

From Our President...



Alooooha! Oh my goodness. The first year of this biennium is quickly coming to a close. It has been a whirlwind of events beginning with Leadership Training, followed by Founders' Day, and the Membership Tea. I have had the good fortune to meet so many talented, energetic, and dedicated HAAK sisters.

One of the goals of this biennium is increasing membership by a net growth of 1%. Vice President for Membership Janice Oumaye and her Membership Consultants Susan Crowell and Jean Suzuki have diligently provided training and suggestions for Chapter Membership Chairs and coordinated a very successful Membership Tea to grow our membership.

COVID had a significant impact on our organization. In one sense COVID has affected our efforts of recruiting young, active teachers. It has taken a toll on these individuals who were juggling in-person and technology-based instruction for their students. We needed to think of ways of having HAAK benefit them. In another sense, however, COVID has spurred us to meet virtually and challenged us to become more tech-savvy. Zoom has helped make meetings more accessible for both the active and retired members. It eliminated the need to drive somewhere, find a venue for the meeting, provide refreshments, and dress up. However, when we did come together in person, it was pure delight as we could talk story, eat, and be merry after being apart for so long.

Chapters have been creative in meeting the 4Rs of membership—recruitment, retention, reinstatement, and revitalization—such as through engaging activities, recognition of member accomplishments, keeping in touch via the buddy system, and streamlining meetings. Each chapter has truly focused its energies on growing and sustaining its membership. I applaud you and extend to you my deepest gratitude as we strive for the summit. E kūlia i ka nu'u.

With sisterly affection,

Susan Okano, HAAK President

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STATE Happenings...

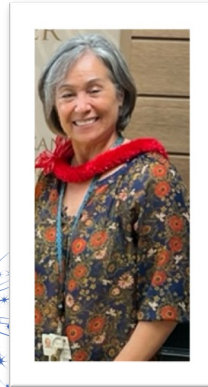


Membership Corner

By Jean Suzuki and Janice Oumaye



Jeanne Chang, Jean Suzuki, Susan Crowell, Janice Oumaye, Tina Young, Karen Victor



Kaui Asing, Program Administrator - Sr. Community Center, St. Francis Healthcare System

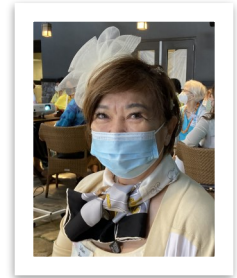


M.C. Karen

Membership Tea Time!



Fairylight Centerpiece and Favors



Lillian Shaw, Epsilon



Marie Teves (L-Guest) and Jackie Beckman (R)



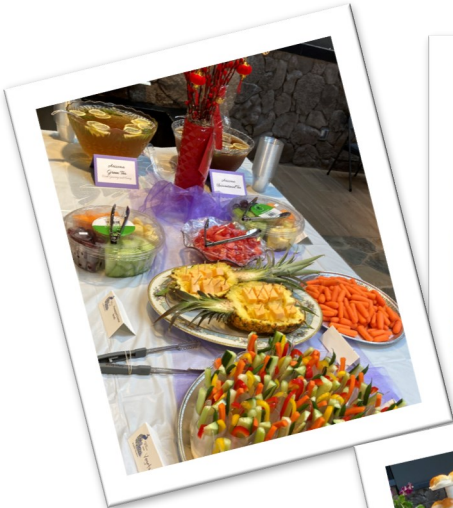
Marilyn Valencia (L- prospective member) and Lori Endo (R-Lambda CP)

A **MAGICAL** Membership Tea was held on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the St. Francis Healthcare System Kupuna Village Courtyard with 12 prospective members and 64 HAΔK members in attendance for a grand total of 72 attendees! Thank you to all the sisters who attended and invited prospective guests and shared their enthusiasm and experiences in AΔK with our guests.

Explanation of our AΔK history and activities shared by sisters: Tina, Jeanne, Jean S., Susan C., Joy K., Carol E., Cherylyn, Lori C., Kathy S., and Naomi, testimonials given by new member Mokihana Jones and veteran sister Catherine Payne, talk story time with chapter members, and a bountiful refreshment table was had. Mahalo to the Membership Tea sub-committees and all other sisters that worked hard to make the tea a huge success!

All 12 of the Oahu chapters and one neighbor island chapter, Cherylyn Inouye from Mu, were represented.

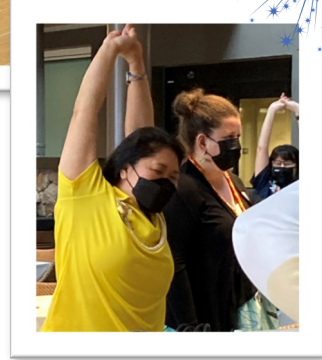
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Enchanting Fare!



Bianca Kusatsu and Stella Shido stand beside delectable desserts!



Tina, what are you doing?



Prospective members with their AΔK Sponsors



A 'panoramic' view of the gathering!





Attention all Chapters! Be on the look out for your chapter's next deserving **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD** nominee!

By Miki Maeshiro

The Excellence in Education Award is given during even numbered years to recognize members of Alpha Delta Kappa for their outstanding contributions to education.

To be eligible, an Alpha Delta Kappa member shall:

- ⊙ Be an active member in good standing.
- ⊙ Be actively engaged in the education profession and be under contract in teaching, administration or some specialized field of education.
- ⊙ Be nominated by a colleague, parent, or be self-nominated.
- ⊙ Not be a prior Regional Excellence in Education Award recipient. **S/P/N recipients may be nominated a second time if not the Regional recipient.**

2024 Excellence in Education Award Timeline:

April 15, 2023:	The nomination process begins. Complete nomination forms online.
Nov 1, 2023:	Nomination process closes.
Nov 2023-Jan 15, 2024:	Nominees submit application forms online.
Spring 2024:	State recipient recognized at the State Convention.
June/July 2024:	Regional recipient recognized at the NW/SW Regional Conference.

Let's recognize our innovative, creative, engaging educators!

For further information and Nomination Forms, go to the [AΔK Website](#) or contact your HΔK Excellence in Education co-chairs: Miki Maeshiro mikimaeshiro@gmail.com or Joan Tanigawa jotan@hawaiiantel.net

(The entire URL for the AΔK website Excellence in Education link is below, if needed)
<https://www.alphadeltakappa.org/ADKMembers/Foundation/AwardsGrantsScholarships/ExcellenceinEducation.aspx>



By Julie Shimonishi

The 30th Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl was held on February 18, 2023. Nine (9) high schools- Kaiser, Kalani, Kealakehe, Iolani, Maui, Moanalua, Punahou, Waiakea and Waipahu-participated in this virtual competition. Instead of head-to-head matches between the schools, each school worked as a team answering questions on a variety of science, technology, engineering and math related topics. Teams receiving the highest scores advanced to the elimination rounds. Ultimately, in the final elimination round, Iolani Team 1 won the opportunity to represent Hawai'i at the in-

person National Science Bowl Competition in Washington D.C. from April to May 2023.

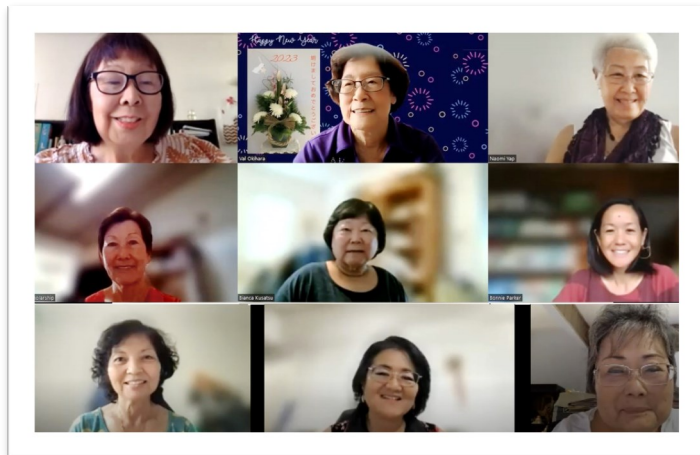
In support of the 'Fabulous 9', Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa volunteers multi-tasked as both recognizers and scorekeepers. With the exceptional training presented by VAL OKIHARA (Eta) and JAN OUMAYE (Lambda), volunteers JANET FUJIMOTO (Lambda), HEDY KANEOKA (Theta), BIANCA KUSATSU (Eta), BONNIE PARKER (NU), BERNICE TAKAHATA (Gamma), NAOMI YAP (Lambda) and JULIE SHIMONISHI (Theta) accomplished their tasks victoriously.

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Hawaii AΔK sisters, KAREN VICTOR and TINA YOUNG (Co-State Presidents-Elect), HARRIET CARMODY, CAROL FONG, CATHY LYNNE FONG (Theta), DAISY ISHIHARA (Eta), SUE SMITH (Sigma) and ARLEEN YOUNG (Eta) graciously stepped in to be 'pretend students' to give our volunteers practice in setting up their computer screens, recognizing and scorekeeping.

To all our volunteers, an incredibly grateful thank you and to all the fabulous high school students, many best wishes for continual success in their future endeavors.



Val Okihara's virtual photo of HI's 2023 AΔK Science Bowl volunteers: Julie, Val, Naomi, Hedy, Bianca, Bonnie, Janice, Bernice and Janet



HAΔK HONORARY MEMBER AWARD



For 2022-2024 Biennium

Qualifications for the HAΔK Honorary Member Award:

1. Has made outstanding contributions to the fields of education, humanities, sciences, or arts on a state, provincial, or national level.
2. Is not under contract to a school system at the time of her election or initiation nor engaged as a professional educator.
3. Was never an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa.

Deadline for the Submission of Nominations:

- Chapters are urged to nominate candidates for the award.
- Suggested nominations should be submitted by Friday, June 16, 2023.

- (1) To nominate a candidate, please go to the following link, <https://bit.ly/3wmqgecl> complete the form, and submit it.
- (2) Also, please complete a one-page resume describing the candidate's outstanding qualifications and justification and submit by email to State Honorary Committee Co-chairman Claudia Kobayashi at roykobayashi10@gmail.com

- Candidate nominations will be presented for review at the EEB meeting in August, and the final candidate papers must be approved at the December EEB meeting.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Claudia Kobayashi roykobayashi10@gmail.com 808-987-6856

ITE Students!!!

SUPPORTING OUR ITE STUDENTS

February was the month Hawai'i volunteered to support Sonchat Srimahochota (Dona), the ITE student from Thailand. Happily, five chapters (Alpha, Zeta, Eta, Iota, and Xi) sent her Valentine and greeting cards. Nu chapter sent her a care package and met with her during a Zoom meeting. Kappa chapter is also planning to send a care package to Dona. Back in November, Lambda and Pi chapters met ITE student Nesrin El-Isa of Austria over Zoom. The most exciting encounter with Dona and Nesrin was VPM Janice Oumaye's outing in Seattle (see photos below). On a trip to Seattle in January, Janice met up with these two ITE students, who are both studying at the University of Washington, and drove them throughout the city. It was a fun-filled experience for them. Many thanks to the chapters and Janice for their hospitable support.



Janice Oumaye's Exciting Encounter with ITE Students, Dona (Sonchat) Srimahochota of Thailand and Nesrin El-Isa of Vienna, Austria!

January 2023

ITE Students!!!



Nesrin, Janice, and Dona in front of "Wings Over Washington"

This is in front of Ding Tai Fung at University Village in Seattle. This is the famous restaurant that everyone who goes to WA likes to eat at. Both had never been to a Ding Tai Fung since they've been in WA, but heard of it... so I thought it would be great to take them there!



Dona, Nesrin, and Janice



Taken in front of Wings Over Washington which "is currently the most state-of-the-art theater in the world using 5K cameras; innovative art laser projection; drones for image capture; MUSHROOM VR™, and a ground-breaking surround sound system. Once you are strapped into your theater seat, you will experience an amazing journey as a "spirit eagle" sweeps you upward into flight across the state of Washington." It's like the ride "Soaring" in Disneyland. The total experience was only 15 minutes. Nesrin shared after I dropped her off at her brand new apartment, that since she's been in WA, this was the best experience she ever had!

CHAPTER Happenings...

Zeta Chapter: Members Staying Connected During the Summer Months

By Suzanne Hee

WAIKIKI CULTURAL STROLL

In observance of The Longest Day, Alzheimer's Association's second signature fundraising event, Zeta sisters participated in individual and group activities. With the research done by their novice guide, Suzi Hee, five Zetas' began their walk at the Royal Hawaiian Center, an area historically known as Helumoa that included the home of Kamehameha the Great and some of his successors and a grove of 10,000 coconut trees.

Continuing on Kalākaua Avenue (formerly Waikīkī Road), we took in The Moana Surfrider, originally the Moana Hotel, considered the first real hotel in Hawaii which opened in 1901. We chuckled when we read that the hotel's first guests, a group of local Shriners, paid the room price of \$1.50 per night.

Our next stops were the **Stones of Life of Kapaemahu** (said to contain the *mana*, or spiritual essence, of four wizards who came to O'ahu from Tahiti around AD 400) and the **Kapuni and Kahi Hali'a Aloha Memorial** (to dignify and honor those who once lived and died on this land).

The statue of Queen Kapiolani reminded us of how much she cared for her people. Hawaii's first queen regnant and last sovereign monarch, she established the Kapiolani Maternity Home, now the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children. From here, we traveled *'ewa* along the *ma uka* side of Kalākaua Avenue, turning *ma uka* on Ka'ūlani Avenue to the Princess Ka'ūlani statue, where 23 coconut trees were planted in her honor (one for every year of her life).

Before completing our loop, we stopped in at what was once Queen Emma's winter residence. The International Market Place first opened in 1956, the brainchild of Donn Beach. It is owned by a private group with a long-term land lease with Queen Emma Land Company.

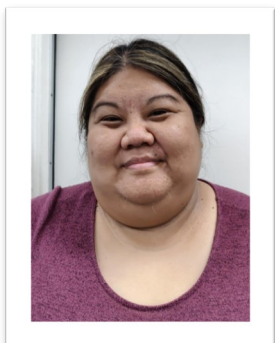
AFTERNOON TEA AT "THE FIRST LADY OF WAIKIKI"

While on our Waikiki Cultural Stroll, a few sisters reminisced memories of dining at The Moana. Hence, a July afternoon of laughter and love.



Alpha Chapter's Jaime Tateyama: Teaching As A Work of Passion

By Sandra Kubota



Jaime Tateyama has been an Alpha Chapter sister for three years now and she epitomizes the title of SENSEI. In Japan, SENSEI is often referred to as an instructor of Japanese martial arts and refers to school teachers by profession. SENSEI can also be used as a title of honor for people who teach something and for specialists in their own fields. Medical doctors are included among those specialists.

Jaime has taught Japanese for some 12 years and is currently at Moanalua High School. In addition to being a busy Japanese language teacher, she never stops learning, always wanting to grow professionally. In this endeavor, Jaime joined the Hawaii Association Teachers of Japanese (HATJ) and this has opened up doors for her to also become a member of the American Association of Teachers of Japanese (AATJ), an international organization of teachers, scholars, students of Japanese language, literature and linguistics and she has been a member since 2012. She explained that the HATJ and AATJ are professional learning communities

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which allow her to participate in a variety of workshops. Membership in AAJT provides her the opportunity to learn as a teacher and also benefits her students. In 2021, Jaime was a Co-Director for AAJT's Annual Fall Conference.



Being a member of AATJ has helped Jaime to create routines and curriculum that enabled 78 percent of her students to continue onto the next level. Furthermore, she was able to have a separate AP Japanese class with 76 percent of her students passing the AP exam in 2020-2021. Her learning experience with AATJ has encouraged her students to continue on their own journey of Japanese language with three of her students entering a University in Japan.

Sharing her learnings has allowed Jaime to also have fellow Japanese language teachers learn, implement and ask to learn more. In Jaime's words, these experiences have "ignited a passion not

only to perpetuate the Japanese language and culture, but to enable students to also gain more social emotional learning competencies and to gain empathy towards others as individuals." Membership with AATJ has given her the confidence to reflect on her own instructional methods, "to bring curiosity and interest into her students."

Jaime sincerely feels honored as a nominee, to be able to associate with other Japanese language teachers who have built and perpetuated the language, culture and education of Japan. It is her goal to keep the legacy alive as a Co-Director.

Someone said, "When you teach what you love and share what you know you open eyes, minds, hearts and souls to unexplored worlds." This best describes Sensei Tateyama! Thank you, Jaime, for your passion, how it will be a part of all the students you have touched and for your fellow educators in Hawaii, the USA and worldwide.



Gamma Chapter: Sustaining Membership Through Fun and Fellowship

By Diane Orikasa

Maui Gamma Chapter is unique from other Hawaii chapters as we have over sixty plus members. Sisterhood is especially important when we deal with the ups and downs of life. We come together when we are hurting and we come together to celebrate our successes. We have sisters who have over 50 years of experience and newly initiated sisters and **TOGETHER, WE ARE BETTER!**

We held a rummage sale in June not only to generate scholarship funds, but to use the time to reconnect with each other. With the covid pandemic, we were unable to meet face to face, so being able to work together with a purpose, helped to re-establish our bonds with each other.



Our altruistic efforts for our community keep us better, together. We continue to assist the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center on Maui in their annual November fundraising by taking on the leadership of overseeing the silent auction. Also this year, we got together and worked on making orchid kokedama table centerpieces, which added funds for the center. Kokedama is the Japanese art of potting plants in a ball of moss. Like students, everyone's learning curve was different, but the end result was the satisfaction of having fun, creating, sharing pride, and being grateful for each other and for our cause.

Kitty Yee 'moistens' orchid kokedamas made by Gamma sisters for centerpieces at the Nisei Veterans Memorial Center's Annual Dinner.

We were also able to provide Christmas gift wrapping services at The Shops at Wailea. Carpooling, eating snacks, working together to create special wrappings for our customers all while "talking story", and generating funds towards offering scholarship finances to our Maui high school seniors is totally worth volunteering during the week of Christmas.



Sharing the Christmas spirit with the residents of Roselani Place



Bringing joy to senior residents at Roselani Place (an assisted living facility on Maui) is spent sharing Gamma sisters' cultural talents. We ended the day with our annual holiday luncheon which is always a memorable occasion.

Sisters and "elves" at gift wrapping project at the Shops At Wailea to help generate funds for scholarships to high school seniors

We wish that all of our Hawaii Sisters continue to be safe, healthy, and stay connected!



Iota Chapter: Sisters + Interaction = Revitalization

By Nancy Tashima

In an effort to foster and promote interaction among members, Iota sisters gathered for a cordial luncheon in celebration of the original founders of Alpha Delta Kappa on October 22, 2022. Members were joined by several AΔK State officers including Susan Okano, (President); Tina Young (President-Elect); Jeanne Chang, (Immediate Past President); Janice Oumaye, (VP of Membership); and Naomi Yap (Advisor). Iota members and their welcomed guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, impressive Founders' Day ceremony, an exchange of special gifts, and heartfelt camaraderie & fellowship among attendees. The luncheon definitely provided a way for everyone to interact, bond, and feel revitalized!

In addition to the Founder's Day Luncheon, Iota sisters have succeeded in maintaining friendly interactions through "sharing sessions" during monthly Zoom meetings. Even though meetings have been restricted to online, members have been revitalized by sharing their New Year's traditions and resolutions, as well as their favorite books & movies that have been inspirational or given them valuable life lessons.

Iota's Founders' Day Luncheon was enjoyed with State Officers



IOTA SUPPORTS KONA FAMILIES

Altruism has always been an important focus and goal of the Iota Chapter and members annually support local students and their families by donating to The Homes at Ulu Wini. In celebration of the Halloween and Christmas holidays, members donated healthy snacks and festive treats for the 185 youngsters housed at the complex located in West Hawaii. In the words of Toni Symons, Service Program Director at Ulu Wini, "Thank you for the support through the years. Our students are so blessed to have you all in their lives."

Iota's Holiday Luncheon presented another opportunity to further support local families as members donated generous Gift Cards to the Kona Salvation Army. The 74 gift cards were presented to Captain Raghel Santiago who shared them with deserving youngsters to purchase special items on their holiday wish lists in the PreTeen and Teen groups of the charity's patrons. In her letter to Iota, Captain Santiago said, "On behalf of the Salvation Army, we would like to thank you for blessing the teens in our community with the gift cards. All were given away and we can't thank you enough for your help and partnership. We appreciate your love and kindness towards our youth in the community."

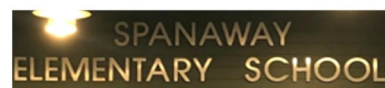
Members truly enjoyed a special Holiday Luncheon together!



Sharon Skibby presents donated gift cards to Kona Salvation Army's Captain Santiago.

ADOPT A TEACHER PROJECT

As another school year began, Iota members reached out and supported fellow teachers in a special activity entitled the "Adopt a Teacher Project". Members donated a floral bouquet, gift cards, school & sanitizing supplies, and books to several Iota sisters to support their students and classrooms.



Iris Higashi-Oshiro, with her daughter Tori, outside of Spanaway Elementary school in the state of Washington

Additionally, members "adopted" first-year teacher, Tori Oshiro, who teaches Kindergarten near Tacoma, Washington. Tori's mother, Iris Higashi-Oshiro is a veteran elementary teacher and a long-time Iota member. Besides sending gift cards to Tori to allow her to purchase much needed school supplies and books for her classroom, experienced teachers sent her a special booklet which included a collection of their suggestions and advice to

be used during her early years of teaching. Tori was sincerely touched by Iota's thoughtful gifts and sent a heartfelt video expressing her gratitude as she accepted them on behalf of her young students. Iota members shared in mom Iris' pride and will closely follow Tori's successful teaching career!



Epsilon Chapter: A Place in Our Hearts

By Robbie Umeno

Lee Myers was an Epsilon member for just a few years, but her presence made a lasting impression on our chapter. Her altruism was evident at every gathering as we listed our good deeds in the name of Epsilon Chapter.



Lee Myers

A retired educator at Farrington High School, Lee sought opportunities for service to others. She volunteered at Kaiser Hospital Moanalua, Catholic Charities at Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center, St. Elizabeth Church in Aiea, and the shelter for abused women in Waianae. She shared her dogs for pet therapy, donated items and money to charities, helped with food distribution, and supported scholarships for needy students.

One of her favorite projects was making tray cards for the Hawaii Pacific Health Medical Centers. She involved Epsilon sisters in coloring these cards to brighten the meal trays for the residents. Since her passing, we have decorated hundreds of

cards in Lee's memory. She may be gone from us, but her altruism lives on in our hearts and in our work.



Robbie Umeno presenting the Thanksgiving tray cards to Hawaii Pacific Health Volunteer Services Coordinator, Alisa Oh



Lunar New Year tray cards



Nu Chapter: Embracing Diversity and Inclusion

By Catherine Payne

As the decades have moved along, many of us who joined Hawai'i AΔK as young (or younger!) educators began to realize that we needed to embrace the inclusion of a new generation of educators who are still in our classrooms and support offices. We saw this as a way to sustain the vitality of our chapter. Our immediate Past President, Dr. Alohilani Okamura, led us in the effort to seek new members whose current experiences could help keep us connected to the students, teachers, and other educators who are involved in the daily life of education during this time. They have also helped us see how we need to change some of our traditional practices to accommodate the lives of working members, many who also have young children.

One new member who joined us during the era of COVID is Mokihana Jones, a social studies teacher at Waipahu Intermediate School. Many of you heard her speak at the Membership Tea in January when she shared her experiences joining a group whose members' ages span six decades... with members in their twenties through their eighties! She touched all of our hearts when she spoke about the relationships she has built with more veteran members and how AΔK has supported her work in the classroom through a state grant that helped grow a class garden. She shared how this project sparked enthusiasm

and ideas among colleagues and engaged students in important learning.

We all laughed as she talked about how the wisdom and help from the older members morphed into images of "fairy godmothers" as our chapter set out, as part of our mission, to provide support to our teachers. Mokihana is pictured below with Ellen Schroeder, a long-time Nu Chapter member who has not lost any energy over the decades as she works to help us find creative ways to assist Nu Chapter teachers and others who are joining our important profession. The youthful perspectives and the wisdom from experiences are creating a synergy that we hope will add to the system of support for educators who are taking on the challenges each day in our schools.

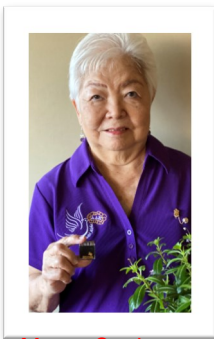


Mokihana Jones and Ellen Schroeder

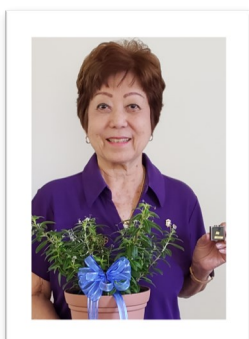


Celebrating Eta's Selfless Sisters! On Monday, January 16, 2023, Eta honored nine sisters for their selflessness in Alpha Delta Kappa (ΑΔΚ). Seven Golden sisters and two Sapphire sisters were recognized in separate ceremonies.

Myrna Sugiyama and **June Watanabe** sponsored by Anne Hedani thirty-five years ago were recognized for their services to ΑΔΚ in leader-



Myrna Sugiyama



June Watanabe



ship roles and for being active participants in altruism. Both are true sisters, biologically and in Eta's sisterhood! In recognition,

Myrna and June were awarded a gold "35" charm and a lovely plant.

Fifty years ago on October 14, 1972, a new chapter was created into Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa (HAΔΚ). Following the Greek Alphabet, Eta became the seventh chapter initiating twenty new members. Six of the charter members were honored at



Golden Sisters Gift Presentation to the chapter: Anne Hedani, Joyce Saiki, Geri Tanoue, Pat Takamiya, Myrna Nishihara, Margo Okoji, Clara Goto, and President Sheri Sunabe accepting the gift.

Eta's 50th Birthday Anniversary on January 16, 2023, at Rokaru Shabu-Shabu Restaurant in Pearl City Gateway Shopping Center. Eta's charter members are **Anne Hedani, Clara Goto, Myrna Nishihara, Margo Okoji, Pat (Itokazu) Takamiya and Geri Tanoue.** **Joyce Saiki** who was initiated in Gamma on Maui in 1972 also celebrated her 50th anniversary in ΑΔΚ. She transferred to Eta twelve years ago after moving to Oahu.

Selecting officers for the newly organized chapter was not an easy task. However, Myrna and Pat volunteered as the corresponding secretary and sergeant-at-arms, respectively. From this experience a lesson was learned. Unable to have anyone to be the president, the group decided that the last person coming to the meeting would be the president! Marianne Wise, being the last person graciously accepted to be Eta's first president! From this incident, **Geri** learned a lesson she follows to this day! Nev-



er be late to a meeting! However, Geri assumed the role of becoming Eta's first state treasurer, an equally difficult task and other positions in Eta but not as Eta's President!

Anne was unable to attend Eta's October 14's ceremony so was initiated with Theta's sisters a few days later. She knew some of Theta's sisters and longed to be a part of them. However, these feelings were short-lived! She soon grew to love and respect her Eta sisters, sisters she never had. Her sisterhood grew and knowing how caring and supportive Eta's sisters were, Anne willingly served as Eta's president for two biennia! Anne, along with Norma Izumi created the first fidelis pilot project, its purpose to allow the chapter to grow in numbers and have the elder members not be responsible for holding offices and chairmanships unless they agree to. Today, there are fourteen Fidelis sisters.

Myrna's love for ΑΔΚ is indicative of the fifty years she served with the state and Eta. She accepted many leadership roles and was a State President, advisor to incoming State Presidents and held officers' roles in

Eta as well. She attended many regional conferences and international conventions. She thrives on what is characteristic of Eta, a sense of coming together because she believes that "Together We Can" with the willingness of sisters to help and support each other. Eta believes in these attributes

which makes the chapter a success and fun to be part of. With her vast knowledge in ΑΔΚ Myrna continues to guide and to assist anyone who needs information regarding the organization.

Clara is honored and thankful for Eta's charismatic attitude of keeping her young and fit! She also credits Eta's sisters for encouraging her to travel to conferences and conventions which enriched her horizon of seeing different states and meeting different sisters during each trip. Riding a hot air balloon and being able to touch four corners of different US states at the same time were experiences she can never forget. Developing friendships as she bonded with sisters made her appreciative of the wonderful part of her life in Eta has been! Her advice is "Treasure Eta while you expand your horizons!" Chibariyo! (Go for it in Okinawa).

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Dare to Venture! This was the theme during the 1994-1996 biennium when **Margo** served as Eta's president. Four new members were initiated and among them three later followed in Margo's footsteps in becoming Eta's president. In Eta's second biennium, Margo was the sergeant-at-arms and remembers collecting 25 cents from a sister who did not wear her badge at the meetings but this task eventually disappeared. Margo reflects on the spirit and teamwork of Eta. She remembers traveling to the Big Island for a fellowship retreat at the Kilauea Military Center Camp where they enjoyed hiking, bicycling, bowling, golfing, snacking, and planning for Founders' Day!

Pat values the friendships she has made in Eta, recognizing their diverse talents and skills of the sisters. These friendships helped Pat in developing a good balance of life, one that gives you joy, happiness and fulfillment. Work needs to be meaningful and satisfying. Equally important is to surround your family, friends, and colleagues with love. At play, do things that bring you joy, pleasure, and fun. Lastly, be optimistic and take challenges that you are confronted with, knowing that Eta is there to guide, help and support you. Pat learned to take new challenges, following Jeanne Chang's advice to "Take That Leap!" Twelve years ago, **Joyce** transferred to Eta from Gamma on Maui. Her move to Oahu allowed her to meet other AΔK sisters. Today, Joyce reminisces how wonderful Eta has been to her and the friendships she has acquired. These friendships were encouraging aspects of her life. These twelve years included her 50 years of service in AΔK and she looks forward to many more years!

Eta's 50th Celebration was a whirlwind of exciting, unforgettable, and humorous memoirs from the founders, Anne Hedani, Clara Goto, Geri Tanoue, Margo Okoji, Myrna Nishihara, and Pat Takamiya. Together with Joyce Saiki, a Golden Sister, and Myrna Sugiyama. and June Watanabe, Sapphire Sisters, and all of Eta's Sisters with their selfless, caring and supporting attributes, Eta continues to grow and thrive!

Vera Arita: An Eta Sister who "Just Does It!"

Just do it! This is the mind set of Vera Arita. Vera is a daughter, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, an educator, an author, and a member of Alpha Delta Kappa (AΔK), Eta Chapter, who believes that she "can do all things through Christ who gives me strength".

In September of 2022, Vera decided to do the 50th Honolulu Marathon on December 11, 2022, and she successfully completed and validated her belief! Using this belief Vera unassumingly motivates and inspires sisters of what can be done to increase and sustain membership in AΔK.

Born and raised in Waipahu, Vera graduated from Waipahu High School, got a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education in 1983 and a Master's Degree in Special Education in 1985

from UH Manoa. Her teaching career in special education began in 1985 until her retirement in 2016. After retirement, she was and remains employed at UH Manoa in the College of Education, Special Education Department, working with future teachers. Here Vera inspires and motivates her fledglings in becoming influential leaders and contributing members of their community. Vera lives in Mililani with her husband Neal. They have two sons, two grandsons and one granddaughter.



Vera & Eta Sisters at ALZ Walk: Betty Yoshida, Daisy Ishihara, Miki Miyashiro, Vera Arita, Carol Ellis, Pat Tochiki, Ginger Enomoto

In 2016, Vera was initiated into Eta Chapter. Binky Kusatsu lured her in the organization explaining how she will meet other teachers, share ideas and experiences and participate in altruistic activities/projects giving back to their communities. Vera was intrigued with Eta's fine and talented sisters who cared about education though many were retired and continued to be faithful teachers, "Once a teacher, always a teacher!" Vera's unassuming involvement in chapter projects, her willingness to share her talents of singing and playing the ukelele and flute, assuming committee chairmanships, volunteering as a PAL (People Assisting Learning) at Children's Discovery Center (CDC), and participating in the Walk for Alzheimer's were attributes in sustaining our membership. Vera's invitation to her book readings was supported by Eta's sisters. It is what Vera does that contributes to Eta's success. She just does it!

As a teacher, Vera read to her students daily allowing them to hear the language of words and process meaning from it. However, she realized that her students were having difficulty relating to the stories. An "AHA moment!" occurred! A revelation came to her mind that she needs to become an author and write books which



Vera and her three books at Book Signing: (5th- Alohasaurus, 3rd-Animals Sing Aloha, 4th - Alphabet Hukilau)

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her students and the keiki of Hawaii could relate with. During that time, her dad was hospitalized with a serious illness. With a promise to her dad, she vowed to write a book and dedicate it to him. She kept that promise and Vera's first book, *All Around the Islands* was published. It is written in rhyme and rhythm and adapted from the classic song, "Over in the Meadow" and explores the different animals in the Hawaiian Islands. Vera now an author, just did it with her first book!

Vera's second book, published in 2007, is *Can You Catch a Coqui Frog?* Again, during another of Vera's difficult times, her brother, Mickle, was in an extended coma after falling and hitting his head. This incident inspired her to write a book and dedicate it to him. Another book accomplished! She just did it! In her books, Vera shows positiveness and the willingness to help others. The stories are uplifting as written through the curious eyes of a child. It shows a purpose of what she wants children to relate with and learn. *Animals Sing Aloha*, her third book, is a phonics board book teaching young children to learn the alphabet through singing the letters phonetically. Her fourth book, *Al-*

phabet Hukilau also teaches the alphabet featuring undersea animals.

Today, as we focus on diversity, equity and inclusion, Vera's latest book is titled *Alohasaurus*. It is about a lonely dinosaur who no one wants to befriend because he looks and sounds different. But a group of children developed enough courage to befriend him and in return the dinosaur taught them the ways of Aloha and caring for the 'aina. At the end, the dinosaur is given a new name, Alohasaurus! Vera believes that keiki must learn to accept and embrace unique and different qualities of others. At a book signing introducing *Alohasaurus*, her mother, Eileen Soneda, was there to support her. This is author, Vera Arita's, latest book! Again, she just did it!

Vera's unassuming attributes of leadership, positiveness, a "can-do" attitude, togetherness, and her mentoring of special education students are assets in striving to increase and sustain membership in Alpha Delta Kappa! This is Vera Arita following her path of "Just do it!"



Theta Chapter: Member Interaction

By Julie Shimonishi

At last Theta has returned to in-person meetings, a good start to being together again, socializing and re-connecting with each other. Our 50th Anniversary celebration, Color Bridges Art, Rabbit Trivia and Knock-Knock jokes, the sharing of projects of Theta's scholarship recipients, crafting valentine cards, partnering with Zeta chapter in the genki ball Ala Wai project and learning about Design Thinking...all these programs prompted not only membership interaction but an appreciation for the committee chairs and their members who worked so hard to make these meetings a time for new learnings and renewed participation.

"It's Nice to See You Again" - A Return to In-Person Meetings



Theta sisters at our first in-person meeting celebrating our 50th Anniversary



Artist Dawn Yoshimura explains and demonstrates the art of Color Bridges.

Alene Nakasone and Shirley Yamada focus on blending harmonious colors through their brush strokes.



Hedy Kaneoka is delighted with Carol Fong's cheerful art work.



A Theta scholarship award supported Christine Ho's kite and marionette projects.

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Theta Chapter: Member Recognition



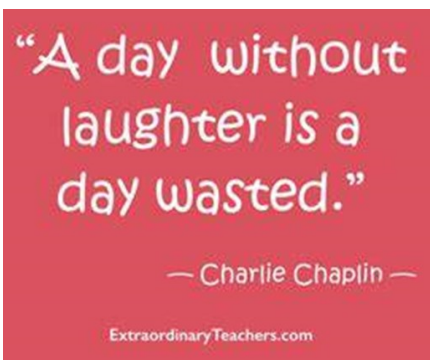
Logan Okita

On December 13, 2022 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) announced the election of **LOGAN OKITA** to its Board of Directors. As a board member, Logan will help set goals for the organization and promote certification. Logan is a Response to Intervention Coach at Nimitz Elementary working primarily with K-2 students on foundational reading skills.

CATHY LYNNE FONG has achieved National Board Certification. With 28 years of teaching experience, it is an awesome accomplishment benefiting both Cathy Lynne and her second graders at Liholiho Elementary. While presently teaching second grade, Cathy Lynne has also taught first and fourth graders. Congratulations, Cathy Lynne!



Cathy Lynne with proud mom Carol, also a Theta sister!



Kappa Chapter:

By Lily Kumura

Joyful Connection & Bonding—Kappa Sisters Rock!

We brought food, crafts, plants, wine and other items to support our Ways & Means. The joy was seeing the many things Sisters contributed and bought and the “oohs” & “ahhs” at the delicious baked goods. The festivities continued with several lively games, and the loud laughter spilled out

of the private room. At the conclusion, we left with smiles and a lightness in our step.

Gatherings such as this keeps us connected with each other and with our chapter. The kindred spirit between Sisters helps us appreciate how we are similar and to respect our differences. As we share more about ourselves through activities such as “ice breakers”, the bonds of friendship tightens and infuse into our hearts and minds that we are blessed to have each other.



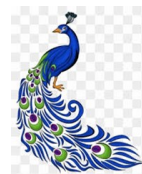
Sisters clustered together in the first game of “Common”.



A few items brought to the luncheon to support Ways & Means.



Bev & Kelly showing their prizes from Christmas bingo.



Xi Chapter: Monthly “Lemonades” to Increase & Sustain Membership

By Maxine Joe

Surely you remember the saying
When life gives you lemons, 😞
Make lemonade! 😊

That sounds easy enough, but **who knew**
THEY WOULD ARRIVE IN A TURBULENT TSUNAMI?

CHANGES AND CHALLENGES:

After the COVID-19 pandemic reached Hawaii a few years ago, Hawaii Xi and AΔK sisters encountered a series of personal, family, professional and community challenges they never imagined possible. Another type of challenge has reached close to home. Now our revered Alpha Delta Kappa organization faces a vital challenge to increase and sustain membership.

WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE TO SURVIVE, THRIVE, ENJOY:

We were delighted during the years we earned the coveted AΔK *Seven Pearls* based on criteria that included growth of membership. Now as we seek to regrow and sustain, we are encouraged by the words of Maya Angelou: We strive “...not merely to survive in challenging times, but also to thrive.” We also recognize that “A challenge is best viewed not as extra work, but as something we are happy to do “ ...Mother Teresa.



WE CAN MAKE LEMONADE: Xi Chapter has previously accepted challenges to remedy sour situations. Early in the COVID pandemic when our community faced proclamations and lockdowns, we hunkered down and isolated. But when Queen’s Medical Center faced a critical supply shortage of protective face masks for frontline workers, we remembered that altruism is in AΔK’s DNA. Xi volunteers mobilized and sewed hundreds of medical grade protective masks weekly, increasing the supply and relieving workers of washing and reusing their masks.



COMMUNICATE THROUGH ZOOM: When our in-person meetings, regularly sprinkled with cheer and laughter came to an abrupt halt, Niki Minami employed her technical expertise to reconnect us via Zoom. The youngest, tech-savvy sisters such as Alisha Hori-kami even created virtual meeting rooms for group discussions and short quizzes on meeting-related subject matter. That upped the game, keeping us alert and motivated to score high.



INSPIRATION: Xi Chaplain Shana Valenzuela, a Behavior Analytic Teacher, issued a call to action in response to challenges: “The only way to make change is to see challenges we face as opportunities for growth and development.” During the pandemic she set the pace by completing her Master’s in Education at UH Manoa, becoming a Board Certified Behavior Analyst last April and earning licensure as a Licensed Behavior Analyst.

MONTHLY LEMONADE



September Swap/Donate: It was exciting to hold Swap/Donate, a combination fundraiser/altruistic event before the meeting. Members brought donations from home, then enjoyed selecting a treasure to keep from the large collection of appealing donations. All remaining items were sorted, packed, and donated to charitable organizations such as the Community of Christ Church and the JCCH store. Members unable to attend gave generous monetary donations for future altruistic projects. Two guests, Gwen S. of Sacred Hearts and Jennifer L. of Pearl City High attended, thanks to Carol Emerson and Shana Valenzuela.



October Founders’ Day & Altruism: Xi sisters held a lively parade, complete with large signs, honking horns and amazing “cars”, to announce HAΔK’s next Founders’ Day celebration, October 14, 2023 at the Hawai’i Okinawa Center. Doreen Dudoit announced that the featured speaker will focus on building effective leadership. Xi Chapter led the audience in Human Bingo, a group energizer that led to the amazing discovery that only one person in the entire room had never been to Las Vegas! For October altruism, Xi sisters volunteered for a civic duty by helping the Office of Elections with ballot processing.



Xi sisters display large informational signs to announce Founders’ Day 2023. (L-R) Row 1: Niki, Carrie, Wendy, Alisha Row 2: Tina, Gerri, Gretchen, Carol, Evelyn, Doreen, Shelli

Doreen Dudoit announces the upcoming theme for Founders’ Day 2023

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November Homecoming and Family Programs Hawaii Altruism: We gathered to give thanks for surviving challenges for the past two years at a heart-warming homecoming meeting at Carol Emerson's home. Sisters savored a gourmet lunch topped with colorful edible flowers catered by multi-talented Alohilani Okamura. Xi Sisters brought gifts and monetary/ gift card donations for Family Programs Hawaii (FPH) Annual Christmas Party for foster keiki. FPH thanked Xi Chapter for its yearly support that includes gift wrapping by teams.



Carol welcomes Alohilani as she delivers gourmet luncheon dishes.



Sisters enjoy a long-awaited homecoming. (L to R) Tina, Lori, Niki, Carol, Maxine, Monette, Geri, Shelli



Hail, Hail, the gang's all here! (L to R) Evelyn, Wendy, Linda, Jessie, Alisha, Elise and Carrie



December Pau Hana Friday: In an innovative change, meeting planners featured "Pau Hana Friday" to encourage working sisters to stop by after school. Sisters were dazzled by an appetizing charcuterie board featuring an enticing array of food including Lori Hamel's salami rosebuds. A highlight was Christmas cupcake decorating led by Xi sister and baker extraordinaire Shana Valenzuela, fondly known as Cupcake Queen.



Sisters are delighted to gather at our first Pau Hana Friday. (L- R): Doreen, Wendy, Lori, Elise, Jackie, Tina, Carrie, Shana, Shelli, Carol



The final product, festively decorated and delicious!



Sisters patiently try their hand at cupcake decorating skills.



January Guests Attend Membership Tea: Though many prospective members are heavily engaged with school activities, growing families or caring for kupuna, we continue to encourage them to attend our meetings and events. Membership Tea Speaker Carol Emerson effectively shared merits and valuable insights about AΔK membership. Tina Jentilet and Shelli Tottori sported with pride Xi's signature lavender fasciators. Shelli brought invitees Karen G. of Noelani School and Florence K. of Ala Wai Elementary. If the stars align favorably it will be Xi Chapter's wish come true - spring initiation!



At the Membership Tea, speaker Carol Emerson of Xi chapter shares beneficial aspects of membership in AΔK to prospective members.



(L to R): Carol-Xi, Guest Karen G.-librarian at Noelani, Tina and Shelli-Xi, Guest Florence K.-teacher at Ala Wai



Lambda Chapter: Our 'Ohana Continues to Grow

By Lori Bruner Okamura

Our Lambda 'Ohana continues to grow with the addition of two new sisters who officially joined our chapter in February.

Jewel is a preschool special education teacher at Ala Wai Elementary School in an inclusive, partnership classroom with Head Start. During her past four years of teaching, her class has made art pieces and cards for various organizations like Queens Medical Health Center, Meals on Wheels, Hale Kū'ike (means "house of understanding" a home for people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related illnesses) and Kuakini Medical Center.

Jewel is currently a 4th year doctoral student at The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in the Learning Design and Technology program. Her research is on the relationship between gamifica-

tion, personality traits, and goal setting in higher education online courses. She completed her M.Ed. in Special Education at Vanderbilt University and received her B.A. in Elementary Teaching with a minor in Reading at The University of Northern Colorado.

Meet Jewel Mahoe



Jewel was the 68th Cherry Blossom Festival Queen, Miss Congeniality and Violet Niimi Oishi Scholarship Recipient and she continues her affiliation with the Japanese Women's Society Foundation and of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce. As Miss Hawai'i Earth 2021, she participated in the Miss Earth USA contest!

Meet Lori Nakamoto

Originally from Kona, Lori has been an elementary school teacher for the past 23 years at Olomana, Waimalu, Aiea, Pearl Ridge, and Kaleiopuu, among others. She graduated from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa with a degree in Elementary Education. After taking a break from teaching in 2006 as a distributor and owner for Edesigns, Lori will return to the classroom at Helemano Elementary beginning this January.



Lori has been involved with various community organizations. She volunteered for seven years with Roy Sakuma's Ukulele Festival Hawai'i because Roy and his wife Kathy were participants of the Hands on Healing program that offered ukulele lessons to cancer survivors. Lori has also held various volunteer and officer positions with the Japanese-America Society of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Fukuoka Kenjin Kai, and Wahiawa-Waiialua Hiroshima Kenjin Kai. Becoming a Lambda sister will enable Lori to continue doing community service and connecting with other educators.

Lori is hooked on playing pickleball and plays three times a week. Traveling and playing tennis are also her favorites. She is a BIG BTS fan and even got to see them in Las Vegas! Lori also loves to watch Korean dramas and listen to their soundtracks. Lori and her husband Patrick have two college-aged daughters, Seri and Tierra, and a cute Maltese/Pomeranian, Cocoa.



Lori and Jewel at Initiation Ceremony

Fun, Food, and Fellowship in the New Year

Lambda Chapter continues to encourage members to enjoy membership at our monthly meetings. In January, we met at Wheeler Elementary School, thanks to our sister Cherylanne Lee, for a fun morning of chapter business, ramen bar, and mahjong for beginners and experts. Sisters who could not make the drive were able to participate via Zoom and watch the others enjoy the delicious food!



Create your own ramen



Lambda President Lori Endo enjoying her ramen creation!

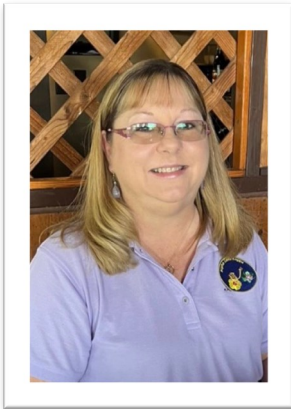


Yvonne Lau, standing in the blue top, teaches mahjong to Marian Crislip, Chris Chun, June Takata, Janice Oumaye, and newest member, Jewel Mahoe.



Delta Chapter's Beth Andrade: Honored to be in AΔK

By Yvonne Nakamura



Our Hawaii Delta Chapter sister, Elizabeth (Beth) Andrade was initiated in April, 2021. Beth credits her fellow AΔK sisters at Waiakea High School, Robin Fujioka, Zaida Igawa, and Patti Nishimoto, for encouraging her to join the educational sorority. She said, "I am honored to be a part of Alpha Delta Kappa's long standing tradition of service and commitment to education. I love the camaraderie at the meetings, socials, and service projects, and I love especially getting to know the sisters of Delta Chapter."

Beth has been an educator for 30 plus years. She grew up in Hilo, always knowing that she wanted to be a teacher. She attended the University of Portland, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. She began her teaching career at Maryknoll High School on Oahu. The following year, she moved back to Hawaii Island, where she taught for twenty years at her alma mater, St. Joseph High

School. She transitioned to public education in 2011 as a substitute teacher in Hilo and the Puna area for four years. After doing several long term substitute assignments at Waiakea High School, she decided it was time to get back to teaching full time. Fortunately, Beth was hired by Waiakea High School to teach English 11 and 12. After five years in the classroom, she moved into a support staff role at the school. Beth is currently in her third year as Waiakea's Testing and Resource Program Coordinator, and although she misses being in the classroom, she enjoys the new challenge and the opportunity to work with students, faculty, staff, and administration in a different capacity.

Beth is married to her high school sweetheart, Edward (Eddie) Andrade; they have two grown sons, Jeremy and Jacob. Beth and Eddie enjoy traveling and like to take a special trip every five years to commemorate their wedding anniversary. For their 30th, they went to Italy, and next year for their 40th, they are looking forward to a cruise from the East Coast to Nova Scotia. Beth says, "Life is good!"



Sigma Chapter: Going Strong!

By Marissa Noury

While Sigma is a small chapter (8 members), we make it up with our diversity! Did you know that our chapter has retired librarians, a retired principal, a teacher working in a charter school, and a secondary science teacher? We also have a sister who loves hosting parties, one who has a twin sister, one who loves to travel, and another who has developed curriculum for the Pacific Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)?

Sigma has been busy helping others in their own community and beyond. An annual tradition for Sigma is creating welcome bags for new teachers at schools. Sigma president, Sherry Yamada, wanted to include things that they might not be able to get through a school purchase order. She remembers how it was working in schools and spending a lot of your own money on supplies in your first year. Included in the bags was an informational flier about our organization and a copy of the booklet "Words of Advice for New Teachers." Earlier in the school year, they met at Waikole Golf Course Restaurant to prepare these bags. Twenty teachers from Barbers Point Elementary, August Ahrens Elementary, and Ewa Beach Elementary received these special deliveries. Sigma member, Phyllis Gurlen, also did something special for the new teachers at her school, Waianae Intermediate School.



With support from Linda Victor, sisters made welcome bags for new teachers in the Leeward District schools.

In September 2022, we got involved with a local church (North Shore Christian Fellowship) to provide 25 gallon-sized plastic bags filled with toys and supplies for indigenous children in the Philippines at the Malay Agape Sunbeam Academy (MASA). They were delivered in time for the children as Christmas care packages.



Children at MASA receiving their Christmas care packages from Sigma chapter

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Currently, we are in the planning stages of holding a garage sale in March 2023 to raise money for Glocal Literacy Foundation. More specifically, the Heroes Club of Stec Learning Center in Dien Ban, Vietnam. The students in this after-school program learn about community helpers and then perform service-learning projects such as beach cleanups, making first aid kits, and distributing gift bags to the elderly and disabled. Sigma member, Karen Chun, will mentor the teacher on lesson planning and service learning. Their goal is to raise money to cover the cost of the teacher's salary. If any sisters would like to help with this project, monetary donations can be sent to Glocal Literacy Foundation at 94-515 Anania Court # 133, Mililani, Hawaii 96789. The organization is non-profit, and all donations are tax-deductible. If you would like to donate items for the upcoming garage sale, please contact Sue Smith or Marissa Noury for more information.

So, you see, while Sigma may be numerically small, our hearts are big! Let's remember this quote by Robert Louis Stevenson. "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."



Students of the Heroes Club in Vietnam visiting and donating care packages to the disabled



Beta Chapter: Our Newest Members

By Sherry Rose

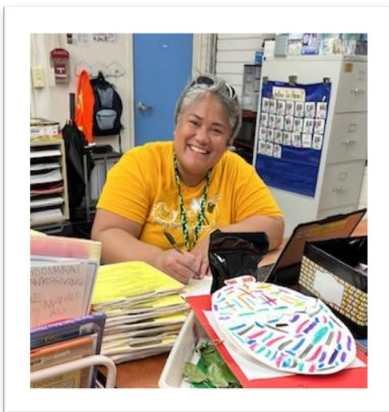
Our Beta AΔK Chapter has been fortunate to add three members to our exceptional group: **Akiko Giambelluca, Isabella Barrett, and Lakecia King Sharpe.**

Akiko is Farrington High School's ELL Coordinator extraordinaire. She coordinates hundreds of students, and she also works closely with specialized teachers, educational assistants, and tutors. She has stepped up to serve our chapter as Recording Secretary and she is now our Corresponding Secretary, Sgt. At Arms, and Courtesy/Aloha co-chair. Akiko is such a busy lady but still has the time and energy to support her wonderful family including her talented daughter who travels to Hilo to dance hula at Merrie Monarch.



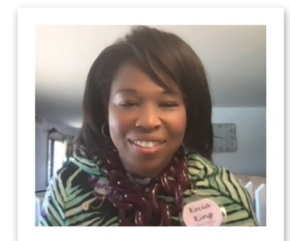
Akiko Giambelluca

Bella is currently an elementary school teacher with experience teaching middle school and high school students as well. In addition, this mother of five (four girls and one boy) is an awesome educator, wife, and a pastor too! Bella won the 2020 Jane Ortnier Education Award. The Grammy Museum award honored her unit of lessons for her English Language Arts class that incorporated music as a tool for teaching course content. Each year only one teacher in the entire U.S. is selected for this award. Bella and her husband were able to attend the 2020 Grammy Awards.



Isabella Barrett

Kecia is our newest Beta member. Kecia is a dedicated Special Education Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School. She holds a Master's Degree in Teaching Special Education and a Bachelor of Science in Business Management Human Resources. Kecia is also an award winning rotarian and currently serves as President of the Rotary Club of East Honolulu. She is Beta's World Understanding Chair and she also serves on our Altruistic committee. Congratulations are in order for Kecia and her new husband as she began 2023 changing her last name from King to Sharpe.



Lakecia King Sharpe



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World Understanding

We are So Proud of Our Chapter Members!

...Hanukkah

...Christmas

...Kwanzaa



The HoMa Café at the Honolulu Museum of Art was the beautiful venue for our in person Holiday Event. We celebrated three important December Holidays that included Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. World Understanding is one of our important themes this year and learning, laughter, and a delicious lunch was the order of the day. We are looking forward to more opportunities to get together as we navigate our post pandemic world. Happy New Year 2023!



Special Appreciation...

Altruism

Carol Furukawa, Theta
Anonymous: *In memory of Edna Kano*

Scholarship

Carol Furukawa, Theta
Gayle Lum, Beta: *In memory of Edna Kano*
In memory of Mabel Domae
Ginger Enomoto, Eta: *In memory of Jean Katsuniro*
Jeanne Chang, Zeta: *In memory of Mabel Domae*
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Anonymous: *In memory of Mabel Domae*

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Susan Okano, Nu: *In honor of HAΔK sisters in celebration of AΔK Month for their kindness, encouragement and commitment to HAΔK*
Jean Kiyabu, Alpha: *In recognition of AΔK Month for their leadership: Susan Okano, Jeanne Chang, Meredith Ching, Karen Victor, and Tina Young*



Calendar of Events & Deadlines



2023

March

15: Chapter altruistic online report due

April

15: S/P/N Altruistic Report to Regional Altruistic Chr. deadline
15: Regional Mini Spring Scholarship application deadline
30: Pre-International Convention meeting

May

1: Early bird registration for International Convention deadline

June

1: World Understanding Project Voting begins
15: Late Registration for International Convention deadline
15: H142 S/P/N President's report to IVP for the Region deadline
20: "The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association
30: H114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary to HQ deadline
30: C-1 Annual Chapter Treasurer's Reporting Form deadline
30: S-1 & S-2 Annual State Treasurer's Reporting Forms to HQ deadline
30: World Understanding Project voting ends

July

1: KAPPAN submissions deadline (September issue)
13 – 16: **International Convention, Kansas City, MO**
Hybrid Educational Symposium
Virtual Sessions begin July 6 – 7

August

Chapter and S/P/N Officer Packets emailed from HQ and updated on the website
19: **Virtual PPG/CCP/EEB #4 Meeting**
31: Distinguished Program Award deadline

September

15: Classroom Grant application deadline

October

ALPHA DELTA KAPPA Month

1: Chapter Yearbook to S/P/N President
1: KAPPAN submissions deadline (December issue)
14: Founders' Day, Hawaii Okinawa Center Legacy Ballroom
15: Proposals for next International Altruistic Project deadline
15: **CNA** Chapter Needs Assessment deadline
15: Regional Mini Fall Scholarship application Deadline
15: **990-N** IRS E-postcard deadline



Deadline joke:

"I'm reading a book about meeting deadlines. I should have finished it a week ago."

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