Okano--is honored to work with the chapters on this undertaking. It is our goal that each chapter recruit or reinstate at least one new member this year. It would be a glorious accomplishment if we ended the year with a positive net growth.

One of the tools to help us realize our membership goal is the Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA). It encourages the chapter to reflect upon its strengths and areas for growth and is valuable when planning for the biennium. We applaud all 16 chapters for receiving a pearl for timely submission of the CNA. Hooray!

Speaking of pearls, the highly regarded 7-pearl awards were granted to Gamma, Delta, Iota, Kappa, Lambda, Mu, Nu, and Xi Chapters. These chapters had met the seven criteria and were recognized at the Northwest/Southwest Regional Premiere Event on August 28, 2020. President Jeanne Chang was also honored by receiving the 2018-2020 Southwest Service Award for her outstanding efforts with membership development. Warmest congratulations to the chapters and to Jeanne.

Following this Regional Premiere Event was the first-ever All Regions Virtual Conference. International Vice President for Membership Betty Jo Evers presented a session entitled, "Heart-to-Heart: Membership Retention." Several of our chapters had indicated in their CNAs that retention was a challenge. Betty Jo explained that recruitment starts with "ME" and retention starts with the power of "WE." It is important that the sponsor of the new member shares her knowledge of Alpha Delta Kappa and mentors the new recruit. To maintain retention of our members, however, we all must make our sisters feel welcome, connected, and valued. Let's do this!

Finally, a fun-filled event is in the works. To ignite and excite interested teachers in learning about Alpha Delta Kappa, a Membership Tea will be held on Monday, February 15, 2021, 9:30-noon, in the Kaimuki High School Library. Please invite prospective teachers to this festive occasion. Stay tuned for more information.

May this biennium be enlightening, memorable, and joyful for all of you.

With sisterly affection,

*Susan Okano, S/P/N President  
Elect/Membership Committee Chair*



*Amy Katsumoto, S/P/N  
Membership Consultant*

*Louise Cayetano, S/P/N  
Membership Consultant*



### WHY I JOINED AΔK?

- I joined AΔK for fellowship with lifelong sisters and educators
- I joined AΔK for the opportunity to travel across the USA, Canada & Puerto Rico
- I joined AΔK for scholarships to use for my own education or in my classroom
- I joined AΔK for the opportunity to be a leader in the organization
- I joined AΔK for monthly get-togethers with friends and fellow educators
- I joined AΔK to help support St. Jude Hospital, Alzheimer's Association and other worthy causes
- I joined AΔK to network with and support actively engaged teachers
- I joined AΔK to make a difference and have fun doing it!
- I joined AΔK to make life long memories

From Betty Jo Evers, Arizona Iota



## SCIENCE BOWL

### Announcing an Opportunity for Students and AΔK Volunteers

Julie Shimonishi, Science Bowl Chair



For Hawai'i students who are motivated by science, technology, engineering and math, an opportunity to represent Hawai'i at the National Science Bowl in 2021 will be opening up for them. Registration will begin from October-December 2020 with hopes that 20 school teams will register for the JANUARY 30, 2021 Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl to be held virtually from the students' individual homes or schools rather than at Honolulu Community College. For our AΔK volunteers, although check-ins, room monitoring, t-shirts and bentos have been suspended, help is very much needed for volunteers to be *scorekeepers*. If there's a curiosity in learning more about being a scorekeeper in a virtual platform, do volunteer and contact Julie by OCTOBER 30 at [jshimonishi004@gmail.com](mailto:jshimonishi004@gmail.com).

From the Honolulu Star Advertiser—Kathy Tanaka (Amsterdam) 8/2/20 & Linda Shimamoto (Okinawa) 9/6/20: *"Signs of Hawaii Life in the Universe"* HAΔK sisters bringing World Understanding a little closer to home!



While on a walking tour in Amsterdam on the last day of a Christmas Market river cruise in December, Kathy Tanaka came upon a restaurant that sold poke bowls. Photo by Naomi Yap.



While on a N&K Travel Service tour in Okinawa, Japan, in January, Linda Shimamoto, Raby Saito and Flora Kaneshiro discovered Sam's Maui restaurant in Naha. Photo by Diane Suzuki.

## Heroes in the Classroom: Special Feature to KPH

Submitted by Alohilani Okamura

As we watch the news, the anxiety and concern for our working sisters are palpable and real as the new school year commences. The frustration and innovation needed in designing a model that is best for all of our keiki is met by empty classrooms void of children's laughter and play.

This article is dedicated to our heroes in the classrooms. This collaborative project invited all 16 chapters statewide to highlight our working sisters who are rewriting the blueprint of education in Hawai'i. Here we showcase the bright lights of HAΔK members who are currently teaching—our frontline heroes who are meeting the challenges of teaching in this crazy and unpredictable time.

HAΔK sisters were asked the question, with the idea that even in this era of Covid-19, we can remember the core of teaching. **"What brings you joy in teaching/working in education?"**

A special mahalo to Jo Ann Mastin (Xi), Lori Okamura (Lambda), Ellen Schroeder (Nu), Valerie Okihara (Epsilon) and chapter presidents and Ka Pine Ho'ohui chairpersons for assisting and disseminating information.

## Heroes: "What Brings You Joy in Teaching/Working in Education?"

"The innate joy that bursts from our littlest preschoolers and pre-kindergarteners in smiling eyes, frantic waves, and 'Hello, Mrs. Okamura' and 'That's my Library Teacher!'"



**Lori Bruner Okamura  
(Lambda) Hongwanji  
Mission School**

The excitement of elementary students who proudly finished their library book "all by myself" ... The growing confidence of middle schoolers as they develop their skills and shine as unique individuals."



**Doreen Dudoit (Xi)  
Roosevelt High School**

"I enjoy working with the students. It's a joy to see them develop and grow and influence their peers in positive ways."



**Mariana John Cronin (Nu)  
Kapolei Middle School**

"The relationships I build with my students make being their teacher seem like talking story with family, which always bring me joy."



**Liesl Eng (Beta) Ala  
Wai School, Gr.4**

"It brings me joy to know that I am making a difference in nurturing our keiki to become lifelong learners. I am empowering my students to become global citizens in this world of technology."



**Lori Dillon (Zeta) Saint  
Louis School**

"Getting to know my students personally."



**Salmasina Fulmaorio (Nu)  
Saint Louis School  
World Language**

"Children"

## Heroes...



"The positive energy that comes from my students and fellow teachers."

**Corrine Kalani (Delta) Hilo Waiakea District Office**



"I enjoy seeing students excited about learning. It's inspiring to see their passion and interests in so many different things. Although teaching can be challenging, it is rewarding when students apply or comprehend a taught skill."

**Alana Kaopuiki-Peleigrino  
(Gamma) Kamehameha School-Elementary, Maui**



"Building positive relationships with my co-workers, students, and their families."

**Nicole Kawasaki (Gamma)  
Waihee School**



faces and hear their happy voices. (Even with masks on) This is what brings me "Joy." I also love to teach the children Math, Science, Art,

**Joy Koyanagi (Alpha)  
Kuapa Preschool  
3-4 years old**

Engineering and a little technology because they have

that on a daily basis at home. I try to teach them basic manners and how to show kindness towards their friends. I also love Language and Literacy when I read to the children. I like them to become the main character in the story. They will remember the story and by the end of the week most of them remember almost word for word the story which I read and they acted out. This is why I love teaching and as long as I can, I will."

"What brings me joy in teaching and working in education are getting to know my students, teaching them things they can use in their future, learning cool things from them about their pop culture, and working alongside other dedicated professionals."



**Kristina Lee (Beta)  
Moanalua Middle School  
Science and CTE**

## Heroes...



**Carrieanne Martinson  
(Lambda) Waikele  
Elementary**

"Those moments when the students show they are getting what I am trying to teach."



**JoAnn Mastin (Xi)  
Campbell High School**

"My students bring me joy. When they realize their capacity to learn all on their own with some nudges from our community of educators, it's the ultimate gift."



**Alohilani Okamura (Nu)  
UH Manoa, College of Education**

"When students take an idea or concept you've taught them and they own it and make it their own."



**Nadine Okazawa (Epsilon)  
Princess Victoria Ka'iulani  
Elementary School**

"When students are excited about what they have learned."



**Amanda Nelson (Lambda)  
Ke Kula Kalapuni 'O Pu'ohala  
School**

"Seeing my students faces light up when they learn something new about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) brings me joy in teaching!"



**Pascale Creek Pinner (Delta)  
Hilo Intermediate School -  
Science Department**

"The smiling and engaged faces of my students when they learn something new or discover something they've never seen before. After 33 years, I also enjoy still learning new information, virtual teaching platforms and lots of great science ideas."

## Heroes...



**Sandy Ramiscal (Xi)**  
**Farrington High School**

"Every day is always an adventure. Even when it gets challenging, awesome colleagues are there to support you. I love helping these kids --even when I tell them, 'You are really making me work hard for my money.' They appreciate how hard we all work."



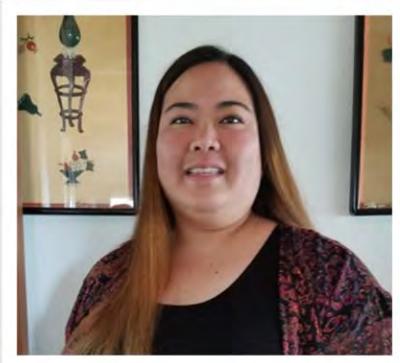
**Cynthia Razga (Alpha)**  
**Inclusive Practice**

"The students!!"



**Sherry Rose (Beta)**  
**Farrington High School**

"Making a positive difference in the lives of my students."



**Jennifer Saito (Gamma)**  
**Wailuku Elementary School**

"Seeing a student have an "Aha!" moment and being a part of it brings me joy."



**Lorelei Saito (Xi)**  
**Punahou School, Junior School**  
**Social Studies**

"Watching my students grow into their potential brings me joy. Middle school is a time when students are still finding their identity and passion. While we may not see the fruits of our labor immediately, learning about my students' future achievements (college, scholarships, internships, careers, families, service work, etc.) is truly the best part of being an educator."



**Crystal Shigate (Gamma)**  
**Pu'u Kukui Elementary School**

"Seeing the joy in the student's faces when they learn a new concept."

## Heroes...



**Kathleen Shiramizu (Beta)**  
**Farrington High School**

"Improving the quality of life of my Sped students by making them to be self-sufficient."



**Diane Cristina Williams**  
**(Nu) Saint Louis Schools**  
**World Language**

"I love my profession. Working in education gives me the opportunity to make a positive impact in people's lives. My biggest joy is witnessing my students grow as individuals and as Spanish learners. I cherish the time I spend with them. We learn and laugh while developing a positive classroom community. By the time they complete the school year, we have built lasting memories that will always be in theirs too. If I'm successful."

"Though few and far between, it's little things that continue to keep my cup of joy filled. It's not about the material things from students. It's about the gift of expression from the hearts of students in the way they know how to express their gratitude and appreciation for what and who you are as their teacher and the impact you've made on them to be a better person."



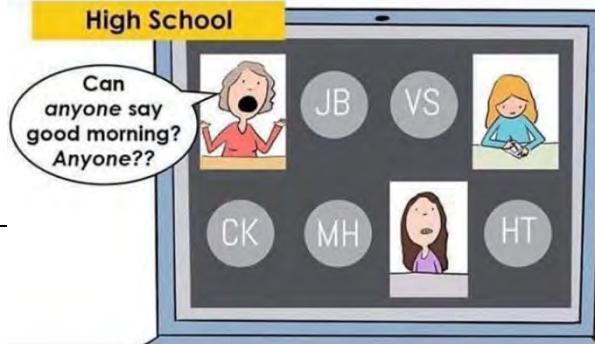
**Diane Tom-Ogata (Nu)**  
**Farrington High School**  
**Science**

## Online Class: Elementary vs. High School

### Elementary School



### High School



*Thank you again to our frontline heroes! We know there are many more of you out there and we wish we had more time to collect photos and feature all of our hard-working HAΔK sisters in the new norm. As a fellow*

*10-year veteran colleague stated in one of our Webex meetings, "Boy, this year feels like being a brand-new teacher. I am testing new lessons for different learning platforms, rewriting lessons and assignments, learning to use new delivery methodologies, changing my assessment strategies, etc., whew...I am exhausted."*

## CHAPTERS "TAKE THAT LEAP"

### GAMMA



Faith Ito, 2020-2022 Hawaii  
Gamma President

Once there was a 15-year AΔK member who had never been to a regional conference. When she heard about the conference being held in July 2018 in Anchorage, Alaska, she signed up to go. What a fun and educational trip it was! The camaraderie of our chapter sisters and the new friends she met from the Northwest and Southwest regions were wonderful. No one at the conference was a stranger.

Usually the slate of officers is decided before the previous biennium ends but our chapter had a missing link. No one was willing to be the president-elect or VP. I was often asked to consider that position. I agreed to be the treasurer but I didn't feel confident that I could be the president so always declined.

I, Faith Ito, am NOW the president of Hawaii Gamma chapter. What changed my mind? Hearing at that time International President Sue Pelchat tell about her chapter story of almost dissolving because of the sisters not wanting to hold office. So, she held several of the offices. I thought, my gosh, how dedicated she is and how could she be teaching and also be holding several offices? She did it though. So, I talked to my roommate at the conference and she was OK with being the treasurer and I took the leap to be VP. That's how this story began and I know this story will continue with many more adventures for not only for myself, but for my sisters who I encourage take the leap into leadership roles.

I taught elementary school for 30 years with the last 20 in kindergarten. I loved the stories the children would tell at that age. I emphasized to the students that they

were part of the school's 'ohana so we needed to treat each other with respect and to help each other like family.

I live on a farm with avocado and persimmon trees in Kula. Having all the fresh air and space to walk around has helped during the pandemic as I stay at home. In my spare time, I like to volunteer, read, and make lei.

It will be definitely different as meetings will be virtual for a while rather than in person but sisters from the state level as well my chapter have been terrific at helping a tech challenged person like me to learn and grow to navigate through Zoom meetings. I feel that the strength of AΔK is the super sisters who are willing to help and mentor others so we can be better teachers, leaders and community helpers.

My goal for Gamma is "Sprinkling Joy" to others by doing altruistic activities. This will bring joy to the ones we help and in turn we bring joy to ourselves. Let's have an awesome biennium by "Taking the Leap" and "Sprinkling Joy." 



Volunteer Joan O'Lear, left, and Kiwanis Club of the Valley Isle members Jan Shishido and Rachel Ball-Phillips helped Feed My Sheep distribute bags of food to those newly in need during a recent drive-thru event at the old swap meet site in Kahului.

Gamma's Jan Shishido, pictured above (center) in the [Honolulu Star Advertiser](#) 6/16/20. "Group Effort on the Valley Isle" by Michael Tsai. Several Maui organizations (Maui Foodbank, Salvation Army, and Feed My Sheep) came together to distribute food bags to those in need of assistance. Thank you, Jan, for being one of the volunteers helping to distribute the food!

This story also appeared Sunday in the Star Advertiser's Maui Edition.

## ZETA

Suzanne Hee and Clare Ho first collaborated over forty years ago as graduate students at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's School of Library Studies. Fast-forward to 2020, they continue to join forces as Zeta's co-presidents for the new biennium.

Zeta's theme, "Inspire Others", is fundamental to State President Jeanne's theme, "Take That Leap!". As members plan and execute Zeta's programs and projects, the sharing of each member's unique experiences and expertise ensures great synergy. Planned topics for our professional and personal growth include "Sharing a Talent", Technology HELP, and Jewelry-Making.



Altruism continues to be our focus. Adopt-A-Nonprofit Organization is a major goal for this biennium. We will also continue to support the following programs: Sisters Excelling Together (assisting practicing Zeta sisters in their classroom), Hawaii Food Bank Drive, Easter tray favors for hospitals and senior care homes, and individual participation in various State and private programs (Alzheimer's Walk, St. Jude Walk, Komen Walk, Hawaii Science Bowl, Honolulu District Speech Festival, Sew a Lei for Memorial Day, and YWCA Leader Luncheon).

Suzanne Hee  
Zeta Co-President



Retired from Kahala Elementary School, Suzanne is presently a substitute teacher, part-time teacher, and summer school site manager at Wilson Elementary School. This is the second biennium for Suzanne as Zeta's President. On the HADK level, she was the 2002 State Convention Chair for State President Kay Yogi and is looking forward to becoming a Silver Sister in 2022!!

Fairly new to AΔK, Clare retired from Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama High School. In her spare time, she volunteers at the Friends of the Library of Hawaii and for Sisters Excelling Together. She is inspired by her Zeta sisters and the 80+ year old women in her aqua classes at the YMCA.



Clare Ho  
Zeta Co-President

On being co-presidents during the present situation of Covid-19, we are practicing having a "growth mindset": \*in reaching out: to our Zeta members (May chapter meeting via ZOOM, more frequent use of USPS, emails, texts, and telephone calls) and on other HADK-related matters (via ZOOM); \*in being resilient with the cancellations of the State Convention and the Regional Conference; and \*in embracing an optimistic view of the "new normal." 

## IOTA

Iota Chapter's president is Florence Pike of Waikaloa, Hawaii. She comes to us with an impressive resume. Florence was an educator for 35 years at the elementary level, where she made a positive impact on many young lives. She has been an active member of AΔK for over 25 years, was president of a chapter in California, and is a Silver Sister.

Florence traveled widely throughout Europe, Mexico, and the United States before relocating to Hawaii a few years ago. She and her husband Leonard enjoy cooking and are devoted to their German Shepherd-Husky mix dog, Snowy. It was a wonderful day when he came into their lives. Florence was a Master Gardener and a docent at Moorten Botanical Garden in Palm Springs, California. Not resting on her laurels, she is also a West Hawaii Master Gardener.

An avid reader, one of Florence's favorite books is *Gone with the Wind*, which she read in third grade. Yes, you read that correctly. She was an introverted child who loved to read and she recalls her family's



Iota's President: Florence Pike

## IOTA (continued)

encyclopedias that came with a set of classics. She read them all. It is clear that Florence is one brilliant lady!

During the pandemic, Florence began watching the Netflix series, Heartland. It's one of her favorites and can keep her entertained for hours. Her dear husband wanted to keep her safe so he did all the shopping and she didn't leave her home for six weeks. She has been dealing with a significant family illness that has helped her know that she is much stronger than she believed. Florence has a new appreciation for just how precious, and often short, our lives can be. She wants everyone to remember "how important it is to tell your loved ones each day how much they mean to you."

She says her Iota sisters are awesome and is particularly grateful to Joann and Linda for their assistance. When asked about a favorite quote or saying, Florence immediately said, "Dare to venture." When she was asked to be a mentor teacher, she stepped outside her comfort zone and actually dared to venture! Florence realizes that leading our Chapter, during the pandemic, may be quite difficult. Ever the delightful optimist, she believes we can be successful with everyone's help! Iota Chapter is fortunate to have Florence Pike as our president.

## IOTA OTHER NEWS

The members of Iota Chapter have been keeping busy while closely following health guidelines to maintain their well-being and safety. Here are some of the interesting events and fun activities that have taken place recently.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Science Day was held at the University of Hawaii at Hilo on January 25. More than 500 students in grades 3-12



NASA Astronaut Shane Kimbrough was the keynote speaker at the Ellison Onizuka Science Day

attended the event featuring dozens of STEM themed workshops and interactive displays, including one hosted by Nancy Tashima.

The keynote speaker was NASA Astronaut, R. Shane Kimbrough who shared the touching story of "returning to space" Ellison's soccer ball which was recovered from the Challenger.

February 12, Iota members hosted an AΔK



Nancy Tashima hosted a booth at the HSTA INSTITUTE DAY

Booth at the HSTA Institute Day held at Kealakehe High School. Coordinated by Shirley McCoy, District teachers learned about the goals and services provided by Iota Chapter and received AΔK informational brochures.

In an additional booth, Nancy Tashima provided free STEM materials and resources for teachers including posters, Planet lithographs, bookmarks, 3-D images of the Sun with viewing glasses, and curriculum materials for use in their classrooms.

During the month of April, our members donated candy-filled plastic eggs to the children at The Homes of Ulu Wini, a transitional housing complex. More than 200 deserving children were thrilled to receive special gift bags containing the eggs and other treats. Altruistic chair, Sharon Skibby ably spearheaded this annual event by collecting and delivering the more than

500 eggs and treats.



Iota sisters donated candy-filled eggs to The Homes of Ulu Wini

Iota members were pleased to welcome two new educators and held a virtual initiation for them via Zoom. Presidents, Linda Dixon and JoAnn Iwane guided us through the Initiation with the technical support from Membership Chair, Kari Swangel. On May 21, Donna Monti and Marissa Rosenbloom were officially initiated and are wonderful additions to the Iota roster. They have already volunteered to be on the Ka Pine Ho'ohui and Scholarship Committees, respectively. Thank you, ladies, and welcome to Iota, Donna and Marissa!

## KAPPA

Meet Kappa's President, Anne Kuroda!

As we rise to meet the challenges of the 2020-2022 biennium, Kappa chapter's team of capable officers is led by president, Anne Kuroda.



Anne & husband Randy pose with granddaughters,  
Taylor & Isabelle

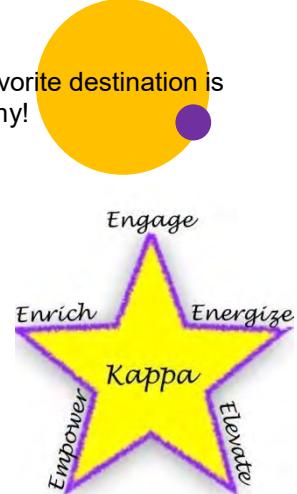
During her 39-year career with the DOE, Anne taught English, drama and reading at Stevenson (4 yrs.), Kalakaua (12 yrs.) and Kailua Intermediate Schools (10 yrs.). While teaching at Kailua, Anne returned to the University of Hawaii to earn a degree in library and information sciences. She spent her final 13 years with the DOE as a teacher/librarian at Castle High School. Incidentally, Anne graduated from Castle High, and it is also the alma mater of her three children.

Kappa's new president retired in 2011 and loves the time she has spent babysitting her two granddaughters. When time permits, she enjoys

traveling with her husband. Their favorite destination is Japan because the food is so yummy!

Anne believes that Kappa's strength lies in the bond our sisters have forged with one another. Together, they share the energy and love that sustains us in good and bad times. She truly feels that: "Sisters are like stars, they make things brighter."

Among other things, stars symbolize light in darkness, spirit and hope. Kappa's symbol for the biennium represents elements that we need to nourish that inner "light."



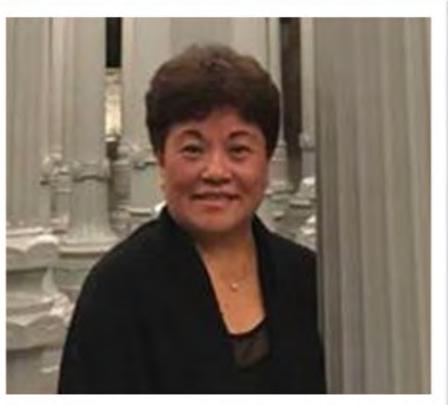
Although eager to resume face-to-face meetings and in-person altruistic projects, Kappa is ready to tackle the new biennium with Zoom meetings, along with other creative methods of connecting with AΔK sisters and the rest of the world.

**Kappa is so fortunate to have Anne lead as our President!**

Taylor & Isabelle



## BETA



Kathy in front of the Los Angeles County Museum & Art (LACMA)

AΔK Beta's 2020-22 biennium chapter president, Kathleen Shiramizu, is a vivacious highly energetic, capable, and talented person. Kathleen's theme for the biennium is to "Be the Inspiration", a gift given, which is priceless and comes from the heart and changes the world. It starts from one shining sister (star) to another and includes the many talents and ideas given by each sister. In the end, we become the rainbow, 'an inspiration to others'.

Born and raised in Honolulu, Kathy graduated from Kalani High School, a violinist in Kalani's orchestra, the Hawaii Jr. Youth Symphony, and Hawaii Youth Symphony. She graduated with a B. Ed. in Special Education from UH Manoa, and a Masters of Special Education from Grand Canyon University. Currently, a Special Education Teacher at Farrington HS, she is known for her compassion for others and passion to teach towards the normalization principle that all students will achieve a high quality of life and attain independence to contribute back to the community. In 2016, she created the Acts of Kindness (AoK) Program at Farrington HS for her CBI & Life Skills

## BETA (continued)

students, providing the school with free Aloha shirts as students and faculty displayed Random Acts of Kindness. Kathy nurtured in her students valued retail skills towards competitive employment, and introduced altruism through the "Helping Us, Helping Others" project by gifting donated children's books and stuffed animal bundles to community agencies like LDAH (Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement in Hawaii) and Kahauiki Village (a project of affordable housing for the less fortunate).

Kathy believes in 'presence, purpose, and paths' as meant to inspire the best in any individual. In 2009, AΔK Beta Chapter was an integral turning point in Kathy's professional career, putting everything in 'perspective'. Her upcoming goals include educating teachers of AΔK through membership, creating community partners to support Beta's projects, and leaving a legacy.

Kathy loves music, contemporary jazz, and pianist Yiruma. Besides being a proactive educator, she is also a Rotarian, an Alliance for Drama Education Board member, and an Independent Marketing Executive for Melaleuca. 



*Beta's 20-22 Logo, designed by Beta sister, Trina Lee*

## XI

Doreen Dudoit is a super teacher and Xi Chapter's "Superhero-President" this biennium! She is the Student Activities Coordinator at Roosevelt High School and has been busy with the student council,

grade level councils, and is also the advisor to the RHS students in the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders. (There are CTL clubs in the public and private high schools statewide and you may have seen some of their editorials in the Honolulu Star Advertiser.) Prior to that she was the Peer Education Coordinator and before that was in the social studies department at RHS teaching Modern History of Hawaii and US History.



*Xi's Superhero Doreen Dudoit dons a purple bow and red boa, educating and inspiring our next generation is her super power!*

She shared with us a professional experience that has influenced her personally. "I had a student contact me while she was in college. I had her as a Peer Education student and one of the topics we always covered was how to deal with a friend who is in a bad state of mind (you don't keep that to yourself and you go to the professionals, teacher, or a counselor to help). Anyway, this former student contacted me because she had a friend she was concerned about. What this reminds me is how much of an impact teachers have on our students years to come and we

have a great responsibility in developing our students, not just academically, but socially, emotionally and morally. Our students are going out and impacting others."

Now with the COVID 19 pandemic, we asked Doreen how it has affected her teaching. "I miss having daily contact with my students. I also realized how important it was for me to have closure at the end of the year. I never thought much about how important it was to say goodbye to my students, especially the seniors at the end of the year. When we were not able to return to school after spring break I felt something was left unfinished. I was not able to tell them the things I would have when the year ended."

Doreen is relatively new to Alpha Delta Kappa and Xi Chapter (7 years) and she enjoys the company and conversations with the ladies in Xi chapter. They are



*Xi's Superhero guised in civilian clothes enjoying shaved ice with her grandchildren*

## XI (continued)

such kind, caring individuals. She also finds that sharing company and conversations with others outside of your normal work and personal life makes things more interesting, especially when getting together to do altruistic projects or when we used to get together at some of the more social meetings and conferences.

For this biennium, Doreen is going to make sure we accomplish ADK's mission of Educational Excellence, Altruism, and World Understanding. Her goals are to ensure that when we meet as a group we will include

educational ideas and topics that will help our current teachers in the field. Now with the COVID 19, and the recent national protests, she would like to further promote World Understanding. With her social studies background Doreen is the perfect leader to bring World Understanding to the forefront. Lastly, altruistic causes will certainly be major focal points and projects for XI. Again, with everything happening in the world right now, there are many groups and people who will be needing help and if we can help each other out in big and small ways it will surely help society as a whole!

## XI SEW-AT-HOME TO HELP SAVE LIVES

By Maxine Joe

In the early spring of 2020, the fast-spreading COVID-19 pandemic reached Hawaii. When growing numbers required hospital care, medical centers in Hawaii as well as across the U.S. were unable to obtain essential supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE). Some frontline workers had to resort to wearing, sterilizing, and reusing protective masks the next day.

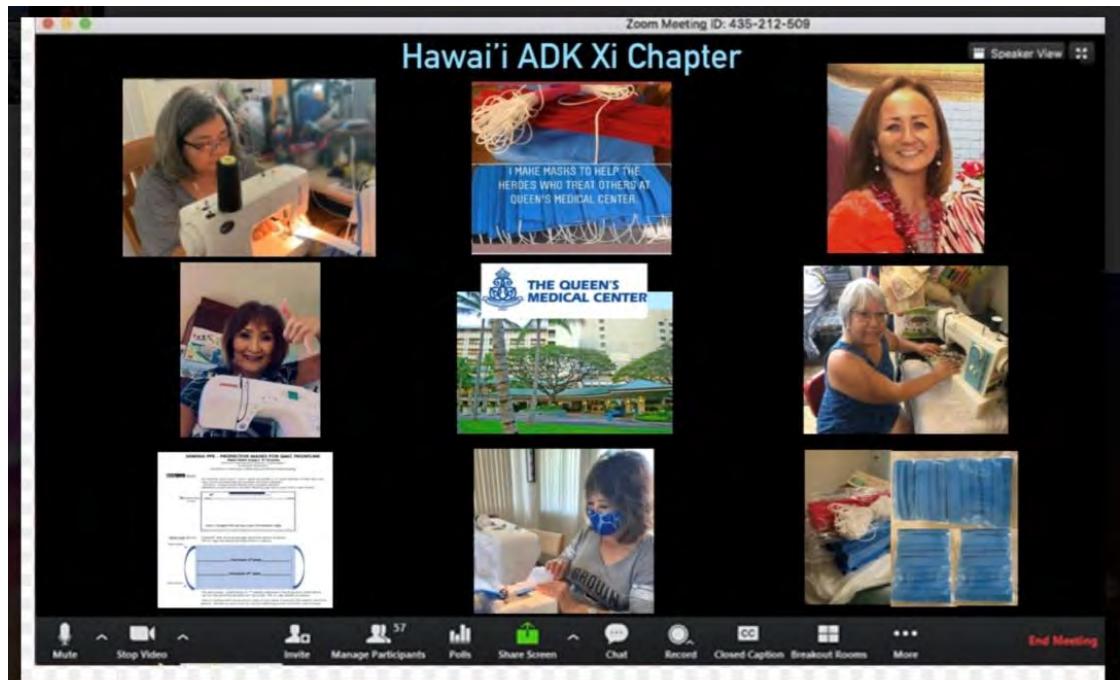
When Xi Chapter sisters learned of the critical supply shortage, they formed a virtual Xi Protective Mask Factory. During a mandated stay-at-home order, sisters swung into altruistic action by joining a group of volunteers who sewed protective masks for Queen's Medical Center (QMC). Xi volunteers dusted off their sewing machines and revitalized sewing skills that had somehow fallen by the wayside while they busily juggled their home, teaching and administrative lives.

At the beginning of every week, QMC provided the mask supplies - medical grade fabric, pipe cleaners, and elastic yardage. Xi volunteers followed a pattern, industriously sewed and completed hundreds of masks. Xi relatives joined in the effort by providing auxiliary help such as distributing supplies to the volunteers' homes, picking

up the completed masks and delivering them to QMC at the end of the week.

Mask production and stockpiling continued until mid-May, when the spread of Covid-19 slowed in the community. Increased mask supply, incoming funding and business donations enabled QMC to put a temporary hold on the mask production.

Xi Chapter volunteers were glad to do what they could to help protect hardworking, dedicated frontline workers who place their lives at risk as they strive to save the lives of others. 



## ETA

Bianca Kusatsu, also known as Binky, is our newly installed president of the Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa, Eta Chapter, for the 2020-2022 biennium. Initiated to Eta Chapter in 2001 she brings to the chapter an unwavering passion to lead with the "heart and mind" attitude. Her theme, "Pūpūkahi I Holomua, United We Thrive, Grow, Progress" encompasses five goals.

- To celebrate Eta sisters' talents and gifts,
- To experience new opportunities that take them outside of their comfort zone,
- To continue to explore our diverse ethnic communities,
- To effectively navigate in Google Applications (drives, slides, docs, etc.),
- And to support altruistic legacy projects.

*Eta President: Binky Kusatsu*



We all have a story to tell as to why we became a teacher. Binky's inspiration came while completing a zoological assignment at the Waikiki Aquarium. During this visit, she and her husband, Tom, had the privilege to chat with Spencer Tinker, director of the Waikiki Aquarium at that time, about science, life, and the future. As a former teacher and zoology professor at the University of Hawai'i, he shared his thoughts about teaching and education. He said that there would always be a need for teachers, even in the toughest of times. This thought left a lasting impression on her that after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development, she went back to the University of Hawai'i and received a teaching certificate. She loved every minute of being an educator.

Throughout her career, she held many positions. Binky has been a K-6 classroom teacher and taught English to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders during two summers. She was also an acting Vice-principal, Central District's math resource teacher, and a school's Student Services Coordinator. Although at times hesitant to accept these positions, she found that these challenges and change of positions gave her a more comprehensive, global perspective view of children, education, and life itself.

On a personal level, Binky loves to bake, cook, and create new recipes. Her family and Eta chapter sisters enjoy her yummy creations. Binky and Tom have recently taken the responsibility of caring for her 96-

year-old mother at their home. Next year, she and Tom will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with their three children and seven grandchildren.

## ETA SISTERS DURING QUARANTINE

Here are some things Eta Sisters did to keep themselves occupied during the Stay-At-Home order from March to August, 2020.

**Joy Takara** prepared meals for first responders, health workers and others in the community at the Waipahu High School Food Service Academy, sewed masks for the community as well as for the office workers, culinary board partners, seniors and homeless groups, and helped with the coordination of the senior graduation.

**Claire Kurasaki** assisted teachers with their technology needs as the lessons went online during the students' distance learning from home.

**Betty Arai** helped teachers supplement the activities they posted for their students. She also updated the library's webpage to support students for research work and for recreational reading.

**Candy Yanagihara** found nurturing and growing plants to be a safe haven in this time of the pandemic. In turn the plants nurtured her mind, soul, and body... including her tummy. Yum!

**Miki Maeshiro** worked from home planning curriculum with her team, found some time to walk, enjoyed her yard and tested out new recipes.



*Candy Yanagihara & her plants!*

**Sandy Shimabukuro** and **Phyllis Muranaka**, our super crafters, tackled special craft projects that have been put on hold for too long.

**Jocelyn Mokulehua** not only tended to her orchids, but also quilted, crocheted, sewed new projects, and found new ways to cook those mystery freezer items.

**Binky Kusatsu** Zoomed with family and friends here and on the mainland, as well as cooking, baking, and creating/sharing new recipes.

**Elsie Tanaka** found time to take Mind-Clearing walks.

**Vera Arita** exercised to alleviate boredom and volunteered at the unemployment office at the Convention Center 3 days a week. She also went to Waialua Farmer's Market with her husband and swam at Ali'i Beach in Haleiwa.

**Chris Taylor** reorganized her house, fixed up her yard, and read through all her magazines.

## ETA (continued)

**Arleen Young** walked with her group every morning, did yard work, cleaned windows, and actually cooked.

**Carol Kuroda** watched Japanese documentaries and travel programs on NHK TV as well as cleaned out boxes and shelves.

**Sylvia Wee** tackled the "mess" on her for-real desk and her virtual desktop, clearing out the thousands of emails and sorted out hundreds of pictures. She also baked, read, and made dozens of masks.

**Gail Watanabe** and **Pat Tochiki** used YouTube tutorials to learn new things such as crocheting and water color. Gail also found time to needlepoint and grow fantastic vegetables.

### June

#### Watanabe's

favorite

COVID-19

pastime

included

watching lots  
of TV shows  
and movies  
(old and new).  
... a real couch  
potato!

### Elaine

#### Tsuchiyama

enjoyed baking  
with her  
grandchildren.

**Kathy Au** learned to make backing tracks for practice on the steel guitar.

**Myrna Sugiyama** sewed lots of masks for friends and family.

**Yvonne Toma** continued to refine her journaling skills by reviewing older journals, pulling what seemed significant now, and writing those in a new journal.

**Joy Nishimura** coordinated the Tsuru for Solidarity Project sponsored by the JCCH. Eighteen Eta sisters spent time folding tsuru numbering in the thousands.

**Betty Yoshida, Myrna Nishihara, and Val Okihara** helped Meredith and the HAΔK Executive Board wrap up her biennium.

**Val, Betty, and Arleen** learned Zoom and now are our Zoomer experts.

**Carol Ellis** did Body Combat routine at home with YouTube since she couldn't go to gym class at 24-Hour Fitness.



June Watanabe and her collection of movies & TV shows



Carol Ellis' body combat routine

**Susan Tamashiro** cleaned, cleaned, and cleaned. She also worked in her garden and checked out the deserted beaches at Ko Olina.

**Anne Hedani and Yvonne Toma** are ensconced at Arcadia with meticulous care provided by the staff using the strict guidelines set by the state.

**Shirley Ibe** cared for her husband, and babysat her great-grandchildren and provided necessary academic instructions and activities to keep them occupied.

**Pat Takamiya** provided childcare for her grandkids.

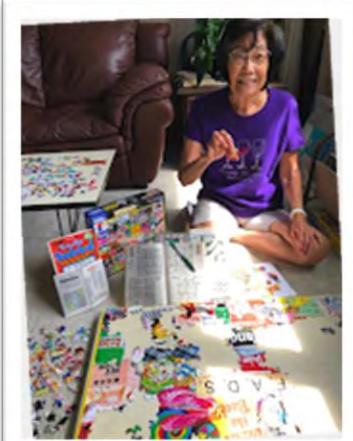
**Betty Yoshida** did puzzles, games, sanitized, tried new recipes, washed the fence, painted the garage door, did online learning and decluttered.

**Stella Shido** sewed dozens of masks for family and friends, and grew vegetables-lettuce, spinach, daikon, and chois.

**Clara Goto** revived her macramé skills of decades past and created a hanger for a glass ball found at Kailua beach long ago, a pair of curtain pull backs, and a macramé hanging celebrating the Hot Air Balloon Ride in Albuquerque, NM, 2002.

**Sharon Holaday** tried raising an herb garden, went on drives around the island to get fresh air and enjoyed the scenery. She also started texting and zooming with family and Eta sisters.

**Daisy Ishihara** had a daily routine of up at 5:30 am, walked at 6:30, on the computer at 7:00 and challenged her mind in the afternoon doing Sudoku, crossword puzzles, and putting together 1000-piece puzzles! ☺



Daisy Ishihara & her 1000-piece puzzle

## Speaking of Puzzles...Here's a Word Scramble

1. APNPKA	
2. SIETSSR	
3. CHREPAT	
4. RVLIES	
5. SIRUAMLT	
6. BEGAD	
7. RDANG	
8. LVITEO	
9. ELBSTA	
10. HCTAE	
11. IGTCOLEALE	
12. LPAM	
13. EMILRSAEZH'	
14. GEREK	
15. LYSBAW	

## ALPHA

"FIND JOY in YOUR JOURNEY"

Alpha's awesome Chapter President is Joy Yoshimura, aka Joy Y. since we are blessed with two Joys.



President Joy Yoshimura

teacher in charge of the Intensive Learning Center (ILC) that serviced behaviorally challenged students in the Honolulu District complex area.

Joy is happily married to Ed for almost 37 years and has a daughter, Kelli. She is a resident of Manoa and in addition to being a teacher she has been an aerobics instructor for 36 years!

Joy was initiated into Alpha Delta Kappa on May 22, 2003 and served as chapter president from 2010-2012.

*In Taking the Leap to Lead,  
Joy's theme is---*

*"Find Joy in Your Journey".*

*She defines Alpha's purpose  
in the following ways:*

*Joy is a feeling of great  
pleasure and happiness*

*Life is a journey filled with  
lessons, hardships,*

*heartaches, joys, celebrations  
and special moments that will  
ultimately lead us to our destination, our purpose in  
life.*

*The road will not always be smooth; in fact, throughout  
our travels, we will encounter many challenges.*

*Life is a journey, not a destination can be interpreted  
as a healthy balance between doing and being,  
between planning and letting go, between producing  
results and going through the required processes.  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson)*

*The journey itself is the longest part of the destination.*



President's Logo

Joy has been a special education teacher with the Department of Education since September 1981. She is currently a preschool special education teacher at Koko Head Elementary. She also heads the special education department there.

For most of her teaching career, she worked as a special education

*The destination is just a moment. It is a moment that will lead us on our journey to reach our goal and what helps to bring the change in us.*

*The journey is more important than the destination because it can be manipulated while the destination can't. You somehow have to reach the same destination but you can choose how the journey should be.*

*The doing is often more important than the outcome.*

*Focusing on the journey also shines light on what else you get out of trying to reach your goals.*

*By setting out to achieve a goal, you're forming new habits, striving towards something bigger than yourself and living life with a purpose.*

Alpha Chapter is dedicating this 2020-2022 Biennium to their beloved Alpha Diamond Sister Ethel Hasegawa who was an active Alpha Delta Kappa Sister for as long as Joy has been alive. Ethel became Alpha's Angel in Heaven on June 11, 2020.

Alpha Sisters will continue to keep Ethel Hasegawa's legacy alive through their great work in promoting educational excellence, altruism and world understanding. 



Joy with Diamond sister Ethel Hasegawa

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NU

Aloha mai kākou! It is with great humility that I serve as president of Nu chapter.

It is an honor to belong to an organization of smart, kind and loving educators. I believe that my choice to be an educator was somehow embedded in my DNA, as my father taught in the DOE as a Japanese language teacher, and retired after 37 years from Aiea High School, while my mother also taught in the DOE as an English teacher, and retired after 34 years from Waipahu High School. As my journey as an educator began, it was my last day of student teaching at Kalani High School where I absolutely knew that teaching is the profession I needed to be in.



Nu President Alohilani Okamura

As the students presented me with their congratulations for obtaining my bachelor's degree in education, I was overwhelmed with the flowers, cards, gifts and adorned to the top of my ears with lei. I especially remember the sweet fragrances of the beautiful pīkake, pakalana, rose, puakenikeni and other beautiful lei. Yet, from the corner of my eye I saw one student patiently waiting with two lei in his hands. After all the others had gone, he slowly approached me with two plumeria lei, and with a quiet voice he said, "I am not sure if you want to wear these lei, but I picked the flowers from my grandma's house and made them for you." I told him that his lei were beautiful and I would be honored to wear them. "That kid", James Simon, made an impression on my heart that I carry to this day -- an act of kindness given with aloha.

Twenty-eight years later, I am able to remember the name of "that kid." To be honest, there have been many, many more "that kids" over the duration of my teaching career. The greatest and best lessons I learned about teaching came from "those kids". The ones that struggled against socio-economic challenges -- the hungry, the broken, those struggling to keep it together for themselves and their families. "Those kids" taught me tremendous lessons of resilience, hope, patience and love -- of the need for us as educators to be warriors of equality and equity for all students. The classroom was our pu'uhonua, a safe place to be nurtured, challenged and pushed beyond one's expectations, for myself as well as for my students.

We all have stories and remembrances of "that kid" -- the reason why we work in the field of education. I look forward to the next biennium working alongside dedicated, resilient and thoughtful members of AΔK supporting education in Hawai'i and beyond. Aloha! 🦋

## DELTA

Delta Chapter's 2020-2022 theme, "Voyage Together in Harmony", is in keeping with the state theme. Sisters were welcomed to take that leap to join the wa'a to paddle and work together harmoniously to attain our goals of educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding. A drive thru at Corresponding Secretary Cathy Iwaoka's house was held on Saturday, September 5. Sisters picked up their Delta Chapter shirt along with a welcome wooden paddle and other gifts from President Lynne Holub with an invitation to paddle and join in the fun of a new biennium.



Delta's wa'a drive-thru at Cathy Iwaoka's house

## DELTA (continued)

Here are Delta's new officers and a fascinating tidbit about each one: (from left) Arlene Cabalce-Yamakawa, Co-Recording Secretary, loves to binge watch movies; Joyce Hirata, Past President, has 2 grandsons who live in Riverside County, CA; Karen Nogami, Sgt. At Arms, works on hand building pottery; Lynne Holub, President, loves to swim laps and exercise; Cathy Iwaoka, Corresponding Secretary, is a very talented cook; Marian Kuruhara, Historian, enjoys playing mahjong; Diane Kosaki, President-Elect, can play the koto; Rae Yamanaka, Treasurer, loves to travel; and Whitney Hatayama, Co-Recording Secretary, has 3 school-age children. Missing: Jean Higaki, Co-Chaplin, has a lychee farm; and Lillian Takemura, Co-Chaplin, has a pet cat.



Delta's officers pose in the new social-distancing formation

## Delta's Newest Member



Welcome to Delta's newbie,  
Glendene Otake

It is our pleasure to present a new member to Delta, Glendene Otake, who was initiated at Delta's April/May meeting on Zoom! She graduated from the University of Hawaii at Manoa with her 5<sup>th</sup> year teaching certificate. In 1990, Glendene started her teaching career at Kanoelani Elementary School and also Kai, and Kaleiopu'u Elementary Schools in grades K, 1, 2, 4 and 5. She left the DOE in the mid 1990's and owned/operated a preschool on the grounds of Kuakini Medical Center. After four years, she realized that her desire was to be in the classroom full-time, so in 1999, she returned to the DOE. In 2013, Glendene moved back to Hilo, her hometown, and taught Grade 1 at Kalanianaole Elementary School before she retired in 2019. Glendene is caregiver to her 91-year-old mother who lives with her along with hubby, Mike, and two beloved dogs, her "fur" children. Some of her favorite things to do are reading, baking, exercising, and building her wellness company.

taught at Kapolei, Kalihi



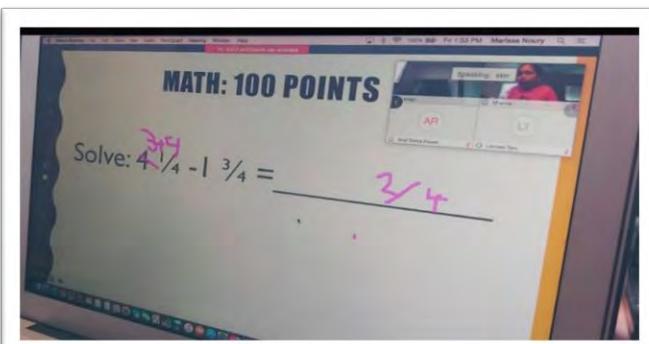
Glendene & her fur-babies

She meets on Zoom weekly with her Bible study group, enjoys lunching with friends, and recently participated in two PPG workshops. Welcome to Delta, Glendene, you are already a valuable asset to our sisterhood! 🦋

## PI

Pi Chapter president Marissa Noury has been a Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa member for 6 years. Currently in her 9<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, she is experiencing a huge learning curve with distance learning. As a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Barbers Point Elementary in Kapolei, she has had to be creative in her approach to learning. "I was so used to hands-on activities like team-building, college-career readiness

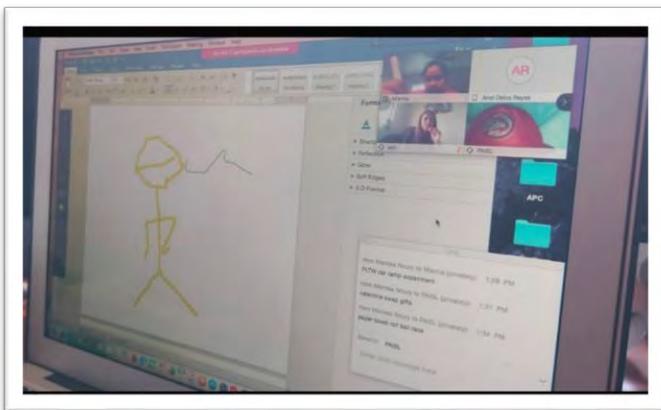
To maintain the learning from this year, we have review games. The topics include: ELA, math, health, social studies, and science. Using Webex, the students can annotate and write the answers or respond in the chat box. (Right photo)



Marissa Noury pictured top right corner

## PI (continued)

projects and working in small groups but now I have to become a technologically proficient teacher. "With a much smaller class size this year, she is expected to have daily class meetings, provide instruction through Google classroom, communicate daily with parents through Class Dojo and monitor the students' progress on online instruction. She holds meetings for social emotional learning, math, reading and writing as well as tutoring (small groups) for students who need to catch up from the school closures that happened during 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of last year. To make it engaging she has interactive activities like Google slides, JamBoard (students can post sticky notes with questions or responses) and breakout rooms in the virtual meetings. Although she is concerned about the long-term impact of not being in school all day (such as loneliness and academic regression), she realizes the importance of the short time they are online with their students. "We are trying to provide some consistency of learning and routine, especially for those disadvantaged students who have unstable home lives. We are doing the best we can with what we got. Besides, I tell my students that we are firsthand experiencing a huge time in world history!"



For each class meeting we have some type of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) activity to stay positive and manage their emotions. This is virtual Pictionary where students have to draw an illustration of one of the activities we did in our classroom this year.

### Welcome to Pi!

If anyone has had the opportunity to work with Sue Smith, they know her heart is bigger than her paycheck as the school librarian at August Ahrens Elementary in Waipahu. On August 31 2020, Sue checked in her last book. She decided it was time to retire after 39 years as both a classroom teacher and librarian in Hawaii since 1998. But she knows she will work with children in some capacity in the future.

She doesn't like to talk about it, but she has had many professional accomplishments. She was recognized during the Bush administration for being one of the top 10 service clubs in the nation for her student Library



Teaching fifth-grade students.  
She was responsible for creating library lessons for over 70 classes each week!

Club. The club was instrumental in sending books to Ilocos Norte in the Philippines and opening the Hoi An public library in Vietnam. The money was collected through grants and student-led fundraisers like recycling cans. She was also the site team leader for the school's involvement in CFES (College for Every Student-Brilliant Pathways). She helped the school

Pi chapter members Sue Smith and Karen Chun working with Campbell High School Students on collecting books for a library in Vietnam (2007) through their Local Literacy Foundation.

receive a School of Distinction award each year. Another example of her generosity is that she gives all the points earned



from the Scholastic Book Fair to the students and teachers. She made sure to grant teacher book wish lists and "golden winner" books for needy students at the school.

She exemplifies Alpha Delta Kappa's emphasis on altruism. "Whenever we go shopping together, she was always looking for new books to purchase for the school library. I would ask her if she wanted to put it on a separate receipt (to get reimbursed), and she said that no, it was a gift for the children of Hawaii," recalls Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa member, Marissa Noury.

## PI (continued)

Sue and her library team including Pi chapter Karen Chun's husband, Vern!



Her principal, Mr. Hahn Nguyen, had this to say. "Ms. Susan Smith will be greatly missed at AAES for she was family. She was extremely dedicated and loved the school. For twenty-five years, she took care of the library as she would take care of her own family."

Her biggest retirement plans? She would like to continue volunteering in service projects. 

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## EPSILON

Roberta (Robbie) Naomi Chang Umeno  
Epsilon Chapter President (2020-2022)

The many facets of Robbie:

Daughter - If you knew Robbie at Lanakila School, you also knew her mom. Mom was the original teacher's aide to Robbie, helping her correct papers, keeping her company and helping in the school library until Robbie retired in 2011. In turn, Robbie was the filial daughter, cooking mom's meals and caring for her in her final years. Robbie's grandfather passed down his love for Okinawan music to her. In turn, she shares her talent for dance and koto music with others.

Spouse - Robbie and Morris share a lifetime together devoted to education. They met in college while teaching arts and crafts for the Summer Fun program.



Robbie Umeno, Epsilon President

He retired from the Art Department at Roosevelt High School. He has been known to step up to assist Epsilon Chapter and Hawaii A&K whenever artistic expertise is needed. He looks forward to accompanying Robbie to A&K conferences and conventions.

Mother - Robbie and Morris are parents to Tylar. She lives in Catonsville, MD and works as a Billing Supervisor for Miller Environmental Group, Inc. She is always welcome on her trips home.

Sister - Alyce Ikeoka and Dawn Waiwaiole invited Robbie to join Epsilon Chapter. She was installed in 1998 and was Epsilon President from 2002-2004. For 22 years, Robbie served as a devoted member, doing whatever was needed for chapter, state and international. She is known for her willingness to help sisters as evidenced by her serving as chapter president the second time as Epsilon's membership declines.

Community Contributor - Robbie was honored as Uchinanchu (Okinawan) of the Year by the Ginowan Shinjin Kai. She served as Vice President of the Hawaii United Okinawa Association in 2019. She also served 4 years as President of Ginowan Shijin Kai, following many years as Aza representative.

Epsilon sisters are grateful to Robbie for her dedication to us. We wish her success in her retirement goals: continued travel to Asia and South America, trying out new recipes, and greater involvement in Okinawan community and cultural activities. 

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## LAMBDA

Meet Lambda President, Janice Oumayel

### Chapter biennium focus and goals--

As we begin our biennium, Janice plans to continue to emphasize fostering sisterhood and encouraging opportunities for altruism. She wants ALL sisters to participate in our virtual meetings and her goals are for our sisters to feel included, to know they have a voice, and to participate as fully as possible in Lambda meetings and activities. Janice also plans to use data from CNA to guide and



## LAMBDA (continued)

improve our chapter. For example, she plans to provide time for actively teaching sisters to meet separately from retired teachers so they can network, while retired teachers can meet and address their retirement needs.

## Challenges about being president--

Janice feels one of her biggest challenges is getting every sister to attend a chapter meeting virtually and to plan activities when we are unable to meet in person. Her personal goal is to become more informed of all aspects of AΔK, and to learn more about policies, by-laws, deadlines, and procedures.

## Conference experiences (actual or Zoomed!)

Janice traveled to the regional Conference 2012 in Englewood, Colorado and the International Convention 2015. She participates in our Hawaii-based conferences, including the 2014 State Conference in Korean costumes.

## Biographical information--

Janice started her career in 1982, teaching in the only English preschool in Japan, as well as working with elementary students and adults in Hiroshima, Japan for two years. Returning to Hawaii, she taught at Ilima Intermediate, Waipahu Elementary, Pearlridge Elementary, and retired from Moanalua Middle School (MMS). As the reading program coordinator and volunteer reading mentoring program coordinator, Janice's legacy is coordinating the annual Read Across America Week and the MMS X-treme Reading Kickoff reading event with prominent community members reading aloud to MMS students.



Lambda President Janice Oumaye



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## Family & Fun--

Janice is married and has three children. Her husband is a pharmacist at HMSCA, her daughter (age 30) is an engineer, her son (age 28) is a data analyst in Seattle; and her younger son (age 24) just graduated with a BS degree and is looking for a job.



The Oumaye Ohana

## LAMBDA (continued)

Janice enjoys traveling and has gone rock climbing in Minnesota, trekked the jungles of Borneo, swam with the reef sharks, fishes, and rays in waters of the Flores Sea, slept in an ice igloo, and barely survived dog mushing a sled pulled by huskies in Finland.

She loves eating dessert--and must drink coffee at the same time. Janice balances her enjoyment of cooking, baking, and eating with an appreciation of completing a great workout. Recently, she began sewing masks.

### Did you know...

- Janice showed her leadership skills early as Moanalua High School's student body president in 1975-76, the first year the high school had four grade levels.
- Janice was allowed to wear a 20 carat Tanzanite pendant and modeled it all over the Diamond Princess.
- Janice was interviewed as the mother of a Mets fan while at the World Series in 2015
- Janice has overcome tongue cancer
- Janice's beloved dog was a lab mix
- Janice has four charm bracelets with charms collected from each place she has visited

### Speaking of Puzzles...Here's the Answers

1. APNPKA	KAPPAN
2. SIETSSR	SISTERS
3. CHREPAT	CHAPTER
4. RVLIES	SILVER
5. SIRUAMLT	ALTRUISM
6. BEGAD	BADGE
7. RDANG	GRAND
8. LVITEO	VIOLET
9. ELBSTA	EBLAST
10. HCTAE	TEACH
11. IGTCOLEALE	COLLEGIALE
12. LPAM	LAMP
13. EMILRSAEZH'	ALZHEIMER'S
14. GEREK	GREEK
15. LYSBAW	BYLAWS



## The Perfect Online Teacher?



### Ka Pine Ho'ohui “The Linking Pin”

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# Calendar of Events

## OCTOBER

**AΔK Month!** Be sure to celebrate and share a little about AΔK with fellow colleagues and friends!

- 1: Kappan submission deadline
- 1: Chapter Yearbook to S/P/N President
- 1: World Understanding Project Proposals deadline
- 15: Proposals for Bylaws Amendments & Resolutions
- 15: S/P/N Bylaws or S/P/N Official Policy Statement deadline
- 15: Last date to submit proposals for the next International Altruistic Project
- 15: Leadership Academy applications for participants and mentors deadline
- 15: Regional Mini-Scholarshlp deadline
- 15: 990-N E-Postcard deadline

## NOVEMBER

- 1: Applications for International Office deadline
- 1: Volunteer Applications for International Committees and International Convention deadline
- 15: Innovation Grant deadline
- 21: HAΔK EEB Reports due**



## DECEMBER

- 6: HAΔK EEB Meeting TBA**



## JANUARY

- 1: H-138 International Dues are due
- 1: Membership Campaign begins
- 1: KAPPAN submissions deadline
- 15: H-142 S/P/N President's report to IVP for the Region deadline
- 30: Hawaii Regional Science Bowl, Virtual (more TBA), HAΔK volunteers will be needed!**
- 31: S/P/N Report Membership Consultant Report #1 to RMC deadline**
- 31: Regional Professional Development Scholarship Application deadline**
- 31: Dues Postmark deadline-or incur \$5 per member penalty/late fee**
- 31: Ka Pine Ho'ohui Articles deadline for State Committees and Chapters**



## FEBRUARY

- 1: S/P/N notifies Headquarters of Excellence in Education Award Chairman
- 15: Agnes Roberson Global Outreach (ARGO) Scholarship deadline
- 15: HAΔK Membership Tea, Kaimuki High School, 9:30 am to noon**
- 15: Fine Arts Grants Applications deadline



## MARCH

- 1: Future Educator Scholarship Applications deadline (for ADKCC students only)
- 1: Volunteer Applications for International Committees deadline (2<sup>nd</sup> round)