

From Our President...



The 2022 - 2024 biennium has quickly come to a close. It has been a memorable journey as we commemorated the 75th anniversary of AΔK and hosted the Joint NW/SW Regional Conference in Hawai'i. With the easing of the COVID restrictions, members were able to meet in person, laugh, sing, and enjoy each other's presence. Unfortunately, we also experienced moments of sadness with the passing of our beloved sisters and the wildfire disaster on Maui.

At the beginning of the biennium we created a number of goals to strive for. Through the efforts of the HAΔK members, we persevered as we trudged uphill to meet our goals.

One of the goals was to streamline our meetings through the use of technology. Members of the Expanded Executive Board submitted their reports electronically on an agenda and minutes template created by Co-President-elect Tina Young. Sisters communicated and interacted via Zoom and other Google apps. Managing this technology was a learning curve for many of us, but we prevailed.

Participation was an area that Immediate Past President Jeanne Chang encouraged. We were pleased with the number of sisters involved in AΔK and HAΔK activities. For the August 2022 Leadership Training, 213 members registered. The Joint Northwest/Southwest Regional

Conference held in Honolulu drew a crowd of 269 HAΔK members. For the International Convention in Kansas City, 51 attended in person and 15 attended virtually. The August Professional and Personal Growth conference was held over Zoom and involved 195 members. Finally, 198 members attended the Oahu Founders' Day event in August, 2023.

Membership was another area we worked on. Our Vice President for Membership Janice Oumaye, her consultants, Susan Crowell and Jean Suzuki, and chapter membership chairs were committed to increasing and strengthening membership. This biennium, we initiated 14 members and reinstated six (6) sisters. A beautiful membership tea informed prospective members of our organization. To introduce university students to AΔK, several sisters voluntarily coordinated Project Ka'i, attracting approximately 20-30 University of Hawai'i College of Education students. The students enjoyed the refreshments and snacks contributed by HAΔK sisters as they learned from Co-President-elect Karen Victor about a curriculum model that incorporated the places in Hawai'i.

Our last goal was to maintain active involvement in altruism, scholarship and world understanding initiatives. Sisters generously contributed towards five altruistic organizations—PBS Hawai'i, Genki Ala Wai Project, Kristi Yamaguchi's Always Dream, Pacific Tsunami Museum, and Nā Kahua Hale O Ulu Wini. An exception was made to award \$1,000 scholarships to two instead of one high school senior planning to become teachers. To promote World Understanding, chapters supported the ITE student from Thailand by sending her cards and gifts.

As this biennium sunsets, we are excitedly looking forward to a new era that is being led by a younger generation. I am indebted to all HAΔK sisters for their support, dedication, and contributions as we endeavored to E kūlia i ka nu'u or strive for the summit. It has been a joy to meet and work with so many sisters here, on the neighbor islands, and abroad. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to experience this fantastic journey with you.

Aloha,
Susan Okano

STATE Happenings...

FOUNDERS' DAY 2023

By Carrie Yamamoto



Xi Chapter wishes to thank all the HAΔK sisters and guests who attended the October 14, 2023 Founders' Day luncheon! Special kudos to Katie Chang, Executive Director from the Center for Tomorrow's Leaders who was our guest speaker; Honorary Members Linda Coble and Carolee Nishi for their continued support and participation in HAΔK; and State President Susan Okano, for her leadership and involvement in our program. A big shout out to the following sisters: State Music Chair Joy Koyanagi and HAΔK singing sisters Ginger Enomoto, Clare Goto, Stella Shido, Linda Shimamoto, Annette Young-Ogata, and Kay Yogi for adding harmony and melody to the program and to State Membership Chair Janice Oumaye for organizing all the membership milestones as well as welcoming and recogniz-

ing our newest HAΔK sisters and of course State HAΔK Month Co-Chairs Meredith Ching and Christine Ho, otherwise we would not have celebrated this milestone event! Lastly, we really appreciate our "Xians" (Xi Sisters) as we are affectionately called, who stepped up to the call of duty: **Niki Minami, Elise Matsumoto, Lori Hamel, Carol Emerson, Evelyn Yamada, Gretchen Jong, Sandy Ramiscal (Oscar Ramiscal & Jace Ramiscal), Wendy Horikami, Alisha Horikami, and Carrie Yamamoto.** We are happy that the day went on without a major crisis or incident and we are grateful to Nu Chapter for starting us off after a two-year hiatus to a fine venue—location, price, food were excellent at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center! We certainly will be looking forward to Founders' Day 2024 hosted by Pi Chapter on October 12, 2024!

HAΔK in Action!!!





More HAΔK in Action!!!



Good times!



Good company!



Good food!



Happy AΔK Month!





*"Climb Every Mountain ...
and Strive for the Summit"*

Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa State Convention

March 22 - 23, 2024

Ala Moana Hotel

Friday, March 22, 2024

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	State Convention Committee Meeting	Plumeria Room
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Chapter Sales	Plumeria Room
1:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Registration	Hibiscus Ballroom
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Preparation for decorations and centerpieces	Hibiscus Foyer
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Set up Altruistic, Candidates, and Archives displays	Hibiscus Ballroom
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	Council of Chapter Presidents' Meeting	Hibiscus Ballroom
4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	6 th Expanded Executive Board Meeting	Hibiscus Ballroom
6:15 – 7:30 p.m.	Pupu Party ((ticket needed))	Hibiscus Ballroom
7:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Fun Night Program	Hibiscus Ballroom

Saturday, March 23, 2024

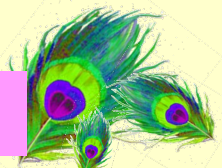
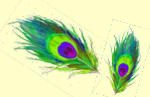
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Registration; Archives and Altruistic displays	Hibiscus Ballroom
6:30 – 7:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast (ticket needed)	Hibiscus Ballroom
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Opening Session	Hibiscus Ballroom
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Business Meeting	Hibiscus Ballroom
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Vacate room for Memorial Service preparation	Hibiscus Lobby
11:15 – 12:15 p.m.	Omega Memorial Ceremony	Hibiscus Ballroom
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Buffet (ticket needed)	Hibiscus Ballroom
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Luncheon Program	Hibiscus Ballroom
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Rehearsal for Installation of 2024-2026 Officers	Hibiscus Ballroom
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Remove displays; set-up for banquet	Hibiscus Ballroom
5:30 p.m.	Doors open for Banquet	Hibiscus Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Banquet Entertainment	Hibiscus Ballroom
6:45 p.m.	Banquet Buffet (ticket needed)	Hibiscus Ballroom
8:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Banquet Program:	Hibiscus Ballroom
	1. President Susan Okano's Message	
	2. Installation of 2024-2026 Executive Board	
	3. Presidents - Karen Victor's and Tina Young's Messages	
	4. Closing Remarks	

Sunday, March 24, 2024 - 1st Joint Expanded Executive Board (EEB) Meeting

(for 2022-2024 and 2024-2026 EEB Members)

7:30 a.m.	Registration	Garden Lanai
9:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Garden Lanai
9:45 a.m.	Business meeting	Garden Lanai
12:00 noon	Closure	

See Voucher Winners on next page!!!



HAAK CONVENTION VOUCHER WINNERS!!!

Chapters that recruited/
reinstated at least three
or more new members -
\$100
XI Chapter!

Chapters that recruited/
reinstated at least one new
member -

\$50
NU Chapter!

The winner of the \$50
voucher for new initiate
will be announced at
state convention!!!

Excellence in Education Award

HAAK Excellence in Education recipient will be announced at the State Convention!



Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl

By Julie Shimonishi

The 31st year of the Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl competition was held virtually on February 17, 2024. High school students from Iolani, Kaiser, Kalani, Kealahou, Maui, Mililani, Moanalua, Punahou, Roosevelt, Waiakea and Waipahu competed to represent Hawai'i at the National Science Bowl Competition from April 25-29, 2024 in Leesburg, Virginia.

Determination, knowledge, teamwork persisted as the teams concentrated on the challenging rounds of questions on science, technology, energy and math. Ultimately, **Iolani Team 1** emerged as the winning team who will represent Hawai'i at the National Science Bowl.

An abundance of thanks to dedicated volunteers: **Val Okihara** (Eta), **Janice Oumaye**, (Lambda), **Hedy Kaneoka** (Theta), **Bianca Kusatsu** (Eta), **Bonnie Parker** (Nu), **Bernice Takahata** (Gamma), **Naomi Yap** (Lambda), **Meredith Ching** (Theta), **Janet Fujimoto** (Lambda), **Daisy Ishihara** (Eta), **Tina Young** (Lambda), and **Karen Victor** (Pi) who believed in the value of this competition and provided the training, experience and support for a successful HI Science Bowl.

Once again, Congratulations to Iolani Team 1 and to all the amazing students who trained and competed as a team to do their best at the 2024 Science Bowl.



Membership Corner

By Janice Oumaye



Project Ka'i - A School Year of Reaching Out to Teacher Candidates

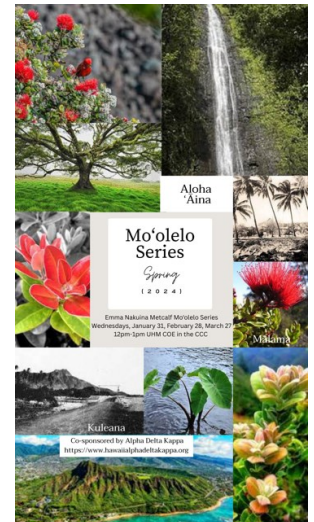
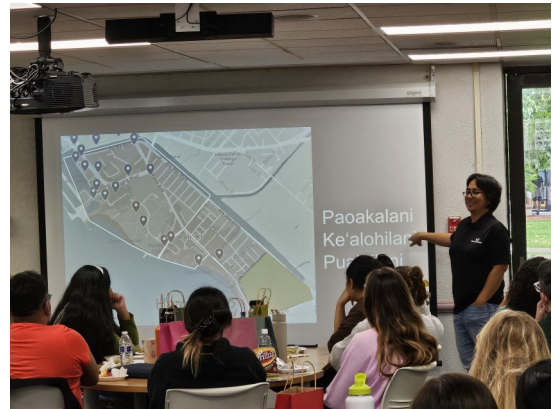
Project Ka'i was proposed as a step towards creating an AΔK collegiate club in Hawai'i. HI Nu Chapter's 'Alohilani Okamura and HI State Co President-Elect and Pi Chapter's Karen Victor proposed **Project Ka'i** ("to lead, to direct, to coach") to support the University of Hawai'i College of Education's teacher candidates. Three smashingly successful lunch-hour sessions of the Emma Nakuina Metcalf series were held in the fall, honoring the educational heritage of one of Hawai'i's own unsung heroines.

These sessions gave the teacher candidates, faculty, staff and our HAΔK sisters the opportunity to listen to mo'olelo (place-based stories) of the Mānoa area of Oahu, which enlightened everyone and left all in attendance in awe. As an added bonus, Karen also shared resources for creating engaging classroom lessons that the teacher candidates could use for any subject area and grade level. These "best practices" support the growth of these JEDIS - teachers passionate about Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity and Sustainability.

As expected, individual HAΔK sisters overwhelmingly supported the project, making monetary and goods donations to provide refreshments and grab-to-go bags of snacks and teaching supplies. The students expressed their gratitude to the creators of the Mo'olelo sessions for deepening their understanding and appreciation of Hawaiian culture and language. They also expressed their gratitude to all of the HAΔK sisters who welcomed them warmly with refreshments, teaching supplies and much-needed words of encouragement. (Please read student responses [here](#).)

Because of the abundance of monetary donations received for Project Ka'i in the fall of 2023, 'Alohi and Karen generously offered to continue the Mo'olelo Series with Sessions 4-6 in Semester 2 of 2024, so more teacher candidates could be inspired and nurtured, while being introduced to AΔK as well.

Project Ka'i has exemplified the mission of AΔK: educational excellence (how to create and present lessons), world understanding/diversity (how to enlighten by emphasizing culture/place/history), altruism (how food, supplies and emotional support can uplift often overwhelmed future teachers) AND the networking opportunities and fellowship AΔK can offer. Hopefully, this can also inspire similar relationships with teacher programs at other university campuses in Hawai'i.



"Strive for the Summit in Educational Excellence, Altruism, and World Understanding"

CHAPTER Happenings...

COMMITTING TO ALTRUISM

By Sandra Kubota



Since 2010, the Alpha Chapter sisters have committed to volunteering with St. Francis Health Care System with their event of "Light Up A Memory Tree Lighting and Blessing Ceremony" held on the first Friday evening of December. Once again this year, the Alpha sisters volunteered to help fluff the stored trees, to decorate them and to assist with taking down the trees. The sisters were also assigned duties as elves for this 44th Annual event, held on December 1, 2023 at the St. Francis Kupuna Village Courtyard. The Annual Light Up a Memory Tree Lighting and Blessing provides an opportunity for families to honor their loved ones and to meet other families who have experienced the same care for their loved ones in the hospice program. Proceeds from the event will go to the hospice program and a portion to the victims of the Maui wildfires.

Sister Pat Schofield who retired as a nun from St. Francis and now resides in Syracuse, New York, was instrumental in inviting Alpha sisters to be a part of this honorable event. She was an Alpha Chapter member until her retirement in 2020. We will always remember Sister Pat as an Alpha Chapter member.

With sincere energy and heartfelt purpose, the elves helped to check in guests, to be a snowflake runner, and to serve beverages and bento dinners to all of the guests. With the help from family, friends and membership VP, Janice Oumaye, all of the sisters felt a great sense of gratitude for being able to serve at this beautiful event, all in the name of the St. Francis Hospice patients, family and friends. We all experienced the wonderful music and program which included the tree lighting and a blessing ceremony by Most Reverend Larry Silva, Diocese of Honolulu. This is an annual altruistic activity that the Alpha Chapter sisters eagerly look forward to.

44th Annual Light Up A Memory Tree Lighting and Blessing Ceremony ALPHA CHAPTER ELVES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Gingerbread Elves: Jeanne Hashida, Sandie Kubota, Jean Itamoto, Jean Kiyabu, Janice Oumaye



Snowflake Elf: Liane Voss



Check-in Elves: June Ibara, Karen Fuse, Janice Kutsunai





HIGHLIGHTING ALTRUISM, PROFESSIONALISM, AND WORLD UNDERSTANDING

By Jocelyn Tengan and Diane Orikasa

Happy New Year and Gung Hee Fat Choy to all of our HAK sisters! Thank you for your prayers and support as we faced an incredible devastation to our island of Maui. Gamma Chapter and individual sisters continue to do whatever we can to help our community as it will be a long process of healing and recovery. We have packed school supplies, sold shirts, assembled PPE kits for Lahaina fire victims, and supported affected teachers and their schools. We also help the Maui Interscholastic League by manning the football game entrances including Lahainaluna's first football comeback game which was very emotional. Thank you too, for helping to keep Maui Strong!

Overall, the opportunity for educational growth was definitely attending the convention in Kansa City, Missouri, in July. Connecting with sisters from all regions, hobnobbing with international people, attending meaningful workshops, learning more about our fabulous organization and learning more about the state of Missouri are benefits that were shared with our chapter, including enticing sisters to attend future state, regional, and international conventions.

December is always a busy month for us as we have our yearly visitation to Roselani Place, an assisted senior living facility, our end of the year social and gift wrapping at The Shops at Wailea to generate funds to provide scholarships for high school seniors in Maui County. Sisters share their cultural talents to entertain the Roselani Place residents, whom many of us know. We then enjoy each other's company as we dine together for our last meeting and social of the year. It is a time when we can reflect and share our gratitude and joy of sisterhood. The week before Christmas, Gamma sisters share the aloha spirit and gift wrapping service. Through the years, we have had many repeat customers who support our cause and appreciate our talents! This year, we were able to have many of our scholarship recipients help and give back. We also met a California Zeta sister while gift wrapping!

Maya Angelou quoted, "If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased." That's what WE, Alpha Delta Kappa Sisters do everyday.....Together, We're Better..... to Strive for the Summit!



State Leaders are flanked by Gamma sisters at Founder's Day on Maui.



Cultural celebration - entertaining
Roselani Place senior residents
in December

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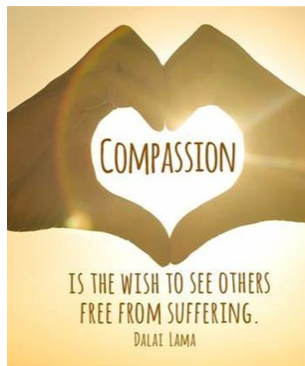


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Gamma sisters learning and bonding in Kansas City, Missouri

Gamma sisters supporting Lahaina's recovery



MAUI STRONG



NU CHAPTER MEMBERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH ALTRUISM AND THE ARTS

By Catherine Payne

Nu Chapter is blessed with members who are dedicated to uplifting others through altruism and the arts. In this issue we are recognizing and celebrating members who are inspiring us as they make a difference in our community. Ten of our members are alumnae faculty of Olomana School. What began as a keen interest in homeless adolescents while they worked in programs at the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility has bloomed into a dedicated commitment to the sheltered children at Hui Mahi`ai Aina, Blanche McMillian's mini-house village in Waimanalo. Nu Chapter's simple acts of altruism for many years - donations of food, supplies, and Christmas gifts - has evolved into an after-school program to help the children with skill building in social and arts activities, along with support with homework. The rewards are the wonderful bonds that they have created with these children. The youngsters gleefully look forward to visits from their "aunties" every Monday and Wednesday afternoons. A recent Christmas party showcased their work in reciting the "Night Before Christmas" for the Hui Mahi`ai Aina `ohana. Led by **Barbara Fuller, Joy Ritchey, Susie Thain, Jo Ann Stepien** and **Dita Ramler-Reppun** continue to "touch the future" with their priceless gifts of altruism and social-emotional learning supports. "Mahalo nui ia 'oe no ka ha`awi 'ana i ke kauoha" sisters!

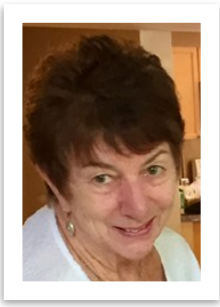
Each of these sisters have contributed to the arts individually in addition to their work with the children at Hui Mahi`ai Aina. Their art reflects the culture of our islands and the creativity of these artists who see beauty in the nature that surrounds us. Recently Barbara and Joy have been honored by having their work selected for shows in Honolulu. Joy's creation earned an award at the Hawai'i Craftsmen' Annual Statewide Exhibition 2023 and Barbara had two photographs selected for the Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2024 exhibit. Chapter members visited both exhibits feeling appreciation and pride.



Joy Ritchey with her fiber creation, *Royal Connection*. She found the palm frond on a hiking trail and used basket-weaving techniques to allow this piece to emerge.

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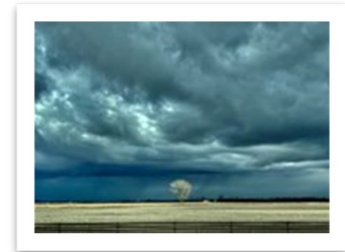
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Barbara Fuller



'Halema`uma`u - The House of the `Ama`u Fern



'Onipa`a



WORLD TRAVELING KAPPA SISTERS

By Lily Kumura

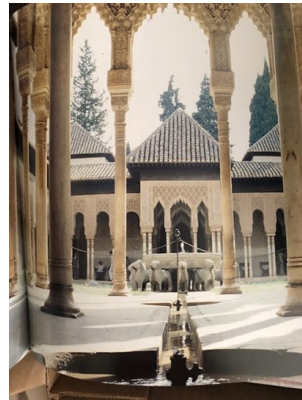
I did a scholarship study in **Madrid, Spain** for nine months after I had one year of teaching. I was immersed in the language and culture on a daily basis, attended the Universidad Complutense de Madrid for two semesters, and traveled to different regions to see the traditions and festivals. I lived in a dorm and met women from around the world, made friends to study and go out with, took Flamenco dance classes, shopped



April Fair in Spain

for books and realia to use in my classroom.

Living and studying in Spain made a major impact on my life as it was my introduction to Europe. Traveling around with my own eyes what I had seen come alive and helped me to understand the long history of Spain and see how geography affected their lifestyle through the ages. Each region of Spain is unique and the Spanish improved greatly and my fluency in Spanish improved greatly and my enriched my teaching and interacting with women in the dorm from around the world and especially from other Hispanic countries into be an ambassador of goodwill Scholarship for this opportunity.



Granada, Spain

Spain and seeing history stand and make connections. The past and present came to castle or visited Roman ruins near my hostel. I could appreciate how geography affected their lifestyle through the ages. Each people reflect that in their traditions and culture. My fluency in knowledge of Spain expanded. All of my first hand experiences with women in the dorm from around the world and especially representing Hawai'i and the USA and I thank the Rotary

It's important to travel to be aware of the global issues that condemn violence and war, and stop drug our world better for future generations.

other countries or study abroad. This allows you to be more cern all of us. It is our shared responsibility to promote peace, and human trafficking. We need to develop empathy to make

by Mel Mizusawa



Peace Memorial - Okinawa

I traveled for the first time to **Okinawa** in May 2023. It was an eye opener. I knew about the Battle of Okinawa but didn't realize the harsh conditions that the Okinawa people experienced, running into the mountains and away from the enemy, living in caves, subjected to unsanitary conditions such as lice on their bodies, etc. and, yet, the Okinawans are resilient. They persevered and erected a Peace Monument to share their positive view of the world. A Hawai'i person donated land to create a memorial to share the stories and experiences of the people of Okinawa. Even from afar, we can help to make a difference!



Delicious Foods of Okinawa

Okinawa has many Centenarians and they attribute it to their foods, hard work and way of life (socialization)...a lesson for all of us to learn.

Through traveling, we broaden our perspective on the different cultures and ways of life. Most importantly, we learn about the strengths of people and their culture.

by Irene Nakamoto

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Gion Matsuri
Parade Float



Gion Matsuri - Kyoto



Daimonji Gozan no
Okuribi Fire Festival

I lived in **Kyoto, Japan**, for a year while teaching conversational English. The rich culture of this former capital of Japan offered in its historical importance, beautiful temples, exquisite kimonos, performing arts, ceramics, and delicious foods. Kyoto has seasonal flowers that we do not commonly get to view in Hawai'i such as the wisteria, sakura, ume blossoms and so much more. Some of you know how much I love flowers and how I take pictures of them wherever I go.

I experienced many cultural events throughout the year, such as the Gion Matsuri, Hanabi (fireworks) Festival over the river, and some others that I had never previously heard about such as the Fire Festival, and dressing up in kimono for the New Year. These gave me a deeper appreciation of my cultural heritage. Seeing the bundles of freshly harvested rice hanging in the field helps me develop a greater appreciation for each grain of rice which I had previously taken for granted. I was also invited to take flower arranging classes in exchange for English conversational practice with the other students.

Just living through the different seasons, I was able to enjoy the vibrant colors of autumn, the beauty and serenity of winter, understand why people so look forward to the warmth and arrival of new life in Spring and appreciate Summer for the ability to go out and explore the country and all it has to offer.

Living in this foreign country, I experienced the daily life of buying fresh produce from vendor markets, picking up fresh, hot croquette, visiting the rice store and noticing the many different grades of rice, exploring the department store basements for the many varieties of delicious foods offered, experiencing Hanami (Cherry Blossom viewing) and seeing the first buds of the ume (plum) blossom.

We are fortunate that in Hawai'i we are able to experience many different cultural events, but go out and explore the rest of the world to learn about other countries and their cultures to further enhance our world understanding.

by Lori Chun



Ryoanji Dry Rock
Garden in Kyoto

This past fall, my husband and I planned and executed a two-week trip to **Japan**. Armed with Rail Passes and an itinerary of our creation, we experienced a wide range of lodgings, varied modes of transportation, and lovely off the beaten path places. We were able to immerse ourselves into the rich culture and interact with a wonderful mix of people, both locals and other tourists alike.

This trip reminded me that even though countries may be separated by distance and language, we live on the same planet and goodness and kindness know no boundaries.

When planning your own trip, select countries with track records of being safe. Do your homework before you go. Be politely curious, mindful of others, open to learn and you'll receive way more than you give.

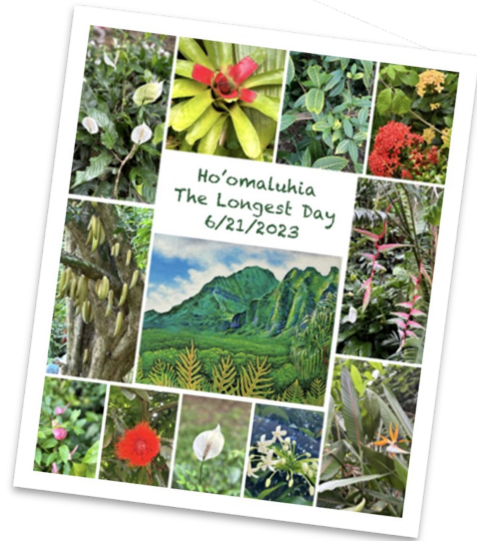
by Sandi Tom



ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION - THE LONGEST DAY

By Suzanne Hee

In observance of Alzheimer's Association - The Longest Day, Zetas ventured through **Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden**, a scenic wonder that many of us have not been to in over 20 years!! As we leisurely strolled to the lake, we were in awe with the abundance of beautiful flora along the way. On reaching the lake, the colorful fish, Midas Cichlid, glistened in the water while the ducks rested in the shade.

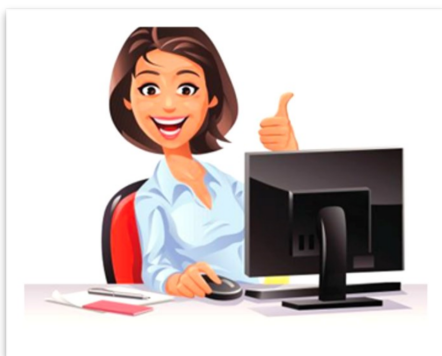


Fellowship continued through our amazing lobster roll lunch at **Jolene's By the Bay - Kaneohe**. Bon Appetit!!

*"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."
-Anne Lamott, author*



L to R: Kay, Suzi, Levi, Jo Ann, Jean, Fanny, Doris.
Camera Lady: Clare



Technology HELP Session

With the rapid advancement of technology, an ongoing Zeta activity is to address the progress that affects our professional and personal use of electronic devices. Previous sessions included creating Google Documents and Google Sheets. Our latest session included:

1. Locating and navigating the Zeta website.
2. Finding and inputting data in chapter agendas, minutes and important forms located in Zeta's eHandbook and Google folder.
3. Creating and responding to Google Forms surveys.





SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO KUMU'S CUPBOARD

By Cherylyn Inouye

Mu Chapter presented a scholarship award to Kumu's Cupboard for its service to Kaua'i's education community. Through grants, donations, and volunteers, this nonprofit store provides free school supplies to enhance the learning of island students. It is the only one of its kind in the islands that educators benefit from shopping for free supplies on all subjects for their classrooms.



Pictured with the director and founder, Elyse Litvack, receiving the scholarship, are Mu sisters L to R: Caroline Okasako, Betsy Uyematsu and Cherylyn Inouye.



ETA STRIVES FOR THE SUMMIT IN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, ALTRUISM, AND WORLD UNDERSTANDING

By Daisy Ishihara

Throughout the biennium, Eta strove to fulfill President Susan Okano's goal of striving for the summit, E Kulia I Ka Nu`u. This article focuses on Eta's educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding with its 45-member sisterhood!

"Once a teacher, always a teacher!" is the philosophy of Eta's sisterhood. Eta believes in **educational excellence**. A fitting example is Vera Arita, a special education teacher since 1985 and today is an instructor at the University of Hawaii, College of Education in Special Education working with aspiring student teachers, and an author!

Vera thrives on "doing" things with a mind set of "Just do it!" One day while reading to her students, an 'aha' moment occurred! She realized that she needed to write stories so her children could understand. Her journey in writing began. Her first book, *All Around the Island* was published and subsequently was followed by *Can You Catch a Coqui Frog?*, *Animals Sing Aloha*, and *Alphabet Hukilau*. Vera's latest story is about a lonely dinosaur who no one wanted to be friends with because he looked and sounded different. However, a group of children developed the courage to be his friend and he was given the name *Alohasaurus*. Diversity, equity, and inclusion unfolds in the story. This past summer, the Star Advertiser recommended that *Alohasaurus* be on the summer reading list! More intriguing was that *Alohasaurus* was pictured on the bookmobile that travelled in Waipahu and Pearl City! Vera is an inspiring example of educational excellence! Teacher turned author!



Vera's Book Signing at Barnes & Noble with Eta Sisters L to R: Arleen Young, Vera Arita, Joy Nishimura, Sheri Sunabe, Patricia Takamiya



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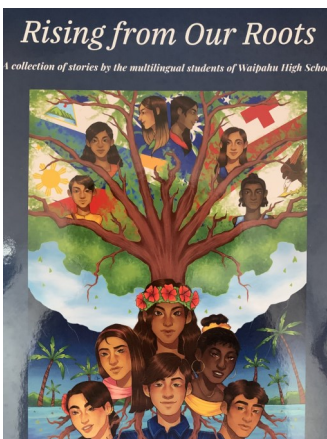
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Altruism is the heart of Eta Chapter! It is the act of thinking and giving to others. Eta sisters volunteer at Hale Pulama Mau by caroling to senior residents; serving as receptionists at Pali Momi Hospital; volunteering at elementary schools during special events; distributing clothing, household items, fabrics, books and reading to the children at Kokua Kalihi Valley; helping where needed in different ways at the Assistance League of Honolulu; and collecting toiletries, clothing, and household items for the houseless at St. Elizabeth's Church.

For over twenty years, Eta has been a steadfast supporter of Children's Discovery Center (CDC) in partnership with the museum's vision, to develop young minds to explore, discover, imagine, and dream, and one day become leaders in the community! Sisters volunteer as PALs, People Assisting Learning. They prepare camp activities for the seasonal and daily camps when schools are not in session. Collecting recyclable items for projects is another way. On December 16, 2023, CDC celebrated their 2nd Founder's Day and 25th Birthday. Eta generously donated a monetary gift in honor of this event. Eta aspires in altruism!



CDC-25th Birthday Donation and Treats
L to R: Myrna Sugiyama, Daisy Ishihara, Candy Yanagihara, Liane Usher - President of CDC, Sheri Sunabe, Valerie Okihara



Rising from Our Roots Waipahu HS Book Multilingual Students' Collection of Stories

Hawai'i is the melting pot of the Pacific! Recognizing, diversity, equity and inclusion, Eta gets involved in reaching out to students in the community as they move to a culture entirely different than where they came from. At Kokua Kalihi Valley, Eta donated books for the Pacific Voices after-school program related to the language, culture, and history of various Pacific Islanders and read these stories to the children who live there. At Waipahu High School, the multilingual students from the Philippines, the Pacific Chuuk, Samoa, Tonga, and the Marshall Islands, under the leadership of Jeremiah Brown, coordinator of the English Learners' Program, recently published the book, *Rising from Our Roots*. The book reflects the students' experiences highlighting their immigration experiences, the first days of school at Waipahu, dealing with bullies, learning new cultures and languages, and overcoming the challenges ahead. On February 10, 2024, Eta met these fine, brave students enhancing their **world understanding!**

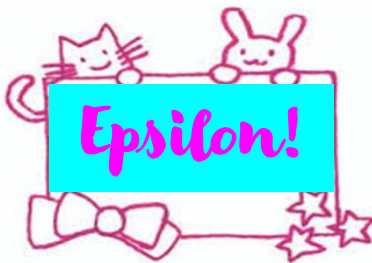


Jan. 2024 Initiation of Ann Takazono and Lisa Dell
L to R: Sheri Sunabe-Eta President, Ann, Lisa, and Susan Okano-HA'AK President

In essence, Eta reached the summit accomplishing the goals of educational excellence, altruism and world understanding through our programs. On January 13, 2024, Eta celebrated its 51st sisterhood and initiated two educators, Lisa Dell and Ann Takazono. Mission accomplished!

EPSILON SISTERS CELEBRATE

By Robbie Umeno



The holidays found Epsilon sisters celebrating the end of 2023 by holding the December meeting at the L & L Hawaiian Barbeque restaurant at the Ala Wai Golf Course. The view from the banquet table of the 7th, 1st and 6th holes was spectacular as the sun set on a beautiful winter day. The late afternoon

made our meeting a private affair in a public space.

Darin Sumimoto, the course superintendent, entertained us with stories about his experiences running a golf course. We dined on delicious local fare at reasonable prices and sang Christmas carols to round out our evening.

Epsilon sisters look forward to more opportunities to enjoy the company of one another in 2024.



L-R: Carol Ching, Laverne Moore, Grace Kwon, Robbie Umeno, Louise Cayetano, Lillian Shaw, Mari Ann Arveson



IOTA'S COMMUNITY EVENTS

By Nancy Tashima

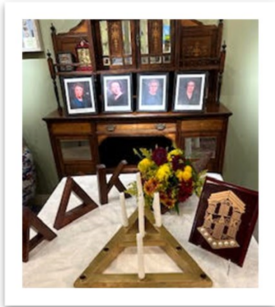
Iota Chapter has annual-ly supported several altruistic pro-jects ably coordinated by mem-bers, Sharon Skibby and Linda Dixon. These projects resulted in very rewarding and inspiring expe-

riences for all members while assisting deserving community organizations in Kona.



State Officers with Iota and Delta members on Founders' Day

To celebrate Founders' Day, Iota sisters donated treats and classroom supplies to 15 local schools to support and show appreciation for the diligent efforts of their teachers. Each of the schools in the Kona area received items including baked goods, candy, healthy nutrition bars, and supplies to aid the teachers in their classrooms. Several members also volunteered in class-



rooms and donated science and math materials and supplies to expand and enhance STEM lessons for students. Additionally, Iota sisters joined members of Hilo's Delta chapter for a Founders' Day luncheon. Hawai'i State Alpha Delta Kappa officers also attended the enjoyable afternoon of fraternity, camaraderie, and tasty food at a local restaurant. Members were very impressed with the interesting display showing the historical story of the organization's founders.



Halloween fun for Ulu Wini youngsters!

Another altruistic event during the month of October included Iota members donating treats for the children of The Homes at Ulu Wini. The 160 youngsters were delighted with their Halloween treat bags as they played games, decorated pumpkin and ghost cookies assisted by members Judy Hollingshead, Nancy Matsukawa, and JoAnn Iwane. It is gratifying that

these donations allowed the Ulu Wini youngsters to have an enjoyable and safe Halloween together.

To further support the Kona community, Iota members Sharon Skibby and Nancy Tashima were honored to volunteer at "AstroDay" and "Girls Exploring Math and Science" for local students and their families. Both events included interactive displays featuring NASA missions and attendees received Student Packets of materials allowing them to continue learning STEM concepts at their homes.



Volunteers, Sharon Skibby and Nancy Tashima

In December, members donated a variety of sweet and healthy snacks for the Christmas gatherings of the children and their grateful families of Ulu Wini. In the spirit of the holi-



Sweet and healthy snacks donated by Iota members

days, Iota sisters also donated 59 Gift Cards for deserving teens in the Kona area in partnership with the annual charitable project of the Kona Salvation Army.

The Kailua-Kona Public Library was supported by Iota members as they volunteered at a special Holiday Craft event. Sharon Skibby, Joan Parker, and Florence Pike read stories aloud to youngsters

and assisted with "Santa and Rudolf the Reindeer" crafts which were greatly enjoyed by all of the participants.

To highlight the Holiday Season, Iota members gathered for a luncheon together which included fun games and joyful conversations. It was a wonderful culmination of another incredible year of Iota Chapter's activities and events!



Kona Salvation Army gratefully accepted Holiday Gift Cards for deserving teenagers from Sharon Skibby and Linda Dixon.

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Florence Pike, Joan Parker, and Sharon Skibby prepare for a Holiday Craft Event for children at the Kailua-Kona Library.



Iota members enjoyed a Holiday Luncheon at a local restaurant.



IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALL GAME!

Splish! Splash! Splish!

There go the precious genki balls,
Flying into the polluted Ala Wai Canal.

Thrown diligently by Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa Theta and Alpha sisters.
Sisters committed to see the infamous Ala Wai Canal become pollution free!
Volunteering Saturdays to make ooh wee goo wee mud balls filled with a special solution called effective microorganisms, or EM for short.

Microbes inside the balls digest the sludge,
Ooh la la! Sludge levels are down!

Signs of sea creatures such as turtles, schools of fish, even a monk seal!
Saturdays well spent.....

In hope for a swimmable, fishable clean canal for future generations to enjoy!



By Julie Shimonishi

Submitted by
Judy Ching
Meredith Ching
Elmira Fukumoto
Joy Koyanagi
Carolyn Misajon
Ethel Murakami

As we begin 2024, Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa sisters are encouraged to share their **altruism** for a sustainable and successful decontamination project.

Ready with gloves, a bucket and sifter, Ethel Murakami, Joy Koyanagi, Elmira Fukumoto, Meredith Ching, Judy Ching and Carolyn Misajon are prepared to sift and mix together the dry and wet ingredients to make the genki balls.



Hoping to make the Ala Wai Canal healthy and well ('genki') again as it was when this man-made waterway was constructed in the 1920's.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY THETA...FROM MEXICO



By Meredith Ching and Julie Shimonishi

In February, Theta turned 42 years old. We celebrated our birthday by choosing Mexico as our **world understanding** theme. Sisters shared their experiences, knowledge and interesting facts about Mexico and **Aaron Montoya**, the son of our late sister, **Leiala Montoya** was given the opportunity to please our tastebuds with his self-inspired Mexican tacos and salsa.



Aaron Montoya relates the story behind his taco business.

In presenting his taste of Mexico, Aaron prepared carne asada (grilled beef), pork barbacoa and vegetarian tacos and offered a variety of flavorful fillings for his tacos such as pickled purple onions, pickled jalapeños and his very own mild, medium, hot or creamy jalapeño salsa. The pairing of the tacos with Jarritos Mexican soda and Tres Leches, a traditional Mexican sweet milk cake of celebrations was DELICIOSO.



Since many of our sisters have travelled to Mexico and taught about Mexico, the El Jarabe Tapatío was a must. This national dance of Mexico, endearingly known as the Mexican Hat Dance, was danced to many happy feet and a resounding Olè.



In a Mexican celebration, the breaking of a piñata and the candies gathered symbolized the joy of overcoming life's challenges and enjoying life's rewards. Similarly, **Meredith Ching** used a sombrero to make a piñata with a ribbon attached to its base that when pulled, brought down a cascade of candies and trinkets.



Our delicioso tacos were prepared from this amazing taco cart.

As the last of these treasures were gathered, we had a MARAVILLOSA day of enjoying **Aaron's** tasty tacos, enriching our knowledge of Mexico and celebrating Theta's birthday!



Christine Ho, Cathy Lynne Fong, Elmira Fukumoto and Harriet Carmody share their Mexico experiences.



PI'S 2022-24 BIENNIUM PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Roberta Nakamoto



Pi Chapter Sisters began the 2022-2024 biennium with the **Installation of Officers** ceremony on May 22, 2022, at Ruby Tuesday Mililani.



Pi Chapter Officers - 2022-2024

L to R: Edith Saki - Historian, Sherry Kobayashi - Vice President and Chaplain, Linda Victor - Treasurer, Roberta Nakamoto - President, and Julia Putes - Corresponding and Recording Secretary
3rd from Left: HAΔK Co-President Elect and Pi member, Karen Victor, joins group photo with Pi Chapter Officers.

Happy 25th Anniversary Pi Chapter!

Chartered September 28, 1997, Pi Sisters celebrate 25th Anniversary as Silver Sisters at Ruby Tuesday Mililani on September 18, 2022.

Pi Charter Members: Jan Matsuura, Roberta Nakamoto and Julia Putes



Celebrating Pi Chapter's 25th Anniversary: Roberta Nakamoto, Karen Victor, Edith Saki, Linda Victor and Julia Putes

Pi Chapter delegates at the NW-SW Regional Conference held at Hilton Hawaiian Village, May 31-June 1, 2022.

Dressed in colorful ethnic attire on banquet night: Roberta Nakamoto, Summer Aona, Karen Victor, Linda Victor, Sherry Kobayashi
Kudos to Karen Victor, State Co-President Elect for her many distinctive roles at the Conference: Opening Keynote Speaker, Workshop Presenter, and impressive Banquet Performer. Yahoo Karen!
Thank You for your contributions representing Pi Chapter!



Pi Chapter partnered with Eta Chapter in a joint Altruistic Project donating canned goods, clothing and children's books to Kokua Kalihi Valley. Pi Sisters delivered donated items at the Pacific Voices in Kalihi.

L to R: Sherry Kobayashi, Rona Manga-yayam, Coordinator of Pacific Youth Services, and Roberta Nakamoto



Valerie Butcher initiated to Pi Chapter, June 25, 2023, at Roy's Ko Olina

Pi Sisters work session making memo holders to Save the Date for Founders' Day to be held on October 12, 2024: Linda Victor, Karen Victor, Sherry Kobayashi, Edith Saki, and Valerie Butcher



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Lambda Chapter invited Pi Chapter to a joint venture **World Understanding of cultural practices hands on field trip on November 11, 2023 to Ho'oulu Aina, a program part of the nonprofit community health center: Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Health Services.**

Pi Chapter Sisters, Valerie Butcher and Roberta Nakamoto, participated in educational activities with an enlightening experience learning about medicinal plants for health and healing in a spiritual environmental setting.



Puni Jackson, Caretaker of Ho'oulu 'Aina, shares the medicinal value of plants grown in Kalihi Valley.



Casey Jackson, Caretaker of Ho'oulu 'Aina and Pi Sister, Valerie Butcher, cleaning Turmeric plants.



Janice Oumaye and Naomi Yap, Lambda Chapter Sisters, and Pi Sister, Roberta Nakamoto, wash Mamaki leaves.



RAE YAMANAKA and 'THE WALL THAT HEALS': EMPOWERING WOMEN EDUCATORS TO ADVANCE ALTRUISM

By Connie Miyake

Rae Yamanaka is a Hawai'i Delta sister, our role model of one who empowers women educators to advance altruism. She taught at Waiakea High School (19 ½ years) and worked as HSTA UniServ Director (15 ½ years) before retiring. In the past year, Rae volunteered at VEX Robotics, Special Olympics events, the Big Island Invitational Marathon, Buckets and Badges, Pana'ewa Tiger Day, Special Olympics Bocce Ball Tournament, Waiakea High basketball games as the scorer, Mail Carriers Food Drive, Relay for Life, Alzheimer's Walk for Life, Keonepoke Makahiki and other community and school events. Delta sisters have joined with her at the Pana'ewa Tiger Day and the Mail Carriers Food Drive.

In her most recent endeavor, Rae volunteered for several shifts at the information booth for 'The Wall That Heals'. **'The Wall That Heals' includes a three-fourth scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial** along with a mobile Education Center. The traveling exhibition honors more than three million Americans who served in the US Armed Forces in the Vietnam War. It bears the names of 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Vietnam traveling exhibition has traveled to hundreds of sites throughout the continental United States. Through the effort and strong support by Hawai'i County (Department of Parks and Recreation, Veterans Advisory Committee and 'The Wall that Heals' County Committee) and the Daughters of the American Revolution, the exhibition in its 29th year of existence made its way to Hilo, Hawai'i, the first visit ever outside continental USA. It was open 24 hours daily January 24-28, 2024, as thousands from Hawai'i Island and visitors from throughout the rest of Hawai'i came to reflect and heal and reach closure.



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Rae Yamanaka, farthest left, with two volunteer friends in front of the mobile Education Center



LAMBDA ACCOMPLISHES GOALS: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ALTRUISTIC ENDEAVORS, & WORLD UNDERSTANDING and CULTURAL AWARENESS

By Lori Bruner-Okamura

Professional Development

A recent e-newsletter from Edutopia featured an article entitled “3 Ways to Be a Thermostat, Not a Thermometer” (<https://www.edutopia.org/article/3-ways-improve-school-climate>). This caught my attention as I prepared for a lesson on Martin Luther King, Jr’s National Day of Service. Imagine being a thermostat that actively adjusts and positively changes our environment. We can encourage our students and the people we encounter to practice empathy, compassion, cooperation, kindness, and gratitude to create a culture of caring. Fostering a service mindset is in line with AΔK’s emphasis on altruism and global stewardship and inspiring intentional acts of kindness reminds us that our small actions may have unexpected positive impacts.

– Lori Okamura, Hongwanji Mission School Librarian

Altruistic Endeavors

Our Lambda chapter continues to contribute in a variety of ways:

- Several sisters prepared Aloha packages to ITE scholar Dona Srimahachota, also Janice Oumaye hosted Dona at a professional football game on a recent trip to Washington State – complete with football jerseys and caps.
- At our monthly meetings, sisters contribute canned goods of protein for The Pantry.
- In addition to donations to the Alzheimer’s Association and The Center for Tomorrow’s Leaders, we contributed to Ho’oulu ‘Aina in Kalihi Valley where we held our November meeting after harvesting and processing Native Hawaiian medicinal plants.



Dona and Janice having a blast!



Annette Young-Ogata harvests ‘Olena (turmeric)

Our retired members designed and packed holiday goodie bags for the students of active teachers.



Lambda sisters continue to volunteer at schools, including Moanalua Middle School where active members, Anna Kaneshiro, Sandy Abdelehad, and several AΔK sisters from other chapters currently work.

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World Understanding & Cultural Awareness

Lambda President Lori Endo invited college students from Japan to share their presentations at one of our monthly meetings. We celebrated the New Year with Japanese food and games at our first meeting in 2024.

Partnership with Pi Chapter

Our Pi Chapter sisters joined us for the Ho’oulu ‘Aina “field trip” and for our holiday luncheon. We welcomed Roberta Nakamoto, Julia Putes, Karen Victor, Linda Victor, Summer Aona, and Valerie Butcher as we prepare for Karen’s and Tina Young’s upcoming co-presidency.



Newest Lambda sister, Marilyn Valencia



XI CELEBRATES THE SECOND HALF OF THE 2022-24 BIENNIUM

By Maxine Joe

Zoom sessions for something very important – in person meetings! When sisters returned to live communication, decibels of sound shot up sky high as they enjoyed the familiar warmth of Xi fellowship, collaboration, and resumption of business sprinkled with hearty doses of laughter and joy.

Reenergized spirits helped to fuel Xi Chapter’s Striving to Reach the Summit in Educational Excellence, Altruism and World Understanding.

Following are a few highlights exemplifying gains in each of these areas:

Educational Excellence and Professional Development

Xi Chapter, host for Founders Day 2023, worked together in earnest to present a program relevant to the needs of today’s students and our community: “Striving for the Summit: Growing Future Leaders”. Xi sister Doreen Dudoit, with eight years of experience in developing Roosevelt High students into competent leaders, arranged for the Executive Director of Center for Tomorrow’s Leaders to share the merits of the program and to feature past students, who are now leaders at their workplaces.



Carol Emerson and Lori Hamil, Founders’ Day emcees

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New members Florence Kawamura and Karen Graham (right of HAAK President Susan Okano) were introduced to HAAK on Founder's Day.

H A Δ K members kindly donated over \$5,000 to the nonprofit to support preparing student leaders for a better tomorrow.

Xi Chapter established a new scholarship to be presented each biennium for a student in education at Chaminade University.

Altruism

Xi sisters volunteered for numerous projects and made charitable donations to Alzheimer's Longest Day in June, school supplies for Lincoln School students in August, Odds and Ends Kuakini Thrift Shop, Maui Relief after the Lahaina wildfire, AΔK Month in October, Center for Tomorrow's Leaders on Founders' Day, Family Programs Hawai'i Holiday Party for foster children - gift-wrapping, supplies, toys, gift cards and monetary donations, and Project Ka'i.

Educational Excellence, Altruism and World Understanding

HAAK initiated and sponsored **Project Ka'i** (to lead, coach, to introduce our professional organization and its resources to UH College of Education students, and to provide a captivating introduction to the geography, history and culture of Hawai'i that can be incorporated into lessons.

'Alohilani Okamura (of UH) organizes the informative sessions that are dynamically taught by Karen Victor (also of UH Manoa). Students who have even braved their way through pounding Manoa rain to get a seat have provided feedback such as "Mahalo nui loa to HAAK for sponsoring such an incredible event and providing great snacks and supplies for every-

one....Mahalo for very entertaining, super informative sessions. They resonate with me a lot and I really enjoy them".

World Understanding

Xi Chapter concluded 2023 with a festive luncheon focused on the theme *Diversity in Christmas Celebrations Around the World*. We were delighted to have guests HAAK President Susan Okano and Incoming Co-Presidents Karen Victor and Tina Young join us. Carrie Yamamoto, Linda Kim, Niki Minami



Our server, Dottie, knew that AΔK sounded familiar. She was thrilled to find that her mom, Anastasia Tsippoulos, a music teacher in Manchester, NH, was a member of AΔK, Gamma Chapter. What a small world.

and Alisha Horikami conducted novel, challenging games, quizzes and awarded great prizes, even booby prizes for the rock-bottom scorers.

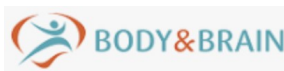
A few holiday takeaways: The Christmas greeting in Nepal is "Meri Krisamasa".

In Japan KFC is a very popular Christmas meal and in South Africa deep-fried emperor moth caterpillars are served as a starter on Christmas Day.

Health and Wellness in the New Year



Maxine Joe and Carol Emerson, Lead Organizers (on the left and right of Susan Okano, HAAK President in center), are among HAAK volunteers providing support to Project Ka'i at UH Manoa.



Congratulations to Jessie Kojiro who has taken Body and Brain-Yoga TaiChi training in Hawai'i and recently returned from Arizona where she earned certification as a Sedona Health Coach.

To start the new year right and to get us on the track to health and wellness, at our January meeting, she lined us up in rows and led us in group exercise. Thanks for sharing your leadership and certified coaching skills, Jessie!





SIGMA AND IT'S ALTRUISTIC MISSION

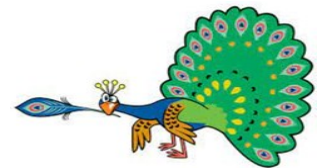
By Sherry Yamada

Sigma is dedicated to the principles of Alpha Delta Kappa, and its altruistic mission in Hawai'i, as well as the rest of the world. As part of that commitment, Sigma Chapter recently donated approximately \$300 in books and toiletries to the Onemalu Transitional Shelter at Barbers Point. The chapter has donated to this facility, as well as others, in the past.

The Onemalu Transitional Shelter houses adults, with or without children who are unhoused or at risk of becoming so. In addition, residents are taught the skills needed for independence and success in society.



Sue Smith and Karen Chun with Sigma's donation of books for adults and children at Onemalu Transitional Shelter at Barbers Point.



BETA CHAPTER STRIVES FOR THE SUMMIT IN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, ALTRUISM, AND WORLD UNDERSTANDING

By Sherry Rose

This year as always, our AΔK Beta Chapter has worked on educational excellence by supporting our sisters, who are still teaching, with donations to their classrooms for water bottles, books for classroom libraries, support for English learner parent participation, etc. We also supported altruistic endeavors and our Zippy's fundraiser to raise funds was extremely successful. In addition to educational excellence and altruism, this year Beta Chapter has embraced Alpha Delta Kappa International's direction to focus on Diversity and World Understanding.

Our members represent a wide range of ethnic and racial backgrounds, and we practice many religious traditions too. Our sisters and their family members are Okinawan, African American, Japanese, Hawaiian, Caucasian, Chinese, Samoan and more. We joyfully practice our religious connections as we are Shinto, Buddhist, Jewish, Christian, and even unaffiliated. Our group field trip to Hawai'i's Plantation Village helped us to connect with ancestors who came to Hawaii from faraway lands. Sharing these differences with each other enriches all our lives.

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At our International Convention in Kansas City, we had an opportunity to learn about AΔK's ITE Scholars as they were introduced on stage to the full convention. Both our President, Kathy Shiramizu, and this writer were so inspired by these students, and we were thrilled to later run into Ambika. Our president carries cards with her contact information and gives them out freely. She asked Ambika to stay in touch! We were so impressed with her enthusiasm and her wonderful personality that we asked her to meet with our entire chapter via Zoom.

One of our best activities this year was **Ambika Putri Perdani's** presentation, **"My Story ... Walking the Path of an ITE Scholar ... Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow,"** at our November 19th meeting. Ambika is from Java in Indonesia and she and her family are multilingual. She earned her undergraduate degree in Singapore, and she shared so many interesting things about her culture and her exciting educational journey in Washington D.C. at Georgetown University. She shared about her American cultural experiences such as learning to bake a pie for Thanksgiving and being so grateful for all the support from the many AΔK sisters who have served as her mentors and friends. This year Ambika finishes her master's degree and will return to Indonesia with the educational app she has developed to give back and support her community. We learned so much from this bright, talented young woman and she left us with this lovely thought: **Though we are from different cultures, we share similar values, especially the values of family and the importance of education.**

We are lucky to focus on Alpha Delta Kappa World Understanding as it asks us to embrace cultural differences and make an impact through that understanding. This is how we make our world a better place!



At International Convention in Kansas City
L to R: Sherry Rose - Beta Sister, Kathy Shiramizu - Beta Chapter President, ITE Scholar - Ambika Putri Perdani



CHAPTER Happenings...end



An Inspiring Story of How A Great Teacher Changed Someone's Life

Bill Gates: Questions That Matter <https://futurefocusedlearning.net/blog/learner-agency/4-inspiring-stories-of-how-great-teachers-changed-someones-life>

When Bill Gates attended Seattle's View Ridge Elementary, he was a typical nerdy 4th-grade introvert who always did his best to keep to himself. Thanks to a kindly librarian named Blanche Caffiere, he was able to come into his own in a way that would one day change the world forever. Gates sets the stage for this tale on his blog:



"When I first met Mrs. Caffiere, she was the elegant and engaging school librarian at Seattle's View Ridge Elementary, and I was a timid fourth grader. I was desperately trying to go unnoticed, because I had some big deficits, like atrocious handwriting ... and I was trying to hide the fact that I liked to read—something that was cool for girls but not for boys ... Mrs. Caffiere took me under her wing and helped make it okay for me to be a messy, nerdy boy who was reading lots of books."

He credits Mrs. Caffiere for helping him escape his shell in the true spirit of exceptional teaching. First, she encouraged Gates' passion for reading by helping him explore it through the use of introspective questions, such as what he liked to read and why. Next, she'd go out of her way to source books that were progressively more interesting and challenging for him.

Finally, once he'd read them, she would sit down with him and ask him if he liked what he had read, and more importantly, what he'd learned and why. "She genuinely listened to what I had to say," Gates recalled.

In 2006, shortly after reaching her 100th birthday, Blanche Caffiere sadly passed away—but not before Gates was able to thank her personally for the lasting impact her love and curiosity had on his life.

Special Appreciation...

Altruism

Jeanne Chang, Zeta: *In memory of Doris Toda and Allyson Reed*

Scholarship

Val Okihara, Eta: *A successful 2023 PPG Co-chaired by Janice Oumaye and Janet Fujimoto*
Anonymous: *In memory of Alyce Ikeoka*

State Convention Fund

Myrna Nishihara, Eta: *To honor and thank State President, Susan Okano, for her leadership*

Maui Disaster Relief

AΔK Foundation, c/o Sandy Wolfe, Board Chair and Christie Smith, Executive Director

Other (Unspecified)

Anonymous: From South Carolina Alpha Tau Chapter: *Disaster Relief*
Maryland AΔK: *Disaster Relief*
Maryland Sigma Chapter: *Hawai'i Disaster Relief*
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Mahalo to State and Chapter Sisters/Reporters for sharing your excellent submissions throughout this biennium.



E Kūlia I Ka Nu'u

Calendar of Events & Deadlines



2024

March

- 15: Chapter altruistic report due: submit to State Altruistic Chair
- 22 - 24: **HADK State Convention, Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, HI**

April

- H-107 Report of Chapter Officers (due immediately following chapter elections)
- H-134 & H-155 State Convention report due within 7 days after convention
- 1: KAPPAN submissions deadline (June publication)
- 15: State Altruistic report due to Regional Altruistic Chair
- 15: Regional Mini Spring Scholarship application deadline

May

- 1: Report of Chapter Officers FINAL deadline
- 15: Chapters to complete Reflections on CNA - Chapter goals for the biennium (jotform)

June

- 28 - July 1: Joint NW/SW Regional Conference. Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, WA
- 30: H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary due to intl. (online)
- 30: C-1 Annual Chapter Treasurer's Reporting Form deadline

July

- 1: KAPPAN submissions deadline (September publication)

August

- Chapter and State Officer Packets emailed from HQ and updated on website
- 31: Distinguished Program Award deadline

September

- 15: Classroom Grant Application deadline

October Alpha Delta Kappa Month

- 1: KAPPAN submissions deadline (December publication)
- 1: Chapter Yearbook to State President
- 12: Founders' Day: Hawai'i Okinawa Center
- 15: Chapter officers to develop goals for new biennium: submit electronically on the CNA (jotform)
- 15: IRS 990-N e-Postcard or 990/990EZ due
- 15: Regional Mini Fall Scholarship application deadline
- 15: Proposals for Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions to appropriate chairman deadline

2024 Northwest/Southwest Joint Regional Conference

Hyatt Regency Bellevue on Seattle's Eastside

June 28, 2024 to July 1, 2024