



Aloha I Ke Akea

Beta Beta State Hawaii



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Upcoming Events

April 7 & 8, 2017: Spring
Convention - Pacific Beach
Hotel - Register Now!

July 7 & 8, 2017:
Southwest Regional
Conference - Sheraton
Waikiki - Go to DKG website
to register

President's Message



Aloha Beta Beta State Sisters!

Just four months to go to Southwest
Regional Conference 2017!! Fay
Toyama and the Steering Committee
have been working tirelessly with Patricia

Ann Park, Southwest Regional Director. We are so fortunate to have Pat's leadership and that she is close by. In addition, thank you to BBS finance guru, Vicki Kajioaka, for her expertise and proficiency in all things financial.

Calling all Beta Beta State – Hawai'i sisters to register, attend, and volunteer. The experience and professionalism that you will have is priceless. Volunteers are needed to:

- Greet sisters from the Southwest U.S., Latin America, and Japan at Hawai'i Night on July 4th.
- Serve as table hostesses for the "Celebrating our Milestones" Birthday Luncheon on Thursday and the "Celebrating 'Lifestyle of Aloha' Globally" Banquet on Friday night.
- Be conference hostesses/guides to give directions and help people to get to where they need to go.
- Help with registration, bag distribution, and the BBS Vendor table.
- Just to be there to spread aloha.

Help us to "Meet the Block". The Sheraton Hotel is accepting reservations at the conference rate, which is lower than the regular hotel rates. The international contract commits to a "block" of approximately 260 guest rooms to off-set the cost of the meeting rooms. We need to fill those rooms to "Meet the Block". Register online at dkg.org at the SWR Conference link or call the Sheraton and tell them you are with DKG.

We are asking all chapters to help support their members in attending the conference.

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Beta Beta State is planning to provide funds to the chapters to support sisters. Since 2011 we have been setting aside the Country Store Funds in anticipation of hosting the Southwest Regional Conference.

Beta Beta State is expanding. Due to the efforts of Zeta Chapter and the State Expansion Committee, we are welcoming 22 new initiates from Kona. Two former DKG members have been working with Ellen Tanoura and Chair Pat Park. Rho Chapter will be installed on April 18. This is exciting news and just in time for the Southwest Regional Conference.



Thank you to Alpha Chapter for inviting me to their Birthday Lunch. It was nice to see old friends and meet new ones. And thank you for the goodie bags for my student teachers. They were so thrilled. Maybe someday soon we can initiate them as new members.

The Legacy Project, headed by Linda Andersen with the help of chapter 2nd VPs, is moving forward. They are collecting information about past state presidents. At the Alpha Chapter meeting, I realized that Beta Beta State was founded in 1949, but Alpha and Beta Chapters were chartered in 1954. Therefore, the first 5 State Presidents were members of BBS but not any particular chapter during their biennium.

I'm looking forward to seeing all our BBS sisters at the Southwest Regional Conference at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, July 4 to July 7, 2017. Come for networking, fellowship, and aloha!

Aloha Pumehana,
Donna Min Shiroma

Nominations 2017-2019: Proposed Slate

The Beta Beta State Nominations Committee expresses their sincerest thanks to all chapters and members for responding to the committee's request for nominations. The committee was pleased to have nominees for each state office. We feel that the Beta Beta State nomination's slate represents the individuals who will lead our membership toward continued professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. The committee presents the following slate as Beta Beta State Officers for 2017-2018.

President: Gloria Kishi
1st Vice President: Beatrice (Bibi) Pace
2nd Vice President: Lori Furoyama
Secretary: Melvina Terao

Please read more about the nominees on page 3

Meet the 2017-2019 Nominees

President: Gloria Kishi



Society Experience

Beta Beta State Offices: 2nd VP (2013-15), 1st VP (2015-current)
 Lambda Chapter Offices: 2nd VP (1 term), 1st VP (1 term)
 Lambda Chapter President (3 terms), Parliamentarian (2016-current)
 Beta Beta State Committees Chair: Research, Membership, Educational Excellence
 Beta Beta State Committees Member: Expansion, Membership, Leadership Development.
 1990 State Convention Co-Chair, hosted by Lambda
 OCC member for 8 years
 Attended Southwest Regional Conference - Honolulu 1999
 Attended International Conferences: NYC - 2012, Nashville - 2016

Personal Statement

The three areas in which I wish to concentrate on are ensuring that DKG BBS: 1) is a provider of leadership opportunities for its members; 2) has a statewide presence in education through a statewide early-career educators initiative; and 3) become a value-added presence for its members and the general public as a forum for discourse on educational topics and issues.

1st Vice President: Beatrice 'Bibi' Pace



Society Experience

1987 - Sponsored into Eta Chapter by her high school English teacher, Violet Hee
 1989 - Co-chaired Beta Beta State Spring Convention on Kauai
 1995 - Beta Beta State Secretary; attended Southwest Regional Conference in San Francisco
 2002 - Program of Work Chair: Planned 2 Fall Workshops and 2 Spring Conventions
 Attended Southwest Regional in Salt Lake City and International Convention in NYC
 Attended almost every Fall Workshop and Spring Convention
 2006 - Planned Leadership Development Workshop
 2008 - Beta Chapter President

Personal Statement

Our shared goals can help all Beta Beta State members become more fully engaged in fulfilling Delta Kappa Gamma's 7 purposes.

2nd Vice President: Lori Furoyama



Society Experience

Mu Chapter: Secretary 2004-2006; 1st VP 2006-2008. President 2010-2012
 Beta Beta State Scholarship Committee: Chair 2013-15; Member 2015-2017
 Beta Beta State Membership /committee Chair: 2015-2017
 Beta Beta State 2nd Vice President: 2015-2017
 Attended International Convention - Indianapolis, Indiana 2014
 Attended Southwest Regional Conference - Wichita, Kansas 2015

Personal Statement

Increasing membership and continuing to evaluate and improve our society are two of our strengths. I would like to further understand and investigate the status of our Beta Beta State membership

Secretary: Melvina Terao



Society Experience

Initiation Date: May 1, 1991
 Delta Chapter: President, Recording Secretary and 2nd VP
 Attended various Fall Forums, Spring Conventions Leadership trainings
 Attended International Convention - Nashville, TN 2016
 Served as OCC Chairperson 2015-2016

Personal Statement

I plan to fulfill the responsibility of this office as described. I also plan to support the initiatives of the Beta Beta State Officers in order to promote professional and person growth of women education and excellence in education.

Proposed Amendments to Beta Beta State Bylaws and Standing Rules

submitted by Chairperson Katherine Sakuda

The following proposed amendments to Beta Beta State Bylaws and Standing Rules submitted by members, committees, board or chapters has been communicated to chapter presidents on October 7, 2016 and again at the Executive Board Meeting held on October 15, 2016. Chapter Presidents were asked to share the proposed amendments with chapter members as members should have an opportunity to ask questions and submit other proposed amendments by January 31, 2017. There were no questions nor additional proposed amendments submitted to the state Bylaws Committee.

Members are asked to review the proposed amendments as action (voting) will be taken at Spring Convention on April 8, 2017. Thank you for your due diligence and support.

Item	Page # BBS Bylaws Standing Rule	Beta Beta State Bylaws and Standing Rules PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S) for April 2017
1	Page 3	<p>Article IV. Section 2 E.</p> <p>Current wording: Vouchers must be submitted by the end of the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The Finance Committee will establish the procedures for vouchers.</p> <p>Proposed Amendment: Vouchers Reimbursement Form must be submitted by the end by 30 days before the end of the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30). The Finance Committee will establish the procedures for vouchers.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Language update: Delete “Vouchers” and replace with “Reimbursement Form.” Reimbursement Form has been approved and presented to Executive Board. * Action completed: Delete “The Finance Committee will establish the procedures for vouchers.” <p>Specificity: Insert “30 days before the end” to denote deadline.</p>

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<p>2</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Article VIII. Section 5 B.</p> <p>Current Wording: B. The Pioneer Women Committee shall continue to identify and recognize through publication of Volume IV Makers of Destiny Hawaiian Style, those women who have pioneered significant contributions which promote teaching and learning.</p> <p>Proposed Amendment: B. The Pioneer Women Committee shall: (1) continue to identify and recognize through publication of Volume IV Makers of Destiny Hawaiian Style, those women who have pioneered significant contributions which promote teaching and learning.</p> <p>Rationale: * Formatting change: Insert : (1) to add (2) to this section</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Article VIII. Section 5 B.</p> <p>Current Wording: None; addition to this section</p> <p>Proposed Amendment: (2) document Beta Beta State's Past State Presidents' notable events.</p> <p>Rationale: ♣ New language to document 36 Past Presidents' notable events or achievements during biennium served. Since installation of Beta Beta State on January 21, 1949, documentation of the legacy of Past State Presidents is important to acknowledge their accomplishments in light of upcoming Diamond Jubilee and other future events. The documentation will provide a lasting legacy of notable events during each President's term.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>Article IX. MEETINGS Section 1. Convention B.</p> <p>Current Wording: B. The state convention shall be held annually in the spring, and considered a meeting as defined Article VII.C., but never during an official school holiday or vacation. It shall be held on neighbor islands as prescribed in the Beta Beta State Standing Rules.</p>

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<p>4</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>Proposed Amendment:</p> <p>B. The state convention shall be held annually in the spring the second weekend in April, and considered a meeting as defined Article VII.C., but never during an official school holiday or vacation. It shall be held on neighbor islands as prescribed in the Beta Beta State Standing Rules.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delete phrase “in the spring” and replace with “the second weekend in April” to provide specificity. <p>The Executive Board and Chapter presidents in consultation with their chapters approved this revision.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS Section 2 Other Meetings A.</p> <p>Current Wording:</p> <p>A. Workshops (Seminars, Conferences, Symposiums, Forum, Seminar or other general membership meeting structures) may be conducted each Fall in late September or early October. The emphasis shall be on programs that enhance personal and professional growth and leadership development of the membership. Workshops shall be held on O`ahu and neighbor islands as prescribed in the Beta Beta State Standing Rules.</p> <p>Proposed Amendment:</p> <p>A. Workshops (Seminars, Conferences, Symposiums, Forum, Seminar or other general membership meeting structures) may be conducted each Fall in late September or early October. The emphasis shall be on programs that enhance personal and professional growth and leadership development of the membership. Leadership Development Workshop and Fall Workshop/Forum will be held in alternate years.</p> <p>(1) Leadership Development will be held in even years in June to support and train the new Chapter Officers. It will be hosted by Oahu Chapters on a rotation basis.</p>

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		<p>(2) Fall Workshop/Forum will be held in odd years the second week in October, but not during an official school holiday or vacation. It will be supported by the Leadership Development Committee to provide continuous/on-going leadership training and professional development.</p> <p>(3) Workshops shall be held on O`ahu and neighbor islands as prescribed in the Beta Beta State Standing Rules.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delete first two sentences in A and replace with new language to alternate Leadership Development workshop (even years) with Fall Workshop/Forum (odd years). * The Executive Board and Chapter presidents in consultation with their chapters approved this revision.
6	18	<p>Standing Rules 2. FINANCES 2.55</p> <p>Current Wording: The Beta Beta State shall purchase liability insurance to cover each member. Each chapter shall be assessed an annual per member fee for the policy. The Finance Committee shall determine the fee each biennium.</p> <p>Proposed Amendment: The Beta Beta State shall purchase liability insurance to cover each member. Each chapter shall may be assessed an annual per member fee for the policy. The Finance Committee shall determine the fee each biennium.</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Delete “shall” and replace with “may” to reflect current practice. * Beta Beta State has paid for this insurance for the past several years and will continue to cover this cost as long as funds are available.



Red Roses



We're So Proud of You, Sarah!

Lambda Chapter's **Sarah Moriyama** was honored as a *Hawaii News Now Kupuna Achiever* in January 2017.

She was described as "passionate about our youth, and as a retired educator -- she's always willing to reach out and teach others."



Sarah Moriyama was an English teacher for nearly three decades. When she wasn't teaching, she was volunteering on various education boards. She was also the president of the Hawaii Education

Association for ten years and spent many hours helping Women in International Education. Now, in her 90's she still lends a helping hand at Arcadia and she hopes to continue encouraging our youth to be the best they can be.

Spring Convention 2017

Hosted by Epsilon Chapter
Initiate, Ignite, & Inspire
"E Ho'omaka, e Hoenu, a e Ho'oulu"

April 7 & 8, 2017- Pacific Beach Hotel

Deadline for early registration is March 20, 2017

Featuring International
Keynote Speaker
Sandra Smith Bull
DKG International
Executive Director



Best Wishes to Mel

Delta sister and Kauai native, Marilyn "Mel" Billingsley retired from her position as a speech language pathologist (SLP) with the Hawaii State Department of Education on December 30, 2016. Her 40 years as a SLP included working in Prince George, British Columbia, Hawaii's Leeward District, the four complexes (Special Schools, Kalihi, Farrington, Kaiser) in Honolulu District and supervising UH-Manoa graduate SLP interns for externships in the public schools. Mel continues her involvement in DKG, Hawaii Speech Hearing Association (HSHA), and Harris United Methodist Church where she performs liturgical dances and sings in the church choir. Family time with her grandchildren and travel goals to Canada, Greece, Spain and Portugal round out her life as a retiree.

Congratulations Donna!

The Arts & Humanities Jury of The DKG Society

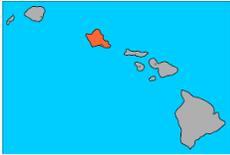


International is pleased to announce the publication of three photographs: *On Safari: 8, Sisters*, and *Cranes in Hokkaido*, by Donna Min Shiroma. The photographs were featured in the January/February 2017 edition of DKG news and can be viewed in the DKG Gallery of Fine Arts, the online gallery of works of art and letters at www.dkg.org.

Donna encourages all BBS sisters to submit their artwork and photographs. She feels honor in belonging to this organization that seeks out, celebrates, and shares beauty and creativity.



News From Beta Beta State Chapters



Mu Chapter- Oahu

\$5! \$6! \$10! Sold for \$10! Smiles and loud laughter are heard at the annual Mu Chapter Christmas Party as items are donated and purchased. All proceeds are used to defray the cost of attendance at future DKG conventions and conferences on the mainland and in Hawaii.

Mu Chapter participates in various events to strengthen leadership skills and sisterhood bonds. Mu sisters are always volunteering at Hawaii Pacific Health events. Not only does it build camaraderie among the members but it also benefits the community. One of Mu Chapter's goals is to develop members' computer skills. At every meeting some time is devoted to technology skills. Since it is difficult for all members to attend meetings, members are experimenting with using various means of communication.



Top photo: Mu sisters enjoy giving and receiving at their annual Christmas party
 Bottom photo: Mu volunteers at the Hawaii Pacific Health Conference



Xi Chapter - Kauai

Xi sisters were treated to a presentation by Kauai Community College Associate Professor of Mathematics, Jonathan Kalk at their February 2 dinner meeting. Jonathan shared a sample mathematics lesson he uses with his college students to get even the most reluctant math student super-motivated to solve problems. The keys to his success as a favorite math instructor at the college are the genuine relationships he builds with his students and the way he creates a learning environment of trust and safety. He also utilizes pedagogical theory in real-life everyday learning activities (often with food!) that allow students to discover their own learning. Fun & inspirational!

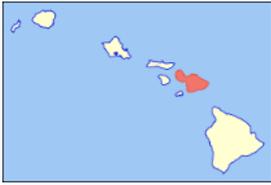
White Roses

Xi Chapter paid tribute to Karen Liu who passed away in January 2017.



Karen will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Before her retirement she was the principal of King Kaumuali'i Elementary School and brought the school to Blue Ribbon status. She received the 2002 National Distinguished Principal award for Hawaii while at King K and is remembered for her tireless dedication to her students, teachers, and profession. Xi sisters honored her with remembrances of her work ethic, warm and easy smile, her kind-heartedness, and her quiet but strong and effective leadership.

Gamma Chapter - Maui



After recharging from hosting Fall Forum 2016, Gamma chapter opened the calendar year with a February 11, 2017 meeting at Tante's in Kahului. A silent auction was held with funds targeted to help defer the cost for those who expressed an interest in attending the South West Regional in July.

Kim Whitworth, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, was our guest speaker. She updated us on the status of women and children in Maui. She provided a handbook to members, should the need arise, to assist victims and witnesses. The booklet also provided phone numbers of community resources.

We also encouraged our support of Early Educators on Maui by providing refreshments for the Maui District's Mentoring Program and will continue our annual donation of refreshments to Maui District's New Teacher Orientation in July. In addition, we again volunteered for the Maui Farm Bureau's Agriculture in the Classroom Program for 2nd graders.

We are extremely proud of our recent successful efforts in recruiting active school level educators. We currently have five guests who are invited to participate in our activities so they can better determine whether they'll be able to make this commitment. Three of the five have already indicated they are fully ready. An initiation ceremony is scheduled for May 2017.

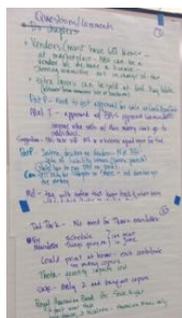
Kappa Chapter - Oahu



On March 11 Kappa chapter will be holding their program called "Travel/Global Awareness". Kappa chapter has several members who are world travelers and are making the most of their retirement and/or vacation time. Countries that will be shared by the members are India, Africa, Iceland, New Zealand, Panama Canal, Peru, Morocco, and Alaska with focus on the Northern Lights. Other topics that will be shared are cruising and "Think Packing (how to pack in one overhead bag)". The program will culminate with multi-ethnic refreshments.



L to R: Kappa sisters Cynthia Maeshiro, Vicki Kajioka, & Donna Shiroma in India, Maxine Nagamine in Alaska under the Northern Lights, Leatrice Higuchi in Peru, and Lena Kanemori at glaciers in Iceland.



2017 Southwest Regional Conference Update

Aloha Everyone! We are making great progress in the plans and details of the Southwest Regional Conference, thanks to everyone's help! We had a great work session on January 21 at Moanalua Middle School. (One of several chart papers filled with items discussed and decisions made pictured to the left.) I am so impressed by the enthusiasm, synergy, and commitment of our membership! Please check with your chapter liaisons and/or chapter presidents for the details of the conference.

We are now looking for businesses or organizations that are willing to contribute to the conference. Please notify me if you know someone who would be willing to "fund" our regional conference. For \$1000, we will put their company logo on the conference bag. For \$750, they could put a full page ad in our program booklet. A contribution of \$400 is a half page ad and \$250 is a quarter page ad. Please send me their contact information. Email is preferred, and I will send a letter requesting a donation. I will need a commitment by March 30, 2017 so we can go into production on time for the conference bag and program booklet.

The winners of the pin design contest were from Waianae High School, and students of Mr. Ikaika Sugui: 1st place - Jaren Ulu, 2nd place - Enee Tiolu, and 3rd place - Christian Peebles

Members of the steering committee will be making arrangements to do a presentation at the school. Thank you to those in attendance at the work session for your participation in the selection of the winning designs. Darlene Oshiro has designed a conference pin with your input and I think you will be pleased with the final design.

Please attend the state convention when more details about the SWR Conference will be shared. A breakout session, "What questions might you have if you are attending your first Southwest Regional Conference in 2017?" will be presented by JennyLee Tam Sing and myself. We hope to see you there!

With Gratitude,

Fay Toyama, 2017 SWR Conference Chair

Those of you desiring discussion of legislative topics please read below.

DKG Purpose #4 - To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators.

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