



# Hawaii Alpha Delta Kappa Ka Pine Ho'ohui



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### President's Message

Aloha HAΔK Sisters! What an excellent time for me to be addressing all of you, just after our very successful First Virtual Membership Tea that was held on Presidents' Day. This culminated an exciting three-day holiday weekend.

It was a weekend of zoom meetings, with my virtual background pictured, as my way of wishing everyone Kung Hee Fat Choy, Happy Valentine's Day, and Happy Presidents' Day all in one.



Membership Tea Chair Susan Okano and all of her volunteers hosted an outstanding event, welcoming prospective members to Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa. Needless to say, I am "flying high" right now because it was one of our largest turn-out of participants of all Membership Teas.

You are already familiar with my state theme and my effort to encourage our sisters to take on leadership roles and to attend various new functions to learn

more about Alpha Delta Kappa, thus becoming more effective members.

There were many first-timers attending the Membership Tea, many of whom shared how much they enjoyed it. Our neighbor island sisters expressed how much they enjoyed being able to attend these virtual functions. We all are marveling about increased attendance at most functions, including both chapter meetings and state events.

Although I have been saddened by how much our world has been affected by the pandemic, successful virtual events such as the recent Membership Tea, Leadership Training in August, and the Special Premier Zoom Movie in October have reassured me that everyone is still willing to Take That Leap. Members are participating in new and different activities and looking for more. I look forward to seeing more of our "younger" generation of educators stepping up to take on leadership roles while our more experienced members continue to serve in leadership roles and support the "newbies."

Let's all plan to attend the upcoming virtual events this year, the Professional and Personal Growth and Leadership Conference in August and the Founders' Day celebration in October. Major 2022 events, hopefully not virtual, will be the State Convention in March and the Alpha Delta Kappa NW/SW Joint Regional Conference at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel in Honolulu. Let's take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet ladies from the NW, SW, and across the U.S. at this conference in our own state.

Despite a slow start as we adjusted to all of the pandemic restrictions, we are now moving steadily with the support and cooperation of our members. As we begin the Chinese New Year of the Ox, let's draw upon two of the traits of the Ox - strongly believing in ourselves and refusing to fail. Take That Leap to serve, to learn, and to grow as Alpha Delta Kappa members. 🐸



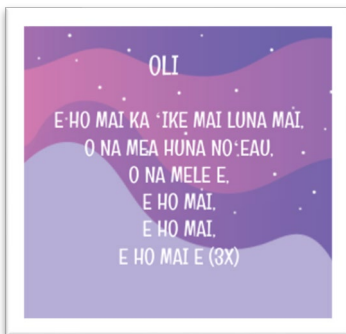
*"Kung Hee Fat Choy, Happy Valentine's, & Happy Presidents' Day"*

## State Happenings

*"Emphasizing the uniqueness of Hawai'i (our sense of place, spirit, service, interaction), sharing collaborative and user-friendly Zooming tools and strategies and using different media and means to communicate with our membership."*

### ENHANCE AND ADVANCE IN HAΔK

At the beginning of her biennium, State President Jeanne Chang encouraged all of us to Learn & Grow and Take That Leap. State Publicity Chair Carol Emerson solicited ideas from State and chapter leads regarding how we could promote AΔK, specifically HAΔK values and accomplishments. Nu Chapter President 'Alohilani Okamura



*Alohilani leads participants before beginning the E & A sessions.*

suggested emphasizing the uniqueness of Hawai'i (our sense of place, spirit, service, interaction), sharing collaborative and user-friendly Zooming tools and strategies, and using different media and means to communicate with our membership. State and chapter leads were invited to participate and encourage other members to join them for "Enhance & Advance" Forum #1 on October 6, 2020. Since most members have had to master Zooming since last spring, 'Alohi and Carol hoped that skills and tools could be shared to better communicate the heart, creativity, and resilience of Hawai'i's membership and maximize member interest and productivity.

It was a fitting "adventure" during AΔK Month, with these objectives in mind: conducting chapter zoom meetings to share information, promoting fraternal interaction, increasing member interest and participation, maximizing members' time, creating partnerships, and sharing multipurpose tools. The intent was to find ways to publicize and promote the accomplishments of HAΔK and share AΔK opportunities and rewards. Participants brought their positivity and creativity to participate in collaborative discussions while learning about tools and strategies to share with fellow AΔK sisters.

New goals were developed regarding continued chapter assessment, dialogue within the Council of Chapter Presidents, follow-up collaborative sessions, and collegial interaction to share ideas, skills, tools and strategies. Due to requests made, "Enhance & Advance 2.0" was then offered on January 16, 2021, with the following premise: *For the sake of collaborative and collegial transaction, sharing user-friendly Zooming tools and strategies to communicate with membership – NOT to "teach tech" but to utilize tools for our dialogue AND to share our talents and skills.*

Enhance & Advance 2.0's ambitious agenda included: how to share with all, yet streamline communication; how to support working teachers (altruistic endeavors); how to "talk story" and interact with AΔK members to form relationships and partnerships; how to continue to incorporate the uniqueness of Hawai'i and its values; how to introduce and sustain interest in AΔK values; how to be heart healthy.



*Alohi Okamura, Nu Chapter*

Registrants also reiterated that they hoped to work with the (public) media to promote teacher and student recognition, support teacher prep programs in the state, use different tech tools to work more efficiently and effectively, learn how to put together a video to teach a skill, share what chapters are doing to inspire and start networking with other chapters, improve communication within chapters to supplement monthly Zoom meetings, and make the business part of meetings efficient and short.

Tech tools from E&A Forum #1, now relabeled "E&A 1.0," were reintroduced and new ones shared: Jamboard, Padlet, Pear Deck, Hyperlink, and Slidesgo; with mention made of Google apps, including Google Forms used for surveys. Also, the post-session feedback indicated that participants especially enjoyed the "We are all connected" introductory activity as well as the "Wonderings of AΔK" via Jamboard, during which we discussed our common AΔK concerns, views, and hopes.



*Carol Emerson, Xi Chapter*

Both Enhance & Advance 1.0 and 2.0 participants shared concerns and interests, suggesting projects and activities promoting member involvement in AΔK as well as those supporting our teachers. In our ongoing dialogue in our Enhance & Advance sessions, we have been reminded of how we need to meet the needs of our working members as well as encourage and support those entering the field of education. Some of our chapter sisters have also been thinking creatively of how we can increase our support of teacher candidates at the UH-Manoa College of Education, cognizant of our concerns for the future of education in Hawai'i.

Rather than have these dire and chaotic times squelch efforts to encourage support of teachers and teacher education, in the true spirit of aloha, 'Alohilani, U-H Manoa professor in the College of Education, invited E&A 1.0 and 2.0 participants and other chapter sisters to participate in Project Kako'o ("to aid, support"). Co-sponsored by Nu and Xi Chapters, this pilot project was initiated to support UH-Manoa



*The new "norm" for all of our HAΔK meetings. Enhance & Advance committee members discuss and brainstorm great ideas for supporting teaching and learning.*

teacher candidates, providing them with goodie bags containing teaching supplies, food items, and PPE to acknowledge their commitment to the profession, while introducing our organization to them. Project Kako'o recognizes these teacher candidates' commitment to the teaching profession as they struggle, many financially, through these difficult

COVID times, and commends them for their passion to make a difference in the future of our Hawai'i keiki. This project, scheduled for February of 2021, and future "E&A" sessions as well, support our commitment to educational excellence in Hawai'i as well as our endorsement and practice of AΔK precepts and principles. 🌿

## HAΔK Sisters Donate \$6818 for State Scholarships and Altruistic Donations

Mahalo to our generous Hawai'i Alpha Delta Kappa sisters for your contributions totaling \$6,818 for HAΔK Scholarships and Altruistic Donations. \$1000 will be for HAΔK Teacher/Member Scholarships leaving \$5818 for Altruistic Donations to the UH Drama Department and non-profit organizations to be selected by the State Altruistic Committee. The State Altruistic co-chairs, Ellen Schroeder and Kathy Kiyabu of Nu Chapter, used committee funds to round up the amount available for State Altruistic Donations to \$5900. The State Executive Board also adopted, for this biennium, a motion from the Ways and Means Committee that \$1000 for Student Scholarships be paid for from the HAΔK Memorial and Recognition Fund.



Special thank you to the State Ways and Means Committee members for your involvement in making difficult decisions and communicating with your chapters and to Chapter Treasurers for collecting and submitting the contributions. 🌿

HAΔK SISTERS NO KA OI

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Hello, dear sisters!

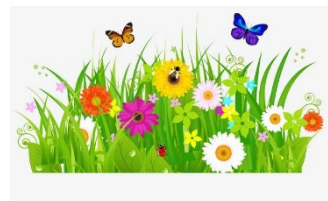
We hope this finds you well. Spring has sprung and we'd like to share some membership news with you.

Alpha Delta Kappa, in its efforts to computerize its operations, has revised the initiation/reinstatement process. Beginning January 1, 2021, chapters no longer mail in the H-103 form when a new member is initiated. Instead, all transactions are handled through electronic means. Training was conducted in January of this year. Under the guidance of Chapter Membership Chairs, Chapter Presidents, and others, new and reinstated members successfully input their information and payment into the system. Many thanks to HADK sisters for making this happen.



The virtual Membership Tea was a delightful event attended by members and interested teachers. Information about Alpha Delta Kappa was followed by inspiring testimonies by members who shared the benefits of joining. Invitees met in breakout rooms with chapter members to get acquainted, learn of chapter activities, and ask questions. A friendly game rounded out the morning. We wish to present a bouquet of violets (see below) to those who made this Membership Tea possible—President Jeanne Chang, Naomi

Yap, Gayle Lum, Sala Fuimaono, Amanda Nelson, Crystal Shigeta, 'Alohilani Okamura, and Val Okihara. We are hopeful that our guests will seriously consider becoming a part of HADK.



It's that time again when chapters reflect upon their strengths and areas to develop. The Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA) will now be due between May 1 and June 30 of this year. Chapters are encouraged to survey their members using the "Member Needs Assessment" to help complete the CNA. One of Susan's goals this year is to have all chapters submit the CNA by the deadline, as you all did back in August. Yay! The other goals Susan established were—each chapter initiating/reinstating new members, membership chairs using the *Membership Development Manual*, and retaining the existing number of chapters. Many, many thanks to all of you for helping her achieve these membership goals.

It is such a joy to welcome new members to HADK. How exciting to hear that chapters, despite having to meet virtually, are initiating new members. The membership campaign runs from January 1 to April 30 to qualify for a chance to win a subsidy to the International Convention. Chapters that initiate a new member or reinstate a member by the end of May are also rewarded with a pearl. I urge each chapter to recruit new members by spreading the good news about our organization. Let us take that leap!

With the first half of this biennium coming to an end, we hope the year was productive and fulfilling. We are grateful to our sisters who teach under incredibly challenging conditions. We look forward to the day when we can meet in person, partake in refreshments, and give each other a hug. Until then, please stay safe and stay well. 🌿



Your membership consultants,

Susan Okano, Louise Cayetano,  
and Amy Kawamoto



# Alpha Delta Kappa

**“Strengthen your chapter with new members.”**  
**2021 Alpha Delta Kappa MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN**

**January 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021**

In order for Alpha Delta Kappa to remain a vibrant organization, the challenge is to initiate new members or reinstate former members. Your enthusiasm for Alpha Delta Kappa will attract other educators who will want to join our organization!

The criteria for membership eligibility in Alpha Delta Kappa can be found in the International Bylaws, Article III, Membership, Sections 2, 3, and 4. Think of outstanding women you know who would benefit from all Alpha Delta Kappa has to offer!

**New or reinstated members initiated and registered** by April 30, 2021 will be eligible for the Membership Campaign drawing for vouchers to be used for registration at the 2022 Regional Conferences.

- ⚠** Order badge from the Marketplace or acquire it from an alternate source before the initiation.
- ⚠** The New Member Registration should be completed ONLINE on the day of and immediately following the initiation.
- ⚠** Reinstatement Form should be completed ONLINE on the day of and immediately following the reinstatement.

**NOTE:** Members transferring into your chapter or new chapters **do not** qualify for the campaign.

## **WHAT could your chapter WIN?**

Each chapter that initiates or reinstates four or more new members will be published on the Alpha Delta Kappa website. In addition, each chapter that meets the criteria below will be entered into State/Provincial/National (S/P/N) drawings for vouchers toward the 2022 Regional Conference. Each S/P/N is entitled to one winner in each category below.

### Drawing Categories:

- ⚠** 1-3 new members initiated/reinstated = one entry in the **\$50 voucher** drawing
- ⚠** 4-6 new members initiated/reinstated = two entries in the **\$75 voucher** drawing
- ⚠** 7+ new members initiated/reinstated = three entries in the **\$100 voucher** drawing

The drawings will be held at Headquarters. The winning chapters will be notified.

***Please contact your Regional Membership Consultant, S/P/N Membership Consultant or Vice President of Membership with questions***

*January 10, 2021*

## NEW DATE

### Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl Competition Moves to March!

Julie Shimonishi, Science Bowl Chair

Amid the certainty of a virtual competition in 2021, the executive board members of the Hawai'i Regional Science Bowl Committee were faced with technological challenges of participating in a virtual competition. For the past 27 years, every aspect of an in-person event from logistics, location, teams, volunteers were set in memory and carried out using familiar technology and procedures. With a virtual competition, learning new ways to do job responsibilities required hours of on-line training and a computer with good internet capabilities. It was, therefore, difficult to sign up the over 100 volunteers as in the past. Since more time was needed to recruit volunteers, it was decided to move the Hawai'i Science Bowl from January 30 to March 27, 2021.

The change of date also afforded more time for additional HI AΔK sisters to be one of 17 scorekeepers/recognizers for the 17 participating Hawai'i high school teams. Unhesitantly, **Naomi Yap**, reached out to neighbor island sisters and **Joy Koyanagi, Faith Ito, Val Okihara and Janice Oumaye** encouraged their chapter sisters to volunteer. Fortunately, **Linda Camp (Theta), Meredith Ching (Theta), Janet Fujimoto (Lambda), Faith Ito (Gamma),**

**Hedy Kaneoka (Theta), Holly Kiyonaga (Alpha), Bianca Kusatsu (Eta), Diane Nakai (Alpha), Valerie Okihara (Eta), Janice Oumaye (Lambda), Susan Scofield (Gamma), Julie Shimonishi (Theta), Jan Shishido (Gamma), Bernice Takahata (Gamma), Joan Tamori (Gamma), Naomi Yap (Lambda), Betty Yoshida (Eta)** volunteered.

An incredibly grateful thank you to all these gallant **volunteers**; to **Val Okihara** and **Betty Yoshida** who answered zoom questions 'on the spot'; and to **Val Okihara and Janice Oumaye** who, like the best of tour guides, expertly guided us through three (3) special zoom practice sessions on scorekeeping/recognizing and video setting instructions. 🌿

♣️ Good Luck to all our scorekeepers/recognizers and the 17 high school teams on their first virtual Science Bowl Competition on March 27! ♣️

(Featured in the Kappan 12/2020)

### "Who is in Your Net?"



In Hawai'i a critical lesson learned at a young age is that on an island we are all interdependent. A frequent Social Emotional Learning (SEL) question we ask our students is, "Who is in your net?" or "Who is your 'kuleana' (responsibility)?"

In the spirit of caring for one another, the Hawai'i Nu Chapter created "makana" (gift) boxes for our in-service sisters who are on the front lines. Despite the threat of infection, our sisters are choosing to keep our "keiki" (children) learning. Pictured above is Nu sister Dian Tom-Ogata, W.R. Farrington High School STEM Science educator, with her goodies. 🌿



*This is the view from the Hilton Hawaiian Village suite that Meredith Ching used as her screen background as she zoomed in to the National Science Bowl's Scorekeeping Training Session on January 28, 2021. The suite was compliments of Magnum P.I. since her home will be used for a Magnum P.I. episode airing on April 9, 8:00 p.m. on Channel 7.*

## HADK Excellence in Education

**We want you** to think about nominating an exceptional HADK sister currently engaged in teaching, administration, or other specialized fields in education, who is recognized as an outstanding educator by colleagues, parents and students. This outstanding educator may be in the classroom next door, the administrator engaging with parents and students, or YOU. Many active HADK sisters have been recognized for their contributions to education in the school and/or community. Creative and dedicated educators have become more visible as we have transitioned to virtual learning across the nation.

Our 2020 HADK EiE recipient was Mitzi (Miki) Maeshiro from Eta Chapter, who has spent her career wearing many hats at Kamehameha Schools. Besides teaching, she has been a literacy coach, developer of Hawaiian Studies curricula and is currently a Senior Educational Design Specialist.

From March through October 2021, the HADK Excellence in Education (EiE) Committee will be seeking nominees for this prestigious award. Many of you have made exemplary contributions to education and are often so very modest. Consider nominating someone you know or self-nominating!

More information can be found on the Alpha Delta Kappa website under “Excellence in Education (EiE) Award” or contact the HADK chairperson, Linda Matsumoto at [Lmatsu59@gmail.com](mailto:Lmatsu59@gmail.com). 🌿



*(Featured in the Kappan 12/2020)*

### Aloha, Ethel Hasegawa



Hawaii sisters are remembering Diamond Sister Ethel Yoshiko Nishino Hasegawa, who joined Omega chapter on June 11, 2020, just two months short of her ninety-fifth birthday.

Ethel was a charter member of Alpha, the first chapter established in Hawaii in

1960, one year after the granting of statehood. She gave over 60 years of service to Alpha Delta Kappa, serving as chapter president in 1961-1962, State President in the 1970-1972 biennium and International Vice President for the Southwest Region in 1981. She also held the office of Grand Sergeant-at-Arms for the Southwest Region in 1987. Two of the chapters she helped establish are celebrating their golden anniversaries this year.

Ethel was an elementary classroom teacher for 31 years. After retirement, she continued to work as an elementary language arts consultant and as a volunteer at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii.

She met Agnes Shipman Robertson when Agnes flew to Hawaii in 1959 to work with teachers to establish the first chapter, and they became close friends. 🌿



## International Happenings

AΔK CONNECT is a program designed to provide Alpha Delta Kappa members an opportunity to CONNECT with other members to share personal and professional experience and expertise. Our vision is that members will offer perspectives, including challenges, successes, and insights gained through their experience, to support one another.



Higher Logic and AΔK CONNECT are Coming! The International Executive Board took action during its November meeting to provide new opportunities for all members, support that will significantly increase the value of their membership and will greatly enhance our international website. The addition of Higher Logic to our iMIS database and Alpha Delta Kappa website will make our long awaited AΔK CONNECT program a reality. Higher Logic will allow the creation of communities that can link our members together by their interests, grade levels, locations, or subject matter. Members will be able to have connections with their peers, post questions, take part in discussions, share best practices, recommend resources, participate in mentorship programs, and take advantage of other opportunities. Alpha Delta Kappa Connect and Higher Logic offer Infinite Possibilities to meet the needs of our members by providing opportunities for personal and professional growth. Implementation should take place during late winter or early spring. More information will be shared in upcoming eblasts. 🌱

## Chapter Happenings

### ZETA Salutes “Our Golden Sisters”

On October 3, 2020, Zeta Chapter celebrated its Golden Anniversary on the exact date 50 years after Zeta’s Installation of Charter Chapter. Among those in attendance at this Zoom activity were five charter members who are still active members today. Here’s what our Golden Girls shared ...



**Aileen Fujitani:** “Music has always been a part of my life and still is. From singing in church choirs, UH choir, community chorales, and Na Wahine Mele, I’ve found enjoyment and many friends.” In addition to Na Wahine Mele, a highlight of her AΔK experiences includes the International AΔK convention in Boston during the 4th of July. She states, “... was thrilling, since we got to hear the



Boston Pops as we watched the fireworks over the river. Hopefully, there will be more trips in the future.”



**Taggie Okino:** “I’m just a country girl from Kailua-

Kona. Really a “tita” who used to play basketball, volleyball, softball and even went surfing and paddled canoe. I am a charter member of Zeta Chapter and this year, Zeta Chapter makes 50

years old. It has been an honor to join a prestigious group of educators. I value the friendship and relationships I have built all these years."



**Laura Sato:** Stately, perceptive, and warm describes Laura. Her organizational abilities were recognized when she was chosen the first president of Zeta chapter and later, HAAK vice president. Much of her time is spent with her family -- husband, three daughters, and grandchildren.



**Kay Yogi:** HAAK State President 2000-2002, Kay's dedication and energy is evident in her many roles in AΔK (including SWR – Altruistic chair and World Understanding chair). She continues to be our "go-to" gal especially when advice is needed. When asked how she wants to be remembered, she states, "I want to be remembered for always finding the positives in people and events."



**Doris Yoshioka:** "Born in Hilo, I spent 4 years as a toddler in WWII relocation camps in Arizona and Arkansas and grew up planning "volcano tourist attractions" and directing backyard plays. Today, it's unbelievable that I've survived 50 years in AΔK; and I'm grateful to have met and made friends with so many amazing women!" 🌿



## Kaleolani Hanohano, Educator During the Pandemic

In a recent article in the Honolulu Civil Beat (November 15, 2020), HI Zeta Chapter's Kaleolani Hanohano presented a clearly



developed pedagogy to help her students understand the coronavirus pandemic. Because of the lack of resources available to her students regarding COVID-19, she, along with her university professor and colleagues designed the "COVID Curriculum." In it, she referenced Hawai'i's history of dealing with diseases and compares it to today's "new normal" – our precautions to address the current pandemic.

Hanohano has credited Hawai'i's last queen as being the "hero" of her curriculum, describing Queen Lili'uokalani's leadership during the 1881 smallpox epidemic. Although it lasted for five months, with over 800 cases reported and approximately 300 lives lost, the Oahu quarantine imposed by the Queen prevented it from potentially decimating the Hawaiian population if spread to the other islands.

A teacher for 30 years, Hanohano has developed her own lessons for the COVID curriculum, covering subjects ranging from history to science. Through these lessons, students learn how transmission occurs, how soap kills bacteria and how pandemics impact the local economy. She also challenges her students to develop their own leadership and decision-making skills, urging them to define what being a good leader means and how innovative and mindful one should be.

Hanohano has also enhanced her curriculum with relevant life-saving instructions. In earlier years, she had her students illustrate their mo'oku'auhau – genealogy – with their family trees. Now, her students must also indicate family members who are essential workers, as well as the elderly and those most at risk of contracting illnesses. They are required to record important data, such as ages and ethnicities, and also build a resiliency plan for those with illnesses. Noting that most of her students' parents are service workers, she challenges each of them to think about the larger implications for the community if even one person in the family is infected. Through this, her students have come to understand the necessity of preventive restrictions, viewing social distancing and mask-wearing as protections for themselves, their families and their community. 🌿

*Submitted by:  
Suzanne Hee  
Zeta Chapter Co-President*

## Kaiser High School Honors the Nisei Veterans on March 3, 2020

Zeta's Lory Dillon, currently teaching Language Arts at St. Louis School, assimilated Hawaii's culture, and history eagerly in the five short years since arriving in Hawaii. Back in April 2018, Lory attended George Takei's Allegiance stage performance at Hawaii Theater. As a U.S. history teacher, she was eager to see it to help enhance her knowledge of the Japanese internment story. After reading the Honolulu Magazine's December 2019 feature article, "Nisei Veterans Share Stories of Life After WWII", she immediately contacted magazine personnel to inquire how to arrange for some of these nonagenarians to share their experiences with her students. Working around the veterans' doctor appointments, two veterans were secured and as a result, the presentation date was set.



First-hand accounts are so powerful. How fortunate it was for Lory Dillon's Kaiser High School students and others in the audience of 200 to have had the opportunity to hear from Hawaii's WWII veterans.

First to speak was Lynn Heirakuji, President and Board Member of the Nisei Veteran's Legacy, a Honolulu non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and sharing of the Nisei Soldiers of WWII. Her 30-year career included serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Personnel Oversight for the U.S. Army. A very gifted speaker, Ms. Heirakuji began by stating that the Hawaii Japanese American WWII soldiers left a legacy that

contributed to generations building Hawaii to what it is today. In speaking to the Nisei veterans, she said, "You honor me by your courage, patriotism, and loyalty to our country." She continued to present an in-depth background of the aftermath of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Taking us back to the time when US citizens of Japanese ancestry dealt with prejudice at home to being relocated to internment camps set the stage for the next two speakers.

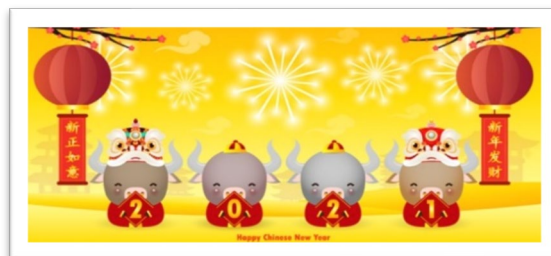
Shinye Gima spoke of his role models, his teachers who were also 2nd lieutenants in the Army. Mr. Gima enlisted in the Military Intelligence Service where his responsibility was to interrogate, interpret, and translate — all in Okinawan, a language very few American soldiers knew. Upon his return from war, he became a social studies teacher in Hawaii public schools as well as professor at the University of Hawaii.

Assignments for Kenji Ego of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe included being a 60mm mortar gunner, then a member of the Machine Gun Squad. Mr. Ego shared his experiences in combat. Upon returning from war, his career as biologist led him to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Director of Fish and Game, and Administrator of Aquatic Resources at the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Throughout each speaker's presentation were the major underlying points of loyalty to one's country, prejudice, and what life was like during and after the war. Each personal testimony was powerful and moving - even bringing some to tears. Students were captivated and eagerly listened to every word spoken by these presenters. The fact that these veterans were about the same age as most of the students when they volunteered to go to war must have made some kind of impression on them! 🐉

*Submitted by:  
Suzanne Hee*

*Zeta Chapter Co-President*



## ALPHA'S Exemplary Educator



*"Becoming an exemplary teacher is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of the choices we make; it is not something that simply comes with years of experience, it is something that must be purposefully achieved."* Robert John Meehan

Alpha is honored and proud to showcase Jaimelynn (aka: Jaime) Tateyama as a new member to Alpha Delta Kappa. She exemplifies the best qualities of a teacher and there are not enough words to describe her excellence as an educator of Hawaii.

Currently, Jaime teaches grades 9-12, Japanese 3, 4 and AP Japanese at Moanalua High School. In addition to teaching Japanese, she is the coordinator of Moanalua High School's World Language Learning Center. Jaime also taught Japanese at Waiakea High School for five years prior to moving to her current school.

Born on the Garden Isle of Kauai, she was raised in Lihue and attended Wilcox Elementary School and Kauai High and Intermediate. Jaime received her undergraduate degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Secondary Education and Japanese Language. She pursued graduate studies and obtained a master's degree in East Asian Languages and Literatures with a focus in Japanese Linguistics and Pedagogy. She is truly a homegrown student who is giving back to public education.

Jaime is married to her husband David who is a counselor at a non-profit organization. She participates as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and is a Board of Member Directors in the Honolulu Fukushima Kenjinkai Association.

In sharing her experiences, we learned how **passionate** Jaime is about the Japanese language, culture, teaching and traveling. Quoting her passion, she says, "I put my heart and soul into Japanese language, culture and teaching. I am always wanting to learn more to share with my students and to make language learning fun and easier for students." When she was 16 years old, Jaime went to Shiga Prefecture, Japan, as a Rotary Exchange student. She admires Sensei Yo Azama who is the only Japanese Language teacher to win the National Association Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages in 2012. After meeting Sensei, Jaime became even more inspired to advocate for the Japanese language and culture. Her goals include becoming an AP Japanese reader and to share her knowledge with other language teachers. Her hopes include being **confident** and **humble** in reaching this goal and to serve as a **mentor**.

As an **enthusiastic, inspiring, and thoughtful role model**, she hopes to instill the lessons of following directions, working hard and to never be afraid of making mistakes or taking risks. Her rewards are evident when her students decide to go on an exchange to Japan or to minor or major in the Japanese language. Jaime understands that learning a language is a process that develops over time and by learning from mistakes and taking risks one will be able to feel comfortable with communicating in the language, will grow to be an independent, global citizen and to be prepared for their future and career goals. When her alumni visit her, she appreciates how they mention the Japanese 3 and other classes that have helped them not only with the Japanese language, but also with college and their future. When Jaime can, she works after school with students who apply and



*Jaime with JASH Japan Wizards Team at Owl Cafe Tokyo (June 2019)*

participate in the Japan America Society of Hawaii Annual Japan Wizards Competition. The hard work of students has allowed some of them and Jaime to travel to Japan twice. Jaime has had three of her teams win in this competitive activity.

**Determination, resiliency, skill, and innovations** distinguish her as an educator. She wears many hats at Moanalua High School, but her actions always focus on her students and her passion for the Japanese language and culture. It is with deep respect that Alpha Chapter shares the accomplishments of such a venerable teacher. 🌿

## Xi Chapter Welcomes Val!

Last year Xi Chapter welcomed our newest member, Val Tina Oishi. We were fortunate JoAnn Mastin invited Val to one of our meetings and she accepted the invitation to join our chapter.

Val was born and raised on Kauai. She now resides in Ewa Beach with her husband, Scot, their 11-year-old daughter Penelope "Penny," and dogs Tobi and Pochaco, and cat Hamlet.



Val graduated from UH Manoa – with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Ed. Office Education. She has worked at several schools in the area of Career and Technical Education: 3 years @ Kauai High & Intermediate School in the Business Education Department, 15 years @ Farrington High School with the Travel Industry & Tourism Academy and the Academy of Business and is currently in her 5th year at James Campbell High School, in the Academy of Public & Human Services teaching the Education and Hospitality & Tourism Services courses...Whew!

It was during her senior year in high school, that her Business class participated in a Mock Job Interview project and the interviewers came from businesses in the community. She was one of three students offered summer jobs from the activity. This

experience made such a positive impact on Val that she decided to become a Business Education teacher like the teacher who made the project happen, her mentor, Charlene Navarro.

Last semester, Val was on leave to spend time at home while Penny was distance learning. This semester, Val returns to work and gets to experience the school environment in a virtual setting. She enjoys teaching CTE courses because of the hands-on/real-world experiences and is excited to try new ways to teach her classes.

Val enjoys seeing and talking with her former students and finding out what they are doing. It's a good feeling when the students reminisce about their high school days. A true teacher who enjoys being in the classroom and who wants to keep teaching.

On a personal level, she mentioned she took a few years of piano lessons and can play a bit. Besides dabbling in a little piano playing, Val has been to the Tokyo Disneyland area and would like to see more of Japan. She declares the food is delicious, she loves the culture, and she was impressed at seeing how the people take pride in everything they do.

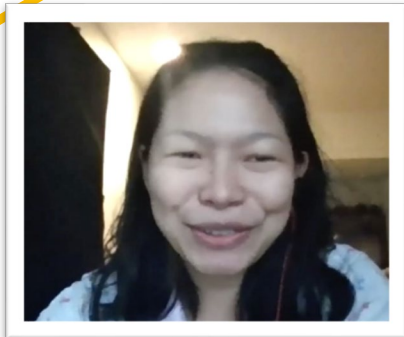
After the pandemic, she hopes she and her family can travel again. 🌿



## Inspiration for Excellence in the World of Education

Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong, Milliken and Fulbright awardee inspired Xi Chapter Attendees to be appreciative of the freedom they have as educators to strive for excellence in our democracy.

Sunday, November 21, 2020 was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our practice in the context of the world in which we live.



*Tipsuda Chaomuangkhong, Milliken and Fulbright Awardee spoke to Xians from her home in Arizona.*

XI members learned of Tipsuda's path which began as an exchange student in a Washington high school to Arizona where she is completing her doctoral studies while raising an infant with her husband. Tipsuda gave us a glimpse of the beautiful Thai culture and her loving family life that supported her journey.

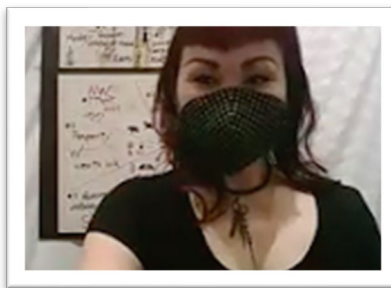
Sharing her culture and ancestry increased our understanding of Thailand's control on education.

Honolulu Star-Advertiser's (Wednesday, 11/25/20) report on recent student protests for monarchy reformation and governmental change spotlighted what she shared. Tipsuda is a living example of our beliefs that through education there is nothing that cannot be achieved. 🌱



## A Feng Shui look at 2021

As Xians prepared to welcome a brand new, hopeful New Year, we were treated to a presentation by Sedona's Feng Shui specialist, Lianne Yang. A quick Google search describes Feng Shui as an art and science developed over 3000 years ago in China. In the simplest of terms, it is essentially the interaction of humans and their environments. Feng Shui is about finding balance and harmony between elements to optimize positive energy flow.



*Lianne Yang from Sedona*

At our December 2020 meeting, Lianne gave us a look at Flying Star Feng Shui for 2021. She explained the shifting energies of Flying Stars, represented by numbers, and how they affect one's year sign. She also explained what can be personally carried for protection or enhancement. She offered us a taste of what are possibilities for 2021.

This is the year of the Metal Ox. This year is looking to be a little better than 2020 but will probably not start looking up until the last half of the year but is going to look up. Some signs are looking better than others this year but how it affects you specifically, can be further explained by having a personal chart drawn by a Feng Shui



*Luck & Wealth Ox Charms*

master, as there are so many levels to consider.

If your personal year sign is the same as the animal year, according to Lianne, it means that it is a little extra challenging for you. But she says that challenges are educational as we can learn from them. So, if you are an Ox, and this is the Year of the Metal Ox, a lot of things can happen, moves, big life changes, jobs. But in this year, Number 9, the future happiness star, is in your direction as well, thus making it a good future planning year. Just be aware that things can change and plan for the unexpected as well. A Pichu charm, with 2 little celestial creatures offers good protection and are bringers of good

*Pichu Charm*



fortune. Double happiness sign objects are also good to carry for this year.

Lianne continued to describe each year's sign, direction and flying star energies, and what items, charms, symbols one can carry for protection or enhancement. She says that anyone can carry any of these charms, but it is important to carry specific charms for your year sign, especially for protection. For

example, if Number 4, the relation, and education energy, is in your year sign, it is a good year for personal and interpersonal relations, a good year for learning, but you need to be extra careful when traveling. One can carry a keychain that looks like two coins attached together with a prosperity symbol at the top and a good fortune symbol and safety on the bottom. On the back, there are symbols for protection and balance. Anyone can carry this keychain all year long, but it is especially good for those affected by Number 4.

A quick glance at charms and symbols that Lianne described, and which one can carry based on year sign include:

A charm with Mandarin ducks which also can be hung in the home in the east for good relationships as these ducks mate for life and are good symbols for good friendships as well.



Mandarin Duck Charm

An Education pagoda that can help enhance learning and concentration.

A five-element pagoda can enhance balance and a nine palace charm balances off signs together with a prayer wheel at the top.

A keychain that looks like two coins, attached together; at the top is prosperity symbol, and at the bottom are good fortune and safety symbols, is good for traveling. On the back side there are symbols for protection and balance. Anyone, regardless of year sign, can also carry this key chain all year long.

Lianne stressed entire directions are also influenced by other energies, such as the three killing energy that moves around the chart. If your year sign falls in this direction, then it is important to protect yourself. A Lion with Sword Charm can offer protection from this force and is also good to carry in your car or while traveling.

A Lucky 8 with a bee charm can be carried to enhance money wealth. This is another charm that can be carried by anyone regardless of year sign.

Lotus flower charms can help to even out unstable moods.

The second chart that Lianne explained is what can be put in your home for the same reasons that you carry the charms. These items are usually larger versions of the charms; for instance, if you want to enhance prosperity, there are certain items, like the money tree or gold ingot that you can put in the west area of your home.

All different flying stars and directions have different elements: Fire, Earth, Water, Wood, Metal. Elements can be represented by color to enhance or protect energies. Placing items in certain directions are going to cause certain energies to affect you as well.

For example, the Number 9, robbery and loss star, sits in the NW direction. You will want to put water type energy there to weaken that inauspicious energy. Items such as blue and black colors represent water, a blue glass or vase with water, a blue rhino or elephant will add water energy.

Moreover, each direction also represents members of a family and what position they are in that



family. For example, mother or oldest women in a household are always affected by what happens in the SW direction, regardless of their year sign. Fathers or elder males are affected by what happens in the NW direction.

And energies shift around every year and every month! Wow!

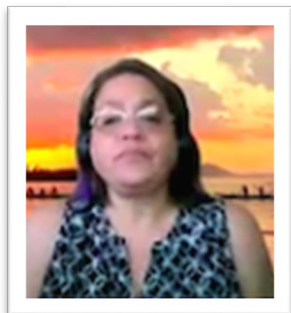
Lianne's advice is do what you can do and live the best that you can. She, herself, exudes positive and upbeat energy! What is offered here regarding Lianne's presentation certainly is just a peek into the Feng Shui Flying Star chart and what it offers us for the Year of the Metal Ox. 🍀

## Kōkua Mau

Xi's January 10<sup>th</sup> chapter meeting opened 2021 with guest speaker Hope Young, Advance Care Planning Coordinator from Kōkua Mau. Kōkua Mau means "Continuous Care," and is a Movement to Improve Care for those with serious illness and their loved ones. "Kōkua Mau" is comprised of individual and organizational champions and supporters from hospitals, education, consumers, insurance, long-term care and hospices." (kokuamau.org)

Hope's job is to provide professional conversations with those facing serious illness and the decisions they must make regarding their wishes for health care. The emphasis is on professional conversations:

- 1) How to talk to the doctors.
- 2) How to choose an agent.
- 3) How to be your own agent while you physically and mentally are capable.



Hope Young from Kōkua Mau

Kōkua Mau offers accurate information on Advance Care Planning, including Advance Directives, and POLST, palliative care and hospice care. Hope talked a little on POLST: Provider Orders on Life-Sustaining Treatment "which is a portable medical order that specifies the type of care you would like in the event of a medical emergency that takes effect as soon as it is signed. It can follow you from home into a medical setting, and after discharge to your home or other setting such as a nursing or care home." POLST is different from Advanced Directive (AD) a written statement about one's future medical care. It lets loved ones and friends know what you want if you can no longer speak for yourself. She also notes that everyone needs an Advanced Health Care Directive but not everyone needs a POLST.

Hope stressed the importance of honesty in your current answers on

how you want to be cared for and when you no longer can physically and mentally make these decisions for yourself. In the meantime, she encouraged us to share our stories with those we trust to possibly care for us when we are not able to. We need to let others know the possible different courses of actions to take for supportive care if we need it when the time comes. The new thinking is, not "What's the matter with me?" but, "What matters to me!" 🌱

*For more information on Kōkua Mau and the services they provide, please check their website: [Kokuamau.org](http://Kokuamau.org) or if you would like to contact Hope, she can be reached at [hope@kokuamau.org](mailto:hope@kokuamau.org)*

## BETA Initiates Isabella Barrett

On Sunday, February 21 Beta Chapter initiated Isabella Barrett a talented, well-qualified educator. In her 11<sup>th</sup> year of teaching, she presently is the Alternative Learning Opportunities (ALO) teacher at Farrington High School.

Bella graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University, located in San Diego, CA with a BA in Philosophy and Theology and an MA in Education. She is credentialed in California, Oklahoma and Hawai'i. She is certified to teach elementary, middle, and high school. Her experience ranges from K-12. She is also a reading specialist. Her passion is teaching English and Reading.

Bella won the 2020 Grammy's Jane Ortner Education Award, which honors her unit of lessons developed for her English Arts class that incorporate music as a tool for teaching course content.



*Isabella enjoys spending quality time with her husband Troy and their five children.*

Each year only one teacher in the entire U.S. is selected for this award. You can see her bio and the unit at this link [Jane Ortner Education Award](#). She had the honor of attending the 2020 Grammy Award Show in Los Angeles.

This year makes 24 years of marriage to her wonderful husband Troy Barrett, who is a navy veteran. They have 5 beautiful children. In her free time, she loves relaxing at the beach with her family. She is also a minister in the Church of the Nazarene and is a member at Honolulu First Church of the Nazarene located on Judd Street. Prior to the pandemic, she enjoyed volunteering at the ILH Women's Shelter with her church preparing and serving meals, once a month.

We thank Sherry Rose, who is also at Farrington High School, for introducing Bella to Beta Chapter. Sherry was Bella's teacher 25 years ago. 🌱

## Beta's First Virtual Christmas Party

Yes, these are unprecedented times with the Coronavirus pandemic affecting all our lives. Not to be deterred, Beta Chapter held its first ever Virtual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, 2020, on Zoom.

In lieu of party grab bag gifts, Beta sisters donated \$485 toward the Salvation Army's Angel Tree program. We gifted Hawaii's kupuna with rice cookers, frying pan, heating pad, electric water kettle, gift cards, shopping cart, electric fan, flashlight, kitchen, and bathroom items.



*In lieu of party grab bags gifts Beta sisters donated funds to purchase items for The Salvation Army's Angel tree program and gifted kupuna with these items.*

Following Beta's December meeting which included learning to sing Lamp of Alpha Delta Kappa using sign language, the party began with party planner Carole, acknowledging Beta's donations to the Angel Tree program, followed by seasonal inspirational thoughts given by Thelma and Karen, party planners.

What is a party without Christmas carols and games! Voices sang out "Silent Night" and "Deck the Halls". The festivities began with Beta Bingo. Harriet was the first to shout out **Beta Bingo!**

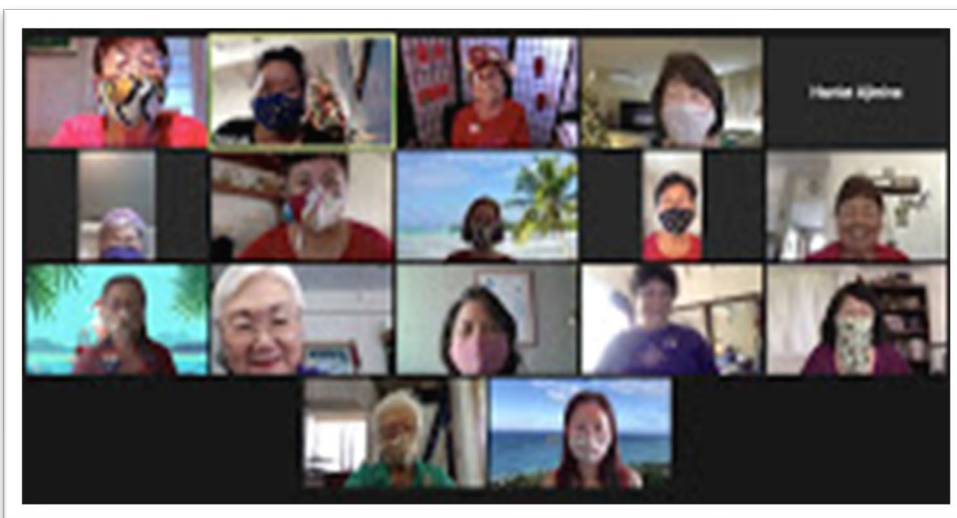
Beta sisters helped Santa with his Naughty and Nice list by playing the game, "The Naughty List". Top of the Nice list was Ann Horiuchi and top of the Naughty List was Tina Lee (who revealed she knocked over a K-Mart Christmas tree).

As dedicated Alpha Delta Kappa sisters, we participated in a

World Understanding game called "11 Truths and a Lie, Christmas and New Year's traditions from around the world". Three sisters, Gayle, Linda and Akiko were able to identify the lie (without checking the internet).

Each game winner won a prize. All Beta sisters who attended this virtual party won a participant's prize which was delivered by USPS.

We closed the celebration by singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". Lamp of AΔK using sign language was learned and sung earlier during our business meeting.



Row 4: Thelma Nip, Kristina Lee, Carole Takehara, Linda Matsumoto, Harriet Ajimine.  
Row 3: Ann Horiuchi, Kathleen Shiramizu, Gayle Lum, Susan Crowell, Kathleen Tanaka.  
Row 2: Karen Yanagida, Janet Ohta, Liesl Eng, Sherry Rose, JoAnn Fu.  
Row 1: Janet Shota, Akiko Giambelluca

Special thanks to Tina Lee who hosted this Zoom party. We can only wonder if this will be Beta's one and only virtual Christmas party. Time will tell . . . 🍷



## NEWEST PI SISTER

Pi chapter is so pleased to present our newest member, Mary Shortt. Originally from Oregon, Mary graduated from Gonzaga University with a degree in English and an Education certificate. She furthered her professional development with a Reading Specialist Certificate from Central Washington University.



Mary has worked and traveled extensively during two college semesters in Italy to many stations during her husband's military career. Mary taught in Washington state and Kentucky before teaching South Korean Army Officers in Seoul, Korea.

Mary taught for twenty-three years in Hawaii. Mary started at Waiau Elementary and then spent the rest of her DOE time at Pohakea Elementary. She taught both fifth and sixth grades. She was also the SFA Reading Facilitator. For many years before retiring, Mary was one of Pohakea's instructional coaches.

Mary has three children, all living on the mainland and six grandchildren. There are triplets among the grandchildren. Prepandemic, Mary and her husband often traveled to visit with family. Now island-bound with the pandemic, Mary is trying new recipes, reading, gardening, and decorating her home. Pi Chapter wholeheartedly embraces Mary as our newest PI sister! 🌿



## Season's Greetings!

The year 2020 will be a historical milestone year for all of us, encountering adversity with the COVID pandemic. Face masks became a fashionista as a necessary apparel to wear, especially when we go "holo holo" (shopping). Social Distancing became essential, while expressing our aloha with fist and elbow bumps, rather than kisses and hugs, became the norm.

**C** - Courageous Time for All

**O** - Outstanding Ovation to the 1st Responders for Exceeding Expectations with Overwhelming COVID-19 cases loads

**V** - Vital importance by Scientists working the clock to create a Vaccine

**I** - Imperative Requisite to wear a fac mask when shopping.

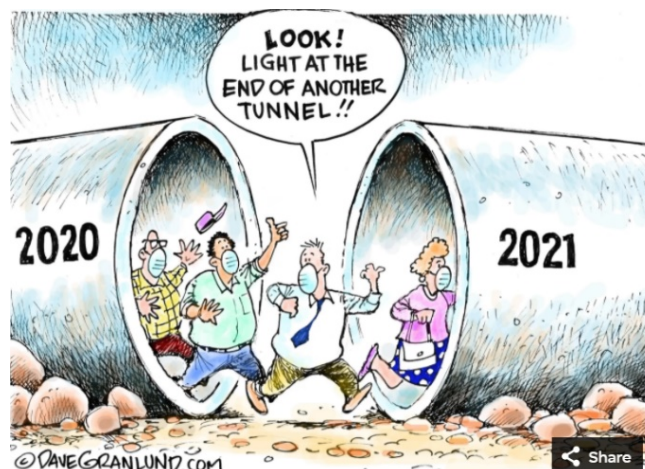
**D** – Distance Learning versus In Person Learning

We are all looking forward to a bright and blissful 2021.

Blessings to all for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year! 🌿

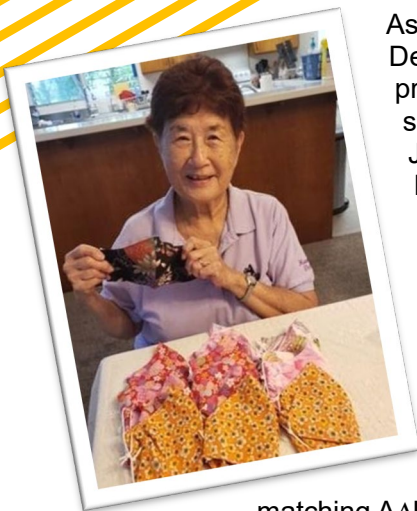
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## Hawaii DELTA Chapter

Delta Chapter wishes all HΔK sisters a Happy New Year, 2021! May you enjoy good health and happiness in the coming year!



As part of Alpha Delta Kappa Month in October, Hawaii Delta Chapter embarked on a mask making altruistic project for the community. Delta Chapter members sewed masks that were donated to the Children's Justice Center, Hilo Hongwanji Preschool, Waiakea Intermediate School, Keaau Elementary School, and the New Teachers Mentoring Program.

Our talented mask makers, Jean Higaki (left) and Joyce Hirata (right), display some of the 425 masks that were sewn. Thirteen Delta sisters and a friend shared their sewing and cutting skills, while other sisters donated monies, elastic, fabric, and other supplies.



Pictured to the left in matching AΔK shirts, October Committee members Karen Nogami and Whitney Hatayama share with President Lynne Holub, the masks created for the Delta Chapter Mask Making Project.

Below, teachers in the New Teachers Mentoring Program gratefully accepted the masks donated to them. Staff at Hilo Hongwanji Pre-School and the Children's Justice Center, too, were grateful for the masks for the children at the pre-school and at the Justice Center.



*Corinne Kalani (top left) and her teachers in the New Teachers Mentoring Program.*



*Karen Nogami delivered masks to Hilo Hongwanji Pre-school*



*Yvonne Nakamura delivered Delta's donation of masks to a staff member at the Children's Justice Center*

In addition to the mask making project, a large AΔK banner "traveled" around town and visited five sisters' homes during the month of October to publicize Alpha Delta Kappa. The banner was displayed where it could be seen by the public. See photos on the next page. 🌿

DELTA'S travel banner pictured with Pascale Creek Pinner (left) and Claudia Kobayashi (right)---



LOVE, LOVE, LOVE the travel banner!! Great idea DELTA!



## Nu Chapter



*`Ike aku, `ike mai, kokua aku kokua mai; pela iho la ka nohana `ohana.*

Translation: Recognize **others**, be recognized, **help others**, be **helped**; such is a family relationship.

Nu Chapter decided to expand our **kuleana** (responsibility) by caring for others in our community **`ohana** by focusing our **aloha** on the Waimanalo Kauhale Village. Several members were inspired by Director Blanche McMillan whose vision is to transition the homeless living on the beach and in the bushes to these transitional shelters, facilitate enrollment in human support services, provide nutritional counseling, accommodate the need to earn a high school diploma, and instill a return to an agrarian economy. It began in November with a monetary donation for a Thanksgiving dinner. In December, one member was inspired to purchase Christmas gifts for the 18 children, and the chapter provided a book for the children who ranged in age from 3 months to 14 years. Future activities include reading to the children and continuing to provide necessities. Several members have made multiple visits to the Village and have been impressed with the sense of `ohana; that indeed, it is the Village that is raising the children!! 🌱



Left to right: Barbara Fuller, Joy Ritchey and Karin Brown



## EPSILON CHAPTER

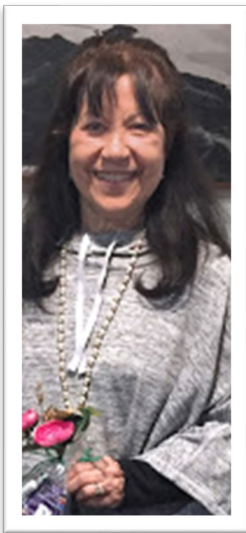
*Alyce Ikeoka – Charter Member, 50 years*

*Laverne Moore - Epsilon New Member, 3 months*

Alyce and Laverne have a lot in common. Most recently, both are Epsilon sisters. Both spent much of their careers advocating for minorities and the underprivileged. Both enjoy the wonders of travel, seeing new places and meeting people. Both enjoy history; Laverne loves teaching history while Alyce can recount a historic event but forget your name. Both have a lot of stuff. Laverne plans to take a year to downsize her possessions. It's rumored that Alyce needed the fire department to help her move her teaching supplies from the second floor to the first. Reason was that Alyce could turn any nondescript object into a teaching moment. Epsilon is fortunate to have both as sisters.

Laverne was born in Kapaa, Kauai on the day of the first major sugar strike in Hawaii. At that moment, her parents knew that she was destined to be a labor

leader. At Kapaa HS, she was the commander of the Civil Air Patrol. Her advocacy for others is reflected in her work with the Democratic Party, the



*Laverne Moore*

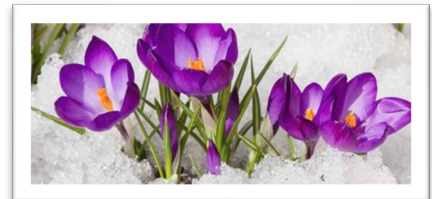
Department of Human Services, the NEA Minority Affairs Committee, and the HSTA. In 1996, she was awarded the Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Award for her leadership in resolving social problems. Laverne continues her many activities while on the staff at McKinley HS and as Epsilon's newest member.

Alyce grew up on Maui and graduated from Baldwin HS. She was a substitute parent for her siblings as her parents were busy running the family store. As a Girl Scout, Alyce had her beginnings as a naturalist. She became an expert on leading hikes into Haleakala. She transferred those skills on a road trip up Pike's Peak with Epsilon sisters at a regional conference. Her everyday classes were alive with music, dancing, field tripping, solar baking, and anything Alyce could do to make learning real and exciting. Today Alyce enjoys visits from her Epsilon sisters and friends, albeit from outside her window. Her television is her constant companion, action movies and history her favorites. She loves Hawaiian food and sushi and looks forward to massages, manicures, and receiving new sparkling jewelry. Epsilon sisters are grateful for Alyce's friendship over the past 50 years. 🐸

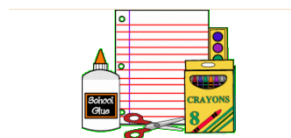


*Alyce Ikeoka making learning real and exciting!*

## LAMBDA Ladies Continue to Grow and Thrive!



Like the crocus blossoms emerging from the snow, our Lambda sisters continue to grow personally and professionally through our AΔK experiences. As retired and current educators, we enjoy learning new skills and gaining timely information via our monthly Zoom meetings. Several members expressed their excitement of attempting and mastering tech skills each month. We share our successes and enjoy the support of our sisters as we strive to be lifelong learners.





"Through ADK, the opportunities to learn about, and from, others are boundless. ADK enables a relatively new sister as me to participate and learn new leadership skills that might not have been available in a classroom setting. I can try new roles knowing that I have the support of my fellow Sisters. Our meetings have also provided retired and current teachers with meaningful and practical speaker sessions." -- Lori Endo



"Our active teachers began meeting as a breakout group while the retired teachers participated in relevant guest speaker presentations. We share tech tips and tricks, best practices to improve our teaching, and stories of challenges we meet daily in COVID times.

We not only benefit personally from what we share, we also add value to being a Lambda member when we



can support each other and give back to the chapter in future training sessions." -- Lori Bruner Okamura



"Due to COVID restrictions I've learned how to Zoom and how to

create PowerPoint in Share Screen!" -- Naomi Yap

(Note: Naomi hosted a group of Lambda sisters--nicknamed the LLEMMN Sisters for our initials-



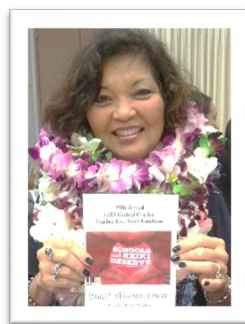
as we learned to make a lemon chiffon pie for our January presentation. Naomi and Marian Crislip showed their tech skills as they annotated photos of each step to create a slideshow presentation that wowed our chapter!)



"I have been a Lambda sister since 2005. All I looked forward to at each

meeting was socializing with my sisters every month. I am

Janice Oumaye



embarrassed to say that I had no knowledge about our budget and that we even had budget guidelines, I rarely read our minutes, I had never read our Policies or ByLaws, I did not go on our chapter, state, or international websites, etc.

I am presently the President of Lambda Chapter so you can only imagine how difficult it was for me to learn everything! I even lost at least 7 pounds because I was

preoccupied with all that I had to learn that I forgot to eat! Thanks to hours and hours of patient support from my sisters, especially Maryanne Lee and Naomi Yap, I am happy and relieved to say that I am quite smart now! LOL! Talk about growth? I've grown leaps and bounds learning about how ADK/Lambda operates." -- Janice Oumaye 🌸

## ETA'S Vera Arita

Writing and music are the enjoyments of Vera Arita. Combining the two, she has authored four books published by Beach House Publishing which is an imprint of Mutual Publishing Company of Honolulu. Her books are written for the young child but enjoyed by other age groups. Her lyrics are easily adapted to familiar songs.

Vera is a retired special needs preschool and K teacher with 33 years in Special Education. She started her second career with the University of Hawaii, College of Education, as a part-time field instructor in Special Education. She supervises teachers on Oahu and the neighbor islands who are working on their duo certification for general and special education. Although travel was involved to the other islands, 2020 has changed her instruction to Zoom sessions.

Music is an important part of her life. Her father played the ukulele, and her mother plays the ukulele and harmonica. In her classroom, she always kept a ukulele to accompany her students in spontaneous singing. She also plays the flute

and accompanies Hawaii Eta Chapter in their programs.



*Eta's newest member and a published author, Vera Arita.*

During her Middle School years, Vera started writing as an outlet to cope with her father's illness. She

enjoys poetry and limericks, and her books are written in that genre. In 2004, Vera started writing her books after encouraging her father to get well. She told him that she would dedicate her first book to him although she did not have any idea of what she would write. When the inspiration came, she created ALL AROUND THE ISLANDS because she could not find a book that addressed all eight Hawaiian Islands.

Her second book was dedicated to her brother, Mike, who had an accident in Las Vegas and lay in a coma. While at his bedside, CAN YOU CATCH A CROQUI FROG? Was created.

Vera says that once an inspiration comes, the words just flow. Mutual Publishing Company in Honolulu is her publisher, and she works closely with the editor in creating new books. ANIMALS SING ALOHA is set to a new tune and ALPHABET HUKILAU is the fourth book. She is currently working on another book. On August 21, 2021, Vera will be a presenter at the PPG Conference where she will share her writing process.

Vera and her husband, Neal, have two sons and two grandsons. Every Christmas, she sends a newsletter with her poem to her family and friends. She is a wonderful addition to Hawaii Eta Chapter! 🌿

### KAPPA'S 3-D Mask Specialist

Who is Dianna Torres? Those who have been recipients of her masks most definitely know her! We will begin with how it started many, many years ago...

Dianna was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade when her mom enrolled her in a sewing school in town on Beretania Street. This was no easy task for her to get to town as her family resided in Waianae and the bus ride was 1 1/2 hours ONE way.

Fast forward--the skill she learned was put-to-use sewing garments like skirts for hula practice for her cousin and constructing Halloween costumes for her cousin's nieces. And then Covid-19 struck.

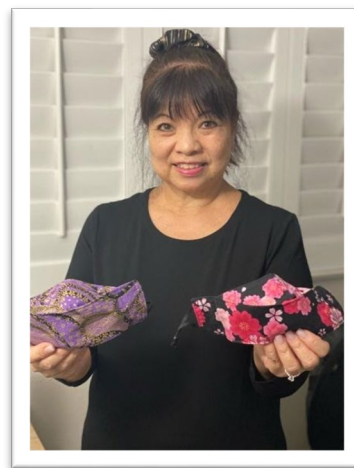
There were no masks (and toilet paper) available anywhere. What does an enterprising person like Dianna do? She dusted off her trusty Singer machine, found generic patterns and started sewing simple masks for her family and friends, but the story does not end here.



*Dianna in action!*

Dianna saw a church member wearing a "3-D" mask and kept staring at it. Dianna went looking for 3-D masks on YouTube and went down a rabbit hole searching for patterns. She found one she liked and began sewing 3-D masks. Soon after her trusty old Singer broke. Fortunately, a machine was on Craigslist and her two children purchased it for her and she resumed sewing but only until 10 pm. The machine made enough of a racket that her son could not sleep and as much as she wanted to keep going into the dead of night, she had to stop at 10 pm. Dianna's mom stepped up and bought an excellent and quiet machine and her son could get a good night's sleep.

*Dianna was asked to sew masks for our virtual silent auction for Ways & Means. At first, she sewed 30 masks, but that number ballooned as many Sisters bid for this popular item. From this auction a Sister gave a mask to a friend who then offered to*



*Dianna holding up two newly created 3-D masks.*

purchase masks to give as gifts. At her chiropractor's office they asked if she would sell the masks to their clients, and those clients requested to purchase more. Just by word of mouth she has been inundated with requests for masks, and now Dianna is a one woman "sweat" factory (but in a good way). She has made about 600 masks.

I asked Dianna why she does this. "It keeps me busy and I know it helps people to be protected. The masks also allow one to breathe and speak easily."

This is Dianna Torres, our lovely Kappa Sister, who unselfishly gives of her time for others. 🌿

## Maui GAMMA

Happy 2021 Sisters! Your Gamma sisters on Maui wish you all a safe and healthy year. For many of us, 2020 was a "lemon" year. However, we all know the proverb "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" and that's what we did! We adjusted with the times! Meeting virtually allowed us to continue to enjoy each other's company and learn more about the organizations we support.



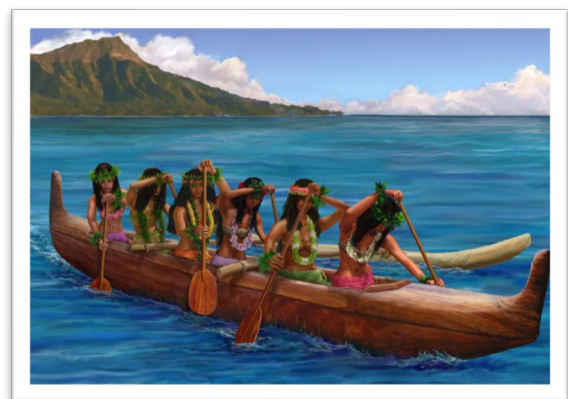
*Gamma sisters pictured, pre COVID-19, are ready to help important Maui causes and have adjusted to the new norm. Like everyone they adjusted virtually and creatively supported each other and their causes.*

Nisei Veteran's Memorial Center's executive director, Deidre Tegarden, kept us current on the happenings at the Center. Gamma sisters usually support the Center's annual fundraiser and this year, we did, though at a smaller scale. The Center did a drive through fundraiser and Gamma sisters were able to help by distributing bentos. The NVMC's values are being selfless for the greater good, leading by example, living with gratitude, inspiring courage in adversity, and doing the right thing, always. Doesn't it sound like the values we sisters instill in our students? Visit their website at--- [www.nvmc.org](http://www.nvmc.org) for more information about the awesome work that they do.

We were also able to get more knowledge from Christine Spencer, the Maui County Regional Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha

Chapter. Knowing the difference between Dementia vs. Alzheimer's, the important role of a caregiver (Hawaii's 2019 state statistics show 65,000 caregivers who provided 74,000,000 hours of unpaid care) and learning about the different core programs out there for us, added to our personal and professional growth. During the pandemic, Gamma sisters supported the Maui County of Aging and the Alzheimer's Association by making and giving CARE notes of Gratitude to our kupuna who were "sheltered" at Roselani Place, Hale Makua, Molokai, Lanai, and Kula Hospital, as well as to three Maui Adult Care Centers. Sisters honed their card making skills to share aloha and appreciation to our kupuna during this difficult time. We were also able to bring joy to seniors at Roselani Place with a safe roadside caroling. To learn more about *Alzheimer's disease* go to [alz.org/hawaii](http://alz.org/hawaii) or call 518-6650.

2020 strengthened us with the importance of relationships and the connectivity of humanity with resilience, patience, kindness, and compassion. Let us continue to safely "sprinkle joy to others" and most importantly let us not forget to "sprinkle joy upon our own selves" as we can't take care of others if we don't take care of ourselves first! Keep healthy and safe. Let us all move forward together in State President Jeanne Chang's canoe! 🌿



## IOTA's newest member **MARISSA ROSENBLOOM**

By Donna Monti

An Oahu native, Marissa was born in Kalihi, Hawaii. She attended St. Theresa Catholic School from kindergarten to eighth grade. Her education continued at McKinley High School in Honolulu and she graduated in 1995. With teaching as her career goal, Marissa attended Kapiolani Community College and the University of Hawaii (Manoa) where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Education. After teaching for eight years, she earned a Master's degree in School Counseling from the University of the Southwest.



*Marissa and her son Noah.*

Marissa married her sweetheart, David, in 2006. She has one child, a son Noah, who is 13 and two fur babies. Sunny, her dog, is a rescue and Moon is her cat. Prior to becoming an educator, Marissa worked in retail while attending college.

Her first teaching assignment was at Kalakaua Middle School teaching seventh and eighth grade English. This school is in the community where she grew up! After moving to the Big Island, she taught English to students in ninth through eleventh grades at Kealakehe High School. Eventually, Marissa became a school counselor. Our own Jeanne Hartney was one of her mentors.

When asked about her hopes for the future, Marissa said, "I hope that we, as a human race, place greater value on relationships, respect, honesty, gratitude, and nature than we do material things."

Welcome to IOTA, Marissa! 🌱

## IOTA CHAPTER SUPPORTS HAWAII ISLAND

The members of Iota Chapter have always been cognizant and sensitive to the needs of the Kona community. However, due to the Covid pandemic, the needs are more evident and urgent. Therefore, members were very willing to assist the Salvation



*Salvation Army Lieutenant Raguel Santiago gratefully accepted Iota's donations from Altruistic Committee Chairs, Linda Dixon and Sharon Skibby.*

Army Kona Corps as they supported families with monetary donations and holiday Gift Cards for area teenagers. These generous donations totaled \$1660 in cash and an additional \$1015 in gift cards from local stores. The Salvation Army organization was sincerely grateful for Iota's recent \$2675 combined donation for their community programs. In the words of Salvation Army Lieutenants, Bob & Raguel Santiago: "Thank you for the trust and support you give us to do the most good for those in need in our community."

Another Iota Chapter altruistic project included a donation to Hope Services Hawaii which strives "to make homelessness on Hawai'i Island rare, brief, and nonrecurring". The donation included dozens of personal hygiene products including hair shampoo & conditioner, face & body soaps, body lotion, razors, combs, and shower caps. Hope Services distributes these products to deserving community members having difficulty providing for themselves at this time. 🌱



## IOTA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

A Southwest Regional Mini Scholarship was recently awarded to Iota member, Nancy Tashima. She gratefully accepted the \$500 and will utilize it to participate in the National Science Teaching Association educational conference in Chicago, Illinois. At the April 2021 conference, Nancy will present three Astronomy-themed workshops for science teachers focusing on planet Mercury and dwarf planet, Pluto. NASA educational materials will be highlighted and distributed to teachers for use in their classrooms. Additionally, the scholarship funds will be used to support STEM events and interactive Astronomy displays for Hawaii students. 🌱



*Congratulations to Southwest Regional Scholarship Awardee, Nancy Tashima from Iota.*

## Ka Pine Ho'ohui "The Linking Pin"

Published twice a year. Issues are electronically sent to HAΔK sisters during the months of October and March.

Thank you to our chapter reporters and all of our HAΔK sisters for dedicating time and energies to education and for helping to make our communities better for all to enjoy and share.

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The San Diego Union Tribune



The "Curtis" comic strip. (Ray Billingsley / King Features Syndicate)

# AΔK & H AΔK CALENDAR OF DEADLINES AND EVENTS

## MARCH

- 1<sup>st</sup> Making a Better World Initiative Deadline
- 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Altruistic Report to S/P/N Altruistic Chairman deadline
- 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter Bylaws or Policies & Procedures Official Statement to S/P/N Bylaws Chairman deadline

## APRIL

- H-107 Report of Chapter Officers due immediately following chapter elections!
- 1<sup>st</sup> KAPPAN submissions deadline (June publication)
- 15<sup>th</sup> S/P/N Altruistic Report to Regional Altruistic Chair
- 15<sup>th</sup> Regional Mini-scholarship deadline
- 24<sup>th</sup> *Honolulu District ES Speech Festival (pending)*



## MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup> H-107 Report of Chapter Officers DUE!
- 28<sup>th</sup> *Sew A Lei for Memorial Day (pending)*



## JUNE

- 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> International AΔK Convention, Virtual
- 15<sup>th</sup> H-142 S/P/N President's report to IVP for Region
- 20<sup>th</sup> "The Longest Day" Alzheimer's Association
- 30<sup>th</sup> H-114 Annual Chapter Highlights Summary to HQ
- 30<sup>th</sup> Chapter Needs Assessment (CNA)
- 30<sup>th</sup> C-1 Annual Chapter Treasurer's Reporting Forms to Headquarters
- 30<sup>th</sup> World Understanding Project Voting ends

## JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kappan submissions deadline (September publication)
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> International AΔK Convention, Virtual

## AUGUST

- 20<sup>th</sup> *HAAK EEB meeting, Virtual*
- 21<sup>st</sup> *HAAK LT & Professional & Personal Growth, Virtual*
- 31<sup>st</sup> *Ka Pine Ho'ohui submissions deadline (October Founders' Day publication)*



## SEPTEMBER

- S/P/N and Chapter Treasurer packet mailed from HQ
- 15<sup>th</sup> Classroom Grant deadline

## OCTOBER- Alpha Delta Kappa Month

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kappan submissions (December publication)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter yearbook to S/P/N President
- 9<sup>th</sup> *Founders' Day at Honolulu Country Club (Lambda to Host)*
- 15<sup>th</sup> Regional Mini-Scholarship
- 15<sup>th</sup> 990-N IRS Postcard



"My teacher told me to read for an hour a day.  
Do Facebook and text messages count?"