# Hawai'i AAK Sisters Thrilled to "Come Home" to Kansas City to Help Celebrate 75 Years!



Alpha Delta Kappa Headquarters

#### By President Susan Okano



What a wonderful International Convention we had! In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa's founding, 51 HA $\Delta$ K members traveled to Kansas City, and 15 members joined them virtually. Prior to the convention, registered convention participants voted on new officers, approved bylaw amendments and a resolution, and designated the international altruistic projects electronically. In Kansas City, sisters took a city tour and a wonderful guided tour of the A $\Delta$ K headquarters. It was so nice to "come home!" We also attended a variety of symposiums and business sessions, a memorial service in honor of our departed sisters, and regional, state, and international social functions. Through these events, we learned, found inspiration, and enjoyed the fellowship of sisters from other states, provinces, and nations.

Hawai'i was proudly represented by our members. Seven (7) HAΔK sisters (Carol Ann Ching, Judy Ching, Meredith Ching, Phyllis Horita, Kathy Kiyabu, Joy Koyanagi, and Ethel Murakami) organized the First-Timers session that was attended by over 200 members. Co-president-elect Karen Victor presented two symposium sessions that were educational and well-received. During the Southwest Regional luncheon, 'Alohilani Okamura, the Southwest Region Excellence in Education Award recipient, gave a notable talk about her work on diversity, and Sherry Yamada received a much-deserved Membership Service Award for increasing her chapter's membership from four (4) members to 11 members.

At this regional luncheon, the new Southwest Region President Mary Ann Englehart, described her "Soar into the Future" theme and logo. The eight (8) birds represent the eight (8) states and nation in the Southwest Region, and the four (4) flowers surrounding AΔK celebrate our four (4) founders. She also explained her vision through the "SOAR" acronym - Support members, chapters, and states; Opportunity to innovate and enhance; Active involvement in membership; Recognize achievements and challenges.

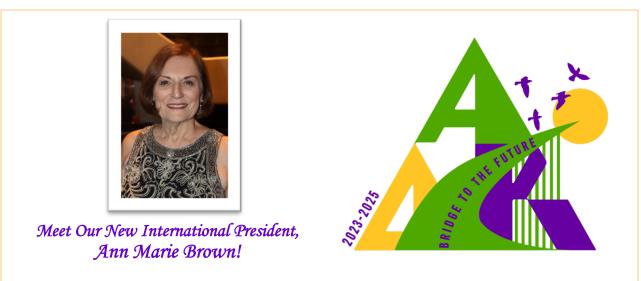


Meet Our New Southwest Region President, Mary Ann Englehart!



The state dinner was a truly memorable event, starting with a Jan Ken Po icebreaker coordinated by 'Alohilani Okamura and Mokihana Jones. The winner, Betty Yoshida, generously donated her winnings to the International Convention's altruistic project Ronald McDonald House Charities of KC. Karen Victor and Mary Jean Bega entertained us with a lively hula. Thanks to planners Tina Young and Gayle Lum, the dinner buffet was so 'ono, the program fun and exciting, and the atmosphere delightful and joyous.

Finally, it was impressive to see the 1,200 attendees and guests assembled at the closing banquet, including dinner and a DJ. Newly installed International President Ann Marie Brown presented her theme and logo, "Bridge to the Future."



She explained that the sun signifies a new day, with the birds representing our four founders, as Agnes Shipman Robertson leads the way. Alpha, in green, stands for Athena, Delta, in yellow, stands for Demeter, and Kappa, in purple, for Kore. The vertical lines represent the seven (7) unique regions and our organization's vision, mission, purpose, and history. The modern swipe upward represents motion, supported by the seven (7) regions.

We look forward to the next International Convention in Austin, Texas in 2025. We hope y'all will join us!



## I attended the 2023 AAK International Convention!

51 sisters traveled to Kansas City, Missouri, to attend the 2023 A∆K International Convention. We asked a few of the sisters, repeat attendees and first-timers, questions about their experience at International Convention. Here's what they said:

First-timers: What did you think about your first International Convention? Were you excited? Did you feel overwhelmed? What stood out to you the most about International Convention?

**Jeanette Uyeda (Nu):** "It was really nice to get to know more sisters! The presentations were informative and enjoyable. I am looking forward to future International conventions."

**Diane Kosaki (Delta):** "I felt excited to go. I felt in awe of seeing everyone in person. What stood out was the number of sisters attending the convention and the passion everyone had being a part of Alpha Delta Kappa."

**Binky Kusatsu (Eta):** "The sheer number of participants was impressive, to see so many sisters from all over the states and other countries made me realize that AAK is indeed an INTERNATIONAL sisterhood. The Hawai'i sisters did a great job at the First Timers session as we got to interact with other sisters from other states."

Repeat attendees: Did you notice a difference between previous International Conventions and this International Convention? If so, what differences were there?

Carole Takehara (Beta): "In previous International Conventions that I attended many, many years ago, the business of A∆K was conducted during the convention. The tradition of voting on International bylaws/ resolutions and voting for the various officers of the International Executive Board and regional officers during the convention was not followed. We were asked to vote virtually before the convention."

**Karen Victor (Pi):** "One of the interesting parts of past Conventions was the real-time debate for motions and amendments. Even when they went long and got very detailed, it was a lively demonstration of the democratic process."

**Naomi Yap (Lambda):** "DEFINITELY! The electricity in the room was missing during the business sessions. The online comments and taped video clips (officer speeches) did not replace the live debates and candidates' speeches for me."

Robbie Umeno (Epsilon): "Yes, I missed listening to the discussions (pros and cons) and then voting on the amendments and resolutions at the Convention."

Jo Ann Iwane (lota): "...more use of technology like using the QR code."

**Jean Kiyabu (Alpha):** "Reliance on personal electronic devices (iPhone; laptop) for daily Convention updates rather than printed daily news bulletins, handouts for Educational Symposium sessions were 'online" rather than on a paper handout, and a QR code to enter all events as opposed to an official nametag for identification and entrance."

First-timers and repeat attendees: What did you think about the workshops/sessions you attended?

**Karen Victor (Pi):** "I had a great time as a presenter and would definitely recommend the experience. It was interesting to see the breadth of topics as well as the varying levels of presenter readiness."

**Ethel Murakami (Theta):** "Of course, the first-timers session was fun to plan and conduct with our HA∆K team of creative and amazing sisters!"

Jean Kiyabu (Alpha): "GREAT! Well-organized, well-timed, easy-to-follow slides and handouts. Excellent!"

First-timers and repeat attendees: What were some highlights about attending International Convention?

**Elena deMille (Mu):** "I volunteered to be one of the A∆K Sergeant-at-Arms Assistants in Kansas City at the Opening Session and some workshops. It was an honor for me to wear the purple sash with a pin."

**Binky Kusatsu (Eta):** "I was impressed with the World Understanding ITE presentation of Trang Hoang, an articulate and dynamic speaker whom we met last biennium as an ITE scholar from the University of Washington. ... Another World Understanding Project, C.H.E.A.R gave me a clearer understanding of how impactful our donations to this international project have been."

**Robbie Umeno (Epsilon):** "Overall, I enjoyed being at the Convention. The highlight was getting to know and "hanging out" with the Hawai'i sisters. I was impressed by the global reach of  $A\Delta K$  (Project C.H.E.A.R., ITE, Collegiate Clubs,  $A\Delta K$  Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Alzheimer's Assoc., St. Jude, etc)."

Ethel Murakami (Theta): "The first-timers session! Our state barbeque dinner! Meeting/seeing old acquaintances!"

**Jo Ann Iwane (lota):** "The keynote speaker and meeting the ITE scholars and seeing A∆K sisters from across the nation, some whom I met at previous conferences and conventions and many new ones as well."

First-timers and repeat attendees: What was it like to visit Headquarters (if you were able to)?

Robbie Umeno (Epsilon): "I felt like I was entering a sacred place."

**Carole Takehara (Beta):** "I was amazed how after all these years it was in excellent condition and to think our founders actually moved in those rooms. There was an eye-catching, beautiful display announcing our 75th Anniversary on the lawn."

**Naomi Yap (Lambda):** "Both my visits to A∆K Headquarters at the 50th and 75th Anniversaries are lifetime memories. There have been many improvements (International flags on display), and yet, it definitely feels like a home. I could definitely imagine Agnes "conducting court" here."

Binky Kusatsu (Eta): "I thought we were going to Headquarters in an office building. I was pleasantly surprised to see AAK Headquarters in the middle of a residential area and actually looking like one of the homes there. The parlor or living room felt just like being in someone's home with a fireplace, groupings of furniture throughout and lots of chandelier-like light fixtures hanging from the ceiling. The highlight of that tour was seeing Eta sister Anne Hedani's hand-crafted violet pillow laying on the settee in the Violet room, still there after 25 years."

**Ethel Murakami (Theta):** "I could feel the presence of our founders especially in the meeting room with their portraits. Wouldn't have missed it! One primary purpose for attending International convention."

First-timers and repeat attendees: What was it like to travel with fellow Hawai'i sisters (either in your chapter or from other chapters)?

**Jo Ann Iwane (lota):** "Wonderful, our Hawai'i delegation "oozed" aloha and spread it with gifts and lei that we brought with us to one and all."

**Elena deMille (Mu):** "Traveling with our Hawai'i A∆K sisters was great. I could sense that we had the OHANA in all of us, helping each other and making sure everyone was safe, healthy, and well."

**Naomi Yap (Lambda):** "The BEST part of attending the convention! Getting to know other chapter sisters is one of the benefits!" **Jeanette Uyeda (Nu):** "The best part was getting to know more Hawai'i sisters."

**Diane Kosaki (Delta):** "It was a great experience getting to know my chapter sisters and sisters from the Hawai'i delegation. Matching the faces of sisters to the names that I see and hear on email or via Zoom and getting to know everyone at a more personal level was really special."

First timers: What advice/recommendation would you give to sisters who have not been to International Convention now that you have experienced it?

Jeanette Uyeda (Nu): "I think to just try it at least once!"

**Diane Kosaki (Delta):** "I would say you need to go! It was a wonderful experience. I would also suggest going earlier or staying longer so that you'll have time to do sightseeing."

**Binky Kusatsu (Eta):** "Sisters need to go to an International Convention at least once. You get to experience the leadership and power of our organization and why A∆K is a great organization to belong to."

As you can tell, International Convention was quite an experience! We encourage you to consider going to the next International Convention in 2025, which will be held in Austin, TX, and the joint NW/SW Regional Conference in 2024, to be held in Bellevue, Washington!



## Congratulations 2023 Hawai'i A∆K Student Scholarship Awardees! ELAINE LIAO and JACY ANNE DELA CRUZ

By Linda Camp and Hedy Kaneoka HAΔK Scholarship Co-Chairpersons

The HAΔK Scholarship Committee awarded the 2023 Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa Student Scholarship to two outstanding and well-deserving applicants. They are Elaine Liao and Jacy Anne Dela Cruz who are 2023 high school graduates and will be attending college in September. Elaine and Jacy Anne both decided early on that they wanted to be teachers and began seriously working towards that goal. Their teachers report nothing but positive observations and recommendations regarding their sincere efforts and desire to learn and attain skills to becoming good teachers.

Elaine Liao just graduated from Waipahu High School and will be attending the College of Education at the University of Hawai'i West Oahu Campus. Her Education Pathway teacher describes her as being very capable and extremely dependable. During her two years in the Education Pathway, she was able to gain valuable experiences working with students at Waikele Elementary School. Due to her teaching experience her Guidance/Chinese Language teacher was confident of her skills and had her serve as a teacher's assistant in his class. During the summer Elaine gained further experience with children by working in the Parks and Recreation Summer Fun Programs.

Jacy Anne Dela Cruz just graduated from Maui High School and will be attending the University of Hawai'i Maui College. Her Education teacher provided outstanding recommendations and described Jacy Anne as a driven and serious student. He said she would make an amazing teacher and will make a huge difference in the community. Jacy Anne has had numerous experiences actually working with children in the classroom. She enrolled in the Work Based Learning Program which provided the opportunity to engage with students and teachers. Her Graphic Design teacher gives Jacy Anne his highest recommendation. During her senior year she was part of a work-based learning program at Pu'u Kukui Elementary School where she learned valuable teaching responsibilities. She also excels in extracurricular activities such as basketball, bowling, and track.

The heartfelt comments by both Elaine and Jacy Anne who are our future says it all:

#### Elaine:

"To be a guide to others to reach their goals is what I want to be able to accomplish as an educator. Thank you again for your generous award and your time to review my application."



Susan Okano HAΔK President, Elaine Liao recipient of HAΔK Student Scholarship, Linda Camp HAΔK Scholarship Committee Co-chairperson



#### Jacy Anne:

"Working with elementary kids take work.
Although this will be a challenge, it is a challenge I want to take.
Thank you for supporting me in reaching my fullest personal and professional potential."

Jacy Anne Dela Cruz, HAΔK Scholarship recipient with Diane Omura, Gamma Chapter Scholarship Chairperson

Congratulations to Elaine Liao and Jacy Anne Dela Cruz! Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa wishes them a successful future as they pursue their desire to become educators.





## **Congratulations!**State Altruistic Awardees for the 2022-2024 Biennium



By Christine Hondo and Catherine Yee, HA△K Altruistic Co-Chairpersons

#### Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa Altruistic Awardees: \$1,000 each

#### Hawai'i Exemplary State Foundation: The Genki Ala Wai Project

The Genki Ala Wai Project is a non-profit project under the Hawai'i Exemplary State Foundation. The aim is to use bioremediation technology to make the Ala Wai Canal swimmable and fishable within seven years. A systematic approach will be used to address flood mitigation in the watershed. The goal is to empower all stakeholders in the ahupua'a to be involved - students, teachers and the community working together to restore the Ala Wai ecosystem.



PBS Hawai'i
Diane Nakai, Karen Fuse, Ron Mizutani - President and CEO, Susan Okano, Tina Young

#### PBS Hawai'i

PBS Hawai'i is the only locally owned, statewide television station, sole Hawai'i member of the Public Broadcasting Service and the only licensed educational broadcaster in Hawai'i. Essential to their work is knowing the commu-



Genki Ala Wai Project
Karen Victor, Susan Okano, Dr. Kenneth Kaneshiro President and CEO of Hawai'i Exemplary State Foundation (umbrella organization for Genki Ala Wai
Project), Ethel Murakami, Suzanne Hee

nity they serve by offering local content and engagement that follow our mind, heart, and na'au. It is also important to them to maintain the human touch in their work. PBS Hawai'i is mostly supported by the community, through gifts of individuals, families, businesses and charitable foundations.

#### Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream

<u>Always Reading:</u> Has three pillars that support kindergarten students at home by giving families an entire library of books at their fingertips and provides family engagement resources for caregivers to read with their children.

<u>High-Quality Books:</u> Allows access to high quality books in the home environment through a digital library application. Special curated book collections with the library align to the Always Reading curriculum. Families receive traditional books to keep at various points throughout the program.

**21st Century Technology:** A digital tablet is loaned to each student for the school year, for one-to-one access to reading technology and the digital library. Digital library application captures student adoption including books, pages and minutes read. Internet access via a mobile data plan is provided to every student who needs it.



Kristy Yamaguchi's Always Dream
Tina Young, Susan Okano, Chelsea Brinegar - Marketing &
Communications Manager, Sherry Yamada,
Sue Smith, Tina Lee

<u>Family Engagement:</u> A "Book Coach" works directly with families and coaches to actively support families to build their skills. Parents receive training in book sharing strategies, the tablet and the library application. Text messages offering reading tips and early literacy best practices are sent to families three times a week.

<u>Population served:</u> Serves low-income families in California and Hawai'i by partnering with high-need schools. In Hawai'i: Blanche Pope Elementary, Waimanalo; Kailua Elementary, Kailua; Kalihi Kai Elementary, Honolulu; Kapiolani Elementary, Hilo; Kaunakakai Elementary, and Kilohana Elementary, Kaunakakai; Linapuni Elementary, Honolulu; Maunaloa Elementary, Maunaloa; Malama Honua Charter School, Waimanalo; Pu'uhale Elementary, Honolulu.

#### Big Island Awardees: \$500 each

#### **Pacific Tsunami Museum**

The goals of the Pacific Tsunami Museum are to promote public tsunami education for the people of Hawai'i and visitors worldwide, preserve the social and cultural history of Hawai'i, and serve as a living memorial to those who have lost their lives in past tsunami events.

#### Nā Kahua Hale O Ulu Wini

Nā Kahua Hale O Ulu Wini, a supportive housing program in Kona, Hawai'i, is the only West Hawai'i program that provides transitional housing for families coming from homelessness.

Nā Kahua Hale O Ulu Wini, Kona Sharon Skibby - Altruistic Chairperson, Marisa Henderson - Site Manager, Joan Parker - Co-President of lota Chapter





#### The Pacific Tsunami Museum, Hilo

Yvonne Nakamura - Pacific Tsunami Museum docent, Joyce Hirata - Delta Chapter Immediate Past President & former Pacific Tsunami Museum docent, Cindi Preller - President / CEO Pacific Tsunami Museum, Diane Kosaki - Delta Chapter President





#### Congratulations to Excellence in Education Award (EiE) Nominees!

By Miki Maeshiro and Joan Tanigawa

Congratulations to all our EiE nominees! We know each nominee is deserving for her dedication and the excellence she brings to the education profession. Chapter Nominees for the EiE Award are now beginning the application process and have until December 15th to submit their online applications. This year, the EiE timeline and selection process was updated and some changes were made to the timeline and selection process. Below is a brief timeline of the process.

The nomination period is now August 1- October 1, of odd numbered years.

The online application period, for nominees to complete their online applications, is October 15—December 15, of odd numbered years.

S/P/N EiE Committee chairs form a team to adjudicate applicants within their region in even numbered years.

The S/P/N EiE recipients are awarded at the State Conventions (March-June) in even numbered years.

State recipients receive their pin and the regional recipient is awarded at the regional conferences.

As Co-chairpersons of the Excellence in Education Committee, we look forward to participating in the new adjudication process.



## Membership Corner

Mary R.					
Milestone	Sister	Chapter		Milestone	Milestone Sister
GOLDEN	Alma Yogi	Delta		<b>NEW INITIATES</b>	NEW INITIATES Tracey Baybayan
SAPPHIRE	Marian Kuruhara	Delta			Stacy Hondo
	Kay Chin	Theta			Dawn Migita
SILVER	Karen Fuse	Alpha	V2S0G2315	40	Lori Nakamura
	Janice Ogi	Epsilon		V.	Jewel Mahoe
	Roberta Umeno	Epsilon			Elizabeth Nanea Ho
	Gail Ideue	Gamma		7	Betsy Takesono
	Cheryl Nishida	Gamma 🥌			Valerie Ann Butcher
	Joan Tamori	Gamma			Maris Galban
	Eunice Itoga	Kappa			An'gelle Kaeo
	Carol Fong	Theta			Marie Teves
	Rubellite Johnson	Honorary			Phyllis Ann Gurlen
		Member			Karen HK Graham Florence Kawamura
REINSTATED	Diana Lyons	Gamma			Florence Kawamura
	Grace Motta	Gamma			
	Anna Kaneshiro	Lambda			
	Yvonne Lau	Lambda			
	Elena De Mille	Mu			
	Miki Cacace	Theta			
	Logan Okita	Theta			
	Naomi Hayakawa	Delta	Deal	r	r Sisters,
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	Mary Jean S. Bega	Gamma			-13,
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A goal is a dream with a deadline.

**Napoleon Hill** 



## Professional and Personal Growth/ Leadership Training Conference A Success!



By Janice Oumaye and Janet Fujimoto

The 21st Professional and Personal Growth/Leadership Training Conference was held virtually on Saturday, August 19, 2023. PPG/LT co-chairs Janet Fujimoto and Janice Oumaye, along with the committee members representing all 16 chapters, diligently carried out their responsibilities for this successful conference, with over 200 members registering for the event.

President Susan Okano, technology experts Valerie Okihara and Tina Young, Zoom hosts, co-hosts, and greeters gave their time and talents to welcome participants and facilitate the 17 workshops. The diversity of workshops made it highly interesting and inviting for sisters to participate. No one could have anticipated the sudden challenge presented by the devastating Maui wildfires. Our scheduled keynote speaker, Lt. Governor Sylvia Luke, was unable to be present due to her involvement with the recovery efforts. We were also concerned about our Maui sisters and their well-being. In spite of these obstacles, the conference went on as planned and was enjoyable and informative.

Thank you for your support and participation in the 21st Professional and Personal Growth and Leadership Training Conference!



Presidents - Susan Scofield



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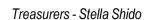
Bringing Generations Closer- Helen Nakano



#### Alpha Delta Kappa Financial Forms

- The following reports must be submitted to the State Treasurer by <u>June 30th.</u>
  - C-1: Annual Chapter Reporting Form and Audit
  - C-2: Balance Sheet
  - C-4: Annual Budget. This form is not required to be submitted to the State Treasurer. Alpha Delta Kappa suggest that this form be completed as a good business practice.









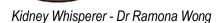




Empowering Women - Noel Kauanui and Danielle Porter

Keeping Sharp Into the Future - Dr Grace Chen O'Neil







Options for Aging at Home - Dew Anne Langcaon



Fire Safety - Carl Otsuka



Kokedama - Kathleen Yoshinaga



Finding Peace - Lisa Togioka-Fong



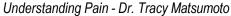






Hawaii Plantation Village - Derrick Iwata











## **MEMBERSHIP** FLASH!



All chapters who recruit/reinstate members from April 1, 2022 to February 28, 2024 will be entered in a drawing for one of three vouchers for HA  $\triangle$  K State

> Convention! Recruit/

Reinstate 12 members one \$50 voucher

Recruit/ Reinstate 3+members = one \$100 voucher

One lucky new initiate will be in a drawing for one \$50 voucher for State Convention

### CHAPTER Happenings...

#### **ALPHA Chapter:** Teamwork is Essential for Participation in an Organization

By Sandra Kubota

To be able to PARTICIPATE in an organization, teamwork is essential.

On May 13, 2023, Alpha Chapter sisters conducted their final meeting to culminate the first year of the 2022-2024 biennium.

We called it "LET'S CELEBRATE" our achievements and efforts as one of Hawaii's Alpha Delta Kappa chapters.

Through the generosity of one of Alpha's sisters, we were able to gather in the activity room of her condominium building. The meeting included a fraternity education group inclusion activity titled "A∆K Draw A Picture", an adaptation of "Pictionary". We were divided into two teams and had to designate a "sketcher" from the team. The sketcher was shown a written clue, an A∆K word or phrase, and had the task of drawing the word or phrase within 15 seconds. THINKING,

QUICK SKETCHING and lots of wonderful guesses were energy kicked in, along with resounding laughter!



Alpha Sisters (L to R) Diane Nakai, Linda Shimamoto, Karen Fuse, unabashedly shouted out. Needless to say, the competition Holly Kiyonaga, and Liane Voss, participate in "AAK Draw A Picture".

We celebrated the achievements made in meeting the SMART goals while recognizing the efforts of all the sisters. Congratulations also go out to Silver Sister, Karen Fuse!

Singing and dancing to "Celebrations" by Kool and the Gang culminated the meeting, followed by a delicious bento lunch. Being together in-person, celebrating our endeavors, and recognizing Silver Sister, Karen, exemplified Alpha's teamwork.

A heartfelt MAHALO goes out to sister Linda Shimamoto for arranging the venue for our meeting.

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results." - Andrew Carnegie



Alpha Silver Sister, Karen Fuse, and fellow sister, Sandra Kubota



Winners of
A∆K Draw A Picture
(L to R) June Ibara, Carole
Sodetani, Janice Kutsunai,
Sandie Kubota,
and Joy Yoshimura



#### **GAMMA Chapter:** Active Participation Comes in Various Ways for Gamma Sisters

By Diane Orikasa



"Together, We're Better!"

Active participation comes in various ways for Gamma sisters. In April, we initiated four sisters. We welcomed Tracey Baybayan who is a second grade teacher at Pomaikai Elementary; Dawn Migita who is retired but has returned back as a PPT at Pu'u Kukui Elementary; and Stacy Hondo, a Kindergarten teacher at Lihikai Elemen-



Co-Presidents Jasmine Domingo and Mary Jean Bega

tary. Our fourth sister, Mary Jean Bega, was reinstated into Gamma. Now

retired, Mary Jean took the leap and is now serving as co-president with Jasmine Domingo. We were proud to be recognized at the International Convention for showing membership growth.



Doing altruistic work runs in the blood of our Gamma sisters. We participated in the state's altruistic project for the Alzheimer's Association, "Longest Day" and exceeded our chapter's goal. Also, through altruistic activities, we were able to raise enough funds to award eight \$1,000 scholarships to deserving high school seniors on Maui. We are now in the process of helping active teachers and schools as they prepare for the new school year by volunteering with our time and monetary donations.

(L to R) Christine Hondo, Jocelyn Tengan, Kitty Yee, and Betty Watanabe participate in "The Longest Day" campaign.

Seven Gamma sisters were able to support our own co-presidents and our state president, Susan Okano, at the International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, this past July. One of the many highlights was seeing our International Headquarters as it celebrated its 75th anniversary.





Gamma sisters (L to R)
Mary Jean Bega, Jan Shishido,
Sharon Eno, Jasmine Domingo,
Joan Tamori, Christine Hondo,
and Jocelyn Tengan quickly
pose on the stairway entrance to
our A∆K headquarters in
Kansas City as their bus awaits.

As we begin our second year of the biennium, we look forward to continuing to work on strengthening our membership, expand on world understanding, develop our personal and professional development and of course, participating in altruistic work!

#### KAPPA Chapter: Help Wanted! Kappa Sisters Answered the Call

By Lily Kumura

#### **Spirit of Volunteering at the McCully Moilili Library**

Kappa Sister, Lori Chun, sought out volunteers for the McCully Moiliili Library. This unfolded from relationships with people and how these relationships can open doors for us.



When Lori was a librarian at Kaimuki High School, she was fortunate to have worked with Jan Kamiya who is an award winning Hawai'i Librarian of the Year 2015. Jan Kamiya was the Young Adult Librarian at McCully Moiliili Library. She would come to Kaimuki HS every year to do book talks for all the Language Arts students which they greatly enjoyed. Jan also organized our UH LIS Honor Society when volunteering for the big annual library book sales. When Jan was an adjunct professor in the Library Information Science Department, she sought out Lori to speak to her students to share her experiences as a school librarian.



Kappa sisters Eunice Itoga and Lori Chun volunteer at the McCully Moiliili Library.

Later Lori reached out to Jan to see if the library could use  $A \triangle K$  volunteers. This is how several Kappa Sisters formed the connection with McCully Moiliili Library and the branch manager Hillary Chang. The relationship Lori formed with Jan opened the door for Kappa Sisters to volunteer.

Lori shared that the experience is very easy as she and others work behind the scenes to sort donated items, process discarded books, as well as assist with the biannual count of patrons who come to the library.

**Eunice Itoga:** I am one of several Kappa Sisters who volunteer at the McCully Moiliili Library in Honolulu. I volunteer one day a week for several hours. Why do I volunteer here? I'm so grateful for the library and what they offer to the community. Volunteering is my way to help the librarians and staff because of the marvelous work they do

with literacy for children and families. When I was in the classroom, I appreciated the volunteers who came to school to do tasks that relieved some responsibilities off my plate. The work I was given was not difficult and the time passed quickly. One task was to sort the plethora of comic books and graphic novels for an upcoming event. These comic books are so unlike ones from my time! Each time I go to the library, I'm given a new task so it's interesting to see the variety of things needing to be done. I had no idea of the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes that librarians and the staff do. I find volunteering very gratifying and to know I can be of help to them.

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#### Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Pen Pal Project

Mel Mizusawa and a friend go walking in their neighborhood and a wonderful relationship was formed. Through this friendship, Melanie found out about a program headed by Kimberly Itagaki, Honolulu City and County Volunteer Coordinator, to pen pal with 6th grade students at Pearl Ridge Elementary.

The pen pal project began at the start of the second semester. Volunteers were given names of students—only first names to conceal their personal identities—and we could select one or two to be their pen pal. Each student was paired with a senior dizen and this opened interaction and communication in a comfortable and beneficial way for both sides. Kimberly met with Melanie and Lily Kumura to review guidelines about the project as well as do's and don'ts about sharing. All letters go through the students' teachers, then to Kimberly and she forwards the letters to us, and the process was reversed with our letters back to the students. Our pen pals would ask questions about us as well as share about their lives, families, activities, and future plans as they move into middle school.

#### Melanie's experience with her pen pal Sophia:

It was exciting to "meet" Sophia and find out what she was learning in school, her extra curricular activities and interests as well as her viewpoint on miscellaneous topics. It was refreshing to receive each letter and I looked forward to writing back to her to share what was happening in my life. At times she would ask me questions about making decisions in life so I tried to answer her from my experiences and give her another perspective. I sent her photos of flowers and plants after learning how to attach them to my letter. She used unfamiliar soccer terms which I asked her to explain; so now I know a bit more about the sport Sophia plays. Sophia also enjoyed having an impartial adult to share info with. She doesn't see her grandparents often so I was the older person to interact with. This also gave me an opportunity to talk about my own childhood and compare our lives. The culmination of this semester-long project was to meet each other at the school for lunch. We exchanged lei and got to chat for a while. The pen pal project was also featured on the evening news—it was exciting for everyone. I look forward to participating again in this very worthwhile project!

#### Lily's experience as a pen pal with two students, Akepa and Erin:

Initially the letters are fairly standard such as introducing ourselves and sharing things such as family and interests. As the pen pal exchange continued, both Akepa and Erin shared their concerns about entering 7th grade, and expectations about their future. I could tell both students have wonderful parents who showed great interests in what they do and who are their friends. Both Akepa and Erin's writing improved as well—I could hear their "voices" in their letters. Akepa shared about his team winning and losing soccer games. In defeat he did not blame anyone; rather the team learned from losing the game. How profound is this for a 6th grader!

Erin shared about the talent show and she and two other girls would lip sync and dance to a song by Beyonce. I actually had to look up the song since I'm not a fan of current music. She was fearful but pushed through and they won! How magnificent to step outside her comfort zone!



Students Akepa and Erin bond as pen pals with Kappa sister, Lily Kumura.

I felt close to both students. As Mel stated, the culmination was to meet our pen pal students at their school and have lunch. I would like to know how they will adjust to middle school as it can be a difficult transition, but of course that's not possible as the pen pal relationship ended at our lunch meeting. Would I do it again? Absolutely!

The stories shared about volunteering pointed to relationships we developed with others and how gratifying these are. We do not live in a silo; so we need to keep cultivating relationships with others to grow.



Children are not a distraction from more important work.

They are the most important work.

C.S. Lewis

### ETA Chapter: Striving to Encourage Active Participation— AΔK Headquarters Is Highlight of Ten Eta Sisters on Their Journey of Love

By Daisy Ishihara



Eta Sisters at Headquarters: (L to R) Betty Yoshida, Stella Shido, Daisy Ishihara, Binky Kusatsu, Valerie Okihara, Arleen Young, Gail Watanabe, Sheri Sunabe, Patricia Takamiya, Christine Taylor.

In a residential area in Kansas City, Missouri, sits a red brick northern colonial style structure which is the home of Alpha Delta Kappa's Headquarters, the house that love built! Eta's sisters, Arleen Young, Betty Yoshida, Binky Kusatsu, Christine Taylor, Daisy Ishihara, Gail Watanabe, Patricia Takamiya, Sheri Sunabe, Stella Shido, and Valerie Okihara fell in love with this home and thus Headquarters became their highlight of the 75th International Convention, appropriately called Journey of Love. Agnes Shipman Robertson, the Founder and Executive Director Emeritus, is credited for its beginning. Along with Agnes were three other visionaries, Marie Neal, Marion Southall and Hattie Poppino whose mission was to honor outstanding women educators and empower other women educators to advance inclusion, educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding. Throughout the decades this home has gone through restoring, rebuilding and refurbishing. Today it proudly stands for the thousands of Alpha Delta Kappa members as a masterpiece they can be proud of! This home awed sisters of Eta Chapter as

1997 A∆K's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anne Hedani made a pillow for headquarters' Violet Room



Visiting the various, restored and immaculately kept rooms on the lower and upper levels of Headquarters were sights for the sisters. Eta Chapter is a part of the Violet Room. Several Eta

each stepped into this unforgettable priceless structure

which once was the home of

Agnes Shipman Robertson.

sisters went to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. Anne Hedani made a violet pillow and presented it to Headquarters and today

that pillow elegantly sits on the bed of violets. Eta's

history is a part of AΔK's Headquarters! How special is that! Another room, The Agnes Shipman Robertson Social Room is gracious and delightful. Eta's President, Sheri Sunabe. and IPP. Binky Kusatsu, took the time to pose with Agnes. Stepping into the Board Room fills one with respect and honor with its formal atmosphere. As a



Sheri and Binky pose with

local custom of Hawai'i, Eta's chapter President Sheri, presented Suzie Hannah, a staff at Headquarter with a gift of short-bread pineapple cookies from Honolulu Cookie Company.

Other highlights of the convention were workshops sisters attended. Stella, Daisy, Pat, Betty, and Val actively partici-



Karen Victor's Workshop: "Hawai'i? It's complicated."

pated in Karen Victor's two presentations, "Hawai'i? It's Complicated" focused on how ALOHA, might be applied to solve what is happening in our world today with respecting the different cultures as curiosities are aroused. She explained that everyone in Hawai'i is not "Hawaiian" which refers to the indigenous people of the islands. Others are from different origins, Japan, China. Korea, etc. Karen's second workshop, "Let's Talk Story" involved a game, Story Stitch, and participants got to know each other by answering the same question with each sister sharing her viewpoint. Sisters learned that conversations can help us learn about each other, understand, and connect with each other. Karen Victor was an outstanding presenter at both workshops using facts and humor! Understanding the Holocaust was a favorite workshop for Pat. She first heard about it in high school and was curious about the Jews and how they were treated and gained more information from the workshop. Amy Blocher was the presenter.

Listening to Jacqueline Lougheed World Understanding Lecturer, Trang Hoang, an ITE alumni, and of WA Alpha Delta was another highlight for the sisters. A former ITE scholar, Trang graduated from the University of Washington with a major in Education Policy, Organizations and Leadership. With difficulty during the pandemic in returning to her native country, Trang eventually returned to Vietnam in the fall of 2022. She presently works in education as an Education Marketing Project Manager for a technology company and uses the power of technology to empower students' learning in a digital era. Listening to the ITE Scholars in the Educational Symposium was an awesome experience. Hearing Trang and the other ITE Scholars proved that they rightfully deserve the honor they were bestowed with. Their journeys from their countries and the desire to come to America to enrich themselves so they can become contributing factors back in their homelands became an awakening for us of the impact these scholarships are to these scholars.

Active participation at the convention brought new friendships to  $A\Delta K$  sisters. Congenial Sheri met two Virginia  $A\Delta K$  sisters at convention. She went to Washington, D.C. after



Sheri having lunch with two sisters from Virginia she had met at convention: (L to R) Carol Valentine, Jacob Waddell (Kelly's friend), Kelly Sunabe, Kim Norman, Sheri Sunabe

the convention to visit her daughter and embarked on connecting with these sisters and had lunch with them in Virginia. Her two newfound sisters were Kim Norman and Carol Valentine. Kim is



Renewing Friendships: Valerie Okihara with Yolanda Gonzales from Arizona and husband Alex.

VA Zeta's president, Commonwealth District Secretary and President -Elect for the 2022-2024 biennium. She found them to be kind, fantastic, and full of fun, attributes Sheri possesses too! Likewise, old friendships were renewed. Val was able to see Yolanda Gonzales from Arizona along with her husband, Alex.



Rekindling Friendships: Kitty Nutting and Daisy Ishihara

Daisy, too, rekindled her friendships with Kitty Nutting from Colorado, Ellen Roderick from Maryland, and Luciann Slomkowski from South Carolina. Once a sister, always an AΔK sister!

The Hawaii State Dinner at Jack Stack BBQ Freight House was an adventure of a lifetime for Betty. She was a whiz at playing everyone's

childhood game, Jan Ken Po, which means rock, paper, scissors. This game is used to determine a winner. Prior to the buf-

fet dinner, an icebreaker to mingle with each other was played. Each person was given a purple beaded lei and was asked to attach a dollar bill. The game began as each person challenged another person. If you lost, you became part of the train. Only the winner goes on to play. Eta's Miss Betty was the grand winner of this fun game, beating countless oth-



State Dinner *Jan Ken Po* Winner: Betty Yoshida

ers! Her winnings went to a worthy cause, to the Ronald McDonald Charities in Kansas City, the convention's altruistic project.



HA∆K State Dinner at Jack Stack BBQ: (L to R) Arleen Young, Chris Taylor, Valerie Okihara, Binky Kusatsu, Daisy Ishihara, Stella Shido, Betty Yoshida

A somber and touching event was the Omega Service, where sisters were recognized and honored. It was beautifully done with the angelic voices of the choir sung by  $A\Delta K$  sisters. Among those recognized aside from other chapters' sisters, was Loretta Yajima, an Honorary Member of Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa, 2012. Loretta was the Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Children's Discovery Center until her death in 2021. Eta continues to altruistically participate at CDC as the need arises.

These highlights will forever be a part of ten sisters who traversed to Kansas City, Missouri, to actively participate in the 75th Anniversary of Alpha Delta Kappa's *Journey of Love!* 



#### THETA Chapter: Theta Sisters Participate in Worthwhile Activities

By Julie Shimonishi

Every month at a Theta meeting, we are given the opportunity to participate in activities that perk our curiosity and interest. These activities offer sisters the opportunity for altruism, personal and professional involvement and the motivation to keep active.

March 5: Volunteering for The Genki Ala Wai Project



Partnering with Zeta chapter for the Genki Ala Wai Project where sisters made 600 genki balls of sludge eating microorganisms which will be tossed into the Ala Wai Canal to help keep the Canal clean and

free of pollutants.











April 12: Learning about Design Thinking and Creating Creative Collages

Learning about Design Thinking from Theta member Kate Leary who challenged us to be creative and innovative in our thinking when creating a collage as shown by the collages designed by Laurie Yoshinaga, Wanda Nishihara and Alene Nakasone.



May 6: Awarding Theta Scholarships

Announcing the recipients of the **Theta scholarships** and sharing how the scholarships will be used professionally or personally was the highlight of the May 6 meeting.

(See accompanying scholarship article on the next page)

June 21: Fundraising for The Longest Day





Walking the sidewalks around Haha'ione School and selling books, plants and trail mix yielded a monetary donation of \$339.00 for the Alzheimer's Association Longest Day fundraiser. (L to R, Row 1) Joanne Amaki, Elmira Fukumoto, Ethel Murakami, Hedy Kaneoka, (Row 2) Meredith Ching, Linda Camp, Julie Shimonishi and Christine Ho.

Lunch at Harbor Village Restaurant ended a fun day of altruism, exercise and sisterhood for sisters.

#### **Sisters Receive Theta Scholarships**

By Judy Ching, Theta Scholarship Chair

The last Theta meeting of the school year on May 6, 2023 celebrated the recipients of two chapter-sponsored scholarships: The Lynne Chun Memorial Scholarship and The Theta Chapter Scholarship.

Theta Scholarship Committee members LINDA CAMP, HEDY KANEOKA and JUDY CHING presented each recipient a certificate and a monetary amount requested to finance the individual program or project of each sister:

SHIRLEY YAMADA injured her left knee due to a fall; and surgery, rehab and physical therapy followed. The Lynne Chun Memorial Scholarship will be used to continue Shirley's program of rehabilitation and recovery for continued personal health and well-being.

CHRISTINE HO is recently retired as an art teacher at Farrington High School. She will be using her Lynne Chun Memorial Scholarship for a six-session course learning the batik dyeing process on fabric. She will also be applying for membership to the Hawai'i Handweavers' Hui. Also as newly retired, Christine took on the position as the part-time assistant teacher to the wood shop teacher at Farrington High School. Wearing shoes is a safety requirement for attendance but many students came to class needing to "borrow" shoes from the supply of shoes available in the classroom. The problem is that the shoes looked like they had been there for many, many years and had been used by many, many feet. They were old, germy, dusty, dirty and unsanitary. With her Theta Chapter Scholarship, she will establish the Farrington High School Wood Shop New Shoe Lending Collection and purchase shoes and socks of various sizes for the lending collection.

<u>CATHY LYNNE FONG</u>, a first grade teacher at Liholiho Elementary School will be using her **Theta Chapter Scholarship** to purchase hands-on manipulatives for her students to learn mathematics in a concrete way and to better understand number



Liholiho's future 2nd graders celebrate the tradition of blowing bubbles at the close of their lst grade year.

sense, base 10, adding and subtracting. She will also be purchasing a supply of bubbles for her first graders as bubble-blowing has become a tradition for celebrating the end of the school year.

<u>NANNETTE GANOTISI</u> teaches at Waikiki Elementary School. Last school year, she taught World Language and Mindful Cul-

ture to 24 classrooms totaling 555 students. This school year 2023-2024, she has one classroom of 22 Mindful 3rd graders. It is very different from teaching 555 students! Nannette used her Theta Chapter Scholarship to buy baskets and supplies such as



A Student Supply Center for supplies is available and accessible for Nannette's students throughout the day.

hole punchers, sharpies, post-its, etc. so that all of her students will have the supplies needed for projects and learning.

HEDY KANEOKA submitted applications for both the Lynne Chun Memorial Scholarship and the Theta Chapter Scholarship to cover the registration fees for MEREDITH CHING, ETHEL MURAKAMI and JUDY CHING to attend the International Convention in Kansas City. As Theta's delegates, they will par-

ticipate in electing new International and Regional officers; revise and approve bylaws and resolutions; attend educational symposiums and

workshops; and extend the aloha spirit to renewed

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friends.

Ethel Murakami and Judy Ching extend their ALOHA to other A△K sisters.



Kansas City



After a busy and event-filled International Convention, Carol Ching of Epsilon, Ethel Murakami, Judy Ching (sister of Carol) and Meredith Ching enjoy a trip to Branson.



#### LAMBDA Chapter: Supporting our Sisters and Encouraging Participation

By Lori Bruner-Okamura and contributing writers—Lori Endo, Naomi Yap and Tina Young

Our Lambda Ladies continue to support our members and encourage participation with our second year of summer gettogethers. This summer, Lambda President Lori Endo organized the "3F Summer Series" which included a June lunch at Mililani's Ruby Tuesday to celebrate the Longest Day and collect donations for the Alzheimer's Foundation, brunch in July at Nico's Pier 38 to enjoy local-style breakfast and poke bowls, and an August lunch at Mangiamo. Our Lambda sisters attended each social gathering and enjoyed the opportunities for Food-Fun-Fellowship!





Lambda sisters at our Longest Day gathering at Ruby Tuesday in June. Lambda Chapter President Lori Endo is seated third from the left, sending her happy Korean-style hearts.





Some of our Lambda ladies at our second 3F (Fun-Food-Fellowship) brunch at Nico's in July.

Many of our sisters attended the International AΔK Convention in Kansas City, both in-person and virtually! The hybrid setup allowed for more attendees. State advisor Naomi Yap, State Vice President for Membership Janice Oumaye, and State Co-President-Elect Tina Young made the trek to Kansas City. They were busy in Kansas City, as Naomi assisted with a membership workshop and had a speaking role in the Evening of Entertainment, Janice served as an assistant sergeant-at-arms, and Tina helped organize the state dinner. One of the highlights of attending the International Convention was visiting the Alpha Delta Kappa Headquarters in celebration of our 75th Anniversary!



Tina Young, Naomi Yap, and Janice Oumaye enjoy the sights of Kansas City during the International Convention.



On June 17, 2023, Sigma chapter initiated two new members into Alpha Delta Kappa. This includes Marisa Galban and An'gelle Kaeo. The sisters were welcomed with a ribbon lei and the traditional sarong in Sigma's colors. The chapter enjoyed a lunch at Kalapawai Cafe & Deli in Kapolei. An'gelle is from Waianae and teaches 7th grade social studies. She has four children and enjoys

spending time with her family, shopping and relaxing. Marisa lives in Wahiawa and teaches 8<sup>th</sup> grade science. She has two children and enjoys fellowship at church, meeting other ladies from the organization, and family time.

Sigma also reinstated Jacqueline Beckman and Kumu Lani Alo -Chu at a previous chapter meeting. They are educators from the Waianae coast.

As a growing chapter, we have 11 sisters representing administrators, librarians, and teachers.

So, let's get to know some of our sisters from Sigma chapter!



#### Member Profile #1: Sue Smith

Alpha Delta Kappa member: 12 years

Number of years teaching: Happily retired but 40 years in education as a librarian and teacher at Wheeler Elementary and August Ahrens Elementary

<u>Guilty pleasure:</u> Starbucks, a café mocha Best resource for educators: other educators

Best place to take a staycation: Hilo to play tourist like visiting art galleries, going to the farmer's market, eating at local restaurants, and shopping at local shops for crafts and artwork.

<u>Funniest or warmest memory from a student:</u> One of my students announced to the class on my 40<sup>th</sup> birthday: "It's all downhill from

here!"

Biggest problem facing education: political interference

Last book read: Spare by Prince Harry

Most cherished possession: My former student gave me the re-

mainder of his deceased mother's perfume.

Something on my bucket list: Visit the Philippines

<u>Interesting fact about myself:</u> Traveled to a lot of places

<u>Top 3 favorites:</u> pizza (food), movie "Ever After", and Ross (store)



#### Member Profile #2: Sherrylyn Yamada

Alpha Delta Kappa member: 11 years

<u>Number of years teaching:</u> 27 years teacher, 14 years administration - retired from Webling Elementary in 2016. Taught in Leeward and Central District

<u>Guilty pleasure:</u> Korean dramas and ice cream Best resource for educators: Google (internet)

Best place to take a staycation: Ko'olina Marriott (Oahu)

<u>Funniest or warmest memory from a student:</u> Teaching SPED to seven (7) Kindergarten boys at Solomon Elementary with Specific Learning Disability (SLD); Taking 5/6th graders to Space Camp - Huntsville, Alabama, and EPCOT/Disney World/Animal Kingdom/Universal Studios - first trip and being caught in a blizzard of the century in Atlanta, Georgia. Group consisted of 150 students/teachers in South/North Central District Elementary schools - stranded in Atlanta, Georgia, for two days; finally drove in 3 tour buses to Huntsville, Alabama. Missed 3 days of Space Camp. All Hawaii kids dormed together at Space Camp.

<u>Biggest problem facing education:</u> Teaching students to be critical thinkers in a world that sensationalizes unsupported facts via

social media.

<u>Last book read:</u> On Libby - Ronan Farrow <u>"Catch and Kill"</u>

<u>Most cherished possession:</u> Family photo of my immediate family with parents and great-great granduncle at a Thanksgiving gathering.

Something on my bucket list: Visit all 50 states and their state capitol; take another cruise (Alaska)

Interesting fact about myself: I don't eat vegetables. I am better now...I can eat a salad and eat at least two fruits a year-a pear and an orange.

<u>Top 3 favorites:</u> my grandkids: Isla, Cyann, and Zane. They keep me young and smiling.





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#### Member Profile #3: Jackie Beckman

Alpha Delta Kappa member: 2 years, returned last year after hiatus

<u>Number of years teaching:</u> 27 years, Waianae Intermediate, SSC (Student Services Coordinator)

<u>Guilty pleasure:</u> Traveling to attend concerts across the US-The Weekend last August, this past April, saw Taylor Swift in Houston and this September-Beyonce.

<u>Best resource for educators:</u> Veteran teachers are the most helpful in your content and in your school.

Best place to take a staycation: Alohilani Hotel-Infinity Pool/ Makanalani Buffet

<u>Funniest or warmest memory from a student:</u> My former student's son said I look younger than his mom at Orientation Day and his mom is 20 years younger than I. (He may need glasses, lol)

<u>Biggest problem facing education:</u> Teacher retention and class-room management

<u>Last book read:</u> A Women in the House: A Memoir: Pat Saiki. I just met her at a Prince Kuhio Day event, and she recommend-

ed that I read her book. Glad I did!

Most cherished possession: My three daughters, two who are also educators who teach in the same school as I. Last year we were all in the same school as their younger sister was in the 8th grade.

Something on my bucket list:

Travel to Japan to see the Cherry Blossoms bloom

Interesting fact about myself: I played a police officer in the TV series Hawaii 5-0 and Magnum PI

Top 3 favorites: Barbie movie, Indiana Jones ride at Disneyland, Indiana Jones movies, which all motivated me to purchase a Jeep when my adult children bought their own cars



#### Member Profile #4: Marissa Noury

Alpha Delta Kappa member: 7 years

Number of years teaching: 12, six years at August Ahrens Elementary, 3 years at Barbers Point Elementary, and 3 years (currently) at Ewa Beach Elementary. I have taught kindergarten, 4th and 5th grade.

<u>Guilty pleasure:</u> Binge watching streaming shows on Netflix, HBO, and Amazon Prime, reading entertainment gossip magazines, and eating whipped cream out of the spray can

Best resource for educators: Crowdfunding like Donors Choose



and Adopt-A-Classroom. I have had 14 projects funded over the years for my classroom just from Donors Choose alone!

Best place to take a staycation: Fancy hotel (can leave air conditioner on 24/7) or with fiancé's family in Kahului, Maui, because I get homecooked Filipino food

Funniest or warmest memory from a

student: At the funeral of a student of mine that passed away last year from an electric bike, his father said he did not like school, but 4th grade was his favorite year because of the friendships and memories he made in my class 4 years prior.

<u>Biggest problem facing education:</u> Parents and students with entitlement and disrespect for the government, teachers, and education system. It has gotten worse with social media and political figures.

<u>Last book read:</u> Picture books with my students for social emotional learning (SEL) including <u>We Are All Wonders</u> (RJ Palacio), <u>Yo! Yes?</u> (Chris Raschka), <u>Beautiful Oops!</u> (Barney Saltzberg), and The Dot (Peter Reynolds)

Most cherished possession: My home (purchased in 2010), my pets through the years (currently a Maltese dog named Einstein), and my brain (for the creativity)

<u>Something on my bucket list:</u> Visit Bali or New Zealand (I have to get over my fear of flying first!)

<u>Interesting fact about myself:</u> Twin sister, left-handed, and been with my fiancé since August 1995

<u>Top 3 favorites:</u> Costco and Target (dollar section for teachers), sushi and seafood, and watching social media videos (pets, cooking, teachers, nature)

#### Member Profile #5: Karen Chun



Alpha Delta Kappa member: 7 years

<u>Number of years teaching:</u> Taught for 35 years as a teacher and librarian. Currently retired.

**Guilty pleasure:** Anything with chocolate

Best resource for educators: Experiences like traveling

Best place to take a staycation: Kauai

<u>Funniest or warmest memory from a student:</u> Taking students to Viet Nam through Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC)

<u>Last book read: Somewhere Sisters: A Story of Adoption, Iden tity, and the Meaning of Family</u> by Erika Hayasaki and Vy Vy Nguyen

Most cherished possession: My family pictures, old and new.

Something on my bucket list: Go to Europe

Interesting fact about myself: I started an English language center in Viet Nam.

<u>Top 3 favorites:</u> Places like Greece, Viet Nam and Laos





#### **EPSILON Chapter: 2023 Alpha Delta Kappa International Convention Memories**

#### Going Home by Carol Ching

53 years in Alpha Delta Kappa. I was finally "Going Home" to Kansas City where it all started. But, what could I do to make my convention experience fresh and novel? Volunteer to be an assistant sergeant at arms?



As Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Carol Ching dons her purple banner ready to perform her 'duties'.

I joined about a hundred other sisters and donned my purple banner. We introduced workshop speakers, scanned bar codes for entrance and served as "office girls". I monitored the workshop on Fidget Aprons where sisters shared ways to improve memory and delay the onset of dementia by keeping the elderly busy and engaged.



Volunteer to be a chorus member? More than a hundred sisters met in the early morning and late afternoon daily to practice the songs chosen for the opening ceremony, business sessions and Omega service. It was especially poignant to see the names of Epsilon sisters Alyce Ikeoka and Becky Kim Sakuma listed among the departed. I was surrounded by musical talent and buoyed by the voices around me, ably led by chorus

director Belinda Boyce of Ohio Beta Epsilon.

International Convention in Kansas City opened new paths for me. Maybe I'll join my church choir. I'll make a conscious effort to help my husband enrich his day-to-day life.

Carpe diem!



Hawai'i Epsilon at the International Convention.

#### Warm Memories by Robbie Umeno

Only two sisters from Epsilon Chapter were able to attend the International Convention. In addition to the Convention activities, Carol Ching volunteered to sing in the chorus and serve as an assistant sergeant at arms. She was on a tight schedule, always rushing off somewhere. I only saw her in passing and could barely say "Hi" as she whizzed by.

I was "adopted" by caring Hawai'i sisters Carole and Gayle (Beta), Jean, Kay and Jeanne (Zeta), Phyllis and Kathy (Nu) and Naomi (Lamba). They were so welcoming and included me (and my husband, Morris) in their activities. I enjoyed spending time with



Robbie Umeno (far right) enjoying time together with sisters (L to R) Kay Yogi and Jean Suzuki (Zeta), Gayle Lum and Carole Takehara (Beta), Phyllis Horita and Kathy Kiyabu (Nu).

them, laughing, eating, shopping, looking out for each other. plotting and getting to know them on another level. Time spent with my HAAK sisters are my warmest memories of Kansas City.



It's called reading. It's how people install new software into their brains.



#### **lota Supports Kona Students of Ulu Wini Housing Complex**



KHS students with baskets and tasty treats

lota Chapter continues to support students living in the Homes at Ulu Wini Housing Complex located in Kailua-Kona. The most recent projects included donating treats for the Valentine Day and Easter holidays which were greatly appreciated by the 160 youngsters and their families.

The Valentine's Day donation included a variety of treats and snacks for the youngsters. To celebrate the Spring season, lota Co-President, Shirley McCoy, partnered with Konawaena High School teacher, Jennifer Cruz, on a special project to provide decorative Easter baskets to hold donations of sweet and



lota's donated goodies and photos of Ulu Wini children

healthy snacks for Ulu Wini. The KHS Art students used an array of craft supplies donated by lota members to create more than 30 beautifully crafted baskets. The children were thrilled to fill the baskets during their fun Egg Hunt!

#### **Books and Backpacks**

The Kailua-Kona Public Library has been the site of several altruistic endeavors of the lota Chapter including Family Story Time, Comic Day & Crafts, Family Board Game Nights, and other engaging 2023 Summer Reading Challenge Events. lota members enjoyed volunteering to help facilitate all of these activities with Kona youngsters and their families by assisting the library staff as they set up the activities and helped student participants during each special event. lota members definitely enjoyed the fun activities along with the fortunate students!

lota also donated a variety of school backpacks for area students collected by the Kona Fire Department in their recent "Back to School" project. Members donated more than 30 backpacks to be distributed to students in Kona schools allowing them to proudly start the 2023-2024 school year!



A variety of backpacks were donated by lota members for students at local schools.

#### **Beautiful Caps for Kona Babies**



Sharon Skibby is with a doll modeling one of her beautiful baby hats.

Sharon Skibby has generously donated adorable knitted caps for more than 150 babies born annually at the Kona Hospital. Since she retired 18 years ago, Sharon has been lovingly knitting these beautiful caps using multi-colored yarn in hues of blue and pink. If you "do the math", the total number of baby caps is truly amazing! Sharon has donated these special handmade gifts to newborns and their very grateful families. In her own words, she says, "It makes me happy to know that a newborn baby has a hat made just for them."

Sharon has been an outstanding coordinator of lota's altruistic activities for several years. She has partnered with Linda Dixon and they have both been inspirational leaders as our Chapter continues numerous altruistic projects to support young children and students in the Kona community. These charitable projects have most definitely motivated caring participation by ALL lota members!

## World Understanding

#### **lota at A∆K Convention**

by JoAnn Iwane

lota Sisters, Florence Pike and Jo Ann Iwane, attended the International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, with 50+ other Hawai'i A∆K sisters. We joined 1,200 sisters from other states and international chapters for a wonderful 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an organization. The convention activities were excellent with the speakers inspirational and informative. Florence and I made contact with our ITE scholarship recipients who were there. All of them are excellent students who are working on their graduate degrees in Education. We also heard from Trang, a former ITE scholar who has finally been able to return



(L to R) Valerie Okihara, Sheri Sunabe, and JoAnn Iwane with ITE scholar from Thailand, Sonchat Srimahochota (Dona)

to her home in Vietnam after Covid kept her in the US after completing her degree.

In addition to the convention activities, we also enjoyed a state dinner with delicious Kansas City ribs. Florence saw many of her former California sisters and I made new friends with many sisters as well as seeing sisters I had met at previous conventions. We encourage all of our lota sisters to initially a state of the 2024 Pagingal Confe

join us at the 2024 Regional Conference next summer in Seattle, Wash-



ITE scholar Nesrin El-Isa of Austria with JoAnn Iwane

ington, and the 2025 International Convention in Austin, Texas.

#### **NU Chapter:** Six Nu Sisters Attend International Convention in Kansas City!

By Catherine Payne

For the first time in 37 years, six Nu sisters ventured to attend the International Convention in Kansas City: Alohilani Okamura, Phyllis Horita, State President Susan Okano, CP Jeanette Uyeda, Kathy Kiyabu, and Mokihana Jones.

The Nu delegation included charter member Kathy Kiyabu and one of our newest members, Mokihana Jones. They shared their impressions of the International Convention and experienced the impact of Hawai'i  $A \triangle K$  on the world:

#### C.H.E.A.R

The report of the World Understanding Project C.H.E.A.R. was awe-inspiring when the video showed the results of A $\Delta$ KA's \$50,000 donation. The Mohady School and dormitory were constructed and a water system installed to enhance the lives of this impoverished community in Tanzania.

#### "A Garden of Love"

The Memorial Service, "A Garden of Love", was beautifully conducted for 875 sisters who joined Omega Chapter in the past biennium. The chorus, music and words of reflection affected many to remember sisters and others (relatives and friends) who had also passed.



For the first time in 37 years, six Nu sisters ventured to attend the International Convention in Kansas City. (L to R) Alohilani Okamura, Phyllis Horita, State President Susan Okano, CP Jeanette Uyeda, Kathy Kiyabu, and Mokihana Jones.

#### "Sharing What Built Us and Pillars of Education"

Kay Ebet was part of the Innovation Panel and shared her impressive journey for her Aeronautics Academy. The project starts at 4th grade and runs through middle school. She has acquired five flight simulators for her classroom through partnerships with private companies. Students may earn 10 hours of flight time and even obtain their pilot's license! Students are excited, motivated and happy to be in her Aeronautics Academy!

#### "Hawai'i? It's Complicated"

Through Karen Victor's warm sense of humor, she captured the attention of the audience as she passionately explained the com-

plicated history, perception of Hawai'i, the marginalization of the native Hawaiians, preservation of our culture and land, and what indigenous people can teach the world.



In other Nu news....A dozen chapter members gathered in May to sew leis for the Memorial Day remembrances and many contributed to The Longest Day in support of Alzheimer's patients and research through walks and donations.

#### **ZETA Chapter:** Participation in Altruistic Efforts and Fun Interludes

By Suzanne Hee

#### A∆K Helping Clean Water: The Genki Ball Project







In March 2023, HAAK Zeta and Theta chapters joined together in a community service to help make one of Honolulu's waterways swimmable and fishable as it was in our youth. In Japanese, "genki" means well, healthy, and robust.

Over the years, the Ala Wai Canal has been a depository for mud, organic debris, trash, and various pollutants resulting in sludge, oxygen deficiency and the presence of methane, ammonia, and hydrogen sulfide.

Under the direction of The Genki Ala Wai Project's 16 staff members and volunteers, 33 enthusiastic chapter members including friends and family created 600 hand formed baseball-sized genki balls rich with organic material and Effective Microorganisms (EM®). (These newly-created balls were set aside for two weeks to harden.) The Genki Ball Toss culminated this event – previously-made genki balls were available for us to toss into the canal. Miraculously as these dried mud balls reach the bottom of the canal, they will digest the sludge and consume the harmful gases, making the canal clean and pollution free for small fish, crabs, and shrimp populations to re-establish and increase. Making the genki ball was an easy task. All ingredients were provided by Zeta and Theta.

The project's lasting impact to make the Ala Wai Canal environmentally clean and healthy, connected A∆K with the community and created an ongoing project with students, teachers and community working together to restore the Ala Wai ecosystem. Currently, several chapter members are volunteers of this project.

Thank you, HA∆K sisters, for voting Genki Ala Wai Project as one of this biennium's recipients to receive a \$1,000 donation from our honorary organization.

#### Honolulu's Skyline and Leeward Community College's Hō'ikeākea Gallery

The chance to experience Hawaii's newly-opened projects enticed Zeta sisters to participate in our July Interlude. Honolulu's light rail and Leeward Community College's art gallery were "firsts" for all of us.

First stop: Skyline, Honolulu's light metro system, opened for service on June 30, 2023.

Carpooling and meeting at the Halawa Station, we further appreciated the beauty and aloha of our island as we took in the vista of Pearl Harbor, the rich agricultural land, and the people we met.



Skyline passengers: (L to R) Cheryl, Fanny, Jo Ann, Grace, Suzanne, Clare, and Kay



**Second stop:** On the return portion of our round trip, we disembarked at the Hālaulani Station to explore Leeward Community College and its new art gallery which opened on April 29, 2023. The Hōʻikeākea Gallery showcases the work of students, faculty members, and local artists. The current exhibit, '**Ai Pōhaku**, Stone Eaters, is a collection of multimedia works by Kanaka 'Oiwi (Native Hawaiian) artists.



Sisters at Leeward Community College



Hō'ikeākea Gallery's current exhibit

Lunch is always part of any outing so off we traveled to Kalihi to partake in a delicious meal at Guieb Cafe.



YUM!! Lei, Fanny, and Kay



...and a good day was had by all.



### PI Chapter: Jan Matsuura, Julia Putes, and Roberta Nakamoto Achieve Silver Status and

#### Newly Initiated Valerie Butcher Becomes a Pi Sister!









CONGRATULATIONS, SILVER SISTERS! By Linda Victor and contributing writers, Jan Matsuura and Julia Putes

Jan Matsuura began her career as a Math and Science Teacher on Oahu and Kauai. Five years later she became the first Computer Resource Teacher for Central District with the challenge of developing and implementing the curriculum for the use of computers in all schools. Working directly with teachers and integrating computers in their classroom became the primary focus. When resource positions at the District level were being eliminated, she became the Technology Coordinator at Mililani Uka Elementary. There, with the help of the State OITS office, she worked to network the entire campus for voice, video and data. Computers became an integral part of the classroom. The focus was not the hardware, but how to use it as a tool for learning. Email became a vital tool of communication for the teachers. When she retired in 2010, hard-wired networking was a thing of the past and wireless networks were becoming the norm. Laptops were everywhere and teachers and students were using the internet seamlessly. The following school year, she was hired back as the Librarian. New challenge, new opportunity.



Jan Matsuura

Networking not only involved technology, but also in the educators and support staff that she met along the journey. With the support of our  $A\Delta K$  mentors, the newly chartered Pi Chapter was formed. She enjoyed meeting and working with dedicated sisters in her chapter and throughout the state to carry our  $A\Delta K$ 's mission of Excellence in Education and Altruism. Through the years, she has taken the role of Chapter Treasurer and Vice President and served on and co-chaired various State committees. Currently, she is the Treasurer of the State PPG Committee and have enjoyed this post for the past four bienniums.

Jan is married to her husband, who is a retired SPED Science teacher and they have two successful daughters working in the medical field living on the mainland. After her retirement, she decided to take up tennis to stay physically fit and now plays at least 3 times a week. She is also the organist for her church.

**Julia Putes:** The past 25 years have been filled with activities and memories and good friendships thanks to my membership in Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa. It has been a joy and a privilege to belong to this group of outstanding educators.



Julia Putes

I was asked to join Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa in order to form a new chapter – Pi. Through the years we have remained small but strong. Three of us have been members for 25 years but many others have been members almost as long. We have been a diverse group geographically so for me, I have had to learn to travel to other parts of the island for meetings. This has been a challenge for me due to my "directionlexia" (no sense of direction, IoI). The dawning of the cellphone map feature has been a godsend for me personally as I

wander the roads of our small island searching for my sisters, encouraged in my search by the little lady who resides in my phone advising me what lane I should be in and where I should turn! It has all been worth it to know the ladies in our chapter. The friendships have endured even with some who have left our chapter but have remained friends.

I have enjoyed the altruistic aspect of Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa. There have been many opportunities to serve and to donate time, goods, and funds to those in need. It's a good feeling to be able to help others.

Professionally, I love to see the younger teachers with their new ideas and understanding and use of technology. Though I have been retired for many years now it is wonderful to keep up connections to those still working with students.

Some personal information: I graduated from Illinois College, the oldest college west of the Allegheny Mountains. After coming to Hawai'i, I completed a master's degree in Library Studies at the University of Hawai'i. I retired after 33 years with the DOE,

#### (continued Pi Chapter)

working at Waialae School, Waiahole School, and Kapunahala School. We live in Ahuimanu – my husband, daughter, son-in-law, three little grandchildren, and me. Our lives are busy – watching the little ones grow is a joy. I keep busy with other activities too – Lions Club, line dancing, yard work, Friends of Kaneohe Library.

As a member of Pi Chapter I have served as Secretary, Vice President, President and on various committees. I have also worked on some state HA\(Delta\)K committees – Excellence in Education and the Candidate Qualification Committee.

**Roberta Nakamoto**: Roberta, along with Jan and Julia, is also a Silver sister and charter member of Pi Chapter. Her story was featured in issue #1 of Ka Pine Ho'ohui as Chapter President.



Roberta Nakamoto



#### WELCOME TO PI CHAPTER AND A∆K, VALERIE BUTCHER

On a breezy summer day in Ko Olina, Pi Chapter welcomed its newest member, Valerie Butcher on June 25, 2023 at its lunch meeting at Roy's Ko Olina Restaurant.

Roberta Nakamoto, Summer Aona, Sherry Kobayashi, Edith Saki, and Linda Victor set up the Alpha Delta Kappa table top with flowers and AAK symbols for the initiation.

Valerie is a teacher at August Ahrens Elementary School in Waipahu. She is dually certified as a regular teacher and Special Education teacher. August Ahrens is the largest elementary school in Hawai'i and includes a large multi-ethnic enrollment, large dining area and expansive grounds. It is situated in a large community that was once a sugar plantation and includes many homes and apartments, thriving businesses, a variety of dining establishments, car dealerships, medical and dental offices, a US post office, hardware stores and car repair shops, and several schools (pre-schools, elementary, middle school, large high school). The partially completed rail system winds its way through the area and includes the Queen's West Medical Center.

Valerie began her teaching experiences in 2001 and has taught at Waipahu Elementary, Leihoku Elementary, and also served as a general education and special education preschool teacher, too.

Valerie lives in Mililani Town with her two daughters: a high school junior and a second year student at Hawai'i Community

College who has an interest in pursuing a flight attendant school or a career in cosmetology. Valerie is happy cooking and baking and is well known for her exceptional banana bread! She also dabbles in online research interests. As a new member in Alpha Delta Kappa, she looks forward to working with students and supporting fellow teachers. In her free moments, she likes to watch "soaps" - ( Korean drama ) or catch up on adding zzzzz's. Valerie enjoys local dining and introduced us to Cafe Kalawe in Kaneohe

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where we dined with other visitors

to home cooked food and lots of Hawaiian music.

Welcome Valerie!

Initiation of Valerie Butcher: (L to R) Edith Saki, Summer Aona, Linda Victor, Valerie Butcher, Roberta Nakamoto, Sherry Kobayashi.





#### XI Chapter: Encouraging and Organizing Chapter-Wide Participation

By Maxine Joe

#### **Encouraging and Organizing Chapter-wide Participation for Hosting Founders' Day**

2023 is Xi Chapter's year to host the annual HA∆K Founders' Day Celebration to honor our visionary founders, celebrate our membership and to present a current educational initiative or project of interest. We have a few organizational notes we are sharing based on our experiences.

-TIMETABLE Since a chapter's responsibility for Founders' Day is a much larger enterprise than usual, Xi Chapter established our goals and started early during the last school year and into summer to implement all tasks within a reasonable timetable.

Here are highlights of organizing members to work together productively and systematically: Leader/Chairs:

- The Founders' Day Committee composed of four Chairs was led by Overall Chair Carrie Yamamoto (one of the four), a youthful retired Roosevelt Registrar whose years of experience organizing, monitoring, and meeting deadlines enabled us to luck out with her as an organizational guru.
- Founders' Day Chairs were responsible for: offering support, monitoring progress, facilitating committee meetings, handling communication, emails menu, final report
- Committees established: 1)Finance 2)Facilities, Equipment, AV 3)Registration, 4)Hospitality, 5) Guest Speaker, 6) Decorations, favors, leis



Carrie Yamamoto

To encourage buy-in and enthusiastic participation, sisters were given the opportunity, and encouraged to sign up for a committee that matched their interest and talents. Each committee was led by a Sub-Chair who communicated with Chairs and held planning and work meetings with committee members.

Our planning and operating spreadsheet to guide us lists who, what, when, how, and resources (forms, etc.) gleaned from previous reports by other chapters. Our final spreadsheet on Google Docs might be useful as a reference for subsequent Founders' Day planners. The Founders' Day responsibility comes only once in a decade. Happy Founders' Day and have fun when your turn comes around!

#### **Recognition of Awards and Excellence**

#### **Jacqueline Ornellas**, Principal



Xi Chapter sister Jacqueline Ornellas, (center), Principal of Lincoln Elementary School

Jacqueline was the Roosevelt complex nominee for the 17th annual Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award. The award honors the late Masayuki Tokioka, founder of Island Insurance Company, Ltd. and a proud graduate of Hawai'i public schools.

#### Shana Venzuela, TA Vice Principal

Xi sister Shana Venzuela is a talented, deter-

mined multitasker and high achiever. After diligently completing an advanced degree and specialist certification during the pandemic, Shana become a District Behavior Analyst teacher.



Shana Venzuela

In the last quarter of the 2022-23 school year, she moved to an administrative position as TA Vice Principal at Aiea High School.

This current school year she returned to Moanalua

High School, her own alma mater, affording her a view of the school through the lens of TA Vice Principal.

Though Shana is busier than ever, she manages to draw upon her amazing energy supply to serve as a chapter officer and to share her professional level cupcake decorating skills with Xi sisters.

#### Lori Hamel, Educational Consultant



Heartiest congratulations to Lori Hamel, in her new position as professional Educational Consultant with Proactiv Ed and The Core Collaborative, both mainland-based companies.

Lori Hamel, a past President of Xi Chapter, inevitably evokes joy and humor into Xi chapter activities. After retiring from Roosevelt High School, it would be unlikely of her to suddenly settle into silence.



Lori admits taking a risk after retiring from Roosevelt High School to pursue consulting with the goal of supporting fellow educators in Hawai'i. She's delighted that she made that decision, since she has the opportunity to collaborate with passionate educators across the island. Most of her work focuses on literacy strategies, standards-based systems and student empowerment. With much gratitude, she thanks those who encouraged her to "take that leap "to continue to do all she can to impact optimal student achievement.

#### **Xi Chapter Welcomes Two New Members!**

Xi sister Shelli Tottori, a friendly, kind, and active chapter member, adds credibility to the saying "to have a friend, be a friend." Among her long-lasting lasting friends are two "besties" she has known since 7<sup>th</sup> grade − Florence Kawamura and Karen Graham. Florence and Karen have since become outstanding educators. Shelli introduced them to the merits of A∆K membership and to Xi Chapter life. In May, 2023, Xi Chapter was honored to formally initiate Florence and Karen into Alpha Delta Kappa Hawaiʻi Xi Chapter.



New members Florence Kawamura and Karen Graham with sponsor Shelli Tottori in center

#### **Meet Florence Kawamura**

Florence graduated with a BA in Communications and a PD in Elementary Ed at UH Manoa, and has taught students K-5 at Ala Wai Elementary throughout her career. During a recent 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Hawai'i Island, she traveled with chaperones that included Susan Okano. As an A∆K newbie, she says she is impressed with the camaraderie of Xi members who happily help one another, laugh a lot, and enjoy food.

Florence is the proud mother of two daughters, Fayth, a junior attending college in Ohio and Shayna, completing her master's degree in Social Work at UH Manoa.



Besides enjoying sewing, card crafting and reading, Florence has traveled extensively throughout the mainland, Europe, and Asia. Do you know of any AAK sister who has visited Disneyland 35-40 times? (lost count) Now you know one, Florence. She would fly there on weekends when she was younger. She is well-acquainted with the *Happiest Place on Earth*, so just check with her if you need an



Florence Kawamura with daughters, Fayth and Shayna

update on what not to miss on your next visit.

#### **Welcome to Karen Graham**

Karen, another of Shelli's fine friends since 7th grade, earned her MLIS (Master of Library Information Studies) at UH

Manoa and has been a librarian for 28 years. She is currently librarian at highly regarded Noelani Elementary School.



Karen Graham

Karen has two sons. One son recently graduated from college and is busily balancing full time work with studies to attain a Master's degree. Her younger son is still attending college. Her favorite

genre for reading is mostly historical fiction, where the story takes place in an accurate depiction of the past. She also finds it fascinating to discover treasures in beautifully illustrated picture books.

Karen likes to bake and enjoys experimenting with it. As a skilled baker, she won a recipe contest and her outstanding recipe was published in a recipe book. Her winning recipe was also featured on a morning TV show. As a new member of A∆K Xi Chapter, Karen says it is uplifting to feel the enthusiasm and willingness of members as they share their wealth of knowledge and thoughtfully support each other.

As we slowly, but surely, ease back into sister-to-sister in person activities. Beta Chapter is working to get sisters together more often. This past year we continued "Zooming" for a majority of our regular monthly meetings, but we still met in person for Founders' Day, our annual Holiday Party at the Honolulu Museum of Art's HoMA Café, and Beta's May Birthday Party celebrated at Ala Moana Center's Jade Dynasty. We love getting together, so even though we still hold virtual meetings, because we are teachers, we decided that it would be fun to plan "field trips" for those sisters who could get together for socializing and just having fun together! Of course, there is also an educational element to our adventures too. Our first "field trip," in April, took us to Hawai'i's Plantation Village located in historic Waipahu town. We had a very knowledgeable guide who took us on a journey back to the early 1900s where we learned about the different waves of immigrants who came to live and work here from China, Portugal, Japan, Puerto Rico, Korea, Okinawa, Polynesia and the Philippines. We learned about where they lived, the food they ate, etc. Very informative tour!



Our next outing took a few sisters and guests on a Skyline ride. Skyline is our new light metro system in the City and County of Honolulu on the island of O'ahu. This excursion was coordinated by our Vice President, Tina Lee, who used her tech skills to video tape and share this adventure with all our Beta Sisters. When you click on the QR Code you can ride along with Tina Lee, Akiko Giambelluca, Carole Takehara, Chloe Hashimoto, our former Beta Sister, and Janice Oumaye from Lambda Chapter as they experience Honolulu's newest way to travel on city transportation.



Four Beta sisters were honored to travel to Kansas City, Missouri where Beta East met Beta West. We had dinner (yes, eating again) and we made new friends with sisters from Maryland.



Clockwise from front left: Kathy Shiramizu, Mary Ann Britton, Carole Takehara, Ellen Roderick, Sherry Rose, Diane Ogul, Gayle Lum, Janet Burton, Kay Caviness, Peggy Harrington



Sherry Rose and Kathy Shiramizu, Beta President



#### MU Chapter: A∆K Honorary Member Dr. Pualani Kanaka'ole Kanahele, Performs Hula

By Cherylyn Inouye

At the 2023 Merrie Monarch Festival in Hilo, our Honorary Member Dr. Pualani Kanaka'ole Kanahele, took to the stage in a rare performance with her Hālau o Kekuhi. As Kumu Hula of the hālau, she performed in the Ho'ike event to honor the late Kumu Hula Johnny Lum Ho. It was a memorable performance with her hālau of all ages on stage. Delta sister Claudia Kobayashi and Mu sister Cherylyn Inouye attended the event together and shared the joy, music, flowers, and fragrance of the evening as a treasured Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa sisters' moment together.







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#### October: Let's Celebrate AAK Month!

Continue collecting membership dues

- 1: Chapter Yearbook to S/P/N President
- 1: KAPPAN submissions deadline (December 2023 issue)
- 1: Excellence in Education chapter or selfnomination period ends
- 1: Classroom Grant deadline
- 5: World Teachers' Day
- 14: Founders' Day, Hawai'i Okinawa Center Legacy Ballroom
- 15: Excellence in Education online application for nominees starts now through December 15
- **15: Proposals** for next International Altruistic Project deadline
- 15: Chapters reflect & discuss how goals are going—work with state membership team
- 15: Regional Mini Fall Scholarship application deadline
- 15: 990-N IRS E-postcard deadline

#### November:

Continue collecting membership dues 15: Innovation Grant application deadline

#### December

Continue collecting membership dues

- 2: HAAK CCP/EEB #4 Meeting at 9:00 am Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission 902 University Ave., Honolulu
- 15: Excellence in Education online application for nominees deadline

#### 2024 January

ITE Virtual Webinar (Date TBD)

- 1: Deadline for all dues (international, state, & chapter)
- 1: KAPPAN submission deadline for March 2024 issue

31: KA PINE HO'OHUI submissions due from state and chapters for Issue #4 (Strive for the Summit in: Educational Excellence, Altruism, & World Understanding)

#### February

17: 2024 Hawai'l Regional Virtual Science **Bowl**, 8:00 am-1:30 pm

#### March

15: Chapter altruistic report due; submit to State Altruistic chair

22: CCP/EEB #6 Meeting

22-24: HA∆K State Convention at Ala Moana Hotel. Honolulu

**24: CCP/EEB #1 Meeting** for 2024—2026 Biennium

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