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### The National Executive Council

Are you all ready for National Convention in Palm Springs?



We are !

Seated front row left to right: Carol Ann Moyes National Vice President, Kay Robertson National President, Jane Loveless N.E.S.T, Pat Tubbs Celaeno Province Trustee, Back row left to right: Annette Myers Taygeta Trustee, Bobbi Meyer Alcyone Province Trustee, Cindy Whiteley Electra Province Trustee, and Alnes Weiss Sterope Province Trustee

### NEW WEB MASTERS ANNOUNCED

The NEC is pleased to announce that **Cathie Barber** and **Paula Smotherman**, both of KS Beta Chapter, are our new Web Masters. They will begin working with **Sandy Torre** and **Leila Wopshall** to begin a smooth transition by January 1st, 2009. Any chapter or province articles, updated information, or pictures you would like to share are welcomed. The Web Masters may be reached at [cathie.barber@cbarber.kscoxmail.cox](mailto:cathie.barber@cbarber.kscoxmail.cox) or [psmotherman@cox.net](mailto:psmotherman@cox.net). We would like to take this time to thank Sandy and Leila for their dedication and wonderful care of our web pages. Their ability and knowledge in this area has been greatly appreciated by all of us.

## FROM OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT

**HO! HO! HO!**

Ready or not here come the holidays. I have to admit, I am not ready, but I am certainly looking forward to the holiday season. We have so many things to be grateful for. Even in this unsettling time; there is something you can find that you are glad to have in your life, like Sorority.

Are you having a difficult time coming up with a list to give to your family? Think about asking for a trip (or at least a donation toward a trip) to Palm Springs, CA in June for National Convention. That would be the best Christmas present because you would get to enjoy it in December and then again in June, and you would get to share it with your DTC sisters from across the country.

May you be blessed in every step of your life with love, health, and faith. I wish all of my DTC sisters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In sisterly love,  
**Kay B. Robertson**  
National President



**Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool.**

**Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.**

## FROM OUR NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



Sisterhood in Delta Theta Chi is a wonderful experience. Why not share it with all your friends.? There is still time to charter a new chapter, initiate new sisters....if we get on the ball. Then you will be able to bring them all to National Convention in June of 2009. Alcyone is planning big things for us all. I promise, if you charter a new chapter we will all come!! So far, I have been able to see many of you by visiting your conventions and conclaves. I have even been to Sam Moon in Dallas. Now THAT is an experience. Keep up the good work, and be happy.

Lovingly, in sisterhood  
**Carolann Moyes**



**Do no great things, only small things with great love.**

**Mother Teresa**

### **A note from the Alcyone Province Trustee**

Just a note to say hello to all my Delta Theta Chi Sisters. The NEC had a very successful Mid-Year meeting in Kansas led by our esteemed National President Kay B. Robertson. I also attended Alcyone Board Meetings, Spring Open Board and a wonderful Province Convention hosted by CA Theta. I want to again thank all my sisters in Celaeno, Electra, Sterope, and Taygeta Provinces for all their generous invitations that were extended to me.

My Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Audrey Murakami, Alcyone; Mary Fisher, Celaeno; Cheryl Neeley, Electra; Sharon Osterberger, Sterope and Kitty Wofford, Taygeta are waiting to hear from all of you with proposed amendments. The deadline of 1 DEC 08 is fast approaching. Read the National Constitution and By-Laws in your chapter meetings, put on those thinking caps and send in what you want considered for change.

I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and will look forward to seeing each and everyone of you in Palm Springs at National Convention. CARPOOL, FLY or TRAIN it to California in June.

In Sisterhood,  
**Bobbi Meyer**



### **A note from the Electra Province Trustee**

Inside each person there burns an everlasting flame.

A flame that signifies the strength of the human spirit.

An inner light that never fails to remind us of our true selves. To see the inner light in our self is growth.

To see the inner light in those around us is a gift...

This light was given to me by others you know. I wish to thank you for sharing the light and also for shining it so brightly. Feel the warmth! It is cold outside tonight.

In Sisterly Love,  
**Cindy Whiteley**





## From the Celaeno Province Trustee

Sisters,

One of my favorite things we do as a sisterhood is to provide scholarships to bright-eyed hopeful youngsters beginning their post secondary education. We as a sorority have given many thousands of dollars throughout the years and we should be proud of promoting further education in our country.

This year we will be awarding 2 National Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 each. We will also have the privilege of awarding 1 Marie Miller Graham Scholarship in the amount of \$1,800. We should be proud of our sorority for being able to give so much!

Applications and news releases have been sent to each chapter. I will always be here if you have any questions or are in need of any assistance. I would like to thank the following sisters for being their Province's National Scholarship Representative: Linda Colton from Alcyone, Rosie Miller from Celaeno, Debby Gungelman from Electra, Virginia Stull from Sterope, and Betty Stricker from Taygeta.

I wish each of you a happy and blessed new year.

In sisterly love,  
**Pat Tubbs**

*The beauty of a woman is not in the clothes she wears, the figure that she carries, or the way she combs her hair. The beauty of a woman must be seen from in her eyes, because that is the doorway to her heart, the place where love resides. The beauty of a woman is not in a facial mole, but true beauty in a woman is reflected in her soul. It is the caring that she lovingly gives, the passion that she shows, and the beauty of a woman with passing years only grows!*



## From the Taygeta Province Trustee

Sisters,

It is a wonderful time of year. We have reason to celebrate. We have just elected a new president of the United States, Fall is here and the leaves are everywhere and the air is crisp with Winter on it's way.

I hope that all of you are doing what you can to promote literacy in your communities. I have attended several province conventions and board meetings and heard the reports from the chapters on what they are doing for literacy. I encourage you to please fill out the reports and turn them in to your province literacy committee members. You are all doing wonderful things in your communities and they need to be recognized.

I'm hoping that all of you are planning on attending National Convention in Palm Springs, CA this coming June. Wonderful plans are made to make this a great convention. Please support our Alcyone sisters by attending.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful holiday season.

Love to all,  
**Annette Myers**



## From the Sterope Province Trustee

As Thanksgiving approaches, we in Delta Theta Chi have so much to be thankful for. As we look about us, we see a beautiful world that we are sometimes too busy to notice and truly appreciate the wonder of it. We are twice blessed by all our many sisters. The fall has been rich and beautiful with the changing of colors and the uncommon warm weather. As we get older, the time passes much too quickly and before we know it we'll be again in a new year. Let us vow to try and bring more new sisters into our wonderful sorority.

With Sisterly Love,  
**Alnes Weiss**

### LITTLE THINGS

Sometimes we may not realize  
that everything we do  
Affects not only our lives  
but touches others, too.  
A single happy smile  
can always brighten up the day  
For anyone who happens  
to be passing by your way,  
And a little bit of thoughtfulness  
that shows someone you care  
Creates a ray of sunshine  
for both of you to share.

Karen Ravn



## And here is a note from our NEST...

Dear Sisters:

The trees right now, just before Halloween, are so beautiful with their many colors of red, orange, yellow and green.

I attended a wonderful Electra Province Conclave in Wichita hosted by the Kansas Beta Chapter on October 3-5, 2008. Pat Tubbs, Caelaeno Province National Trustee and Cindy Whiteley, Electra Province National Trustee and myself drove to Wichita talking all the way. We were all saddened that we could not have been in Fort Worth to celebrate with our Taygeta Sisters but their Convention was held the same weekend. It was also a sad time that I could not be in Pasadena, California for the Alcyone Province Convention on October 17-19. This was the first time I have missed Alcyone's Convention for many years.

I wish each of you a happy holiday season and look forward to serving you at our National Convention in Palm Springs next June.

In Sisterly Love,  
**Jane Loveless**  
National Executive Secretary-Treasurer







# *Celaeno Province*

*Written by  
Connie Schwering*

In April, **INDIANA ALPHA** had an interesting and informative educational on Identity Theft. A Mother-Daughter social was held in May and was enjoyed by sorority sisters, mothers, daughters, and grandmothers. The hostess had placed old jewelry on the tables for comparison with jewelry from today.

May took the sisters to Jellystone Park for a weekend of fun, food, and fellowship. Dorothy O'Harris and Joyce Nelson were the hostesses for the weekend.

For literacy, the sisters sent books to the Veterans Hospital and collected labels and pop tabs. This year, Alpha is again planning to contribute money to someone earning their GED.

IN Alpha held a garage sale earlier in the year and is planning a November shopping trip – by bus - to the Chicago Woodfield Mall as Ways & Means projects.

The 2009 Celaeno Province Spring Convention will be hosted by IN Alpha; consequently, sisters are busy making plans so that all sisters will enjoy this weekend.

One of the goals of **INDIANA KAPPA** this year was to get to know each other better. To help facilitate this, each month a sister was assigned a biography report on two sisters to be given at our business meeting. This has become an anticipated part of our meetings, and we are learning much about each other.

Some of our educational programs for this year include: Healthy choices, Cass County tourism, a CPR class and an art class at the Pear Tree Gallery. We plan to make Easter baskets again this sorority year to be distributed in 2009. Sisters are currently working on our annual Christmas Holiday Home Tour to be held November 9, 2008. The Home Tour pays for the printing of our Cass County History books. A total of 10,000 books have been printed since 2001. The reaction from third-grade teachers and students using these books in their classrooms has made this a very rewarding project.

**INDIANA ETA** sisters were busy with a craft party on September 20, in order to get ready for Fall Board in October. After all the fun (work), we enjoyed a chili dinner and munchies supplied by the social committee. On September 23, sisters also enjoyed an interesting evening with the League of Women voters regarding Our Right to Vote. We anticipate having a fantastic time at our October Rush party (we looked for gems last year).

We hope to pledge our new sister, Mary King, in December at our Christmas get-together and Founder's Day celebration. Among our future programs we will be making jewelry and touring an enchanted garden. Our fundraisers include a Move Over Martha party, Chicken BBQ, and Tastefully Simple.

**Electra Province News**  
**Written by Tammy Cocannouer**

Our Electra Province sisters have been very already busy this year. We held our 77<sup>th</sup> Conclave in October in Wichita KS, hosted by the **Kansas Beta Chapter**. The theme was "Women of Substance", highlighting Indira Gandhi, Elizabeth I, and Eleanor Roosevelt. We initiated one sister, V. Kay Foster, **Kansas Alpha** and enjoyed hilarious presentations during our Achievement Contest using the theme, "The Art of Cooking". We mourn the disbandment of two chapters in our Province, the **Missouri Alpha** and **Iowa Alpha Chapters**. As a Province fund raiser, many sisters had a chance to win many pieces of "estate" jewelry that was donated by our sisters for the weekend.



During our meetings, we have been using the wonderful National Educational guideline as suggested by the National Educational Committee for our programs. We have learned about going green, book reviews have been given of the *Life & Times of Mark Twain* and *Faith of My Fathers*, the making of Amish Quilts, held a demonstration on wheat weaving, visited an exhibit of Kansans Paint Kansas, attended several concerts and a production of Agatha Christie's "The Mouse Trap".

Membership is always one of the top items for discussion, and so far this year the **Kansas Alpha's** have initiated one new sister, V. Kay Foster. The **Kansas Beta's** will be initiating a new sister, Kim Rae this fall and are rushing several prospective sisters with the hopes of pledging them after the first of the year. Our **Kansas Kappa's** have pledged three new members into their Chapter, Kelly Braud, Jennifer Klopp and Jessica Wilson. Congratulations to those big sisters and welcome to our new sisters.

As a big part of our activities, Electra sisters many community projects. The **Kansas Alpha's** have caps for one of the local hospitals and birthing center with the **Kansas Thetas** at the Washburn Book Store can be made to many of the organizations serving our



continue to participate in knitted and crocheted baby and continue to work along to raise funds so donations community. Several of the

**Alpha's** are very active in those organizations and give of their time generously as well. Our **Kansas Kappa's** have been busy with three community projects. They have been donating items to women and children at a local shelter through United Way, organizing care packages for soldiers overseas by collecting "items from home". They continue to collect stuffed animals as incentive items for the "Buggin' about Reading" literacy program which has now expanded from 1 kindergarten class to 2 kindergarten classes at different schools. Recording children's books continue to be a big project for the **Nebraska Zeta's** and their DTC guys. As always, a big volunteer effort was made by the **Kansas Beta's** at the Race for the Cure with most all of the sisters participating. They have also been busy collecting labels, box tops, plastic bags, aluminum cans, pop tops and miscellaneous school supplies to benefit two of the local schools. Various literacy projects are being discussed by the **Missouri Delta's** with one project of particular interest, the distribution of dictionaries to third graders. The industrious **Kansas Theta's** once again helped manage the Apple Festival, held a garage sale to raise money for the Rescue Mission (they also rescued several teddy bears for the **Kansas Kappa's**) and made "Health Kits" which are given to a special outreach group.



With women from 18 to 100, as we gather together to gain strength while learning from each others experiences, we go on to celebrate anniversaries, enjoy new babies and children, attend socials and dinners, travel to far away places or just recover from one of life's little obstacles, one thing remains the same, we are **SISTERS** no matter where we are in life's circle.

## STEROPE PROVINCE

Written by Frances Bobo

We were joined at our Spring Convention, held on April 21, 2008, by Past President Pat Jover, President Kay Robertson, Vice President Carol Ann Moyes, NEST Jane Loveless, Electra Province Trustee Cindy Whiteley, Taygeta Province Trustee Annette Myers, and Carol George. We were delighted to have them with us. Our Fall Board was hosted by **Ohio Mu** and was held at the home of Edie Breidenthal on October 26. A wonderful lunch was served. Thelma Robinson presented the educational program on popular food products. A fun time was had following the meeting when attendees had their pictures taken using Edie's Halloween decorations as props. We were very sorry none of our **Ohio Gamma** sisters were able to attend.



We had an unusual occurrence in our area on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. We had hurricane force winds as the remnants of Hurricane Ike passed through the Miami Valley. There was no rain, just high wind. Most of the area was without electricity for several days. Many trees blew down and there was a lot of damage. Schools were closed for a few days. Although there was some roof damage and debris in their condo complex, Betty Cross, Edie Breidenthal and Frances Bobo were lucky in that they never lost power and neither did the grocery stores in their immediate area. **Ohio Mu's** October Social/Educational Meeting was postponed a week due to this storm. At this meeting, Alnes Weiss presented a program on "One Room Schools."

At **Ohio Mu's** Founder's Day meeting in June, the amount of \$500 was presented to Katie Gormas.



Marie Heller Scholarship in the She is currently attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Sterope members are still involved in community service and literacy efforts. At Fall Board, Edie Breidenthal emphasized the need to keep collecting labels for education and to ask family and friends for assistance in this effort. These are given to Harrison Elementary School in Hamilton. Through her church, Helen Belcher has assisted her daughter-in-law with her "Needs to Know No Season." They have collected books for Jefferson Elementary School's summer reading program. They also donate school supplies and at Christmas time give mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves. Helen's American Legion unit collects items for veterans in the Cincinnati VA Hospital. Helen also helps prepare a Veterans Day dinner for veterans at the post... Barb Blevens, Betty Cross, and Frances Bobo continue to volunteer at blood drives held at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. They also volunteered at the September Days event there. Through their membership in Fairfield Women, food is donated at monthly meetings for the local food shelter. Also, items are donated to this club for their two fundraisers each year. All of the money raised goes to local charities. Catherine Gibson and Alma Napier help cook Community Meals for the homeless. **Ohio Mu** is getting ready to pledge Catherine as our newest member.



Ruth Eversole's brother passed away in September. According to Ruth, he was a constant in her life and she will miss him greatly. Also, Barb Henle lost her sister-in-law to cancer in October. Our sympathy goes to these **Ohio Mu** sisters.





## TAYGETA PROVINCE

Written by Heather Jones

**Texas Alpha** recently attended "Steel Magnolias", a pajama party, and the annual chili cook-off and basket auction. Mollie Hancock, little sister of Kitty Wofford, is the most recent new member. Sisters donated Christmas gifts for meals on wheels recipients, donated clothing to a local organization helping battered women, assisted the North Dallas Food Bank, and donated books to Children's Hospital. Contributions were also made to the Susan G. Koman Cancer Fund. Sisters also helped a local nursing home, the Family Outreach, Jonathan's Place, Network of Richardson, Network of Garland, New Beginnings and Habitat for Humanity.

**Oklahoma Delta's** year began with "Watermelon in the Park". Plans for the year were finalized at "Summer's End Salad Social," and September was back to business with a program by Felicia Hoopingartner on *Inspiration* by Wayne Dyer. Eunice Barnes will be presenting *Ladies of Covington Send Their Love* by Joan Medlicott in November. Billie Ruth Shields will present a "Thanksgiving Turkey and Talk". Holiday "Christmas Capers" at Beth Smith's will bring 2008 to an end.

The **Texas Zetas** have been learning all about the sisterhood of Delta Theta Chi. The theme of "Empowering Women of Global Cultures" incorporates programs based on influential women from various countries. Pledging Kay Dungen, the little sister of Sheron Braden has been another significant task. The first Tamale fund-raising event and donating money, time, food, toiletries, and clothing to the local homeless have been recent events.

The **Oklahoma Zetas** continue to collect labels and box tops and have purchased books for literacy. Plans to adopt a family for the holidays and send gifts to troops are also in the works. Educational include the countdown to the Presidential Election, Yogi, "Food for Thought", and "Planting and Growing".

The **Oklahoma Betas** have been busy working the OETA Literacy Telethon and cruising the Oklahoma River. The chapter also has educational plans for basket weaving, a trip to the Braum's farm, Kirkpatrick Planetarium, POPS café, and the review of several books.

The **Oklahoma Kappas** have been busy coming up with fun and creative socials and educationals centering around the theme of "Thirty Something." This has included "Thirty Ways to Save" and "Thirty Tips for Women's Health". The chapter also participated in the "Race for the Cure" and dinner preparations for the Ronald McDonald House. The Kappas also created twenty Life Books for local children in DHS custody.

**Texas NU** members recently attended one of the Moonlight Musicals, *The Music Man*, at the Amphitheatre in McKenzie Park and enjoyed sack dinners under the stars. Fall programs and socials include a book review of John McCain's *Faith of Our Fathers*, learning more about financial investments, touring the Silent Wings Museum and celebrating a 64th Chapter Anniversary.

**OK Epsilon** decided on "Musical Memories" as this year's theme. This will include music-themed educationals such as the history of "The Star Spangled Banner" and socials like a "Phantom of the Opera" costume party. September Rush resulted in two members interested in signing. Sisters are expecting the always-popular annual enchilada fund-raiser to exceed last year's sale of 110 dozen enchiladas. A portion of profits are donated to the Sally Thornton Memorial Scholarship Fund and with the rest provides a needy student with a college scholarship.

**Oklahoma Alpha** is ready for 2008-2009 to be a year to "Dream, Reflect and Live!" Literacy projects will involve a Tulsa Library program with money for postage to mail books to homebound seniors and invalids. Local agencies will also receive donations of children's books. Civic projects include supporting the Clare House, a local hospice center the Day Center for the Homeless and the Northeastern Oklahoma Food Bank. Nine Alpha sisters participated in the "Race for the Cure." Fund raising projects include the annual garage sale, Poinsetta, bean soup, and tee shirt sale.

**OK Epsilon, OK Zeta, and OK Beta** sisters have teamed up on a wonderful literacy project. Sisters will provide at risk pre-K children with books and exercise sheets to use at home for the development of early reading skills. This project includes providing a book a month for twenty at-risk students at a local elementary school.



## PLEIAD INFORMATION

### DECEASED SISTERS

Peg Longhenrich, MO Alpha 8/22/2008

Frances Allmon, CA Sigma 11/9/2008



### DTC Endowment Fund Donations

#### In Honor of:

**2007-2008 Electra Province Board:** By Jane Loveless, NEST;

**2007-2008 Taygeta Province Board:** By Annette Myers, Taygeta Trustee;

**2007-2008 Alcyone Province Board:** By Annette Myers, Taygeta Trustee;

### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

#### In Memory of:

**Elizabeth Huffenberger, Mother of Edie Breidenthal:** By OH Mu Chapter

**Caroline Pflughoeft, Mother of Roger & Marilyn Pflughoeft:** By Mike & Cindi Cook, KS Beta;

#### In Honor of:

**Celaeno Province Board:** By Kay Robertson, National President;

**Carol Larson, Past President Celaeno Province:** By Kay Robertson, National President;

**Indiana Kappa Chapter:** By Kay Robertson, National President;

**Past Officers of IN Eta Chapter:** By Mary Morgan, IN Eta;

**Jeanne Reid, Taygeta Province President:** By OK Beta Chapter; OK Delta Chapter; TX Nu Chapter;

**Iowa Alpha Chapter, Disbanded**

**Cindy Whiteley, Electra Trustee:** By Carol Taylor, KS Beta;

**2007-2008 Taygeta Province Officers:** By OK Zeta Chapter; Kay Robertson, National President; Carol Ann Moyes, National Vice President;

**Texas Beta Chapter:** By OK Zeta Chapter;

**Michelle Strait, 2006-2007 Taygeta Province President:** By OK Delta Chapter;

**2007-2008 Electra Province Board:** By Kay Robertson, National President;

**2007-2008 Alcyone Province Board:** By Kay Robertson, National President;

**Dorothy Doll and Jane Harrell, Taygeta Province Past Presidents Recipients:** By Dee Poweshiek, Ok Alpha;

### MARIE GRAHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

#### In Honor of:

**Sterope Province 2007-2008 Board:** By Alnes Weiss, Sterope Province National Trustee

**2007-2008 Electra Province Board:** By Pat Tubbs, Celaeno Province National Trustee

*Stars on Parade*  
**DELTA THETA CHI**  
*National Convention*  
**June 19-21, 2009**  
*Palm Springs, CA*



*“Only six more months  
and this is where I’ll be.  
See YOU there!!”*



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