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**“NON PROGREDI EST REGREDI”**  
**“ NO PROGRESSION IS RETROGRESSION”**



# Delta Theta Chi Sorority

A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN

January 31, 2023

Dear Taygeta Sisters,

Time sure is flying – almost February 1<sup>st</sup> – where did it go? I trust you each had wonderful holiday time with family and friends. It's nice and warm today when last week we were freezing! Nevertheless, we have survived and are counting our blessings. I pray each one of you are doing well and have survived winter thus far.

I have been working on Spring Board with the help of Sandy Mayfield as she now resides in Wichita Falls, Texas. It was determined during our 2023 Fall Province Convention that many of you enjoy attending Spring Board and fellowshipping with your fellow sisters. Even when the turnout is low, we all have a fabulous visit – who doesn't love hugs from a dear sister! Your Taygeta Board discussed our options – opened or closed? We decided "Open Board" as one of our convention sessions indicated this was your preference. So, we have decided to give Wichita Falls a try. This decision will hopefully allow more to attend since the drive is not in the past (plus it is not a National Convention Year). We will try to secure adequate hotel accommodation for those who want to make a weekend of it. Further information to follow in a few weeks.

I have also been studying the Constitution and By Laws – each time I go through them I gain more knowledge and I am more aware of how our sorority is run. I appreciate your patience and understanding with my growing pains. I also appreciate any advice you might have to offer. I will be conducting a Zoom meeting each quarter with the Province Board to discuss any issues or concerns. Please email or call if you have any issues or concerns you would like the Board to discuss.

I challenge each Chapter to find just one new sister to add to our sorority. Sorority sisters are such a blessing! I cherish each of my sweet sisters and will be looking forward to our time at Spring Board.

In Sisterly love,

## June Butler

June Butler  
Taygeta Province President

## OKLAHOMA ALPHA

2023 was a great year for socials that allowed us to enjoy each other's company and just visit with one another. The socials included a salad supper where each sister prepared a delicious dish along with a Christmas party hosted by Susan Yeilding and a black-eyed peas New Years Day celebration at the home of Marlene Penn. In 2024, we are all looking forward in several more get togethers to finish out the year.

Our year was filled with some very informative educational programs, from book reviews to Social Security fraud and how to look out for it. Also, several programs about Extraordinary Women who have changed history, per our national outline.

Our Civic project was focused on Lisa Bain Ministries. Along with our budgeted donation and items we collected for struggling veterans for Christmas the ministry distributed for us. Another charity dear to our hearts is Clarehouse, a local hospice. From their daily needs list, we collected items to give to them. Our Literacy focused us on Ben Miner, a local band teacher. He has students that we supply snacks and donated pizzas for their end of year concert in 2023. It was a pleasure meeting the kids and we enjoyed listening to them play. A donation was given to Ben as well. He is the grandson of our sister Linda Miner. We say he has many grandmothers now.

In 2024 we have much to do...

We are in full swing getting ready for the Taygeta Convention; we hope you all can attend. Don't forget the dates October 25th-27<sup>th</sup> at Stoney Creek Hotel in Broken Arrow. More information will follow.

Submitted by  
Judy Stone  
OK Alpha  
Pleiad Reporter

TAYGETA PROVINCE SPRING PLEIAD 2024  
OKLAHOMA BETA CHAPTER

Look what we're doing,  
look where we've been.  
Hang on tight Sisters, there's  
more coming in!

We've had some fun Socials so far this year, with many more to come. We chose to have each Social hosted by a different officer and help each other out when needed.

Our Special Events during 2023-2024 included Literacy Projects, Civic Projects and the Taygeta Province Convention. For Literacy, we donated books and money to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries for their "My First Library Program", to the Bethany Children's Center and Citizen's Caring for Children. Our Civic Projects included donations of toiletry items to the YWCA Women's Shelter, coats & socks to Citizens Caring for Children, and socks and backpacks to Bethany Children's Center. Preparing for, and hosting, the Taygeta Convention was high on the list, and we pulled it off with success. An 'adventurous' time was had by all!

Our Educational Programs consisted of making decorations for the Convention, a movie and lunch date and a New Year Resolutions program. Coming up, we have two book reviews, a wine and craft fair, and hope to visit New Song Mission/Bakery.

We have **three** fund raisers this year! Get your plant and flower orders in for our Spring Annual Flower Sale! Come one, come all to our Garage Sale in the Fall! Our final fundraiser is a tasty surprise, we hope to be able to offer to you in the Fall. As you can see, we are a busy group and invite you to participate in the fun!

In Sisterly Love,  
Carol Hanson and Wilma Cabaniss  
Pleiad Committee

## OKLAHOMA EPSILON

Our first activity of 2024 was a sad affair. We gathered with our Sisters to bid farewell to Marge Washam who passed into heaven on January 28, 2024, after a long hard battle with ovarian cancer. Marge's celebration of life was beautiful with music and stories from family and friends.

We have gathered gift items for the women of the Oklahoma City YMCA. We brought make-up bags, hand bags, hair care, personal care items, etc. to a delightful planning meeting on February 1st. We enjoyed a wonderful baked potato buffet at the meeting.

We're planning a tea party, margarita night, and a painting party at a local experience called Paint Your Art Out.

We plan to attend a musical at Armstrong Auditorium.

We have postponed Enchilada creation day until further notice.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Sweaney  
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## OKLAHOMA KAPPA

The theme for OK Kappa's meetings this year is "Mama's Family". Our goal is to get to know a little more about each other and the changes in our lives. Each sister tells a little about her family at the meeting she is hosting. We have new additions, empty nesters, grandparents, and new relationships. There is still so much to learn and love about each other.

Keri Garon, Courtney Jenckes, and Lindsay Ragsdale attended province convention for some adventure with OK Beta, in October. It was a fabulous time with all of our Taygeta sisters, as always.

In December, we met at Melanie Swadley's home to celebrate each other and bring the gifts for the family we adopted through the Bethel Foundation. We look forward to learning and loving each other more in this new year and beyond.

Submitted By  
Lindsay Ragsdale

**Taygeta Province Pleiad 2024**  
**Oklahoma Zeta Chapter**

The Oklahoma Zeta chapter has had its share of serious health scares and concerns of all types placed on nearly all our sisters this year. Yet, we managed to regularly meet twice a month, and the meetings were well attended. We always enjoyed being together.

Some of our educational included the following:

Bobbie Jones gave an educational on the clever “There’s a Lot I like About Thanksgiving.” Other educational included a bio on Tina Turner, a wonderful Cuppa Tea (tea and cream) sponsored by Oklahoma Kappa’s Keri Geron complete with a fascinating history and tasty scones with a variety of toppings and teas, etc. Vicki Cramer presented an educational on a tour through the Mediterranean featuring photos of artwork by Picasso, architecture, etc. Plans to tour Hobby Lobby’s Museum of the Bible are underway as well as book reviews, etc.

Oklahoma Zeta socials included meeting at the Round Barn in Arcadia for a photo op wearing gray T-shirts with “Fabulous and 50” scrolled across the fronts to celebrate our chapter’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. After taking pictures, we then drove to the Chicken Shack nearby and dined on southern comfort foods.

We also celebrated Fall Social in the home of Becky Kueffer with a tea party.

The Zeta sisters met at the Pepperoni Grill in Edmond for our Thanksgiving Social. After dinner and meeting, some of the sisters went to nearby Mitch Park, known for its three-dimensional Christmas lights, to view the beautiful, festive displays over bridges and on trees and sidewalks.

A Christmas party was held at Jeanne Reid’s house. We played Drunken Dirty Santa in a liquor exchange (hey, each of us had so many Christmas decorations already, we wanted to try something new). Fortunately, there were no cat fights in the booze battle or bloody stumps left behind. However, there may be bourbon balls dancing in our heads in the future. We followed with our annual Secret Sister reveal and opened gifts.

We also collected Christmas money for our adopted family. A thank you note from the family was read, and the family’s gratitude delighted all of us. Additionally, hand knitted scarves crafted by a 95-year-old Ms. Roberts were donated and distributed to Pre-K children at Hawthorn Elementary School for Christmas.

We continue to meet to pursue ideas regarding civic/community benefits, literacy, fundraisers and ways to increase membership. A rush this spring is planned, and it is our hope to add new sisters.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Kitchen, President  
Oklahoma Zeta Chapter



## Texas BETA Buzz

What a hot summer we Texas sisters experienced, as well as some of our sisters in neighboring states! Then we had no sooner made it through the holidays, and the weather dipped into the low teens, defying us to complain about the scorching summer we had just come through! Nevertheless, Texas Beta has busied themselves to stay on course with business meetings and social events through it all!

We met for our Christmas Social at June's home and did an ornament exchange. Our youngest member, Jolene Myers, completed her associate degree at Tarrant College and is currently weighing her options for her next school. Our crafty ladies, June and Patti, are bouncing ideas off each other for some novel items to make and sell at our Province Convention later this year. The two of them are also looking for a tearoom, or similar venue, to have our RUSH in the next few months. Sandy has been assigned the task of canvassing hotels for the upcoming Spring Board meeting in Wichita Falls April 27-28. If you haven't made plans to attend yet, please put it on your calendar, so you don't book another event the same weekend! TX Beta is coordinating with Carol, who donates her time working with the school district in Cross Plains to assist needy students with backpacks and school supplies for the upcoming school year.

Submitted by  
Sandy Mayfield

## Texas Nu:

I am thrilled to share that our Texas Nu sisterhood continues to thrive. Our commitment to fostering unity, leadership, and sisterly bonds remains unwavering. Our recent events have been both enjoyable and purposeful. We celebrated our 79th Founder's Day at a local restaurant where we learned lots of tidbits about Delta Theta Chi, perused Texas Nu yearbooks from the past 50 years and enjoyed each sister's stories. Also, we have collected books for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinic WEE Read. This program utilizes age appropriate books, songs, and various activities like crafts and sensory experiences to support early literacy for ages 12 months-3 years. Texas Nu also baked and sold goodies at a Holiday Extravaganza at the Community Christian Church which raised over \$20,000 for our local Meals on Wheels. Many members and guests celebrated the holiday season together with entertainment provided by Lubbock High School Chamber Orchestra. Our sisters have also fellowshiped together at the Women's Health Seminar sponsored by the Inside Out Foundation. This great event provided a wonderful breakfast, style show, useful health information, and vendor shopping. Game Night was also a big hit with some Left Right Center as well as some fun BINGO with prizes. Texas Nu continues to create memorable moments that strengthen our bonds and contribute positively to our community. We are looking forward to our upcoming Pledge Supper in hopes of gaining many more sisters for Texas Nu

Melissa Arney  
Texas Nu Pleiad Reporter





## 2024 Texas Zeta Pleiad

Texas Zeta's theme this year is "Fabulous Sisterhood" and we celebrated our own sisters and some "sisters" in history. We think of those less fortunate than ourselves with contributions that include socks, blankets, peanut butter, staple food items and gift cards to stuff in Christmas Stockings! And always enjoy our monthly meetings and socials.

A special treat this year, keeping with our theme, "Fabulous Me" was a presentation by Jenny Davidson about Native American women and her tribal traditions. She is proud of her heritage and shared with us some of the Pow-Wow meetings, explaining the rich cultural symbolisms. Among her most treasured possessions are two beautiful ceremonial dresses hand made by her that are artistically covered in beadwork with matching head-dress. Connie Crow did a program to affirm that "Grateful Hearts and Giving Back" just feels good. We tested our music trivia with "Music Bingo", a fun filled twist of BINGO MC'ed by Kay Dungan. "Life is about change" is an all too true reflection for all of us and Kay Dungan did a wonderful job in her presentation. Our Annual Christmas Party was hosted by Giedra and John Brittigan in their Christmas wonderland home. Dennis Hetzendorfer, Patty's musical husband played the accordion while we sang Christmas songs. Darlene Meineke and Dona Wallace did a lovely program on "Fabulous Christmas Hope & Peace".

We look forward to more great times this year and look forward to encourage more women to become our DTC Sister.

Submitted By  
Patti Hetzendorfer