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Aloha Kakou,

Beta Beta State Spring Convention will be here soon. Delta Chapter, with Chair Karen Koles, President Mindy Nakashima-Inouye, and 2nd VP Melvina Terao at the helm has been busy working on the planning. On Friday night a dinner and Executive Board Meeting will be held at the Maple Garden Restaurant, and on Saturday the convention will be held at Mid-Pacific Institute in Manoa. Register early.

Congratulations to Pat Park, BBS Expansion Chair and International Leadership Development Committee Member, for her nomination as the Southwest Regional Director for the 2016- 2018 biennium. I met Pat when she was Beta Beta State President. I have worked with her in DKG throughout the years and have respected her leadership and our friendship. She will be a great asset to the International Organization and to Hawaii as we host the 2017 Southwest Regional Conference.

And now, commendations and thanks to a number of our BBS sisters:

- to Ellen Tanoura and Kathy Sakuda for the superb job of writing, editing, and submitting the Round 2 Seiwaloha Grant by the January 3 deadline. Working over the Christmas holiday, the grant went in skillfully written and on time!
- to Donna Ede, Seiwaloha grant evaluator, and Ellen Tanoura for submitting the mid-year grant report. Collecting data and making sense of it and then putting it in a report format was challenging.
- to the Sashiko Sunday gang headed by Karen Koles, Ellen Tanoura, Mildred Kimura, and Gale Ikeda. These ladies have been meeting monthly to stitch, iron, sew, and socialize (and not to forget, and eat). At last count there are about 300 completed coasters for the 2016 Southwest Regional. Our goal is 808. We are on our way.
- And, last but certainly not least, thank you to all the Chapter Presidents for turning in the 2014 – 2016 Biennial Reports before the February 1st deadline. This made my job of putting together the state report so much easier. What great information!! Thank you.

In January, DKG sister Lotta Anderson from Malmö University, Sweden, emailed that she would be in Hawaii for an education conference. I quickly gathered a group together – Vicki Kajioka, Patti Jenks, Pat Park, Ellen Tanoura, and Fay Toyama to meet with her. We had a wonderful evening visiting with each other and hearing and talking about our experiences in DKG and in education. It is heartening to know that we have “sisters” all around the world.

“Change is in the air”! Beta Beta State is continuing the focus on leadership. After polling the chapters, the consensus was to hold two state events per year. Based on the input, the Administrative Team (comprised of elected officers and the State Executive Secretary) proposed that we hold the Spring Convention every year, and Leadership Development in the even years (to support the incoming Chapter Officers) and the Fall Forum in the odd years. More information will be given at the Spring Convention.

Remember that the new biennium for Chapter Officers starts in 2016. Please submit your chapter officers by May 15 and have them attend the Leadership Development Workshop – June 4, 2016.

Aloha Pumehana,
Donna Min Shiroma

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Delta Chapter invites you to join us for an exciting Spring Convention. We have a change in location! We are happy to announce that Spring Convention 2016 is returning to a school campus --- Mid-Pacific Institute in Manoa. Spring Convention 2016 will begin with the Beta Beta State Executive Board meeting on Friday, April 8, 2016, at Maple Garden located on Isenberg Street. We encourage all chapters to attend the dinner and meeting at Maple Garden. We will

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begin Saturday morning on the campus of Mid-Pacific Institute. We have planned inspiring breakout sessions with many of our Beta Beta State sisters presenting. Tamara Flores Hernandez will be joining us from Mexico as the Delta Kappa Gamma Society Representative. We anticipate that our theme, Kahuliāuakea, One Who Brings Great Change, will bring about change both personally and professionally for all in attendance. Please watch for the registration form in March.

Peace Across Borders

Tamara Flores Hernandez, International Latin American Representative, will speak at the **Beta Beta State Spring Convention, April 8 and 9, 2016, at Mid-Pacific Institute.** Tamara was initiated as DKG member in 2005 as one of the twelve founders and State President of the Zeta State of San Luis Potosí, S.L.P., México. Since July 2014, she has been serving as the Latin American Representative and represented the International President at the Oregon and El Salvador States Conventions in 2015.



Beta Beta State Hawaii Bringing ALOHA to Southwest Regional Conference 2017



Aloha!

Thank you to the Steering Committee, chapter liaisons and committee chairs for stepping up to leadership! Just about all chair positions have been filled and everyone is getting excited about hosting the SWR on July 4-7, 2017.

In preparation for hosting, each chapter was asked to provide an Aloha response based on Pono Shim's talk about the deeper meaning Aloha. Actually, every speaker at Fall Forum resonated with an Aloha message. How will you share your chapter's "Aloha response" at spring convention? Will it be in the newsletter? In a presentation? In a report? How has the Aloha poster been used in your chapter meeting? We are looking forward to every chapter's sharing of this branding of the 2017 SWR conference as we raise our consciousness on a lifestyle of Aloha!

Hosting the 2017 SWR Conference is about a year away and the chapter liaisons will be asked to share the chapter's Aloha response at the state convention on April 9, 2016. A meeting will be held for the chapter liaisons for an hour after the end of the convention when each chapter will share their Aloha response and synergize our plans. Each chapter will receive a tentative list of responsibilities based on the collective knowledge of people who attended past regional conferences, guidelines from the international office, and reports from the past few regional conferences.

I am grateful for everyone's participation and willingness to lead to prepare to host the regional conference. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to email me at fay.toyama@gmail.com.

With Gratitude,
Fay Toyama

Upcoming DKG Events!
Mark your calendars now!

Beta Beta State Leadership
Workshop: **June 4, 2016**

International Convention:
July 5 - 9, 2016; Nashville, TN

Fall Forum on Maui: **October 15, 2016**



VERY IMPORTANT! NOMINATIONS 2017-2019 VERY IMPORTANT!

The BBS Nominations Committee challenges all sisters to enrich our legacy through leadership by applying as a nominee or sending in nomination forms for chapter sisters. Look for the nomination form at <http://deltakappagammahi.org/forms.htm>. When you get to the website, look for the Beta Beta State Forms section and click on: *Nomination Form*

It is important that you are aware of the packet contents as submitted nominations will not be considered if all required nominations documents are not submitted on time. Everyone who submits a nomination form and endorser form must complete the first page of the nomination packet. Be sure to check office, then fill in all blanks. In the middle of the nomination front page, there is a Nomination Packet Checklist for both the Candidate and the Endorser.

Candidates for all offices must complete the form titled NOMINEE'S INFORMATION AND PLATFORM (page 2 and 3). The information for Nominee's Platform and Personal Statement are valuable to ensure that Beta Beta State continues to perpetuate the purposes and goals of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society as we support and perpetuate the current initiatives of Beta Beta State. When signing and dating the Nominee's Acceptance, the nominee must check the space to indicate acceptance to the office specified or acceptance to other state offices. When there has been no nominations for a particular office, a nominee for a specific office has agreed to change office.

It is important that each nominee has at least one endorser. More endorsements can be submitted as a nominee may be acquainted with endorsers in various capacities of the organization. One endorser may know the nominee through work within a chapter while another endorser may be familiar with performance at the state level. Complete and sign the form titled NOMINATION FORM: TO BE COMPLETED BY ENDORSER (Page 4) of application.

All forms must be submitted to Susan Alivado. **Deadline is November 30, 2016.** Nominations Committee members can be contacted for Q/A and nominations information at:



- Susan Alivado
- Janice Bond
- Valerie Kurizaki
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The Nominations Committee strongly encourages all chapter leaders to self-nominate or nominate other leaders to run for office!

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Expansion Committee Updates Patricia Ann Park, Chairman

All of Beta Beta State Sisters have been actively engaged in supporting and strengthening our state organization, state committees and chapters as we are fast approaching April Convention and completing the first year of this biennium, 2015-2017. *BBS Expansion Committee* has been actively assisting the growth of our Japan Alpha State Sisters, Seiwa School and their teachers and students. In order to have ongoing support, several Alpha Sisters will be visiting Hawaii at the end of March. This will be an opportunity for all of you to engage in meeting them and bonding with them. Your time and influence are greatly appreciated.

Sometime in Spring, three of our BBS sisters will be visiting Kochi, Japan, to continue to implement the Seivaloha Project and to coach and mentor our Alpha Sisters. We are also looking forward to having two Japan Alpha Sisters take part in our annual BBS Leadership Development Workshop on June 4, 2016. Both of these endeavors will continue to support DKG by promoting BBS and Japan Alpha Sisters' personal well-being, intellectual growth, truly being global women educators, and intentionally being great leaders always.

In addition, the process has begun, especially with the partnership with *Zeta Chapter* to design a potential new chapter on the Island of Hawaii. Please let us know how *BBS Expansion Committee* can assist your own chapter to retain and bring in new members. We truly believe that the *International and BBS SAPs* and *Educational Excellence* have helped our Expansion Committee to be focused and intentional.



The Delta Kappa Gamma *Sashiko Coaster Creators* Project for the 2017 SW Regional Conference in Hawaii

Hi! Ho! Hi! Ho! Off to work we go! Whether we are the 7 dwarves, Santa's elves, or busy bees, a bunch of DKG gals go over the hill and down the slope to Gail Ikeda's room in the rural area of MidPac! The DKG Sashiko Rose Coaster makers meet every 4th Sunday of the month to stitch, cut, iron, sort fabric, etc., in hopes of making 800+ coasters for the SW Regional Conference 2017. This is truly a multi chapter venture! Picture A shows Gail Ikeda (Delta), Donna Shiroma (State President/Kappa), Emma Jean Mader (Epsilon), Mindy Nakashima-Inouye (Delta) sewing and turning over sewn coasters; Picture B shows Sharon Inamine (Mu), Mildred Kimura & Karen Koles (Delta & coordinators) showing off the finished products.



Pictured below L to R: Vivian Hee (Mu), Vye Hara (Delta), Lei Oliveira (Delta), Linda Anderson (Delta), and Ruby Donlin (Epsilon) pause from sashiko-ing the roses. Marge Yuen (Mu), Kathy Sakuda (Iota), Amy Maeda (Xi on Kauai) cut away the Hawaiian fabric coaster backing!

Other regulars not pictured are Sarah Moriyama (Lambda), Eileen Clarke (Iota), Pat Park (Epsilon), Mel Terao (Delta), Lynn Dagli (Delta), Val Kurizaki (Theta), Peggy Hirata (Epsilon), and Jacky Jaeger (Mu). Many more have taken packets and sew at home. Thank you to all ladies! If you are interested in joining us—contact Karen Koles, Mildred Kimura, Gail Ikeda or Ellen Tanoura, co-coordinators! Anyone can do it—we will teach you!



Try a bit of Beta Beta trivia

1. In what year was Beta Beta State Hawaii established? A. 1921 B. 1934 C. 1949 D. 1952
2. Where did the fourteen original Beta Beta sisters meet to organize the Hawaii chapter?
College of Education B. The Willows Restaurant C. Queen's Surf Restaurant D. Royal Elementary School A. University of Hawaii
3. Which of Beta Beta State's chapters was the most recent to join the society? A. Kappa B. Xi C. Mu
D. Theta

Answers on last page



Patricia Ann Park, Hawaii's Nominee for 2016 – 2018 Southwest Regional Director

Submitted by Patti Jenks

Hooray to Pat Park, Epsilon Chapter, who was recently selected as the nominee for Delta Kappa Gamma's 2016 – 2018 Southwest Regional Director. The slate of officers from the International Nominations Committee will be presented and voted on at this summer's DKG International Convention, July 4 – 10 in Nashville, Tennessee.

The DKG Nominations Committee reviewed Pat's remarkable professional career in the Hawaii system of education and her growth as a leader. They also looked at her accomplishments and leadership within her chapter, state organization and DKG International committees. Throughout her experiences, Beta Beta State and DKG were there to support her professional and personal journey, providing opportunities to lead and building relationships with other professional women walking the same path.



Pat reviewed the impact Beta Beta State and DKG had on her professional and personal development in her application and commented, "DKG was a tipping point in my professional life shifting my focus and commitment to active engagement in support of all educators, especially women, in our global society. Inspired by our mission and vision, I welcomed the chance to serve and grow in each committee, chair and officer role at the state and chapter level, and as 2003-2005 State President."

Pat encourages members to seek opportunities to serve at the International level of the Society and to participate in opportunities at the 2017 Southwest Regional Conference. Check out www.dkg.org for additional opportunities.

We applaud and appreciate Pat's accomplishments and contributions, her nomination for Southwest Regional Director and her passion for Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

A Message from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Membership Services

Dear Member,

If you have not explored the new DKG website, we invite you to visit www.dkg.org. The new site offers the information and resources you need plus new features like:

- access to your personal account and members-only resources
- a portal to modify contact information in the international database,
- the opportunity to create a DKG profile, and
- a secure community within which to connect with members around the world.



The new site requires member log in for registering an event, DKG Store, some features and resources:

You already have an account under your member ID number. This member ID number is your username. When prompted to sign in, use your **six digit member ID number** (on membership card or only first *six digits* of the seven digits on your publications labels) as your username and the default password, **dkg2014society**. Once logged in, you can change your password to a preferred password at any time in your account under My DKG. Your username cannot be changed and will always be your member ID number. The Communications & Publicity Committee has provided a step by step instructional video on how to update the My Account area under "videos" on the C & P Committee page.

Please contact Society Headquarters by phone ([512-478-5748](tel:512-478-5748)) or email (mem@dkg.org) for assistance. We are now open with extended hours: 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.





Kappa Chapter – Oahu



Kappa started the year with a luncheon at Seafood Village where they shared family stories, ate dim sum, planned meetings for the year and strategized how to increase membership with more in-service teachers.

November featured an excursion to Doris Duke’s Shangri La. The estate is fabulous and was a first time visit for all the Kappa members who participated. The tour started at the Honolulu Museum of Art with a fairly short bus ride to the property. After the tour there was a short chapter meeting followed by a perusal of the museum.

In March Kappa will hold a Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii hosted by Kappa sister Marilyn Naka. All are looking forward to this event and a few new perspective members will also be attending.

May is the annual birthday celebration of Kappa chapter when new officers for the biennium will be installed.

Lambda Chapter - Oahu



Lambda wanted to be sure that they celebrated their dear sister, Sakae Loo’s 85th birthday and surprised her with a birthday cake at their December meeting.

Sarah Moriyama and Sakae Loo received Delta Kappa Gamma 35 year pins at the December meeting commemorating more than 35 years of service by each. What exemplary members they are for the rest of us!

Lambda adopted two families this past Christmas at the Keiki O Ka’Aina Family Learning Center in Kalihi through the Lailima Giving Project. Treasurer Sandy Shimabukuro coordinated the project and members were extremely generous in their donations. Lambda webmaster Elizabeth Mahi is helping us finish and get approval for our Lambda web site, not an easy task for some of our members who started their careers when typewriters were the tools to use for lesson plans.



Gamma Chapter - Oahu

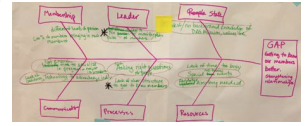
Annually for many years, Gamma chapter has gathered at a sister's home to meet, celebrate the season, exchange small gifts, have some fun and share a meal together. Several years ago they decided to collect food for the Maui Foodbank. Donations were put into the back of Lee Hoxie's car and dropped off at the Foodbank. About three years ago they started tracking their annual donations. 2013 brought in 158 pounds of food, 2014 brought in 170 pounds and 2015 brought in 188 pounds. The challenge is on – their 2016 goal is to bring in more than 200 pounds of food at the annual Christmas gathering. This is a great success for Gamma chapter as well as for the hungry on Maui.



Jill Makii and Judith Hook, guests of the Chapter, and Lee Hoxie load up the car with Maui Foodbank donations.

Mu Chapter – Oahu

At the start of this biennium, Mu Chapter initiated 8 new members, but after several months, they found that they hadn't gotten to know their new members as well as they wanted to. Then at the June 2015 Leadership Workshop, their Leadership team learned the Fishbone Activity, and used it to meet this gap. Their strategy was simple: *make time and opportunity to discover connections and strengthen relationships amongst members.*



Almost 75% of MU's membership signed up for Paint Nite in August 2015 - a social event to play artist and paint *Swirly Birds On A Wire* while having fun drinks

and pupus together at Mac24/7 in Waikiki. Veterans, new initiates and in-betweens all had a wonderful time playing with paint, it was like being in elementary school again.

Nine MU members signed up for a guided tour of Kahala Whole Foods in Feb 2016, but only five could make it in the end. Still, those who went learned how to shop smart and eat healthy, and bonded over a leisurely lunch at Whole Food's bar, talking



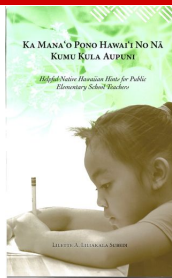
story about the chapter and learning about each other! After the Whole Foods excursion, a veteran MU member said, "---I learned a lot about how to shop more economically etc. and also enjoyed the connection and discussion we had after the tour. Got to know **Jennifer** (one of our new members) better and what she does.... Interesting and motivating! (**Ruby**)

Mu sisters also answered the call to volunteer again in the community. **Vivian, Jennifer, Ellen** and **Marge** volunteered at Hawaii Pacific Health's Cancer Car event at Ala Moana Hotel in January, and Vivian in February as well. **Sharon** and **Ellen** are volunteering at the **Annual Hawai'i Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition Feb 20, 2016.**

In March, Mu sisters will hear **Sharon** and **Ellen** share their experiences on Expansion and fellowship with DKG sisters in Japan. This will be held at the Audio-Visual Company, followed by a Mu General Meeting.

RED ROSES Maika'i

Lambda sister **Lilette Subedi** has a booklet "Ka Mana' o Pono Hawai'i No Na Kumu Kula Aupuni: Helpful Native Hawaiian Hints for Public Elementary School Teachers" published by the University of Hawaii Curriculum Research and Development Group.



WHITE ROSES Xi Chapter fondly honors the life of a dear and faithful sister, Arlene Kawakami who passed away on September 24, 2015. Arlene's work as a classroom teacher and Kauai District resource teacher touched so many lives.



Zeta Chapter – Hawaii Island



DKG Executive Board (l-r: Rochelle Yamashita-1st VP, Nancy Robbins-Treasurer, Adri Wilson-2nd VP, Valerie Takata-President, Avis Masuda- Scholarship Chair) congratulate Amber Fontes, 2016 Zeta Chapter Scholarship recipient at the Hawaii Japanese Center in Hilo on January 18, 2016.



Over the past 10 years, Zeta Chapter has worked diligently to increase Country Store revenues to fulfill our dream of supporting early career educators by building a scholarship fund. In January 2015, we were able to award our first scholarship at our Country Store meeting to honor our members' talents, efforts and generosity which brought our dream to fruition. In keeping with that tradition, our second scholarship was awarded on January 8, 2016 to Amber Fontes. Amber is a 1st year Master of Education candidate at University of Hawai'i at Hilo. She is currently student-teaching at Waiakea Intermediate School with Mr. Peter Wagner, Cooperating

Answers to BBS trivia

1. C. 1949
2. C. Queen's Surf Restaurant
3. B. Xi (August 1986)



How did you do?

Xi Chapter – Kauai

XI Sisters are committed to service activities and seek opportunities to promote education and families throughout the year. They also love learning and fun so when they can combine both, it's the perfect opportunity to volunteer. Pa'ani Makahiki at Kapaa Beach Park on Jan. 17, 2015 provided the combination to contribute, entertain, learn, and even get a little exercise for XI members as they engaged in this community event sponsored by 'Ahahui Kiwila Hawaii O Mo'ikeha, a Kaua'i-based Hawaiian Civic Club.



In October 2015 they participated, as they have done for many years, in the annual Kauai United Way Walkathon. Proceeds from the walkathon supports various community organizations as well as the Xi chapter scholarship fund.



In December 2015, Sisters of Xi Chapter gave back to their community by contributing to The YWCA Women's Shelter. They collected approximately 4 SUV loads of children's clothing and toys, infant clothing and formula, women's clothing, toiletries, accessories, and household goods. This was a great way to achieve Xi's mission to give back to their community and start the 2016 new year with service!

