



Hawaii State Organization

2019 Spring Convention Chapter Reports

Chapter: Alpha

Person completing this Report: Kara Ono, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was during one of our chapter meeting because a couple of our members did a presentation on SEL programs.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was to tap into our talents or “roses” within our chapter to engage active members. We’ve also inducted a few new members last year.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on increasing our active members’ attendance and participation for our chapter meetings.

Chapter: Beta

Person completing this Report: Corinne Matsumoto, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was the oral history presentations by Kamehameha Schools archivist Stacey Naipo because of the value of gathering oral histories of our chapter members.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was by having members invite prospective members to our meetings.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on retaining and recruiting members.

Chapter: Delta

Person completing this Report: Kristie Araki

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was our annual Christmas Luncheon at the Halekulani Hotel because we continually build camaraderie amongst generations of Delta Chapter sisters.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was we revisited our purpose and defined what makes Delta Chapter unique.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on retaining our members within the first five years of membership.



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Chapter: Epsilon

Person completing this Report: Stephanie Conching

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was walking in the 2019 Food Bank Hunger Walk because it was a great opportunity for us to think about being healthy as well as giving back to members in our community served by the Food Bank.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was having dinner available for purchase. Our days are so full that we often don't have an opportunity to grab a meal before a meeting. We decided to have a meal option to ease the burden.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on regular scheduling. While we want to offer diverse meeting times we also want to have something in our calendars that is set and predictable.

Chapter: Eta (Kaua'i)

Person completing this Report: Barbara Bloemke, Co-President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was the February program held at Waimea High School. At this program our membership was able to learn about Waimea High School's college and career pathways curriculum program and the success students are experiencing as the graduation rate, college enrollment, and employment opportunities have all begun to rise from this school. The school principal's presentation included a description of how students plan for their future in their freshman year and then begin to take courses more closely related to their career pathway. These pathways may be geared towards sciences in the healthcare or agriculture fields or the humanities. In the hours prior to the meeting, members were able to attend a health fair sponsored by the students in the healthcare pathway. At the close of the presentation, members were given a tour of the campus with the opportunity to see the new expansion of the agronomy program with aquaponics and campus farm. Members learned about the farm to table project that has the students in agronomy collaborating with culinary students. Within our membership we have many former Waimea High School graduates who were especially thrilled to learn about the school's pathways program.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was inviting potential members to attend multiple meetings as a guest to truly experience what our chapter has to offer as well as what we hope they will be able to commit to in support of the organization.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on getting more of our membership actively involved in our projects and attending meetings.



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Chapter: Gamma

Person completing this Report: Jan Kakiuchi, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was our annual scholarship rummage sale because that's when you get to see most of our members.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was to conduct a mentoring program to invite teachers who express an interest in joining our Gamma Chapter.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on revisiting our strategic plan; specifically, our goals, objectives, activities and targets. We need to maximize our impact, work to support all educators and be more visible in the community.

Chapter: Iota Chapter

Person completing this Report: Camille Masutomi, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was our December 2018, quarterly meeting at Lisa's House because we had a large turnout, good fun and drinks, fun games, and lots of catching up with Iota sisters we had not seen in a while.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was assign groups of Iota sisters to plan each quarterly meeting. Each group has one Iota Chapter leader and a mixture of new and veteran members. Activities center around our chapter member's strengths. We have met and toured Mililani High, Aiea Intermediate, Iolani Sullivan Center, Punahou Kuaihelani, socialized at Lisa's House, nail salon in Kahala, and celebrated our Iota Rose at the DKG Birthday Bash.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on increasing membership and re-recruiting past members who have left.



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Chapter: Kappa

Person completing this Report: Leatrice Higuchi

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was “Healthy Living” because guest speakers, teachers from Liholiho Elementary, 1) demonstrated cooking healthy utilizing food grown in the school garden, and 2) sharing the importance of yoga/stretching.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was to involve all members in planning the year’s program, to assign members to one of four program committees to plan, carry out, and provide refreshments.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on actually increasing membership by inviting potential members to join.

Chapter: Lambda

Person completing form: Jeannie Matsuo, Chapter President

1. The program we enjoyed the most was... Our December meeting ...because
 - a. Bonding time: we had time to “catch up” with what members were doing
 - b. Community service: we collected donations for Project Laulima: support for needy families.
 - c. Fun: we all brought a Christmas ornament and played a wicked game of Christmas Ornament Grab-it!
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was finding time to share things about ourselves i.e. favorite books. We want to keep getting to know each other better.
3. Our chapter still needs to work on
 - a. Planning – so that we are not overwhelmed by projects and programs we are “assigned”to do as part of the OCC or State cycle.
 - b. SAP – creating a smooth process of closing out our SAP and creating a new one for the biennium.
 - c. Digitalizing – our records and communications.



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Chapter: Mu Chapter

Person completing this Report: Jan Ikawa & Lynn Sakata, Co-Presidents

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was using the resources we have within our own chapter and learning from one another.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was having our members share what they are currently doing in the classroom. It is exciting to hear and learn about what educators in our chapter are doing everyday with their students. Committees have also invited guests to share at our meeting on interesting educational topics. Our chapter's theme this biennium is "Change Your Thoughts and You Change Your World." We hope that this mindset will inspire all members to be willing to try new things and make a positive change.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on variety of ways to sustain our current membership as well as entice new members to join our Chapter. We want to keep our current membership active and involved. We would like each member to feel that being a part of DKG is essential, relevant, and meaningful.

Chapter: Theta

Person completing this Report: Beatrice Zane, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was:
 - a. During this first year of the 2018-2020 Biennium, Theta Chapter spent much of the time preparing for the 2019 Spring Convention at the 'Alohilani Hotel.
 - b. However, we did much with acquiring skills regarding Technology for the 21st Century through integrating educational issues through "shared conversations" on our Theta using the Google Slides application on Google Drive.
 - c. We enjoyed "giving" to Toys for Tots and "supporting" the Support for Early-Career Educators of the Pearl City Complex because we value building personal and professional relationships.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was working together and making time to know each other as unique individuals with "common goals" through "Tea Talks" and paired talks about what we do and care about.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on revitalizing, sustaining, and increasing membership.



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Chapter: Rho

Person completing this Report: Diane Spencer, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was the book basket project because we were to make and distribute baskets of books to various businesses and offices in Kona. It was nice to work together to give back!
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was offer a variety of activities and meeting times to accommodate and help build out membership.

Our Positive Perceptions committee has been active in promoting teaching as a profession and supporting community events.

3. Our Chapter still needs to work on fundraising for the chapter and for our scholarship fund.

Chapter: Xi

Person completing this Report: Caroline Freudig, Chapter President

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was our December chapter meeting because it included a relationship building craft that we worked on together.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership was have our Executive Board members each reach out with a personal phone call to members to discuss upcoming events.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on getting our members to attend the meetings and events.

Chapter: Zeta (Hawai'i)

Person completing this Report: Dory Shigematsu

1. The program or project we enjoyed the most was... As we continue to transition into our new biennium, our executive board is in the planning stages of possible projects for the upcoming year at which time we will be able to better reflect on this question.
2. The best thing we did to strengthen our membership is to make our chapter more visible to the community by getting more involved with community events and hoping that by doing so, we can strengthen our chapter's identity. We are also trying a new approach by having potential members attend our meeting to familiarize them with our organization with the intention that they seriously consider membership.
3. Our Chapter still needs to work on finding ways to get ourselves involved with what our vision and mission states and assisting new teachers by making ourselves accessible to them.