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Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa Ka Pine Ho'ohui esident's vessage

What an interesting experience it has been. When I made the commitment to become the State President four (4) years ago, I knew it was going to be an exciting adventure but did not expect it would be a full-on COVID biennium. Things started off with the 2020 State Convention being canceled. Since face-to-face meetings were not an option, we learned how to participate in Zoom meetings.

Hawai'i was luckier than most other states because we had a "lucky charm" in Valerie Okihara from Eta Chapter. Even though zooming was new to her, she took time to learn all about it and then volunteered to teach us the basics so many of us became "zoom oriented" by the time we had our Leadership Training in August. Valerie had a major role in helping to turn such HAAK zoom activities as the EEB and CCP meetings, Leadership Training, Membership Tea, and PPG into Lambda huge successes. Chapter contributed to our successes by hosting a fabulous 2021 Founders' Day, complete with their own website. The Special Premier Movie project was also a wonderful and memorable venture. I am still "flying high" from being the "amateur pilot" for our special HA∆K flight.

My life with Alpha Delta Kappa has given me the opportunity to make two (2) major leaps in my life. The first big leap was to take the reins as your State President for the past two (2) years. The second big leap was working together with the convention cadre and making the last-minute decision to turn the upcoming convention that was destined to be a virtual event into a face-to-face one. By doing this, we can celebrate our accomplishments together in our first state in-person meeting since early 2020. I hope many of you will be in attendance and will join us in celebrating our successes.

In closing, serving as your State President has been an exciting and an amazing adventure. Although the pandemic caused many problems and made it difficult to get things done, we persevered and accomplished many things. I was delighted to have my logo and theme along to lead us through the COVID biennium. As it turned out, it was a very appropriate theme to have. I hope you will continue to Take That Leap to serve, to learn, and to grow as Alpha Delta Kappa members, and to have a better appreciation of your membership.

I leave you in the good hands of our President. next Susan Okano. She will be a great State President. Mahalo for your kind support in making my presidency a wonderful and memorable experience. 🦟



Susan Okano, 2022-202<mark>4</mark> HA∆K President





State Happenings

BREAKING!!

Yes, we will have an In-Person Convention, with modifications!



To Serve, to Learn, to Grow.

HAAK STATE CONVENTION is O

The State Convention Cadre discussed the pros and cons of many different scenarios and schedules. The cadre, after much discussion, "Took That Leap" and approved a schedule which was basically an In-Person Convention that included some virtual activities too. President Jeanne Chang sent an email with a new registration form, a new workshop signup with a new deadline and the latest revision schedule. See page 3 for the latest HAAK State Convention schedule revision and please see the February 9 email from Jeanne for more details.

MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE



Year of the Tiger 2022 ALOHA AND MAHALO

The Year of the Tiger is said to bring dramatic changes. As we gear up for these changes, we take a moment to reflect upon our accomplishments and struggles.

There is much cause for celebration. From June 1, 2020, to January 17, 2022, 11 chapters initiated a total of 23 new members and reinstated a total of seven (7) members. All chapters submitted their CNAs online on time and showed new members how to register online. Finally, eight (8) chapters in 2020 and nine (9) chapters in 2021 received the 7 Pearl Award. Yay!

The major struggle this biennium was dealing with the uncertainty caused by the pandemic and having to conduct business virtually. Some chapters found it difficult to meet and recruit while others were able to increase attendance and membership. Actively teaching members experienced daily, the incredible stress of providing distant instruction, in person instruction at times and sometimes both. But as usual of HAAK sisters, chapter members provided them support and resources. As in the past, filling leadership positions continued to be a daunting

task. President Jeanne Chang's motto of "Take that Leap" has been so appropriate, necessary, and encouraging.

International began its membership campaign, but without voucher awards. Because of this, Hawai'i began its own campaign. For the period June 1, 2021-March 1, 2022, new and reinstated members were entered in a drawing for a \$100 voucher to be used towards the NW/SW Regional Conference, May 31-June 3, 2022. Also, based on the number of initiated/reinstated members, chapters were also entered in a drawing for a \$100 voucher to be used towards the NW/SW Regional Conference. The winning member and chapter will be announced at the State Convention.

It has been such a joy working with these 21 chapter membership chairs—Liane Voss and Jamielynn Tateyama of Alpha Chapter, Kristina Lee and Carole Takehara of Beta Chapter, Susan Scofield of Gamma Chapter, Corinne Kalani of Delta Chapter, Louise Cayetano of Epsilon Chapter, Clare Ho of Zeta Chapter, Kathy Au and Claire Kurasaki of Eta Chapter, Linda Camp of Theta Chapter, Kari Swangel of lota Chapter, Amy Katsumoto of Kappa Chapter, Judy Kaya and Marian Crislip of Lambda Chapter, Caroline Okasako of Mu Chapter, Phyllis Horita of Nu Chapter, Carol Emerson and Tina Jentilet of Xi Chapter, Karen Victor of Pi Chapter. and Sherry Yamada of Sigma Chapter. They, their chapter presidents, and executive board members have capably responded to membership needs with diligence and grace.

The survival of HA∆K depends on the growth of our membership, development of leadership, and retention of its members. Positive dramatic change will occur when we all invest our energies, time, and talents in reinvigorating Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa. I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to the HA∆K sisters for their staunch commitment and steadfast efforts in strengthening our sisterhood. €



27TH HAWAI'I ALPHA DELTA KAPPA TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE ALA MOANA HOTEL



Pre-Convention Activities:

- Monday, March 14, 2022 (Spring Break): 2:00-3:00 Convention Workshop Session I
- Tuesday, March 15, 2022 (Spring Break):3:00-4:00 Convention Workshop Session II
 Note: Watch for the new Workshop Flyer: All workshops will be by zoom except for the two (2)
 workshops by Betty Jo Evers. Her in-person workshops will be held <u>during</u> the convention.
 There is no limit on number of workshops you may attend, but sign-ups will be required.
- ★ Sunday, March 20, 2022: 1:00-2:00 pm Council of Chapter Presidents Zoom Meeting
- * Sunday, March 20, 2022: 2:15-4:00 pm 6th Expanded Executive Board Zoom Meeting
- ✓ State Officer <u>Candidates</u> Poster, Honorary Member <u>Candidates</u> Poster, and Shriners Hospitals for Children <u>Altruistic</u> Poster: Posters may be viewed by clicking on the "Link" to be provided for access to the site.
- ✓ Cancelled Convention Events: Chapter Sales; Shriners Altruistic Workshop, Shriners Display Table.
- ✔ Archives: Displays table will be in the Ballroom.

Friday March 25, 2022

10:00	Set Up for Registration	Hibiscus Lobby	
11:00-1:00	Registration	·	
1:00-2:30	Opening Ceremony (Seating Assignments)	Hibiscus	
	Introductions		
2:30	Free Time, Hotel Check-In		
2:45-3:45	Optional: Fraternity Education Workshop by Betty Jo Evers; sign-up required4:00-5:00		
	State Final Folders/Reports - Turn-Over Time	Hibiscus	
	(Outgoing to incoming officers, state committee chairs, chapter presidents)		
5:00	Free Time and Set-up for Fun Nite	·	
6:30-9:00	Pupu Party and Fun Nite Program		

Saturday, March 26, 2022

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Sunday, March 27, 2022, 1st Expanded Executive Board Breakfast Meeting - Room TBA



Mahalo to the HAAK members and chapters who have continued to support and promote Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa throughout a very challenging and unique biennium. In Years One and Two of this biennium, chapter leads and publicity chairs have submitted articles for our Ka Pine Ho'ohui newsletters and for each of the issues of THE KAPPAN since the school year began in 2020. HA∆K chapters were featured in articles in THE KAPPAN on their altruistic projects, a well-deserved tribute to our late HAAK member and first state president Ethel Hasegawa, various creative endeavors, and members' regional and state award recognitions. Let's see if there is more HAAK NEWS in the March issue, as well as the one in June with an April 1st deadline.

Last year, at our "Enhance and Advance" sessions (1.0 and 2.0) via Zoom, HA Δ K members were invited to commiserate, collaborate, learn, and share technology skills, and brainstorm ways to publicize and promote HA Δ K and their own chapter

This year, with PK III, another connection with our future educators, we collected written contributions from HAΔK educators for

happenings on campus.

HA∆K educators for booklets for this year's teacher candidates. The words of "wisdom and experience" were

then organized in these sections:

Advice and Encouragement, Precious Teaching Memories, Links to Support and Uplift, and HAAK Supports You. HAAK members also made monetary donations to supplement the generous donation of teaching supplies that 'Alohilani obtained from Heidi Kawakami of 3M Company. These

with monetary and goods donations, as well as the

"womanpower" to pack and distribute them. The events were also featured in a UH publication of

booklets, prefaced information about AAK and HAAK. also introduce teachers-to-be to our organization - its purpose, goals, and achievements. In addition, HAAK and chapters can share them (e-copies or printed versions) with interested educators and potential initiates.

Welcome to our world!

Words of Advice to

New Teachers

An Enhance and Advance zoom session and activity (E&A 3.0), this time promoting Diversity, are in the planning

stages for this spring. Stay tuned.



Project Kako'o II Spring 2020—HA∆K sisters and some of the COE students pose together after the teacher goodie bags were distributed.

accomplishments. Also, since the hope of establishing collegiate clubs in the future was expressed, 'Alohilani Okamura, president of Nu Chapter and a UH-Manoa adjunct professor in the College of Education, suggested Project Kakoʻo as a way to connect with and support the UH COE teacher candidates. Last year with PK I & II, we were able to support struggling student teachers with "goodie bags/survival kits" of food and supplies

Although the local news media have had to focus on the pandemic's adverse effect on our schools and communities these past two years, amazingly, our HA∆K membership has continued to educate, support, and achieve. Congratulations and thank you for sharing your news to uplift us all − evidence that as "agents of change," we educators are always hopeful.

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WORLD UNDERSTANDING

Linda Shimamoto, Chair

Our Founders chose world understanding as one of Alpha

Delta Kappa's major purposes because thev wanted members to expand their knowledge other countries, to understand the culture and history of them, and to develop compassion for in this others world. The International Teacher Education

Program (ITE) is one way that members can realize the purpose of world understanding in A∆K. Through A∆K programs such as the virtual introduction of the ITE scholars for 2022 and through Zoom, members were able to connect with several scholars during this biennium.



March 2021-Karina and Tipsuda studying

Several chapters communicated with a few ITE students by hosting them through Zoom at their monthly meetings. Zoom was useful as a method for promoting



Trang visiting San Francisco's City Hall

and implementing world understanding. Members got to know ITE scholars in a personal way. The three scholars who were part of Zoom meetings were Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong of Thailand, Trang Hoang from Vietnam, and Karina Baltazar from Mexico. These scholars shared their home countries' cultures, education history, system, foods, special occasions, places to visit and family life. Their quest and commitment to improve the conditions of education in their home country is their primary mission when they return home.

Connections with ITE scholars continued through emails and cards. Several chapters sent cards for special occasions, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's. Chapters were generous in sending gifts from Hawai'i to support these scholars and to extend the Aloha spirit.

A big mahalo to Jeanne Chang for focusing on world understanding

through the establishment of WU as an ad hoc committee in this biennium. And a big mahalo to the WU Chapter chairs for promoting and highlighting WU in their chapters.

Finally, to all members, please continue to support the world understanding altruistic projects. C.H.E.A.R (Children's Hope with Education and Agricultural Reality), the newest project that was voted on by members, needs financial aid. This project will help the children of Babati, Tanzania, realize a better life through education and job training.

Mahalo!

SCIENCE BOWL

Julie Shimonishi, Chair

29th Hawai'i The Regional ZOOM Science Bowl's competition was held on February 19. 2022. Students from 10 high schools statewide competed to represent Hawai'i at the national competition to be held IN-PERSON in Leesburg, Virginia from April 28-May 2, 2022. Congratulations to the winning team from Iolani School, who will Hawai'i represent in challenging and exciting STEM competition. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, this event highlights the 'importance of investing in the next generation of leaders in science'. 🦟

> Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl's Outlook for 2023

•IN-PERSON Competition
•Date: January or February 2023
•Location TBD
•Volunteer Opportunities

HAAK HISTORY

As Immediate Past President I wrote a timeline of important events and list of Executive Board Officers for the History of Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa. I thought maybe other sisters in HA\(\Delta\)K would like to see this wonderful History of HA\(\Delta\)K with all the timelines and boards of past state presidents in the History booklet. Also included besides the timelines are lists of all state presidents and their conventions, Southwest Regional IVPs and their Conferences, International Presidents and their Conventions, and each Hawaii chapter and the dates of their installations. You can find this on the Hawaii website under About Us..History of HA\(\Delta\)K...below the list of Past State Presidents. Love, Meredith Ching, IPP

SAVE THE DATE!

HAΔK LEADERSHIP TRAINING Saturday, August 27, 2022 Zoom Online

Session 1: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Session 2: 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon

HAAK STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND MAHALO

Our revised HAΔK Donation Form has been effect since January through December 2022. This is the list of donors as of December 2021 after the December EEB meeting.

8 Donors to the HAΔK Student Scholarship Fund from December 2021 to February 2022:

- In Memory Of (IMO) for John G. Saito, Sr (Jeanne Chang's hanai father) - Carole Takehara, Hawaii Beta
- IMO for John G. Saito, Sr by Valerie Okihara, Hawaii Eta
- IMO for John G. Saito, Sr by Anonymous
- IMO for Judith Hamamoto (Eta) by Kay Yogi, Hawaii Zeta
- IMO for Ethel Hasegawa (Alpha) by Kay Yogi, Hawaii Zeta
- IMO for Barbara Miyamoto (Xi) by Kay Yogi, Hawaii Zeta
- IMO for Mary Hendrickson (Beta) by Kay Yogi, Hawaii Zeta
- Anonymous

(Featured in the Kappan 12/2021)

HAWAI'I EDUCATOR RECEIVES MILKEN AWARD



Miki Cacace, Hawaii Theta, Hawaii Milken Awardee

Miki Cacace, HI Theta is one of 40 honorees from United across the States to receive the Milken Family Foundation Award. She was recognied for her "creative effors enable her 150 middle school students in the beginning and advanced coding classes that she developed to explore computer science and be inspired to broaden their STEM education.

With the &25,000 she received, Miki created the Cacace Scholarshipl for Future Computer Scientists to help seniors at James Campbell High School achieve their educational goals and to promote computer science. The first scholarship will be presented this year. She also purchased coding robots for students to use in the classroom.

Miki is an intergraded STEM Coding teacher at Ewa Makai Middle School on the Leeward Coast of Oahu. With her curriculum of integrating STEM with coding, she offiers her students the opportunity to learn about programming for the physical world by blending hardware design and software development.

Prior to teaching coding, she taught math, third grade and English Language Learner students.



HAAK HONORARY MEMBER

Honorary members to HA Δ K have shown dedication to the sorority in support of its educational core values as prominent members of our community. An honorary member will be voted on by the Executive Board at the State Convention and will be awarded at Founder's Day. Information on previous Honorary Members can be found on the HA Δ K website. More information and a list of nominees will be forthcoming.

Regional Happenings

NORTHWEST &
SOUTHWEST
REGIONAL
CONFERENCE



Diversify Our Vision in Alpha Delta Kappa Joint Northwest/Southwest Regional Conference Hilton Hawaiian Village, Waikīkī, Hawai'i May 31 – June 3, 2022

ALOHA! E Kipa Mai! We are looking forward to seeing you in May 2022. Your Alpha Delta Kappa sisters from the host states of Hawai'i and Montana, have prepared an extraordinary experience for you. **Diversifying Our Vision awaits...** a time for love, laughter, reflection, celebration, and rededication. Make new friends, refine A∆K officer and leadership skills, explore world understanding, discover life-long education ideas, and experience new blessings.

REGISTRATION (forthcoming)— Two (2) options will be given to attendees: **online and hard copy.** You are registered when your printed form and payment are received by the registration committee and conference treasurer. Confirmation will be sent via email.

MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR - The Northwest and Southwest Regional Membership Consultants Laura Oversee and Jean Hinck, respectively will share their enthusiasm and expertise. Together you will create opportunities and have a positive impact on your chapter and state membership. A

mandatory Membership Consultants' meeting will be held on June 1st from 7:30 – 9:30 AM. <u>Laura and Jean</u> will conduct Membership Seminars for ALL S/P/N Membership Team members (**SP, SPE, IPP and VP for Membership**). The two (2) regions will meet concurrently in different rooms. Sign up on the Registration Form.

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS – Come and meet new sisters by volunteering to be an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms. You will assist sisters and presenters and help to spread ALOHA! There is a meeting on Tuesday, May 31st at 6:00-6:45 PM for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms in room 'Iolani I. Sign up on the Registration Form.

STATE LEADERSHIP PARADE - A request will be sent to each S/P/N for photos of the New State Presidents' logo, theme, and 3Ps' names. A practice for the Leadership Parade will be held on Tuesday, May 31st from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

ALTRUISM - Help Understanding and Group Support, (HUGS). The mission of HUGS is "To strengthen Hawai"'s families and improve their quality of life as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child. HUGS supports Hawai'i families with a child up to age 21 who has been diagnosed with a lifethreatening illness or disease. "An Altruistic Hour" will be held Thursday afternoon with options of a HUGS card making activity or a St. Jude Walk. Come and embrace the **opportunity** to make a positive impact on our world.

DIVERSIFY OUR VISION in FELLOWSHIP - Following the Learning Sessions on Wednesday afternoon, all conference attendees and guests are invited to a **Welcome Reception**. This reception will feature a no-host bar, hors d'oeuvres, and an awesome performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band. Sign up on the Registration Form.

DIVERSIFY OUR VISION through Learning Sessions - There is much to learn! The learning sessions offer a diverse array of opportunities through workshops. There are leadership and office specific training workshops, sessions for working educators and retirees, and sessions for altruism and world understanding. Our talented sisters and knowledgeable presenters are sharing their time and expertise to help you create a positive impact on our global community. State and chapter officers, please make your officer training a priority.

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DIVERSIFY OUR VISION with Culture - A Cultural Fair will give each state an opportunity to showcase their state's diversity - past, present, and future. States will share their activities and stories of how their S/P/N has created a diverse vision which has a positive IMPACT on Alpha Delta Kappa and our world.-

DIVERSIFY OUR VISION with Music – Join our 2022 Joint Regional Chorus. Check your interest on the registration form and share your talent!

DIVERSIFYING OUR VISION at the Banquet -The dinner features the fresh tastes of Hawai'i. Our evening will celebrate the diverse cultures of Hawai'i's immigrants and the opportunity for fellowship with our beloved sisterhood. Guests are welcome!

 $A\triangle KA$ – The $A\triangle KA$ will be sharing options for significant others attending. Watch for "meet up" plans in future newsletters and at their registration table. The men get together for morning coffee and share plans for the day.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE SEPARATELY - Check out Hilton Hawaiian Village Alpha Delta Kappa Joint NW/SW Regional Conference.

OR www.my-event.hilton.com/hnlhvhh-aif-3c13a2e3-a39e-499b-8e10-0f53a41eb667/

OR Call 1-800-445-8667 Ask for Room code: AIF

Please note that reservations made within the AAK block avoids the \$50/day resort fee; it is lowered to \$15/day.

TRANSPORTATION

hiltonhawaiianvillage.com/about-theresort/transportation

PRE / POST CONVENTION TOURS

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STATE SALES – Stop by the State Sales Tables previously reserved.

Bring your family and join us as we celebrate: **DIVERSIFY OUR VISION in Alpha Delta Kappa**

MAHALO, a hui hou!

Janet Johnson, NWR International Vice President Diane Best, SWR International Vice President

Conference Treasurer: Jennifer Tomas (WA)

Co-Chairs: MT: Katherine Babcock & Melodee Burreson

Co-Chairs: HI: Gayle Lum & Naomi Yap 🦟



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"I need one Pepsi, one Coke, one 7-Up, one large coffee, one small coffee, one mint tea, one green tea, one iced tea, one orange juice, one bottled water, and one nonalcoholic Fuzzy Navel. They're for our Diversity Committee."

Chapter Happenings

ALPHA SISTERS SURVIVING &THRIVING

More than a year has passed since we have all been experiencing COVID-19, a worldwide pandemic that we had not expected, let alone be prepared for its effects on our health, economy and education.

Despite the unexpected circumstances we found ourselves in, the Alpha Chapter sisters were able to maintain a healthy life to SURVIVE. In addition, the sisters learned how to THRIVE and continue to do so.

MOVING FORWARD

Cindy Razga has retired after many years of dedication to students and to education in Hawaii. She continues to move forward in the next phase of her life which includes moving to Pennsylvania.

She was born Torrejon in Spain. Her father was in the military service. She later grew up in New Cumberland, PA and attended Bloomsbury University Pennsylvania and received her undergraduate



Cindy Razga and granddaughter

degree from Millersville University.

In 1986, Cindy moved to Hawaii and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She then obtained a teaching job at the Jefferson Elementary Orthopedic Unit where she met Jean Kiyabu and Karen Fuse. Cindy also worked at Pearl Harbor Elementary and then at Pearl Ridge Elementary. A few years later, she worked at ARLISE (Alternative Route to Licensure in Special Education). Following this experience, Cindy taught at Blanche Pope Elementary in Waimanalo. Prior to her retirement,

she served as a resource teacher with the Kailua/Kalaheo Complex.

Cindy was initiated as an Alpha Chapter sister in 2009. She served as Chapter President and as state recording secretary. She was also a recipient of the Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa state scholarship and received recognition as an Excellence in Education teacher of the Southwest Region.

Cindy's family consists of her son Ace who has blessed her with a beautiful granddaughter and lives in Hawaii. Her daughter is married and lives outside of Pittsburgh, Pa. Cindy's plans include living with daughter Rose for a while after relocating to Pennsylvania. With her sister and close college friends living two hours away, she will be able to spend time with them. Travel plans in the northeast with her sister who will be retiring in December are also being considered.

PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING

One sister, who is a pre-school teacher, taught and reinforced the healthy habits of wearing masks, frequent hand washing, utilizing hand sanitizers, social distancing, adjusting to splash guards on their tables during snack and lunch, putting away toys into a basket so that the toys can be sanitized. These are basic lessons that young children are taught in all pre-school classrooms, but additional steps were implemented to ensure the safety of everyone in school. Needless-to-say, readiness academic skills had to be presented with safety at the forefront. As our Alpha teacher shared, "The world we live in is different. The children and the classroom are still the same, but safety guidelines are prominently in place."

How does one ensure that in the future, person to person interactions like hugging, playing shoulder to shoulder, singing, sharing, practicing eye contact, smiling, kindness will not be forgotten in developing positive human interactions? Keeping safety, readiness, skill instruction and positive interactions are constantly kept in balance! Learning, socializing, and teaching from the heart is never forgotten in the classroom of Alpha's sister, Ms. Joy (Koyanagi).

"BE AN ALPHA ANGEL"

sisters had Alpha pleasure and privilege of listening to a presentation by Major Eric Tumale and his wife of the Salvation Army in the spirit of learning of the various ways to be able to **GIVE** to community. Both Major Eric Tumale and his wife are Corps Officers of the Salvation Army Kauluwela Mission Corps.

We learned of the Salvation Army Mission Statement, that it is an international ministry movement intended to meet human needs. In addition to the familiar Red

Kettle and Angel Tree, Alpha sisters learned of the many other ways that the Salvation Army can assist a community: to brighten the holidays, for emergency disaster services, meeting basic and spiritual needs and providing youth programs.

The Red Kettle is the highest profile in the USA, serving children. Unique to Hawaii is the Kupuna Angel Tree for senior citizens and for the keiki. Nursing homes and other kupuna in a community are benefiting from the Kupuna Angel Tree. At the present, three elementary schools are recipients of donations collected by the Salvation Army - Likelike, Royal and Kauluwela. Donations in the form of meals, backpacks, school supplies, homework assistance, music/arts and character building have been offered to these elementary schools.

It was heartwarming to also hear of the stories of recipients who are now giving back to the Salvation Army's call for donations. One former recipient has been a donor for the past ten years!

GOING DOWN THE BTS RABBIT HOLE

What is BTS you ask? Well..., it is not Bacon, Tomato and Sausage.

One Alpha sister learned about a Korean Pop Group, **BTS**, back in February of 2021 from a friend and is now a serious fan of this group. Using Google



Alpha sisters meet with Maj. Eric Tumale to learn about the Salvation Army's mission and the Red Kettle Project

to research about the strong interest in the group, this Alpha sister discovered a song, "A Winter Story" which was a part of a Netflix show titled "That Winter the Wind Blows". She was encouraged by her friend to watch the movie and as "one thing led to another" she began to learn about **BTS** which stands for Bangtan Sonyeondan (Bulletproof Boy Scouts), a 7-member boy band group from South Korea. The group is currently the largest K-pop group

group

a

The K-Pop Band That Conquered the World

fanbase of over 40 million!

worldwide

Their songs are sung in Korean with some English, and the discography includes music from pop, funk, hip hop, rhythm & blues, etc. This sister enjoys the songs due to the strong, social messages that deal

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with bullying, mental illness, loneliness, to name a few. Some of the latest hits of BTS are "Dynamite," "Butter" and "Permission to Dance", all sung in English and are aimed to make a breakthrough into the western mainstream market. (You will have to guess or make conversations with the Alpha sisters to find out who this BTS fan is. A great icebreaker!)

CHEWY

lives!

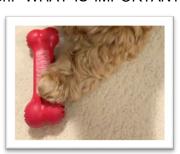


The biggest change for our family since the pandemic began has been the arrival Chewy, a Shitzu dog, two-months old. Chewy is now a hefty year and a half old and like his name loves to

chew all kinds of things. His favorite toys are the ones that make squeaky sounds: balls, chipmunks in a log, a bunny with one ear left. The family agrees that Chewy came into our lives at the right time. Focusing on Chewy has meant less time arguing and fighting with each other while all family members were forced to stay at home. The family agrees that Chewy came into our lives at the right time. We all love Chewy, and we know he loves

The pandemic has created a whole new world for our students, friends, families, and communities. However, it has offered us a silver lining as well. It has given us the opportunity to STOP, to SLOW DOWN and to REFLECT on: WHAT IS IMPORTANT in our new life? How

us. We are so happy that he became part of our



Chewy playing with one of his toys

has our PURPOSE in life changed? It is now a part of all our lives as we SURVIVE, STRIVE and MOVE FORWARD.

By Linda Shimamoto

BETA SISTERS TAKING THAT LEAP

"Be the Inspiration" (K. Shiramizu, 2020) By Kathleen Shiramizu, Hawaii A∆K BETA Chapter President

Hawaii AΔK BETA Chapter welcomes Lakecia (Kecia) King of Bristol, Pennsylvania, raised in Northern Virginia. Besides her natural support from her parents, brothers, and sisters, Kecia's grandmother was the most influential and inspirational woman beyond her health obstacles, including partial blindness. This woman was a CEO of Creative Construction Contractors, Inc. in the '80's. "Determination" set the pace. Kecia's belief in the 4 D's – dedication, determination, discipline, and

drive, is fortitude that makes Kecia a woman of integrity, balance, and depth.

Kecia was initiated Sunday. September 19, 2021, and currently is in her 15th year of teaching as Special Education Teacher Jefferson Elementary School. Her passion and vision stem from



Beta's newest member, Lakecia King, Sped teacher at Jefferson Elementary

serving the community. As said, "I firmly believe that we should use our time, talent, and resources to be of service to others. As a transformative leader that follows the servant leadership model I made a positive impact on thousands of students, and workshop attendees in my executive and educational careers. I believe that all students can learn. I fight for the underdog and work hard to shine the light on my students' abilities."

Kecia created an "I Believe in You" project. Students are greeted with a motivational quote or saying to inspire them of their importance as individuals and of their accomplishments. Intrinsic rewards and reinforcement follow to accentuate jobs well done. Mindfulness practices encouraged growth in emotional control, intellectual development, and Application of coping skills. Her core value of Educational Excellence originates from a Master's in Teaching Special Education and a Bachelor of

Science in Business Management Human Resources, both from Liberty University. Kecia was 2008's Rookie Teacher of the Year, Teacher of the Year 2009, 2010,2013, Top 40 under 40 in Business 2005, recognized Sussex County Chamber of Commerce Business Leader, SHRM Chapter President of the Year, 2021 Silent Rotarian Award, just to name a few.

Kecia's Altruistic nature to community, World Understanding, and Diversity are listed under her commitment to unrelenting service: Rotary International, Rotary District 5000 DEI Task Force Chair, Rotary Club of East Honolulu President Elect 2022-2023 plus Board of Directors - Membership Chair, District 5000 Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; NAACP Education and Health Committee Chair, 2020 State of Hawaii Census Committee. Kecia has also taught in Japan and China. Kecia considers Japan a second home. 2 teachers remain in contact. Rose, who loves Hawaii and Kecia-san, pure sisterhood, heart-heart look alike. (See photo)



Kecia & Rose in Japan remain in contact.

Pure sisterhood!

Lastly, "sisterhood" in Hawaii A∆K BETA Chapter has been an honor, an inspiration, and an exciting endeavor for Kecia. As Beta's World Understanding Chair, Kecia shares both her personal passion and vision as an educator. She is passionate to engage and collaborate, inspired as a sister, and compassionate to those (students and sisters) in Hawaii and worldwide. Kecia's hope is "to continue to fulfill her altruistic desires with our dynamic group of fun, loving, and kind women for many years to come". Kecia is truly an "inspiration to all of us". Welcome Kecia!

GAMMA GALS ON THE GO

Even with the covid pandemic, altruistic endeavors have always been in the forefront for the Gamma gals on Maui. This year we thanked and supported our active teachers by honoring their wish lists. Gamma sisters donated to the chapter so supplies could be purchased. Sisters also helped with prep work in the classroom. We are so grateful that our Maui keiki have such dedicated teachers who continue to teach especially during these unprecedented times.



Debbie Hisashima, Diane Omura and Lynn Hashizawa helping input data.

(Continued Gamma Chapter)



Gail Ideue, Alma Hanzawa and Diana Lyons collecting money for a MIL football game.

Gamma gals supported the Maui Interscholastic League as it opened the football season for the first

> time since the

Dayle Hanta and Kitty Yee at the ticket collection gate.

high school senior scholarship fund. Gamma sisters also supported Hale Makua, a senior living facility, with gift wrapping for their clients.



Greeter, Gamma President Faith Ito



pandemic for the players and the community. Lead sister Gail Ideue worked tirelessly with the MIL to make sure that everyone was and felt safe at the games.

The Shops of Wailea again asked Gamma Chapter to do gift wrapping as a service to its customers. Thanks to lead sisters, Chris Hondo, Diane

Orikasa and Kitty Yee, we provided a week of giftwrapping service. We enjoyed each other's company and made many customers happy. We were also able to collect donations targeted for our



Day shift sisters for gift wrapping at the Shops at Wailea.



(Continued Gamma Chapter)

Gamma sisters usually Nisei support the Memorial Veterans Center's (NVMC) annual fundraiser and this year, we again did it on a smaller scale. The Center did a drive thru fundraiser and Gamma sisters were able to help packing by distributing bentos. The NVMC's values are being selfless for the greater good, leading by example, living with gratitude, inspiring courage adversity, and doing the right thing, always. It is



Gamma sisters and friends helping with the NVMC's drive thru fundraiser.

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values that are similar to what we want to instill in our students and in each other.

We thank our fearless President, Faith Ito, for leading us to "Sprinkle Joy" to each other. to community and to our world. During Faith's biennium, due safety concerns, we only met via zoom meetings. Thank you, Faith, for keeping us connected. You helped us to safely live life to the fullest, laugh whenever we could and love all that we do. <

DELTA VOLUNTEERS!

In 2020 - 2021, Hawaii Delta Chapter focused on mask making, with 13 sisters and a friend of the sisters contributing 235 hours for the sewing of 425 masks. Sisters who didn't sew contributed \$360 for mask materials and other supplies.



The Children's Justice
Center and the
Hilo/Waiakea Complex
First and Second Year
Teachers in the New
Teachers Mentoring Program
were some of the beneficiaries of
this altruistic endeavor to help
provide for the safety of our
teachers and children in the



community. Hilo
Hongwanji Preschool, Waiakea
Intermediate School, and Keaau
Elementary School students
were, also, recipients of the
masks.

In addition to the Delta Mask Project to support our community, as part of promoting World Understanding through the International Teacher's Education Program, Karen Nogami and Lilian Takemura



created a care package for and wrote letters to A∆K's ITE student. Alma Karina Munoz Baltazar from Mexico. Alma is **Fulton** attending Mary Lou Teachers College at Arizona State University. Prudy Sonomura participated in the Alzheimer's Association Hawaii Chapter Fundraiser Event on April 21, 2021, on behalf of our Delta sisters. In place of the walk that is usually done, Prudy collected \$490 in donation checks from 16 of Delta's sisters to support this organization. Joyce Hirata, also, donated money to the Big Dig project to bring water Navajo Nation the Arizona. In addition, Lynne Holub and Joyce Hirata supported Read to Me International with their donations.

To promote community health through vaccinations, sisters were encouraged to volunteer at Yamanaka, Karen Maedo, and Nan Hiraoka helped at the registration station while Yvonne Nakamura and Karen Nogami helped at other stations at the event.

Delta Chapter has been a longtime supporter of the Pacific Tsunami Museum. \$600.00 was donated by the Deltas to continue their support this biennium. Although the museum was closed during the COVID outbreak, work continued for the plans for continued educational outreach and to improve In addition, exhibits. Karen Maedo donated \$1,000.00 to the Museum in memory of Donna Saiki, our State AAK Honorary Member. Support, too, was given the Hawaii Island Food Basket. \$192.00 was collected from donations made during the December 2021 Delta meeting.

At the start of this biennium, Delta's sisters expressed a desire Induction/ Mentoring Program Coordinator. Sisters discussed ways to support new hires in the schools by showing appreciation to the new teachers who started their first year of teaching in the middle of the COVID epidemic. Sisters proposed selecting a teacher and sharing tips or wisdom of the job or about the school.

In the second half of the 2020 -2022 biennium. Deltas continued to participate in a letter writing support campaign to teachers in the Hilo Waiakea Complex. Delta's sisters were happy to lend a hand! Each sister was able to choose a beginning teacher from a list that Corinne provided us. Selections were made by choosing a new teacher currently working at a school the sister once worked at or taught in similar subject or grade Corinne has level. happily reported that Delta's sisters reached out to 29 new teachers in the Letter Writing Campaign in the biennium.

Corinne said many of the letters contained heartfelt messages showing appreciation to the beginning teachers for choosing this noble profession, sharing the wonderful experiences they will take part in, giving valuable even environment for our keiki during a pandemic.

Six of Delta's sisters further supported the new teachers and mentors during Alpha Delta Kappa Month by donating raffle prizes for use at the beginning teacher sessions. Gift certificates to use at businesses of local merchants were gratefully received. The sessions were attended by approximately 56 beginning teachers (first to third year) and 28 mentors.



Delta chapter helping out at the COVID Vaccination event at the Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium

a COVID Vaccination Event at the Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium on May 29, 2021. Rae

to support their sister, Corinne Kalani, who was selected as the new Hilo/Waiakea Complex

Other A∆K Month altruism by Delta's sisters included supporting the staff at schools such as Hilo Intermediate, Kalanianaole, Kaumana Elementary and Waiakea High.







Delta's sisters sharing goodies with fellow teachers

In addition, as part of $A\Delta K$ Month,

donations
were made
to the
Pacific
Tsunami
Museum
for their
educational



exhibits and future excursion opportunities. These donations were made to continue the support given by Delta Chapter at the start of the biennium.

Some Deltas selected teachers in the schools to share lesson plans and to recognize them for



their hard work and dedication, to encourage them to continue their efforts especially during these trying times. Delta's sister, Yvonne Nakamura, gave a Grade 3 teacher at Keaukaha Elementary School her personal

copy of "The Giving Tree" with lesson plans for use with her students. Karen Chang surprised a Grade 7 teacher at Waiakea Intermediate School with a treat bag to recognize her for her years of hard work and dedication in support of her students at the school.



In remembrance and gratitude. We started the 2020 – 2022 biennium with President Lynne

Holub and remember her for her leadership in helping us begin our journey. We got off to a



fantastic start with her enthusiasm and vision.

To Immediate Past-President, Joyce Hirata, your Delta sisters owe you a tremendous debt of

gratitude
for filling in
as
President
to keep us
together
and
provide
the
leadership
we



needed as we gave our President-Elect Diane Kosaki the opportunity to learn and prepare



to transition to her new biennium. Many sisters, from the chapter officers to committee chairs and members, each rose to support Jovce and Diane during

this transition to provide the strength that was needed to move forward. It was not easy, as Joyce lost her daughter and Diane lost her father during this time. Through support of each other, Deltas will move on and build a strong foundation for the next biennium. President Joyce

(now in her third term as President) appreciates Delta's sisters for finding creative ways to

Zoom meeting programs interesting with cooking and card making demonstrations, Fraternity Education games, Zoom-style Silent Auction. and Interactive Exercising! Cathy Iwaoka shared a recipe and

make our monthly

demonstrated how to make Bacon Spinach Quiche in her "Cathy's Cooking Show" session and Robyn Fujioka demonstrated how to assemble custom Thank You cards in her "Fun Crafts" session as part of the November 2021 virtual Delta meeting. Joyce said, "Although this has been a tough biennium, the creativity of our members is holding us together."

Before we close, Deltas would like to bid adieu and say Mahalo to a second Delta sister to leave us





biennium. Sisters recently gathered at Coconut Island before Karen Umeda's Drive-thru funeral visitation to scatter flowers from the bridge in memory of Karen. As they watched the blossoms float out to



sea with the outgoing tide, thoughts drifted to her 48 years as a Delta sister, her wonderful talent with flowers and the many floral decorations she made for State Conventions and chapter functions. We will miss you, Karen, and will remember you fondly.



more recent photo when she shared her

family's tsunami story at a Pacific Tsunami Museum Talk Story as Delta's sisters. who shared refreshments at the event. listened.

As the biennium comes to a close. we Deltas express our gratitude to our State President Jeanne Chang and State President-Elect Susan Okano for joining us for our Delta Founders Day and Delta Birthday meetings and doing a great job in giving us support and in keeping lines of communication open with us and all of the

Susan in a screenshot with Delta's Patti Nishimoto, Zaida



chapters. Here are Jeanne and



Igawa, Andrea Ueno, Glendene Robyn Fujioka Otake, and Claudia Kobayashi at one of our events. We appreciate you!!!

Mahalo to all our sisters in Hawaii A∆K. We are grateful to all of you.

A – L – O – H – A!!! 💽

ALTRUISM: **EPSILON** CHAPTER

Collectively:

Epsilon sisters, and honorary Epsilon member Joy, take care of Alyce, Epsilon charter member and Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa state president in 1984. We oversee her finances, track her health progress,

and maintain her well-being. We bring her favorite foods, decorations to fit the occasion. and new trinkets and clothes. We make sure she gets pampered regular massages, haircuts, manicures, pedicures, and facials. We visit



Alyce looking radiant after receiving a massage from Kaori Ching

in person, through her window, remotely, and always in spirit. We love Alyce!

Alyce enjoying a Coca Cola with her bento lunch





Individually:

 Support the Queen's Medical Cancer by making journals for cancer patients to record relevant notes, giving supplies to art classes, and a donation of \$300.

(Continued Epsilon Chapter)

 Adopt Lanakila School Grades 1, 2, 3, and special education classes by providing school supplies and monetary donations.



Thank you, poster, from Lanakila Elem. kindergarten class

- Help the River of Life Mission by packing takeout meals for the homeless and donating toiletries.
- Conscientiously doing acts of kindness daily, be it helping a needy friend or opening a door for a stranger.



Flower pens and other small items donated to various organizations

- Record the Longs Drugs ad every Sunday for the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped so vision impaired individuals may have access to it.
- Donate carpets to the Pali Momi Women's Center and blankets to Care Home of Honolulu.
- Year round purchasing and making of flowered pens to donate to worthy organizations.



Rugs donated to Pali Momi Women's Center (women in photo are from Pali Momi)

FOR **ZETA** CHAPTER, ALTRUISM IS...

- when we act to promote someone else's welfare
- having an unselfish regard for or devotion to the welfare of others

Each year, National Read Across America Day is celebrated on March 2nd, the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Through a joint effort with Rotary International District 5000, Rotary Club of West Honolulu, Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa Zeta Chapter, and Read to Me International, Hawaii elementary schools were offered Dr. Seuss book recordings for



Read Across America. The Zoom recordings were done by a Rotarian. Zeta sisters recruited nine celebrity readers, among them HPD Chief Susan Ballard, Hawaii's First Lady Dawn Amano Ige, Lyla Berg, Stephanie Lum, and HAAK's Susan Okano; created a selected bibliography of suggested Dr. Seuss titles with follow-up questions for each book; and scheduled recordings of the readers. Going well beyond the initial Kaewai, Kalihi-Uka, and Fern Schools, 2020-2021 Hawaii Rotary District Governor Naomi Masuno managed to get the recordings sent to about 70 elementary schools for students' viewing pleasure on Dr. Seuss Read-Aloud Day on March 2, 2021.

Founded in 1989 as a grassroots, all-volunteer organization that set out to help a few families in need in East Oahu, **Angel Network Charities, Inc.** currently continues to operate as a private, non-

angel Charities Network

 Assisting with loading boxes or bags of food in clients' cars.

Cleaning up

Having fun!

annual An chapter project for the 35+ past years, Easter tray favors have been created for patients and residents



throughout Oahu's hospitals and care homes. Past organizations include Hale Nani, Kaiser Permanente, and Avalon Home Care Center.

This year, nearly 500 tray favors were donated to patients in the Kuakini Health System and the Pediatrics unit at Kapiolani Medical Center as well as for the residents

of Palolo Chinese Home.

Another successful partnership with Zeta sister and honorary Rotarian Grace Fujiyoshi at the helm, our latest project was an A∆K Month altruistic endeavor for Zeta Chapter Rotary and Gives **Thanks** initiative for the Rotary Club of West



Zeta sister and honorary Rotarian, Grace Fujiyoshi

profit organization serving Oahu's homeless and atrisk families as a foodbank. Individual Zeta sisters currently engage in services at ANC, where "Volunteers are the heart of ANC and make it possible for us to serve our community each and every week". Their services include:

Packing boxes or bags of food to be distributed.

Honolulu. Rotarians and Zeta sisters wrote genuine messages of gratitude to the tireless health care workers at **Queen's**

West Medical Center. Members had the option of submitting online Kudo Board messages or writing real cards. Lovely cards were made by some talented crafters. Rotary was able to solicit drinks and snack donations via its business connection with Teapresso. Expressions of heartfelt gratification were received. A FEEL-GOOD project it was!

ETA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

GIVING JOY SPARKS JOY

Hawaii Eta Chapter has had an altruistic project in December at the Kuakini Hospital's Hale Pulama Mau Geriatric Care Facility for almost 20 years. We have been singing Christmas carols and presenting gifts to the residents. A craft activity was usually scheduled in November when the sisters made gifts for them.

However, during this biennium, the COVID pandemic prevented the sisters from their usual altruistic activities for Hale Pulama Mau. Clara Goto thought of making a video, showcasing musical the portions program. Although it was Clara's first foray into filmmaking, her son, Steven, was her advisor and photographer. Small groups of sisters met at Clara's house to be filmed. A pre-recorded rendition of "Mele Kalikimaka" was made for Miki Maeshiro as she danced a hula. Other activities included Frances Kojiro doing a pantomime of "Frosty, the Snowman" and Ginger Enomoto doing one as "Rudolph". Vera Arita played the flute to accompany the sisters as they sang, "Silent Night". She and her

husband, Neal on the guitar, did instrumental rendition of "O Holy Night". An original puppet show was performed by Chris Taylor as the sisters sang "Must be Santa". The video ended with a gallery shot of all the Eta sisters "We singing Wish You a Merry Christmas".



The craft activity this last Christmas was personalized gift tags for the gripper socks which the residents received. Each sister completed her tag,



wrote a warm cheerful Christmas message on the back, and mailed it back to the altruism committee. The committee then wrapped the socks in bags and placed each pair of socks in beautiful hand-made origami boxes with the tags attached. Candace Yanagihara presented the gifts and video to Suzette Hee, Kuakini Home Clerk and Coordinator. The presents were delivered to the residents on Christmas Day.

The residents enjoyed the video and even joined in singing the familiar medley of Christmas songs. It was gratifying to know that our chapter could continue this altruistic project even during a pandemic and we still could be in touch with our kupuna. We are hopeful that we will soon be able to be with the residents at Hale Pulama Mau in person for this joyful, heart-warming and most satisfying Christmas project.



Teaching is never boring.

Some days you instill life lessons in the generation that will one day run this nation. Other days you have to remind them not to lick the walls.



LOTA CHAPTER SUPPORTS KONA!

lota Chapter members are always mindful of the needs of the Kona community and generously support charitable organizations that assist youngsters and their families. These organizations include The Homes of Ulu Wini operated by Hope Services Hawaii and the Kona Salvation Army. Since our last reporting, Altruistic Committee chairs, Sharon Skibby and Linda Dixon have ably organized and guided lota's service and community donations which totaled more than \$4200.



Linda Dixon and Sharon Skibby collected Iota's healthy treats to contribute to the Halloween celebration of the Ulu Wini housing complex.

In October, lota sisters donated Halloween snacks and treats to children living in the Ulu Wini housing complex. The 175 happy and appreciative youngsters enjoyed the healthy goodies during their fun celebration of Halloween. The children's parents were especially grateful for these donations during



Altruistic Committee members, Sharon Skibby and Linda Dixon present Iota's monetary donations to the Kona Salvation Army.

Lt. Raghel Santiago of the Kona Salvation Army accepted donations of holiday Gift Cards from Iota's Sharon Skibby and Linda Dixon.

this difficult and worrisome time. The Kona Salvation Army organizes programs to assist the youth of Kona and



lota members willingly supported them with monetary donations. Also, members donated Holiday Gift Cards especially for teenage youth in our community. Members were pleased to donate to support the Salvation Army programs for Kona's youngsters and their families.

Additionally, as a Founders' Day project, lota Chapter assisted three of our teachers by donating products to keep their students and classrooms safe during the Pandemic. The dedicated and hardworking teachers appreciated the dispensers of

sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, liauid soap, and paper towels. Also, popular "Fidget Toys" were especially appreciated to allow students to have fun as reduce thev their anxiety during the Pandemic.

Lastly, lota member Nancy Tashima



In remembrance of Founders' Day, Linda Dixon and Sharon Skibby gathered Iota's donations to share with our deserving teaching members.

gratefully accepted a Southwest Regional Mini-Scholarship. The \$500 will be used to fund local STEM events and to support Nancy's participation at the 2022 National Science Teaching Conference in Houston, Texas.

KAPPA CHAPTER'S PARTNERSHIP WITH LYON ARBORETUM

Question: Where can you find nature's beauty located in the very back of Manoa Valley? Answer: Lyon Arboretum...and Kappa Chapter has grown a proud altruistic partnership with them since the year 2000.

Chapter altruistic donations to their educational programs. After the meetings, sisters worked on projects such as weeding, cleaning signage and potting seeds. Our monetary donations have helped the

staff shifted their focus from school field trips to on-line curriculum bundles for grades 1st-3rd and one for grades 8-12. These bundles are aligned to NGSS standards and can be used as virtual field trips to the gardens.

Kappa Sisters at Lyon Arboretum

The Arboretum's mission is: To inspire and cultivate the conservation of plant biodiversity and connect it to the culture of Hawai'i through education and research.

About 25 years ago, our Kappa sisters Lori Chun and Janice Nishiki partnered in a grant that involved the Arboretum in an intraschool partnership. They continued their connection to the Arboretum by working at summer camps in the late 1990's and early 2000's and helped with work on exciting curriculum applied to the garden and the rainforest environment.

Kappa Chapter's connection to the Arboretum began about the year 2000, and since then we have continued to have meetings at their Children's Garden classroom and made annual program with supplies like gardening tools and raincoats for field trips to name a few. Also, many Kappa sisters donate individually to the Children's Education program during Alpha Delta Kappa month.

During the pandemic lock down, Lyon Education Manager, Raedelle Van Fossen and her Our chapter reviewed the curriculum, provided feedback and suggestions, and purchased bundles to gift to our in-service teachers.

Raedelle shared that these Kappa Chapter's donations have helped to enable them to continue to produce educational resources offered to the schools at a time when it may be difficult for in-person visits to the Arboretum. These bundles can be found on their website:

https://manoa.hawaii.edu/lyon

Note: Recently there was an article in Civil Beat about Lyon Arboretum's preserving endangered and extinct plants native to Hawaii.

https://manoa.hawaii.edu/lyon/20 22/01/21/how-to-keep-hawaiisrarest-plants-from-disappearingfreeze-them/



Eunice Itoga & Janice Nishiki with Raedelle Fossen (Education Program Director)

LAMBDA LADIES



Aloha from Lambda Ladies

Best wishes for a happy and healthy start to the Year of the Tiger!
We celebrated together for the first time in December and we're hoping to have many more opportunities for fellowship and learning in-person in 2022.

Our Lambda chapter is looking forward to the upcoming State Convention and Regional Convention. We hope to see all our sisters in March and June.



Mahalo Nui Loa letter from Stacey Hayashi (2021 Founders' Day Guest Speaker)

Dear HA∆K Sisters.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Being your keynote speaker for Founders' Day was nourishing to me in so many ways.... even now, I'm not sure I can adequately express it, but I'll try... because it really meant a lot to me.

Remember how I said the vets literally kept me alive, and their love and support are what kept me going all those years? Last year in addition to losing my mom, we lost Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani and Akira Otani, two of my dear vet friends who were in my movie. They were the last of the VVV vets. It's always really hard for me to lose dear friends, as it is for anyone to lose loved ones, but, over the many years of losing precious vet friends, I've learned that one thing that comforts me is talking about them and continuing to share their stories, so they can live on. The other thing I've learned is a huge factor in how comforting it is to talk about them, are the people on the other end of whatever stories I'm telling... and because so many of you knew or were related to so many of the vets, I really felt like I was already talking to family. I'd be remiss if I didn't also recognize that I already felt so welcome and valued by the planning committee of Lambda Chapter, not to mention reconnecting with and getting to work with Cherylanne Lee and Mrs. Judy

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Kaya, who I'd met when I was in high school. Mrs. Kaya hasn't changed at all and is still a fabulous mentor.:)

Anyway... all this to say... is that last year was really tough for me. Grief is always really rough... and I was also going through some major caregiver burnout caring for my dad and brother, too. So, the opportunity to share my experiences and thoughts about the vets and the movie and the comic book and putting my presentation together for you, an audience who truly cared, was really a breath of fresh air. Actually, "two lungs full of oxygen for a drowning person" is probably a more accurate way to put it... there was just way too much sorrow and loss and exhaustion last year for me. Seeing all your supportive and enthusiastic comments afterwards was like food for



my soul, too... I felt loved and supported the way the vets made me feel loved and supported.

And then, to see the orders for books and merchandise plus your beyond generous donations... It really blew me away. When Cherylanne told me the figures, I was so shocked I started crying. I know I don't need to tell anyone these past 2 years have been really difficult and the stress of not being able to work puts your brain in survival mode but working on the movie was like that too (even after the grant money was secured), for years. So, I appreciate any and all gestures to keep me alive. Thank you for your overwhelming support, not only in helping me tell the story of the vets, but also in helping to keep me alive... because staying alive is also really important to me. :) Big thanks to Janice Oumaye and the Lambda sisters for orchestrating everything from collecting money to packing to distributing and everything else ... I know that was a lot of work!!

It always gives me energy when I see others excited about telling the story of our vets, so thank you for that, too. And projects like the comic book and movie take a huge amount of resources -- energy, time, and money. And, weirdly, a lot of people don't understand this at all... they think these things magically happen or appear, with no effort. So, for that reason, it's really refreshing just to talk to people who do understand and can appreciate the reality of how much work it is to educate people!!

Thank you again for everything. I feel blessed that I was able to share my story with you, at a time when I needed it most. And thank you not only for what you all did for me, but for what you do in general. As I said in my presentation, because you do what you do. I was able to do what I did. I know teaching can sometimes be a thankless and discouraging profession, but for what it's worth, please know that I, for one, appreciate you. I know I'm not alone.

Please stay safe and I hope to see some of you soon!

Stacey Hayashi



MU CHAPTER'S AAK MONTH

For Alpha Delta Kappa Month Mu chapter decided to acknowledge the principals and vice-principals of our public schools.

We filled mugs with energy bars and candies for administrators at fifteen schools here on Kauai. We also gave a mug to the Complex Area

Superintendent Paul Zina and his secretary, Celeste. She gave us the count of the administrative personnel at each school.













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educational excellence, altruism and world understanding. Hawaii A∆K Mu chapter, here on Kauai, is celebrating its 40^₅ anniversary."

Attached on the outside was a tag...

"Dear Principal and Vice-Principals,

Thank you for your leadership, strength, resilience, wisdom, courage, steadfastness, grit, compassion, and aloha during these COVID days.

Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa Mu Chapter"

School	Administrator
Chiefess Kamakahele Middle Sc	hool 4
Eleele Elementary School	1
Hanale Elementary School	1
Kalaheo Elementary School	1
Kapaa Elementary School	4
Kapaa High School	4
Kapaa Middle School	3
Kauai High School	4
Kekaha Elementary School	1
Kilauea Elementary School	1
King Kaumualii Elementary Scho	ol 2
Koloa Elementary School	1
Waimea Canyon School	3
Waimea High School	4
Wilcox Elementary School	3
Complex Area Superintendent	1
CAS Secretary	1

WHEN WE HELP OTHERS, WE ALL WIN!

It all started with a mile long fence covered with bras of every size, type and color on the South Island of New Zealand during Spring Break 2005. That planted a seed for a future Altruistic project in Crystal Rowe's mind.

Fast forward to November 2021 at a MU chapter meeting. At the same time, an article appeared in the HMSA magazine on "period poverty" and how some women had to make a choice to purchase food over personal hygiene products during their period.





Mu sisters donated generously towards January's Altruistic Project for Women in Need. Caroline and Crystal organized part of the donations of bras, feminine hygiene products, and bags received prior to delivery. Photo by: Mindy Ching

Crystal suggested that the January altruistic project be collecting bras and feminine hygiene products then donating it to a local non-profit.

Our chapter president, Caroline Okasako, happened to be at a luncheon and sat next to Crystal Bargayo of Women in Need (WIN). WIN is a non-profit that empowers women and families by offering transitional housing and other services so they can lead "healthy and full lives." From there, it all fell into place.

The generosity of Mu sisters was heartwarming as donations of new and gently used bras (43); panties (65); packages of feminine hygiene products (49); make-up bags (11); and recyclable bags (3) came in at a steady pace. The donations were personally delivered to a grateful WIN staff in Lihue.

Mu chapters January theme was "Women's Health for the Decades" which featured Nurse Practitioner, Alana Goo-Frazier, of Malama Kino Primary Care. She spoke of general health issues as women age through the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's.

Her presentation opened an opportunity for our chapter sisters to ask relevant questions about prevention and screening. The rest of the meeting was spent with each sister sharing a practical health tip or demonstrating a favorite exercise move on Zoom to kick off a healthier 2022!

NU CHAPTER'S ALTRUISM

Although all chapters intentionally perform acts of altruism during specific months, Nu Chapter has maintained its tradition of random acts of kindness throughout the year. For the PPG Conference, several Nu sisters led workshops and sessions. In October, members donated cleaning supplies to the Ronald McDonald House in the name of Alpha Delta Kappa. In November, a gift card was delivered to the Waimanalo Kauhale Village for a Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents in transition. In December, for the second year, the chapter provided Christmas gifts of books to the children of the Waimanalo Kauhale Village.

During the first part of the year, Nu sisters provided monetary donations and an assortment of teacher goodies in support of the Project Kako'o (PKK) initiative to encourage the retention of future teachers in the College of Education. Later this year, sisters wrote inspirational cameos of their own teaching experiences to share for PKK Phase 2. Members have also donated apparel to the YWCA's Dress for Success Program and personal care items to the Hale Kipa Youth Outreach Program. created greeting cards to sell at the Regional Convention to raise more funds for the Waimanalo Kauhale Village and made donations to Stacey Hayashi's Go For Broke fund, The Hawaii Alzheimer's Association, PBS-Hawaii, the Hawaii Food Bank, St. Jude's, and

the Susan G. Komen organizations.

Nu Chapter sisters remain committed to making a difference in enhancing the lives of others.



Nu sisters prepping Christmas gift books to the children of the Waimanalo Kauhale Village



XI CHAPTER'S FAMILY PROGRAMS HAWAII PARTNER

Xi sisters have developed a beautiful partnership with Family Programs Hawaii (FPH). In 2014, there was an article in the Honolulu Star Advertiser about FPH, which caught the attention of our altruistic chair, Libby Lum. FPH was also featured on the local TV news that week. Libby was impressed and knew that our altruistic endeavors could benefit this worthwhile group! She encouraged our chapter to consider Family Programs Hawaii as our principal focus for donations.



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We began with annual donations of toys and gift cards collected at our Xi November or December meetings in 2014. In 2018, Xi continued the annual donation of toys and gift cards and added backpacks. In fact, our donations that year were also featured in the Kappan. Our chapter also began participating in wrapping of the toys and gift cards for FPH's annual Holiday Party.



This year, the Xi sisters were very happy to increase the number of hours we help with gift wrapping by dedicating three days to help instead of our usual one. Because of Covid precautions, each wrapping session was limited to a maximum of seven; it was not difficult getting family and friend volunteers also to help. The wrapping sessions began in late October (Monday – Friday from 5:00 – 8:00 pm) and continued until the first week in December at their corporate office on King Street. Pre-Covid, the wrapping sessions were usually held during the week before Thanksgiving through the first week in



December and involved a greater number of volunteers (15 - 25) per session at the Blaisdell Center's meeting rooms.



Xi sisters annually contribute

Thank you, from FPH, featured in the Honolulu Star Advertiser on 12/19/21

toys, cash (to purchase toys/gift cards), and gift cards to FPH'S annual Holiday Party. The Holiday Party is in its 17th year, but 2020 changed the format to a drive-by party. This year because Covid cases have multiplied, the 2021 Holiday Party was again a drive-by party in Kapolei, with Santa and not the traditional party festivities of food, games, entertainment, and visiting with Santa in person.

Carol Emerson was key in organizing our toys and gift card collection this year. She established several drop off points for sisters if they could not trek to East Honolulu to drop off their donations. A total of \$750 in gift cards, \$70 cash, several McDonald's gift certificates, 10-plus toys, and 8 rolls of gift-wrapping paper were collected by Xi chapter and given to FPH this year!

Family Programs Hawaii is a 501(c)(3) social service agency dedicated to strengthening children and families who are at risk or involved in the child welfare system through high-quality prevention, support, and transition services. Since 2004, Family Programs Hawaii provides services to prevent children from entering foster care; supports children and families already involved in the foster care system; and assists youth transitioning out of foster care. Improving the lives of children and families especially those involved in the Child Welfare System is the central focus.

We are very happy that we have a working partnership with Family Programs Hawaii. It has become one of our annual cherished altruistic projects.

PI CHAPTER'S OVERSEAS MENTORSHIP

An Oversees Mentorship

Whoever thought "to serve" would literally take three Pi Chapter sisters of Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa 6,273 miles over the Pacific Ocean? Sue Smith, Mary Shortt, and Karen Chun have been mentoring three teachers from the Smart Tutoring English Center (STEC) of Dien Ban,

Viet Nam over the past year. The center is a supplemental class for Vietnamese students where they attend after 4:30 pm on the weekdays and for most of the day on the weekends with a goal of becoming proficient in the English language. This center was the brainchild of Karen and her family. In fact, they just celebrated five years at this location!



A photo from the 5-year anniversary of STEC, which includes the three mentee teachers

The three teachers/mentees are graduates of a Vietnamese university with a degree in teaching English and include Mong Lon Ly, Thuy Nguyen, and Trang Huyen Dang. This virtual interaction occurs for at least 30 minutes (or longer, depending on the needs of the session and teacher) each month. For example, Sue is helping Thuy



prepare to take the International English Language Exams and improve on her writing skills. Thuy sends Sue

her writing samples and she then provides feedback. Karen is working with Trang, her

daughter-in-law (who runs the center with Karen's son), on policies, curriculum, marketing, contract, benefits for the employees and developing a curriculum for a storytelling class and beginning writing class for children. Lastly, Mary is working

with Mong on her conversation skills and expressions such as understanding the figurative meaning of idioms.

This mentorship is such a unique and authentic experience for the center because in the university they don't have the opportunity to work with teachers from

America that are native speakers of English.

Karen says, "Without A∆K I would not have the network to access veteran teachers to help these young teachers in Viet Nam progress in their development to become master teachers."

There has been a silver lining with the pandemic and mentoring



Karen and her husband Facetiming with their grandson in Viet Nam. Soon, they will be reunited after being separated because of travel restrictions from COVID-19.

virtually through Zoom. They said that if they had been mentoring inperson, they would be constantly distracted by the needs of the school and students. With meeting at a scheduled time each month, they can work intensely with a more sustained focus.

Sue added that mentoring inspires her to provide the best experience for Thuy as their interactions have allowed them to develop a friendship, share teaching experiences and learn about each other's cultures and lives.

She notes, "The teachers that we are working with are motivated and serious with this mentorship. They are constantly taking notes and asking questions. Sometimes our conversations go on for hours. This experience has changed me as I am a role model for them."

Karen is planning to return to Vietnam in April 2022. While there, she will help out at the center to develop a program to help the teachers pass the International English Language Exams and spend time with her grandson, Gabe. Eventually, Sue



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would also like to move to Viet Nam and help with the learning center full time.

This partnership with two A∆K sisters has spanned more than twenty years. The idea for altruism started years ago when Sue and Karen were teachers at Wheeler Elementary in 2002 and the principal wanted to create buddv teachers. Sue teaching 3rd grade and Karen was teaching 2nd grade. Karen had gone to Viet Nam and attended a homeland tour and saw firsthand the poverty and she wanted to do something to involve her students in Hawaii to help. At the time, she was also getting her master's degree from UH Manoa and used this project as a focus for her

thesis (servicelearning projects). Through the years they have done projects such as building a library in the Philippines and Viet Nam. bicycles for orphans, and a service-learning project (through the Pacific Asian Affairs Council. or PAAC) where high school

students from Hawaii went to Viet Nam to teach lessons during the summer for the students in the center. They continue to fundraise through their non-profit organization, the GLocal Literacy Foundation. Their guiding philosophy is to look at global



A recent virtual meeting of Sue Smith and Karen Chun with their mentee teachers in Vietnam.

issues and solve them with local resources. They use grants, fundraisers, teacher-led garage sales, student-led recycling can drive and partnerships with other nonprofits to provide money for projects abroad.

It is awesome to see a former teacher from Campbell High School and a retired librarian from August Ahrens Elementary in addition to a new member to the Pi chapter, Mary Shortt, provide a unique learning experience to teachers in Hoi An, Viet Nam.

If you would like to learn more about the Smart Tutoring English Center of Dien Ban, you can visit:

YouTube channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channe I/UCmddd0GUYHhzg8PawECHf 6A?app=desktop

Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/11946 9885423894/



Sue Smith (third from right) and Karen Chun (second from right) at the opening of their library in Hoi An, Viet Nam in 2006.



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#MyAwesomeTeacher

Deborah Dimaya credits Joann Mastin (Xi) who taught at Farrington High School. Joann is now teaching at Kapolei High School.



Also in the HEA, Laurie Luczak (Xi) is one of the 10 outstanding 2021-22 HEA scholarship recipients. She deservedly received the Ronald K. Toma Professional Development Scholarship

as the principal of <u>Hokulani Elementary</u> <u>School</u> since 2015. Laurie is currently pursuing a Certificate in Educational Finance from Georgetown University.



which she hopes can better help in her role as a school leader who understands and carries out various fiduciary responsibilities.

"One of Principal Luczak's main professional goals is to be a learning leader who continuously seeks professional learning opportunities to better master her educational leadership craft," said Linell Dilwith, complex area superintendent for the Kaimuki-McKinley-Roosevelt complex area. Congratulations, Laurie, and mahalo for all you do for Hawaii's students!

Laurie is now interim Principal at Stevenson Middle School.

Lastly, from the HEA, the 21-22 Teaching as a Career awards were announced, and we want to give a shout-out to Val Tina Oishi (Xi) who was one of 3 teachers from a high school awarded this grant.



Ka Pine Ho ohui

"The Linking Pin"

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MARCH

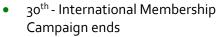
- H-107 Report of Chapter Officers due immediately following chapter elections!
- 1st Making a Better World Initiative deadline
- 15^{th -} Chapter Altruistic Report to S/P/N Altruistic Chairman deadline
- 25th 27th HA∆K State Convention
 @ Ala Moana Hotel



APRIL

- H134 & H155 S/P/N Convention Reports due 7 days after the S/P/N Convention
- 1st- KAPPAN submissions deadline (June publication)
- 15th International Altruistic Project Proposals deadline
- S/P/N Altruistic Report to Regional Altruistic Chair
- 15th Regional Mini-scholarship deadline







MAY

- 1st H-107 Report of Chapter Officers FINAL deadline
- 1st Suspension on May 1 for nonpayment of dues (if not received by May 1st)
- 15th Regional Altruistic Reports to International Altruistic Chair deadline
- 31st W/SW Joint Regional Conference @ Hilton Hawaiian Village (begins)



JUNE

- 3rd NW/SW Joint Regional Conference @ Hilton Hawaiian Village (concludes)
- 15th H-142 S/P/N President's report to IVP for Region
- 20th "The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association

- 30th H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary to HQ
- 30th Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA)
- 30th C-1 Annual Chapter Treasurer's Reporting Forms to Headquarters
- 30th S-1 & S-2 Annual State Treasurer's Reporting Forms to Headquarters deadline

JULY

• 1st - Kappan submissions deadline (September publication)

AUGUST

- Officer packets emailed via Eblast to chapter & S/P/N presidents
- HAΔK EEB meeting, TBA
- 27th HAΔK Leadership Training, Virtual



SEPTEMBER

- S/P/N and Chapter Treasurer packet mailed from HQ
- 1st Leadership Academy applicationsparticipants & members deadline
- 15th Classroom Grant deadline
- 15th Educational Symposium proposals deadline
- 30th S/P/N Membership Consultant CNA checklist to RMC deadline

OCTOBER- Alpha Delta Kappa Month

- 1st Kappan submissions (December publication)
- 1st Chapter yearbook to S/P/N President
- 1st World Understanding Project Proposals deadline
- 8th Founders' Day at Honolulu Country Club (Nu to Host)
- 15th Regional Mini-Scholarship
- 15th 990-N IRS Postcard
- 15th Proposals for Bylaws Amendments and Resolutions to appropriate chairman deadline
- 15th Deadline to submit proposals for the next International Altruistic Project