



# HAWAII ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

## State President's Newsletter

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### A SPECIAL ALTRUISTIC NEWSLETTER

Welcome to a special issue featuring altruism as the main topic. Sisters have been quizzing me and asking which projects are considered as "HAAK projects?" Since I have been learning more about our altruistic program this year, I would like to share what I have learned. We can use this article as a way of clarifying things for all of us.

Right now, the "All-HAAK projects" are the four-five altruistic organizations which are selected each biennium. We recently selected the 2021 organizations through the State Altruistic Committee. All members made their choices known through chapter voting. The selected organizations are awarded a monetary donation (approximately \$1,000 each) from HAAK. The State Science Bowl is another All-HAAK altruistic activity, and WeVoteHawaii was one a few years ago. (continue on page 2)

### SOMETHING NEW! Please Join Me!

I was deeply touched when I read articles regarding the **DigDeep Navajo Water Project** and how the Covid virus affected the Navajo people. Can you imagine not having running water at home? Or having no electricity? I am personally supporting this project by creating a "President's Altruistic Project" and inviting you and your chapters to join me.

It's easy to do. Just get an empty water bottle and start collecting dimes. Read about this project in the article to the right. ➡ It will still take years to complete the **DigDeep** project. But you may take satisfaction in knowing that your help will eventually bring running water for the homes in this Navajo Reservation by digging deep to find new wells with clean water for them.



### DigDeep Navajo Water Project

🌱 Did you know that most of the Navajo people living in the "Navajo Nation" Reservation are without running water and electricity? Access to water is usually miles away so the water must be rationed.

🌱 The Navajo people were deeply affected by the pandemic restrictions because they were forced to stay home to avoid being Covid infected. Thus, having water was a major problem since they had to depend on volunteers to bring the water to them. This resulted in many deaths due to Covid.

🌱 The "DigDeep Navajo Water Project" was established to help bring a source of running water to the homes by asking for donations.

🌱 Do you want to know more about this project? Check out the many YouTube videos including this one: Click on ➡ [Navajo YouTube](#).

🌱 I am inviting HAAK Chapters to join me and help support this worthy project by encouraging their members to save dimes in a small empty water bottle from June 1 through December 31, 2021. Make it a summer project and keep it going into the 2nd half of the biennium. Of course this is purely voluntary but, I hope you will join me.

🌱 More information will be forthcoming as to how the money will be collected together. Let's make good use of a water bottle to collect the dimes, and to help out the residents living in the "Navajo Nation."

Navajo Nation is a 27,000 square miles area extending into the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. This is the largest land area retained by an indigenous tribe in the United States. The reservation, established in 1868, is one of a few indigenous nations whose reservation lands overlap its traditional homelands.



## 2022 HAAK State Convention

March 25-27, 2022 - Prince Kuhio Weekend  
Ala Moana Hotel



## 2022 NW/SW Joint Regional Conference

May 31 - June 3, 2022  
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel



### A Special Altruistic Newsletter Article *(continue from page 1)*

While we all participate in various altruistic activities, they are generally initiated by chapters. Often, some chapters will ask other chapters or members to participate. For example, Zeta started Sew-a-Lei for Memorial Day a few years ago and eventually invited other chapters to join in. Now, it is a regular activity with several chapters. Just recently, Xi and Nu chapters sponsored the UH Kāko‘o project, and invited others to participate. Perhaps one day, other chapters may decide to make it a regular chapter altruistic project for them. Chapters can send out messages via the State committee, inviting others to participate, making it seem like it is an “HAAK activity.” While it may look like a state activity, it is simply chapters in HAAK participating in the activity.

Finally, the state altruistic committee will remind and encourage chapters to support the two International AAK altruistic projects (which happens to be the Alzheimer’s Association and St. Jude Children’s Hospital) during the biennium. It is a general understanding that all chapters are urged to support the two International projects. In recent years, chapters participated in the Alzheimer Walks in the Fall. Since there isn’t a St. Jude’s Walk, chapters find different ways to support St. Jude’s during the biennium.



**Proposing a New Idea:** Instead of participating in both activities twice during each half of the biennium, it is suggested that we consider making one big Longest Day event in June on the odd year, and one big St. Jude’s activity in the Fall on the even year. Think about this and ask your chapter members to share their preferences. Is this a good idea or not?



### DIS-N-DAT NOTES

**Memo from Mollie Acosta:** Voting for the new World Understanding project begins June 1. Chapter presidents, please find members who can help members without internet access to vote. She just needs her AAK member number to vote on a smartphone, tablet, or laptop. The link to the ballot will be posted on the website June 1-30. ALL members may vote, so be a sister who can help another sister to vote! If you have questions, please contact [headquarters@alphadeltakappa.org](mailto:headquarters@alphadeltakappa.org), or call (808 247-2311).

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jun 20	Alzheimer’s Hawai‘i Longest Day
Jun 30	H-114 Chapter Highlight Summary Due to HQ
Jul 5-16	2021 Virtual International Convention
Aug 20	Virtual 4th Expanded Executive Board Meeting
Aug 21	Virtual PPG and Leadership Training Conference
Aug 31	Distinguished Program Award Deadline
October	Alpha Delta Kappa Month
Oct 9	Virtual Founders’ Day, Lambda Host
Oct 15	Regional Mini-Scholarship Deadline
Oct 15	900 N IRS E-Postcard Deadline
Nov 15	Innovation Grant Deadline
Dec 4	Council of Chapter Presidents Meeting
Dec 4	5th Expanded Executive Board Meeting



### MORE DIS-N-DAT NOTES

**International Convention Regional Celebration:** The SW Regional Celebration is the equivalent of having a SWR Luncheon. **Everyone is encouraged to attend this event** that will be held on **Wed. July 14th** beginning at 4:00 pm EST (**10 am HST**). In fact, International suggests having mini-get-togethers. The celebration can be projected onto a large TV screen or shared using a LCD projector. It would be a great idea to share the celebration with those who are not registered for the convention and/or with new or prospective members - give them a chance to Take That Leap! Since it is a “celebration,” wouldn’t it be more fun to be with other members to celebrate the occasion together?

**International Convention Guidebook, 4th Edition:** Did you get this version yet? If not, here is the link to view or download it: [4th Convention Guidebook](#). Pages 56-74 are the updated pages (*Bylaws Amendment Proposals*). FYI, it is best to view it in full-screen mode.

**Special Diversity Note:** Mahalo to Eta’s Carol Kuroda and Lambda’s Naomi Yap for submitting diversity articles for the May SWR Newsletter. Also, thank you to Zeta’s Doris Yoshioka whose article will appear in the next issue. Thank you all for sharing your family internment experiences with us.

By Jeanne 5-31-21