



# Aloha I Ke Akea



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### Upcoming Events

#### July 7 & 8, 2017:

Southwest Regional

Conference - Sheraton

Waikiki - Go to DKG website to register

Registration deadline:

June 4

#### October 21, 2017

Fall Forum

### President's Message



Aloha Beta Beta State Sisters!

The biennium is almost over. It has been an exciting, learning experience. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Beta Beta State President. As I look back it is

hard to believe that only two years have passed. As I said at the Spring Convention, it was the longest and shortest two years of my life.

It has been an honor to represent BBS at State and International meetings and events. I attended Chapter Christmas parties and birthdays, installations and initiations. I met with Alpha Japan sisters and visited Seiwa Girls' School in Kochi to close out our Seiwaloha Grant and review collaborative learning strategies that we have introduced and encouraged them to use.

Thank you to all who have gone with me on my journey and who have supported me throughout my time as State President. The remarkable Executive Committee, made up of Gloria Kishi, Lori Furoyama, Ellen Tanoura and Anne Marie Duca and Vicki Kajioka, was an exceptional group to work with. I also worked with an awesome group of State Committee Chairs. I appreciate all who stepped up and to those who answered the call.

In addition, I worked with two sets of Chapter Presidents, including the three who stayed on for a second biennium. I enjoyed getting to know sisters from different chapters and different islands. Events that I attended on the Neighbor Islands include: the joint meeting of Xi and Eta on Kauai; Fall Forum on Maui with the Gamma sisters; and working with Zeta to form Rho Chapter.

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My theme for this biennium has been “Membership, Leadership, and Making a Difference”. First and foremost, Beta Beta State has grown. The 19 new members of Rho Chapter and members initiated by individual chapters have increased our numbers. These two years we have grown leaders by providing opportunities for members. We provided leadership development training through the LD Workshop, Spring Conventions, and Fall Forums. I am most proud of “Making a Difference”. I believe that through this program we can grow our organization and provide leadership training and opportunities for all our members besides helping new and seasoned teachers.

As I move aside and turn over the reins, I hope that some of the programs that I have started will continue. I know that the Rho Chapter will continue to be supported by Zeta Chapter, the State Expansion Committee and Executive Board, and all chapters. Project SEE will continue and is included in the State Strategic Plan and many Chapter plans as well. The Legacy Project has had a great start and information about our past State Presidents have been gathered. It has been quite a journey but thanks to the help and support of so many, projects such as these have thrived.

As I end this message, I would like to thank Epsilon Chapter for a successful Spring Convention. And thank you to Beta Chapter for inviting me to their Birthday celebration.

Remember to register for the Southwest Regional Conference. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Aloha Pumehana,  
Donna Min Shiroma

**FINAL OPPORTUNITY!** *Eileen Clarke*

The deadline to participate in Beta Beta State Hawaii's final Seiwaloha project in Kochi, Japan is fast approaching: JUNE 10, 2017!

Our international project provides direct experiences for two weeks in Japan this November to teach English to secondary students at Seiwa Girls School, to develop and implement professional development activities for their English language teachers, and to interact with our Japanese DKG sisters in Alpha State Japan and here in Hawaii. Our program will end in Spring of 2018 so this is your LAST opportunity to engage in a challenging, meaningful and fulfilling experience in Japan!

Apply here if interested: <https://goo.gl/forms/Zh5MAPftUYvaA8qL2>. Questions or concerns may be directed to Eileen Clarke at: [eileenclarke@me.com](mailto:eileenclarke@me.com) If you would like more information or have the link sent to you, email Eileen or Donna Shiroma at: [dmshiroma@gmail.com](mailto:dmshiroma@gmail.com)

## Spring Convention 2017 *by Gloria Kishi and Jo-An Goss, photos by Jo-An Goss*

### E Ho`omaka, e Hō`eu, a e Ho`oulu: A Few Reflections on Spring Convention 2017

At Spring Convention 2017, host chapter Epsilon's President Chris Putzulo urged us to take to heart the theme to "Initiate, Ignite, and Inspire" as she welcomed 100 Beta Beta State sisters—and a DKG member from Missouri! – to the Pacific Beach Hotel on April 8, 2017. In reflecting on Spring Convention, three presenters' words and actions did indeed speak to our abilities to initiate, ignite, and inspire for the betterment of DKG and education.

*To Initiate or E Ho`omaka.* President Donna Shiroma, during her productive biennium, initiated and led several efforts that have strengthened our organization and poised it well to meet future challenges. To mention a few: Beta Beta State will welcome a new chapter on the island of Hawai'i – Rho Chapter with 19 new members. Our Legacy Project will complete a volume of biographies of BBS Presidents, recording these women leaders' contributions to our Society and education. We are on the brink of realizing a statewide project to support new and beginning teachers. We begin the next biennium with updated by-laws and our members and chapters moving towards the era of digital communication. A big change for those of us who began our teaching careers using chalk on blackboards that were really black and running off those purple, mimeographed sheets!

*To Ignite or E Hō`eu.* DKG International Executive Director Sandra Bull ignited our passion to realize and live our Society's founding purposes. She urged us to take advantage of the vast opportunities and benefits of DKG membership, encouraging us to apply for scholarships and grants, participate in leadership development opportunities such as the Golden Gift Award, submit articles and artwork to the Society's publications and Fine Arts Gallery, and to attend regional and international meetings. She reminded us that our Society is not one of "perfection" or "people on pedestals." Rather, Sandra challenged us to see the potential in fellow educators and to nurture these talents. Most important, she reminded us that we are the spark that advances new ideas and practices in our Society. As she candidly stated, "If you don't like something, do something."

*To Inspire or E Ho`oulu.* Southwest Regional Director Pat Park shared inspiring words of the beauty and diversity of Hawai'i and Beta Beta State, believing that we are a model for the world. Pat feels that the Southwest Regional Conference being held at the Waikiki Sheraton Hotel on July 4 – 7, 2017, will be a perfect occasion to showcase our state's rich multicultural heritage and an opportune time to meet DKG sisters from across the nation, Canada, Latin America, and Japan. Pat reminded us of the "Butterfly Effect," and the difference that we all make as individuals and as an organization of educators who are impacting education globally.

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Epsilon Chapter hostesses ran the Country Store and won the Fran Shimote award.

Pausing from meeting sessions and breakouts to smile for the camera



Fay, Anne Marie, & Ellen



Donna & Pat with Sandra Smith Bull

We drew further inspiration from the breakout presentations by our DKG sisters. Soo Boo Tan (Mu) and Donna Shiroma (Kappa) both had works accepted by the DKG Fine Arts Gallery and reviewed the process to submit artwork and poetry. Ruby Jung (Epsilon) graciously shared her mana’o on “What is Aloha” during her session. Patti Jenks (Mu) and Lori Furoyama (Mu) discussed the results of their survey, giving voice to the thoughts and views of fellow BBS members. Fay Toyama (Theta) and Jenny Lee Tam Sing (Mu) urged members to attend the Southwest Regional Conference, answering questions that first-time attendees may have about the conference and tips on navigating the multitude of a regional conference’s activities and sessions.

The Country Store, thanks to chair Donna Ede, assistant Neva Matsuoka and the committee, ignited our shopping impulses and \$1,560 was raised. We also recognized 4 chapters with the Fran Shimote Attendance Awards for having at least 30% of their members present: Epsilon (68%), Mu (42%), Lambda (36%) and Theta (32%). Great to see our chapters working on our Strategic Action Plan’s objective of active participation.

At this convention, we bid farewell to outgoing BBS President Donna Shiroma and Secretary Ellen Tanoura, thanking them for their dedicated service and inspired leadership. A special mahalo to Anne Marie Duca who served for four terms – a yeoman’s 8 years! – as our Treasurer. We installed our incoming 2017-19 BBS officers: Gloria Kishi, President; Beatrice “Bibi” Pace, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Lori Furoyama, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; and Melvina Terao, Secretary.



Outgoing 2015-2017 Officers



Incoming 2017-2019 Officers

## SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS

*Fay Toyama, 2017 SWR Conference Chair*



Aloha Everyone!

Thank you to everyone for your commitment, support, and work for a successful regional conference! According to the reports received by the steering committee, plans are being implemented, chapters are recruiting members to attend, documents are being prepared, and chapter workdays are scheduled. Having everyone's participation and involvement is crucial to hosting this event and we are truly inspired by all of our members!

Hosting a regional conference is a great opportunity to expand our personal and professional growth exponentially! We not only get to plan and work the conference. We also are able to share our lifestyle of Aloha, attend the general meetings, the breakout sessions and ten-minute takeaways. We have Hawaii members also presenting at these sessions to share our own success stories in education. It may be another 18 years before we host a regional conference again, so we do encourage every member to attend!

We are having 6 members coming from Japan and 3 from Canada! We have members from the Northeast region choosing to attend a Southwest regional conference instead of, or in addition to their own!!! Let's have a great showing of our Hawaii state members too!

We will have a volunteer survey sent out to all members to create a volunteer pool to meet the needs of hosting this conference: table hostesses, hospitality/directions, information, pre-conference packing of conference bags and Hawaii state goody bags, registration/conference bag/ luggage tag/ information table. Check with your SWR Chapter Liaison on the latest updates.

***Looking forward to seeing everyone at the SWR Conference  
at the Sheraton on July 4-7, 2017!***

### DKG Got Talent!

**Like to hula? Wanna dance?**

**Wanna sing? We need your talent!**



**Stephanie Conching is looking for performers for the SWR conference. Calling all singers for the choir, ukulele musicians and pianists. Please contact her at [stephconching@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:stephconching@hawaiiantel.net)**

If you were asked in Fall 2015 by your chapter president to represent your chapter in the hula, "These Islands," we need you at the Friday night banquet. Jenny Lee Tam Sing is also having practice on May 5, 19, 26, and June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at Ohana Studios, 760 Halekauwila Street off Ward Ave. Jenny will also host a breakout session at the SWR conference where many more will have the opportunity to learn at least the hand motions to the dance. Contact Jenny at [hoomaikai@gmail.com](mailto:hoomaikai@gmail.com).

## SWR Pin Design Contest Winners

### Congratulations to Waianae High School Students!

In the summer of 2016, plans for an art pin contest began and Darlene Oshiro from Theta Chapter adopted this project for the SWR Steering Committee. In anticipation of spreading the word about DKG and the SWR conference, contest information was sent to all public, private, and charter high school students to share their talents in creating a lapel pin. Three outstanding designs were selected in January 2017 by those present at the SWR work session. On May 5, 2017, awards were presented to the winners in first year teacher Ikaika Sugui's class at Waianae High School. All three winners came from Mr. Sugui's Graphic Design class: First place winner Jaren Ulu received \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner Enee Tiolu received \$75, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner Christian-Elijah Peebles received \$25. A lapel pin will be given out to all participating members at the SWR Conference. What an awesome homegrown Hawaiian gift to share!



The final pin created with design elements from the winning contestants.

L to R: Vicki Kajioka, Donna Shiroma, Jaren Ulu (1st place), Enee Tiolu (2nd place), Christian-Elijah Peebles (3rd place), Darlene Oshiro, Fay Toyama, Ikaika Sugui (1st year teacher of winners)



## Check Out the DKG “Uniblog”



To make it easier for members to connect with blogs from the various international committees, a “uniblog” is now available at [dkg.org](http://dkg.org). Instead of going to separate committee pages, members can now look for information and inspiration from international committees and other leaders in one spot!

It's that simple! Instead of clicking through multiple pages to find blogs from each committee, members will see postings from **all** appearing in one place. Furthermore, for those who have a specific interest, tabs at the top of the uniblog will allow members to find topics easily within the larger blog!

## Welcome Beta Beta State, Rho Chapter!

*Ellen Tanoura*



On Tuesday evening, April 18, 2017, Beta Beta State Hawaii installed a new chapter with 16 Charter and 3 reinstated members. The new members are GeriAnn Aoki-Davidson, Patricia Champagne, Nani Damasco, Malani Deaguair, Alisha DeGuair, Shirley Ann Fukumoto (reinstated), Karina Hernandez, Nancy Jadallah, Stacy Jones, Momi Kaehuaea, Aimee Kasumi, Grace Kim, Pattie Kunitomo, Christie MacCarley, Wendy Nickl (reinstated), Allison Serina, Nancy Soderberg, Diane Spencer, and Sandra Taosaka (reinstated).

Rho Chapter held their first business meeting to present their slate of officers. With Southwest Regional Director and Expansion Chair, Pat Park presiding, Rho Chapter elected their officers. Helping with the ceremonies were Beta Beta State President Donna Shiroma, Executive Secretary Vicki Kajioka, Immediate Past President Patti Jenks, Past State President Sharon Inamine, and State Secretary Ellen Tanoura. Zeta Chapter's Rhona Uyetake, Valerie Takata, and Rochelle Yamashita from the Big Island welcomed the new Chapter also. The newly elected Rho Chapter officers are: President, Diane Spencer; 1st Vice President Christie McCarley; 2nd Vice President, Geri Ann Davidson; and Secretary, Aimee Kasumi. Momi Kaehuaea was appointed Treasurer by the elected officers.

Beta Beta State Expansion Committee thanks Sandra Taosaka and Shirley Ann Fukumoto for their tireless efforts--encouraging ladies to be part of the organization, organizing the initial meetings, challenging some to become the initial officers, and communicating with the Expansion committee members. We also thank Zeta Chapter on the Big Island for their efforts in making Rho Chapter possible.

Thank you to Pat Park for having the dream to expand Beta Beta State by having another chapter on the vast Big Island so that DKG is more reachable to those on the Hawaii Island; thank you to those who attended the ceremonies with representatives Epsilon, Kappa, Mu, and Zeta; to those who came together on a Sunday to make the elegant red yarn leis, and to Christie McCarley for offering such an elegant setting for the ceremonies. The atmosphere was warm and bubbly, the members cohesively excited, and seemingly, proud--all happening after a light rainfall and ending as the sun set on the horizon in beautiful Kona. Aloha and Welcome Rho Chapter to Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Beta Beta State!

**South West Regional Conference  
July 4 – 7, 2017**

Attending the conference in our own hometown of Honolulu, Hawaii will provide you the experience of the "Lifestyle of Aloha." You will celebrate the joy of being an educator who is impacting global learning.

Hawaii Night will enrich your true understanding of the Aloha Spirit while being entertained by the Royal Hawaiian Band and Hula Halau I Ka Wekiu.

You will enjoy your time spent at the Southwest Regional Conference and be proud that you are a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma International Society.

**Reminders:**

- ◆ Register for the conference (online at [DKG.org](http://DKG.org), \$135 for the 4 days, indicate if 1<sup>st</sup> timer for additional perks)
- ◆ Make your hotel reservation (discount provided at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel)



*Red Roses*



Congratulations to **Alexandra Obra**, Iota Chapter, who received a 2017 Cornetet Individual Professional Development Award, DKG Educational Foundation. She plans to use her award to attend the Annual Visible Learning Conference.

All members are encouraged to apply for Professional Development assistance. Information and applications are available on the DKG website.

**BBS Sisters Serving the Community**

Six Beta Beta State sisters volunteered at a recent Hawaii Foodbank Drive in Kahala. They are Vivian Hee and Sharon Inamine (Mu); Anne Marie Duca and Jeanne Matsuo (Lambda); and Katherine Sakuda (Iota). Missing is Lisa Joy Andres from Mu. They helped collect money and canned goods to feed Hawaii's hungry.



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!**

Attend an International Convention! Approve the proposed election amendments to the governing documents! As a Convention Attendee in 2020 you would be able to cast YOUR vote for international officers.

Attend a workshop about the election process at your regional conference! Learn the difference between Delegate, General Election and Convention Election options. Cast your vote for the proposed amendments!

**Mark your calendars:**

**DKG International Convention  
July 16-20, 2018 Austin, Texas**

**Xi Chapter** celebrates Grace Yatsko, their 2017 Scholarship recipient. Grace, a Kapaa High School graduate, will be studying education at Western Oregon University in the fall.

