

**PLEIAD**  
The Electra Province Newsletter  
Winter 2023

**ELECTRA PROVINCE PRESIDENT**

Greetings Dear Sisters of Electra Province,

What an absolute honor to serve as your President for this sorority year! Since the wonderful and enjoyable “Come Grow With Us” held in Wichita, KS, I have been trying the best I can to adhere to the duties of my presidency! December was a very busy month for me as I made sure that letters were sent to me in honor of my fellow Missouri Delta Sister and wonderful Mother-in-Law, Cheryl Neeley for the nomination as National Vice-President!

January brought the Province Board to Raytown, Missouri for the annual Mid-Year Meeting. It was such a great time to see the ladies and we definitely accomplished a lot of business! Some of the topics which were discussed during the Mid-Year meeting were: Midyear and Conclave Minutes; Province Offices duties; Electra Province Standing Rules and Constitution & By-Laws; one committee appointment; Conclave-chapter rotation; Pleiad publisher-chapter rotation; ideas/issues/concerns submitted by Electra Province sisters; 91<sup>st</sup> Conclave “Come Celebrate With Us Rad Women”.

Should you want more information regarding any topic, please feel free to contact any Province Board member. We are here to serve you!

I will be contacting more of you in the next couple of months to serve on committees and Conclave.

I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you, if not all of my Sisters at Founder’s Day Celebrations, National Convention in June in Kansas City, MO and Conclave in October in Omaha, NE!

I want to take this time and thank you all so much for your continued support and help since my presidency has begun. I care about of you so very much and please contact at any time when you have a question, concern, or just need to talk and say, “Hello”.

Take care and I am looking forward to seeing you soon in the next couple of months!

Mindy Neeley, Electra Province President

## **ELECTRA PROVINCE VICE-PRESIDENT**

The geese are heading back to the north so spring must be in its way. I'm so excited for more sun, flowers and not having to wear socks and slippers in the house. I'm so excited for this sorority year. As vp, I'm in charge of coming up with a membership theme so be looking for some info coming from me in the near future.

But until then, I want you to think about why you joined Delta Theta Chi. I would bet for most of you, it was ONE person who told you about our sisterhood, ONE person who invited you to attend a meeting, ONE person who showed interest in you as a person. So I will be asking you to BE THE ONE!

We talked about so many things at midyear and the ideas were flowing around us. So be excited for an amazing year with Nationals in June in KC and conclave in Omaha in Oct.

Hold high the torch,

Gail Allen

EP VP

## **ELECTRA PROVINCE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Electra Province Educational Director:

Sisters,

This year our focus is music—a personal favorite of mine. It's common to find me singing along to whatever song is playing in my head or making up lyrics to inspire, motivate, or annoy my kids.

Music is an essential aspect of our lives. It has the power to affect individuals and society emotionally, morally, and culturally. It can heal wounds, break boundaries, reconcile differences, inspire change, and bring communities together. We use music to relax, express ourselves, come to terms with our emotions, and generally improve our well-being.

Music and the voices who sing it can change our world one note at a time. When those voices are women, we see the impact it has on each generation of women in society. Many of these female vocalists could be considered “Radical Women” who have not only impacted the music industry but society as a whole.

As we forge our own paths in 2023, I encourage you to learn more about the women whose lyrics and music helped shape us into the women we are today. Their stories will be the framework of our achievement contest at Conclave in October. More details will be coming but feel free to start learning more about the radical women of the music industry.

Respectfully,

Candace Moore

Electra Province Educational Director

## **ELECRA PROVINCE RECORDING SECRETARY**

Dear Electra Sisters!

Sorority is much more than belonging to something, it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter. It gives us a place to be ourselves, to share our ideas and ideals, an opportunity to become better than we were a few hours ago. Our chapter meetings should be uplifting, inspiring, a chance to better ourselves and each other, a place to learn and explore something new. Is your and your chapter's adventurous spirit still alive? We should be striving to be constantly learning and improving, taking the chance to trying something new, spending time out of your comfort zone.

You could also inspire other sisters outside of your chapter by recording your adventures in your minutes. You may have tried something new, had a great idea or read about someone inspiring, but why keep it within your chapter? Share it! Make it grow! You never know what could happen, you could belong to something bigger and better than you ever thought.

When you record all the exciting and not so exciting things in your minutes, it helps us on the Province Board know how you as a chapter are doing. We do read your minutes, please email them to us. They are your chapter's history. If written correctly, it gives you, and us, insight on how your chapter is doing. Let those who read your history, have the opportunity to belong also. We belong to something great, share it!

In sisterly love,  
Tammy Cocannouer, Province Recording Secretary

## ELECTRA PROVINCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Greetings Dear Electra Sisters.

And we are off to a New Year – 2023

I'm off on the topic of communication.

The other day I was reminiscing about when the year 2000 was about to be celebrated. How fear resonated amidst the world; how the world would shut down without electronic; how all that data would be lost; how we were to print out copies of all that data. How could we possibly function! The world would end! Now, I think we would like for some of that information to be lost.!

Do you think we should do away with electronics and go back to using paper? Electronic communications definitely has expedited information but has eliminated a person connections.

I still feel some of us fear the using electronics – especially the fear of losing privacy & security. I still like to have a hard copy of important information.

I know some members do not go to the DTC website or use Facebook to gather sorority information and news and may feel excluded or uninformed. It is for that reason I am making a plea to the Province and National officers to ***communicate important and relevant information to our sisters with an email, letter or by phone. Thank you.***

Also, when information is received, it would be nice to get an acknowledgement from the recipient.

As the Corresponding Sec. I continue to update/add/delete membership information. I send cards/ notices/letters as requested and sometime 'just do.'

I wish you all a Blessed and Happy New Year and a very Happy Valentine's Day.

Fraternally,



KS Alpha Janelle Clark  
EP Corr. Sec.

## **ELECTRA PROVINCE TREASURER**

Electra Province Treasurer:

Sisters,

Thank you yet another opportunity to serve as your treasurer. I appreciate your confidence in me. I would like to thank all chapters for submitting their dues in such a timely manner this year. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our Electra Province Treasury.

Respectfully,

Cathie Barber  
Electra Province Treasurer

## **ELECTRA PROVINCE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**

Teresa Carter has been very busy with getting ready for the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City, MO, in June!

## **ELECTRA PROVINCE NATIONAL TRUSTEE**

Electra National Trustee Report  
Cheryl Neeley, MO Delta

Dear Electra Province Sisters:

I'm not sure who may need to hear this, but I feel compelled to share this. Now that the Holidays are behind us and we have a New Year ahead of us, now is the time to decide, if you haven't already, what you would like to accomplish this year. Whether your goals will be focusing on personal and/or professional growth or within our Sisterhood, I wish you strength, courage, and determination to meet your goals and aspirations. Remember not to overwhelm yourself, focus on one objective at a time, baby steps if need be. Steady and slow is better than pushing too hard too fast. Keep a journal so you can record your progress, find positive quotes or inspirational pictures to add to your journal. Be patient with yourself and your progress, keep it positive (or try to find the brighter side when things don't go quite like you had hoped), stay the course, be good to yourself, and believe. I believe in you, and you are not alone!

As you may know, this is my last year as Electra Province Trustee. I can't believe it is almost four years already! I have been proud to serve my Sisters and hope I have done justice with the trust and support you have given me. Thank You to those who have helped along the way. I'm looking forward to representing Electra Province this Spring by visiting with our Celaeno Sisters and attending their Spring Board meeting.

In the meantime, I will be busy completing my duties as National Chair for Literacy and Community Benefits, as well as the National History Book. I would encourage everyone to submit a Literacy Reporting form reporting the many ways you and your chapter have supported literacy and your communities since last National Convention. And please don't forget to review the guidelines for submitting a nomination for the Crystal Flame Award. The guidelines and nomination form, as well as the Literacy Reporting, for can be found on the Website.

I hope you visit the Website often and stay informed with upcoming events and the useful resources and information that can help keep your chapter informed. Have you noticed the new DTC Book Club link to find the latest book to be presented for the month of February? Have you submitted current pictures to National Trustee Linda Colton for uploading to the Website? Have you recently changed your email address or contact information? If yes, have you submitted your new information to our NEST so her records can be up-to-date?



One of the goals I hope you have set for yourself is to attend National Convention right here in Kansas City June 23-25, 2023. Registration packets will be available very soon! So if you haven't already marked your calendar to be in Kansas City in June, please do so.

I look forward to joining our Electra Province Board for their Mid-Year meeting this weekend. A big Thank You to our Leadership Team for all they do as they continue to Hold High the Torch!

Fraternally with Sisterly Love,

Cheryl Neeley  
Electra Province Trustee

## **ELECTRA PROVINCE SCHOLARSHIP TREASURER**

Electra Province Scholarship Treasurer:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions at Conclave towards the Electra Province Scholarship fund. As many of you may know, the market has not been doing that well, so we appreciate all your donations.

Keep in mind that if you would like to honor the sister that "has everything" for her birthday, a donation to the Electra Province Scholarship Fund is always a nice way to say, "Thinking of you, Sister!"

Also, do not forget that the deadline for submissions for the Electra Province Scholarship is just a little over a month away. I believe the documentation that went out to representatives was slightly out of date and I apologize for that. This scholarship that we will be awarding is for the 2023-2024 academic year. We will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$2,600 each. So let's give the Scholarship Committee something to review!

Respectfully,

Cathie Barber

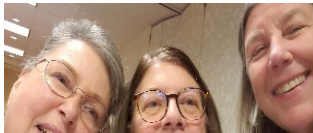
Electra Province Scholarship Treasurer/Committee Chair

## KANSAS ALPHA CHAPTER

January 2023

September 2022 through January 2023 KS Alpha have Chapter meetings and social events each month. We eat, play, learn, celebrate birthdays and tell stories.

A few of us attended the October Electra Province Conclave hosted by KS Beta Chapter in Wichita, KS. The event was well attended and provided us with lots of 'Sister' time and entertainment.



L to R: KS Alpha Sisters  
Karen Swogger,



Back: KS Kappa  
Candace Moore  
Front: KS Alpha  
Janelle Clark

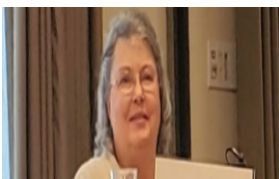


L to R: KS Alpha Janelle Clark,  
CA Omicron Rebecca Rowan



Electra  
Province  
Educ.  
Director  
Karen

Marsh did an excellent job hosting as the emcee for the Electra Province Chapter skits.



Karen Swogger gave an interesting and historical report on Margaret Hill McCarter, American teacher and prolific Topeka novelist, who became well known for her novels set against a background of KS Prairies.

KS Alpha Maire Beuchat, Dorothy Jones and Margorie Strouts were conferred Life Membership in Delta Theta Chi. These Sisters have been invaluable members of our chapter for many years, collectively 125 years



KS

Marie Beuchat - 59 years



L to R: Marjorie Strouts -22 years  
Dorothy Jones – 44 years

Several  
Alpha  
Sisters  
have been  
events

attending educational programs and social provided by Topeka Bible Fellowship Church and Susanna Wesley UMC. The Topeka Women Club provides educational programs for which we are welcome to attend.



V. Kay Foster sings with the Shawnee Choral Society. They performed a Christmas Concert at Washburn University – free will donations accepted.

Some sisters took in the Christmas lights throughout the Topeka area



– especially the Topeka Zoo Lights.



We had fun decorating our own homes and helping family refurbish antiques. Hiding behind the snowman is Angela Sester, daughter of Janelle Clark. Can't tell you for sure how many lights were restrung



The KS Alpha Sisters wish you a Blessed and Beautiful New Year



L to R: Karen Marsh, Kay Grant Patricia Glidewel, V.Kay Foster, Janelle Clark, Karen Swogger



Happy Valentine's Day



## KANSAS BETA CHAPTER

### Winter Pleiad News – KS Beta

After recovering from holding Electra Province Conclave in October, 2022, the Kansas Beta's have been on re-boot mode from late October to the first of January. Right before the holidays Brenda Thompson moved to a new home. We all attended a great meeting at her new home where her daughter, our new little sister Holly Oetting gave a great presentation on Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Her art is so distinctive, as was she. This is where we learned several sisters had never heard of "funeral potatoes." So, in December we held our Christmas get together at the home of Trish Schmidt. She made amazing lasagna from her mother's recipe and Teresa brought a big dish of "Funeral potatoes." They don't really go together - but how cares!!! Gracene Sims was able to join us and we consumed more food and more wine than we probably should have!

The chapter also did two Christmas projects. We adopted two elderly residents of the Cerebral Palsy home. The low income, disabled residents provide a list of items they need and the chapter buys as many items as they can to give them a great Christmas. Often the residents put items like candy, cookies and even one year even toilet paper on their list. The staff often has to add to the list items the residents needs but are too shy to ask for. This is always a fund project. The second project was to provide toys, for all ages, to the St. Anthony Family shelter. They ask for new unwrapped toys that the residents can choose from to give their children. This year the chapter worked hard to include all age groups, infant to teenagers and to provide culturally diverse toys. This too was a great project.

Now on to 2023. The Chapter, under the direction of National Convention Co-Chair is gearing up to finish getting everything ready for National Convention in June. Watch for registration out soon!

Holly Oetting giving her presentation



## **KANSAS KAPPA CHAPTER**

The Kansas Kappas have been traveling, working, zooming, and trying to stay warm these last few months. As spring arrives, the Kappas have lot of plans. Some of these are: local theatre performances, baseball game, and attending national convention in KC in June. We are looking forward to the rest of our sorority year.



## MISSOURI DELTA CHAPTER

The Missouri Delta chapter and DTC Guys gathered together at one of our favorite local restaurants for a Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship. We all agreed that we have many blessings and are thankful for each and every one. Our chapter has been busy finalizing plans for the tours to be offered for National Convention. We hope you enjoy the options we have provided and look forward to receiving your choices!

We are sure that you were just as busy as we were in December, so we decided to wait until January to get together. Most of us were able to meet this week to celebrate each other and have some fun Sister time start off the New Year!

Our chapter does not have regular meetings November thru February, so we are looking forward to starting our regular meetings the first of March, which will include celebrating our 87th Founder's Day! If you're trying to do the math, we were founded March 22, 1936. Details will be forthcoming about our celebration luncheon.

Wishing all of our Sisters everywhere good health, prosperity, quality time spent with family, friends, and Sisters, and many fun adventures in this New Year. Hold High the Torch!

In Sisterly Love,  
Missouri Delta Chapter



## **NEBRASKA ETA CHAPTER**

We have been busy spending some much needed time enjoying Disney World! We hope you all have had a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year too!



## **NEBRASKA ZETA CHAPTER**

Greetings from the Nebraska Zeta Chapter,

We hope all of our DTC sisters had a blessed holiday season. The Zetas celebrated with our Annual Christmas party at the “Bravo Italian Kitchen”. We had a great evening of fun, fellowship and food. Members brought children’s books to donate to a local elementary school. We concluded the evening with a gift exchange.

The Zetas do not have scheduled meetings in January, but we do have an annual brunch to keep in touch and share the latest news with our sisters. This year it was held at the “Early Bird” restaurant located at the Shadow Ridge shopping center.

The first Saturday in February the Zetas will meet for brunch at the “Summer Kitchen” restaurant in LaVista. For our program each member will be asked to share what they are currently reading or the best movie they have seen in the last few months. Our monthly business meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

The Zeta Chapter continues to work on plans for the 2023 Conclave to be held this October here in Omaha. We hope that many of our Electra Province sisters are planning to attend. Look for additional information about Conclave to be given to all Chapters in the upcoming months.

We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Lift High the Torch!

Diana Allen-Lewis, Secretary

Nebraska Zeta Chapter

