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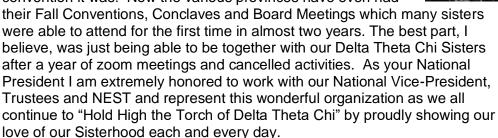
*Winter 2021* 

# "Sister Restart - Moving Forward During Trying Times"

National President Kathy Warden California ETA

My dear DTC Sisters,

It is hard to believe that it has been about six months since our National Convention in South Bend, Indiana. And what a great convention it was! Now the various provinces have even had



As we look to the end of 2021, many of us have much to ponder. We all have blessings we have received over the past year as well as some losses and challenges, I am sure. Whatever our circumstances may be, it is important to continue looking forward to each new day that is given to us and be thankful for what we have. Always remember that "Non Progredi Est Regredi."

I know that most of our chapters have been able to resume in-person meetings, fundraisers and social activities. Please, however, do not forget all that we learned about staying connected through the use of zoom, emails and good old-fashioned phone calls. I know the technology can be a bit challenging and time-consuming for some of us, but it definitely provides a way for sisters who may be at a distance or with health issues to be able to participate along with everyone else. Please just keep this in mind as you proceed into 2022.

Now that we are approaching this next year, my hope for everyone is that you have been taking some time indulging in sweet treats and good music, giving thanks for your many blessings, and celebrating the joyous season as well as the coming of this new year with your family and friends. Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay safe as we hopefully get to the other side of this pandemic challenge.

Remember to always keep in mind why <u>you</u> joined Delta Theta Chi and share your love of our Sisterhood with others around you. We may be just the connection they need and that is the way we can ensure our Sorority will thrive and keep on growing.

In Sisterly Love,
Kathy Warden (CA Eta)
National President 2021-23



# National Vice President Connie Cripe Indiana Gamma

Greetings Sisters,

Wow, Talk about a Sister Restart!! October was full of opportunities for all of our Delta Theta Chi Sisters to get recharged for a new year of Delta Theta Chi Sorority. I was fortunate to be able to attend Celaeno Province's Fall Fling, Electra Province's Renew, Refresh & Celebrate Sisterhood and Taygeta Province's Return to Elegance. Regrettably, I was unable to attend Alcyone's Sisterhood in the Pines. It truly was a month of Sister Time and Fun. As we look forward, cooler temperatures are here and holiday events are quickly approaching; I ask each of you to consider who you would like to invite to go on this journey with you? Who do you know that needs time for their own selfcare, cultural growth and could benefit from the friendship, adventures, and love of other women to support them as they live out their story in life? Let's reach out to those around us to add a new chapter in their own life story. I know my story wouldn't be complete without my Delta Theta Chi Sisters. Again, the holidays will be here before we know it, so be present with those around you, soak up all the time you have to be together, look for ways to bless others and don't spend time worrying about presents.

In Sisterly Love,
Connie Cripe
National Vice President 2021-23

# NATIONAL TRUSTEES

Alcyone Province Trustee - Linda Colton, California Eta



Dear Sisters,

Hard to believe that Fall is here and Winter is fast approaching! Decorations in the stores have gone from Halloween directly to Christmas...not sure why that is!

I am honored to continue to serve as your Alcyone Province Trustee for the next two years. Our President Kathy Warden assigned the *Pleiad Committee and the National Website Committee* to chair until our next National Convention in 2023. Working on newsletters is something I have done in the past for other organizations, and even though it's a lot of work, I was glad to be asked to chair this committee. And our website is continually being updated so that keeps me hopping also, receiving and sending new information to our webmaven.

I was happy to attend our last National Convention in South Bend, Indiana and to see lots of sisters that only get together every two years. The convention was wonderful and I know everyone had a great time. In October, I attended our Alcyone Province Convention in Cambria, and was delighted to see forty sisters share our special friendship. Also in October I attended Taygeta's Convention in Oklahoma City...seems like I'm keeping the airlines in business traveling from Oregon to all these wonderful events! Taygeta's Convention never disappoints me!

Wishing all my Sisters a Happy Holiday Season!

In Sisterly Love,
Linda Colton
Alcyone Province National Trustee
2021-2023 National Pleiad Committee/Website Committee Chair

### Celaeno Province Trustee – Dorothy O'Harris, Indiana Alpha



Dear Sisters,

I am so excited to join the NEC to represent Celaeno Province and work with all these lovely sisters. I know we all will be happy to go to your Conventions/Conclaves and Fall Boards and "get started" seeing all our sisters again. Let's make 2022 one fantastic year by getting started with new members. Which Province do you think will gain the most?

I am your chair of Constitutions and Bylaws, so I am asking you to read your manuals and begin sending any changes you want to see happen now to your province committee member.

I will be seeing each province sisters at least once, or maybe more if anyone can begin a new chapter. Happy Holidays!

In Sisterly Love,
Dorothy O'Harris
Celaeno Trustee
2021-2023 National Constitution & Bylaws Chair



Electra Province Trustee - Cheryl Neeley, Missouri Delta

Dear Sisters.

Thank you to our Celaeno Sisters for a fabulous National Convention in South Bend, Indiana in June., and for all of your hard work behind the scenes to provide a fun-filled weekend celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year of Sisterhood.

October was a busy traveling month. The first adventure was to Kokomo, Indiana to join our Celaeno Sisters for their festive Fall Board meeting. Then off to Topeka, Kansas the next weekend to join my Electra Province Sisters for Conclave. We were excited to welcome new Electra Province Sister Paula Kohrt. Congratulations Mariah Kohrt (Big Sister) and welcome to Delta Theta Chi Paula (Little Sister and Mother of Mariah Kohrt). Then one more fun adventure to Oklahoma City, OK to join our Taygeta Sisters for a "Weekend of Elegance". It was exciting to have Zina Brown and her husband Victor from the TX Gamma chapter. Sadly, due to airline difficulties, several TX Gamma Sisters were not able to join us. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing our TX Gamma Sisters next time. Thank you to the OK Epsilon chapter for a fun-filled weekend of 'Elegance' and Sisterhood. Thank you for the many courtesies extended to me during my travels. I was disappointed not to be able to spend time with our Alcyone Sisters, but haven't discovered how to be in two different places at the same time. Hopefully next time!

I have been appointed to serve as Chair of the Literacy/Community Benefits Committee and the History Book Committee. Literacy/Community Benefits: DTC needs your help. Sadly there has been a steady decline in participation of Literacy and Community Benefit efforts over the last few years. The number of reporting periods have changed from twice a year to once a year. The **first reporting period** will cover September 1, 2021 thru April 1, 2022 with an April 15, 2022 reporting deadline. The **second reporting period** will cover September 1, 2022 thru April 1, 2023 with an April 15, 2023 reporting deadline. An updated reporting form will soon be uploaded to the Website. Please send your completed reports to your Province National Representative. As Literacy Chair, I will be sending out a quarterly Literacy Newsletter separate from my Trustee reports in the National Pleiad. Feel free to send me suggestions to include in the newsletter. You never know ... your suggestion could spark a creative idea for someone else that would benefit their community. Look in this issue of the Pleiad for an exciting Literacy opportunity and announcement!!

<u>History Book Committee</u>: Please remember to share pictures of your Chapter and Province events by emailing them to your Province National History Book Representative, confirming names of individuals in the pictures (with their permission) and what type of event it was. Having just celebrated Province Conventions and Conclave, now would be an excellent time to send pictures from these events. Hold High the Torch!

In Sisterly Love,

Cheryl

Cheryl Neeley, Electra Province Trustee 2021-2023 National Literacy/Community Benefits and History Book Chair

# Sterope Province Trustee – Karen Kammer, Ohio Mu



Dear Sisters.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Let's do a "Sister Restart" as we move forward during these trying times! Every year as this time approaches, we reflect on the many blessings we have been given. We truly have so much to be thankful for. Each of us share a beautiful relationship with our DTC sisters. Reflect on why you became a member of Delta Theta Chi and pass it on to someone new or reach out to a sister from the past and ask her to "restart" her membership. Let us come together as we move forward during these trying times.

Remember to share information about our National Scholarships. This is such a great opportunity to help students achieve their goal and prepare for their future. Let us help show them the way. Remember to "Hold High the Torch".

In Sisterly Love,
Karen Kammer
Sterope Trustee
2021-2023 National Scholarship Chair



Taygeta Province Trustee – Becky Cooper, Oklahoma Epsilon

To all my DTC Sisters:

It has been a whirlwind these past 4 months since National Convention. O my, I do wonder where the time has gone.

I have been enjoying my time as Taygeta Trustee even as I am learning the duties of my office.

I have attended Electra's Conclave and a week later was chairman of Taygete's Convention. I want to say thanks for the support from Taygeta sisters. What a turnout.

I truly hope 2022 brings Delta Theta Chi many new members into our Sisterhood... Let's Grow DTC! Have a blessed and safe holiday!

Hold High the Torch!

Becky Cooper
Taygeta Province Trustee
2021-2023 National Education Committee Chair

# National Executive Secretary-Treasurer - N.E.S.T. - Cindi Cook, Kansas Beta



#### Sisters:

What a whirlwind of activity thus far this fall! So very glad that I was able to attend Electra Province Conclave in Topeka, KS hosted by Kansas Alpha chapter and Taygeta Province Convention in OK City hosted by Oklahoma Epsilon chapter. Fun times and lots of great sisters, who could ask for anything more?!

I am here to help you, my sisters in any way I can, so please do not hesitate to reach out. A lot of information can be found on our new website so please check there as well.

In Sisterly Love, Cindi Cook NEST

# PROVINCE CHAPTER NEWS

Alcyone Province
President Cheryl Zarins, WA Alpha

#### California Alpha

CA Alpha came home from Cambria with 2nd place award for the Achievement Skits! That hasn't happened in over a decade back when Big Sister Ardis Underwood was our creative star. Thanks to CA Omicron's Rebecca Rowan's 300 plus photos, everyone can see our 100year anniversary celebration of sisterhood. And I came home with the grand prize of the opportunity baskets: the specially designed sterling silver "Hold High the Torch" necklace designed by CA Omicron's Liz Sabo. For many years my convention roommate had been Carol Hill Olmstead. She did not come out of the pandemic in good health. She and Mary Miller have decided to disband CA Rho. Their chapter's 85-year legacy will continue with the funding of a scholarship. The runner-up to the Marie Miller Graham scholarship will be awarded \$500 from the re-named Marie Miller Graham/Sue Drelinger Memorial Scholarship.

Respectfully submitted, Julie D'Onofrio, President

#### **California Epsilon**

CA Epsilon rolls along. We are dancing, traveling, working, and having grandchildren. [Not Carol Ann.] Debbie had her 10th grandchild, and she is a wonderful grandma. Connie is the dancer, Kathy the traveling sister, and Sally and Jeanette are the worker bees. Marylee and I keep the home fires burning. We are so looking forward to our convention, and are so proud to have Marsha Richardson, Connie Davis, and Marylee Deeds be honored for their 50 years in DTC.

Respectfully submitted, Carolann Moyes, President

> Marylee Deeds (with daughter Janette) Celebrating 50 years in DTC!!



#### **California Eta**

ZOOM...ZOOM...ZOOM!!

Wow! As the old saying goes: Time flies when you're having fun!

This sorority year, CA Eta Chapter's emphasis has been on together time...for in- person and Zoom meetings. Time spent with our sisters is treasured time...so we do whatever works to get together for our monthly meetings.

During the past year, Eta sisters Val Schempp and Kathy Warden, convention co-chairs, stayed very busy orchestrating plans and completing tasks to make Alcyone's fall convention a reality. A true team effort, this year's fall convention came together with every chapter contributing time and talent to produce and host the events of the weekend.

Eleven CA Eta sisters attended fall convention in beautiful Cambria, CA...enjoyed participating in the Achievement Skit Contest, offering music selections from the 1970's and 1990's...and played various roles in the inspiring *Ritual of Initiation*.

And all the while, Eta sisters have been having a joyful time watching Peyton Raeann (daughter of Melody & Joshua James) smile...and grow as time flies by.

ZOOM...ZOOM...ZOOM!!...indeed!

Respectfully submitted, Alyson Stiles, President

Val Schempp and Linda Colton celebrating after Province Convention!



#### California lota

lota chapter is looking forward to our convention in Cambria this year and getting together with our sisters. In September, we got together at Joyce Miller's and had lunch and a meeting on up--and-coming events. We look forward to this new sorority year and what wonderful things it will bring our way.

Respectfully submitted, Lana Duckett, President

#### **California Omicron**

California Omicron celebrated being back in person with summer 2021 Installation of Officers and Reinstatement Ceremony for Omicron sisters Rhonda and Tawny held at the home of Nancy Newman. We also had a garage sale at Nancy's home, and a social outing to the Del Mar Races. We started our monthly social/business/educational meetings in September with one in-person meeting and one Zoom meeting per month. Our philanthropy project continues to be supporting the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition, which combats human trafficking, and our literacy project continues to be purchasing books for a local elementary school and donating books to the local VA Hospital. We continue to recycle cans and bottles to support our annual scholarship to the UCSD School of Medicine. We look forward to the holidays, and as we write this Omicron sisters are attending Alcyone Province Convention in Cambria, California. All our Best Wishes to our Delta Theta Chi sisters around the country.

Respectfully submitted, Pam Hirning, President



Reinstatement Ceremony: Tawny Johnson, Pam Ricci, Rhonda Malberger, Nadine Daleo

#### Garage Sale Clockwise: Ruthi Enyeart, Susie Powell, Pam Hirning, Nancy Newman, Barbara Barefield



#### California Sigma

Unfortunately, CA Sigma is again a "Special" Chapter but we are still involved in Province and National activities.

Sister Sandy has agreed to be on the National Pleiad Committee as Alcyone Province Representative and Sister Bobbi will again be busy getting the National Memorial Scholarship material out to the high schools in the Riverside area. She will also serve on the Province Scholarship committee. Scholarships and helping deserving individuals receive an education is a real mission of hers.

Sister Anna and her cat Peaches are now residing in an assisted living facility in Riverside and loving it so far. They would enjoy hearing from our Delta Theta Chi Sisters at: Anna Vela, 5265 Chapala Dr # 208, Riverside, CA 92507. Phone: (951) 481-6826.

SENDING WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL AND BLESSED HOLIDAY SEASON AND THE NEW YEAR to all of our Delta Theta Chi Sisters.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbi Meyer, President

#### **Washington Alpha**

Washington Alpha is <u>definitely</u> moving ahead in 2022/2022! No more Zoom; we are holding our monthly meetings in PERSON!

Shelley Nelson, Cheryl Zarins, Kristine Dundas-Rankin, and Laverne McIntyre are **driving** to our Alcyone Convention and Karen Sorci flying in to meet us.

A few events have been held, and we know the upcoming year is full of hope and love and new start to 2021-2022.

Respectfully submitted, Shelley Nelson, President

Shown on the right are WA Alpha members Mary Cox, Darlene Brown, Cheryl Zarins, Laverne McIntyre, Shelley Nelson, Karen Sorci, and Kristine Dundas-Rankin with the raffle gifts that we each brought to auction off and raise some money for our Chapter (internally) since we couldn't go anywhere!



#### Celaeno Province

President Mandi Zurek, Indiana Lambda

#### **Indiana Alpha**

Our chapter has been stepping ahead to do our own education programs. We donated money to help children in an area school for trips and books. We have our annual 50's Sock Hop Car show where we sell 50/50 tickets for literacy as a fund raiser, at Jellystone RV Park, Pierceton, IN. Awesome antique cars. We went to our Sister Wanda's camp site, and had a delicious meal that she made on the fire. We also told stories about our camping experience, lots of good stories. We will be going to a play in November and have our Christmas Party in December, theme is Christmas Angels. We will have arts and craft night next year. Our Sister Lois will have a report on one of the books she read. We will be celebrating our 37 years in sisterhood.

Rosie Miller IN Alpha Chapter.

#### **Indiana Gamma**

As with everything in life, obstacles are met, but we encounter each by knowing there will be many 'twists' & "turns" and perhaps a "pitfall" or two, but the key is to "NEVER GIVE UP". Gamma Gals remained positive and met these challenges in various ways by taking 'one step at a time' and were not afraid of disappointments along the way.

Sisterly advice and motivation were a BIG help in moving forward in our lives. Our motto could have been: "Hold High the Torch" because we're SISTERS OF DELTA THETA CHI.

Charlene Davis

#### **Indiana Eta**

Sisters in IN ETA are moving forward with having "Sister Time" in person! Planning for future events in sorority; with activities and educational meetings. We are taking advantage of opportunities to share this wonderful organization and what we do; and also using each educational meeting as a Rush Party. Sisters are looking forward to supporting each other in times of need as well as leaning on sisters when necessary. We've learned to be more health conscious and conscious of others' needs. Even though attendance was down at National Convention, we still count it as a successful event, and the start of moving forward through these trying times.

Respectfully Submitted, Ricki Weaver

#### **Indiana Kappa**

IN Kappa ladies are doing a reboot of all things Delta Theta Chi sorority this year. We started this summer with everyone participating in the National Convention festivities. Some went early to the bus tour, some came for the rest of the festivities and some interrupted their work schedules to help with the Saturday night banquet festivities. And we visited and renewed friendships with our other sisters from all over the United States. Once home, we all worked a garage sale, proceeds to the Province Operating Fund. We started our meetings in a park and are working on restarting our relationships with each other and with the community. We are looking forward to having our Holiday Home Tour again. Kappa girls are trying to expand our thinking and recruiting in our goal of growing IN Kappa.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Bowman IN Kappa President

Indiana Lambda Watch for news from Indiana Lambda in the next issue!

<u>Indiana Sigma</u> Watch for news from Indiana Sigma in the next issue!

#### Electra Province

President Teresa Carter, Kansas Beta

#### **Kansas Alpha**

2020 was an unusual year. However, Kansas Alphas persevered. With 2020 Conclave cancelled, we managed to put together a Conclave. Food was provided in the Hospitality House with a Ghost Tour afterwards. Even without Skits, Electra Province members put together fun and informative skits/educational program on the art of branding. They were all excellent. To our surprise, Kansas Alphas were awarded the Past President award for organizing Conclave under difficult circumstances. And our own Pat Glidewell was awarded the 2021 Betty Bielfeldt Award.

Cyndy Hunt

#### **Kansas Beta**

Kansas Beta Restart...

The Kansas Beta chapter was so happy to get back to "normal". The chapter felt they needed to "close" the past year of being apart and only seeing each other by zoom. So, they held a spring meeting where they talked about what the prior year had taught them and toasted to family, friends, and sisters we had lost over the past year. Then we went back into full blown mode!

On March 27<sup>th</sup> we held our Founders Day celebration. In an abundance of caution, it was Kansas Beta Sisters only. But what a great time we had seeing Gracene Sims, Past National President. We used the occasion to plan and upcoming trip to Las Vegas for a much-needed sister trip. And yes we plan to take Gracene along too! The Kanas Betas attended Electra Fall Conclave in Topeka, Kansas October 15-17, 2021. Then a group of Kansas Beta sisters made a trek to Oklahoma City to join our Taygeta sisters for their fall convention October 22-24. What fun times it was to get back to our in-person sister time. And we all got to visit with one of our new Texas Gamma sisters, Zina Brown.

On schedule for the rest of the year are a rush/Christmas party where we will be joined by prospective members and spouses for a murder mystery dinner "Peril at the North Pole". Then we look forward to more fun, more rushing and more sisterhood in 2022.

Teresa Carter
Province President & President KS Beta

4 generations of KS Beta sisters at the Electra Conclave: L to R: Big sister Teresa Carter, Province President; little sister Brenda Thompson, Province VP; her little sister, Cathie Barber, Province Treasurer; and her little sister, Trish Schmidt.



Kansas Kappa Watch for news from Kansas Kappa in the next issue!

#### Missouri Delta

The Missouri Delta chapter celebrated Thanksgiving last week at one of our favorite restaurants at Union Station in Kansas City. We were blessed to have Cathie Barber (KS Beta) and Delta Theta Chi Guy, Mark Neeley join us. We enjoyed being together sharing stories, good food, laughter, and fellowship. So from our chapter to yours, may you all be blessed with family, friends and good health.

Sisterly love, MO Delta Sisters

#### **Nebraska Zeta**

Greetings from the Nebraska Zeta Chapter. We hope that all of our DTC sisters are having a great sorority year and have many educational and fun events planned for the months ahead. We have several activities planned for November and December including donating books to a local school, attending the festival of trees and reading a Christmas novel by Debbie Macomber titled "Dear Santa". We will also have our annual Christmas party.

In sisterly love,

Diana Allen-Lewis, President Nebraska Zeta chapter

#### Nebraska Eta

The Nebraska ETA chapter has been able to meet over Zoom almost all year and just recently started back to meeting in person. Our most recent meeting included our annual pumpkin carving! In addition, we had an almost full turnout of our chapter at Electra Conclave which was great since we initiated our newest member!

Thank you!! Izzy Adcock

Sterope Province
President Karen Kammer, Ohio Mu

#### **Maryland Alpha**

Update from the Maryland Alpha Chapter!

The majority of our members are fully vaccinated and we are staying safe. Please say special Congratulations to the newly engaged Keisha Davis! Petrice Henson and Kris Douglas both got married this year. Termia Jones is celebrating her anniversary November 25! Kris Douglas and Pam Geddis are both enjoying their retirement and their grandkids. Demetria Queen and Kenyona Davis are both super busy at work. Petrice is enjoying working closer to home in Quantico. Sheree Johnson is making really establishing herself in her career. We welcomed a transfer member from the Washington DC Chapter – Kimmie Morgan. As a chapter our community service efforts and face to face meetings have been put on hold. Most of members either have underlying health conditions and/or not very comfortable with having regular meetings. This has been a challenge. Nonetheless we are looking forward to a new norm. We have connected with Texas Gamma and we are looking forward doing some joint meetings, and working on some projects together. We have a tentative schedule for next year where we have quite a few projects on the calendar but we are being cautiously optimistic. Next year will be special – The Maryland Alpha Chapter will be celebrating 10 YEARS!!! What a journey.

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

Termia Jones, President









Termia Jones & Petrice Henson...Kris Douglas & hubby...Kimmie Morgan...Keisha Davis

#### **Ohio MU**

The Ohio Mu Chapter has started to meet on a monthly basis either at a member's home or a local restaurant. We are currently finalizing our Christmas project and are looking forward to the upcoming holiday Sisters Edith, Karen, Michaela and Sharon pray for a better 2022 for all our Delta Theta Chi Sisters.

Hold High the Torch Sharon Osterberger Ohio Mu President

Edith Breidenthal, Michaela Dougherty, Karen Kammer



# Taygeta Province President Becky Kueffer, Oklahoma Zeta

#### Oklahoma Alpha

Judy Stone

#### Oklahoma Beta

Since last we touched base, and with "you know what:" hopefully behind us, we have remained busy and productive. We work hard on our money-making projects in order to raise monies to benefit our communities in need. Upward Transitions is one of our projects for the coming sorority year. Since 1925, when the organization was known as Traveler's Aid, this non-profit organization has been striving to prevent generational poverty by serving families and individuals who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or stranded. The ultimate goal is to assist families and individuals during times of financial devastation so they remain — or can return to being — productive contributors to their community. Traveler's Aid combined with the Best Years Club volunteers to manage the information booths at Will Rogers World Airport. Many Betas volunteered in these information booths for years and feel deep connections to Upward Transitions.

We continue to provide women's toiletries, towels, sheets, clothes and now books for the children and mothers who seek anonymity at the YWCA's Women Shelter. These families are often fleeing from abusive relationships and they are treated with great privacy. Christmas will mean toys for the tots, too.

The former "First Books Program" sponsored by the Oklahoma State Library Association, has been replaced with the "My First Library" as sponsors are providing books to create personal libraries each month to individual students in the Oklahoma City Public School System. This Christmas, Barnes and Noble sponsored a Christmas Book Drive wherein books were provided each individual student at a homeless children's shelter in metropolitan Gift books from Betas Oklahoma City.



Jayke Flaggert

Part of our hard work at money-making projects produces scholarships which are awarded to students studying in the School of Fine Arts. This year we welcome Beth Porter, a lovely young lady majoring in Physical Therapy at the University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to the ranks of our Scholarship kids. She is joined by Jayke Flaggert, a three-time winner of an Oklahoma Beta Scholarship award majoring in Pre-law at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. Watch for Jayke in "the oval office". These winners were honored with a "Tailgate Party" and Scholarship Certificate presentation by Scholarship Chair, Jackie Henderson. Congratulations to these two excellent students!!!

We are extremely proud to announce Oklahoma Beta Chapter signed Susan Reedy, niece of our own Faye Lee Dingler, as a prospective member of our beloved sisterhood. We can't wait for you to meet her!

Five Oklahoma Beta's attended National Convention this past June in South Bend, Indiana, thanks to the generosity of our National Travel Fund, and had a wonderful, enlightening time.

Our fervent wish for all our Sisters is to fare well, be safe and. . .

" May you live as long as you like, and have all that you like as long as you live"...

Your Oklahoma Beta Chapter Reporter, Phyllis Henderson



#### **Oklahoma Delta**

We are excited to be able to complete two of our projects for this year. Jadin Hall was the recipient of a National Memorial Scholarship that our chapter submitted. Meeting her in person was very rewarding as she is an outstanding student and person.

We were able to meet in assembly with first and second graders from Pleasant Vale Elementary School and present them with 65 library books to enhance their interest in reading. Great school and worthy of our support.

Our literacy projects are yet to be determined for the coming year, but we are looking forward to a promising

year with lots of meetings and fun times.

Shirley West Pleiad Editor





#### Oklahoma Epsilon

Dear Sisters,

Whew, we have celebrated Delta Theta Chi's "Golden Anniversary". We members who went to our National Convention in Indianapolis had a wonderful time and now, we are looking forward to hosting our Taygeta Province Convention, "Return to Elegance". We have have been blessed and busy, hustling and bustling, looking forward to seeing our DTC sisters once again. It seems that Autumn is such a soothing season as temps drop and so do the leaves and for some, MANY ACORNS from the Oak trees. Now, that can keep one busy. We hope your Fall and coming seasons are wonderful. We send you our love and may you have many blessings.

Effie Ray, Reporter for Oklahoma Epsilon

#### **Oklahoma Zeta**

The Sisters of OK Zeta continue to move forward in every aspect of sorority. We held our Planning Meeting in August, a Welcome Back Social and our first Educational Program in September. October offered another Educational and then our Fall Social.

The first Educational was presented by a teacher from the grade school that we have supported with donations and classroom assistance for many years. Miss Day conducted Virtual Learning for kindergarten during 2020 and told us about her experiences with this type of teaching.

We have had another guest for two meetings, Kathryn, who is the current Ms. Oklahoma Senior. She invited us to attend a senior variety show in which she danced. Six members attended and had a great time. We are hoping to add Kathryn to our chapter real soon.

OK Zeta will be hosting the 2022 Taygeta Province Convention, so much of our time will be spent planning, crafting and fund raising during the year.

Oklahoma Zeta sends their best wishes to all of our sisters for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jeanne Reid

#### Oklahoma Kappa

With last year being crazy and it difficult to have meetings, the OK Kappas are starting off strong this season. During our annual planning meeting we adopted a book club theme for this year. These will be read on our own time and discussed at meetings throughout the year. We've already enjoyed pickle ball, Halloween, and Thanksgiving get togethers. At the Taygeta province convention we welcomed our newest member, Latonya McHale. Keri Garon and Lindsay Ragsdale also joined the Taygeta board as Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. The OK Kappas continue to hold high the torch of Delta Theta Chi.

Keri Garon OK Kappa, Rec. Sec.

Texas Beta Watch for news from TX Beta in the next issue!

#### **Texas Gamma**

Texas Gamma chapter is working on a literacy awareness project and fundraising projects to raise funds.

In sisterly love, President Kitty Warsame

L to R: Edmonia Husemann, Marie Johnson, Zina Brown, Mandy Miller, Kei Kei Porterfield, Kitty Warsame, Angie Springer, Judy Hansen, absent were Alma Barclay, Angela Phillips, and Mabel Sellu



#### **Texas Zeta**

We had a strong Texas Zeta presence at the National Convention in South Bend, Indiana. Representing over one half of our Chapter, Sheron Braden, Connie Crow, Jan Coles, Patty (East) Hetzendorfer, Geidra Brittigan, and even Neva Groves, who now lives in St. Louis, MO joined us for the meeting. The fun filled week-

end that help celebrate DTC 100 Year Anniversary was enjoyed by all and is always a warm loving time for us to catch up with *all* our sisters.

A recent highlight of our Chapter was a Splash Party and Barbeque that was hosted by Sheron Braden and (daughter/sister) Sara O'Canna. A lovely home and beautiful pool entertained over 34 people. We enjoyed Tx Zeta and Tx Beta sisters, husbands, and new guests. There's always an abundance of great food, full selection of drinks (including a refreshing Lime Cocktail created by Sheron), and lively conversation. We had quite a few Guests new to our group, it was a wonderful opportunity to Rush for potential members!

Our Taygeta Province Convention in OK City, OK is coming up and we're getting ready for another great time to personally greet one another. The strength and endurance of our Sisterhood has prevailed over difficult times for the past 100 years of which included World War II. We are a group of Beautiful Women that cherish our friendship, love as sisters love, and continue to share with others the opportunity to join us in our unique organization. Here's to the next 100 Years to "Forever Hold the Banner High, Delta Theta Chi!" Sis love.

Patty Hetzendorfe Recording Secretary



L to R: Sheron Braden, Neva Groves, Jan Coles, Connie Crow, Patty Hetzendorfe, Geidra Brittigan

#### **Texas Nu**

Greetings Sisters! We are excited to move ahead into another great year! In the last two years we have added nine new sisters. We hope as these new sisters come to better know and love our sisterhood they will invite more friends to join us to restart a growth in our numbers!

This summer we enjoyed a concert at the Buddy Holly Center and a picnic and games in the park.

Five of our members enjoyed attending the National Convention and were proud to support our Texas Nu member Jane Harrell as our national President! We were greatly rewarded by strengthening our friendships and catching up with sisters from across the country.

We have a great year lined up with programs supporting our national theme "Tell Me a Story". We started this new year with a football themed Kick Off Dinner and meeting with one of our local television sports casters bringing us an encouraging program and telling us his story. One or our members, Jan Powell, told us the interesting story of her husband's career in the National Football League with the Super bowl winning Miami Dolphins. In October we meet and painted Christmas ornaments to sell at our Fall Convention. In November we continued to support Meals on Wheels by providing baked goods for a Fall Extravaganza benefiting them. We strive to further Children's Literacy by supporting two Pre-Kindergarten classes at a local socio-economically disadvantaged school as well as keeping their Outside Little Library stocked.

Six members went on a fun road trip to Oklahoma City for Taygeta's Fall Convention. Continue to "Hold High the Torch" and be a blessing and be blessed by our sorority.

In Sisterly love,

Patty Griggs & Keitha Crozier



National Convention: Lana Corcorran, Patty Griggs, Jane Harrell, Marilyn Krahn, Bettye Griggs



TX Nu members and guests at our Fall Kickoff

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#### Words of "wisdom!"









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Thelma Robinson Lynn Johnson Mabel Sellu Life Member, OH Mu Member, OK Alpha Pledge, TX Gamma May 22, 2021 May 25, 2021 Sept. 1, 2021



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# Literacy Announcement ... a DTC "Zoom" Book Club

As Literacy Chair, I have been thinking of ways to encourage participation in support of Literacy and an opportunity to connect with our Sisters from all Provinces. A general overview is provided below.

- 1. The DTC Book Club would have an initial planning meeting December 15. The first official meeting and book presentation would begin January 2022 on an agreed upon date and time from attendees at the initial meeting.
- 2. The DTC Book Club members would vote on an official Book Club name (*e.g.*, "Sisters with a Purpose" #READwithDTC). So be giving some thought to this.
- 3. Each member would be asked to pay a one-time donation (for Literacy fundraising purposes) of \$20 (that breaks down to \$1.18 for all 17 meetings); all funds collected to be donated May 2023 to a literacy project voted on by the DTC Book Club members. Two options to disburse the funds collected:
  - (a.) The funds could be divided equally between the Provinces and each Province vote where they want to donate the funds on behalf of DTC Book Club; or (b.) The funds could be used for one large/total donation to be made on behalf of the DTC Book Club, again the donation destination to be voted on by DTC Book Club members.
- 4. Each Province consider donating a fundraising item to sell tickets for a drawing at National Convention 2023. List these items on the website with contact information to send money for the tickets; promote at annual conventions/conclave; take to each Province when traveling to various events, etc.). I know I would gladly buy tickets to help support Literacy efforts for each Province. DTC Book Club members would vote how to disburse the funds raised from the fundraising items described above 3(a-b).
- 5. Each DTC Book Club member will submit the title and author of a book of their choice (ideally not over 300 pages). Can be taken from the "Tell Me Your Story" DTC Educational Outline or one of their choosing.
- 6. Three names will be drawn at the initial Zoom meeting in December. Each name drawn will present and lead the discussion for their book, beginning in January 2022. As Chair, I will host and begin the meetings, help moderate (if needed) and end each meeting. Then one new name will be drawn after each meeting so we are ideally 2 to 3 months ahead on the reading schedule.
- 7. I will send out Zoom invitations and notices of upcoming meeting dates, times, confirm title of book, author and upcoming presenters (providing 2 to 3 months at a time) and will send out a reminder one month in advance of each actual meeting date.
- 8. Each DTC Book Club member will earn 10 Literacy points for each Book Club meeting attended; and 30 Literacy points for being a presenter. If you attend all meetings from January 2022 thru May 2023, you could earn 170 attendance points and 30 points as a presenter, for a total of 200 points!

I hope you find this to be a fun and educational opportunity. Please send me an email if you would like to attend the December 15 initial planning meeting so I can send you a Zoom invitation. If you don't have access to a computer or Zoom, a phone number can be provided so you can join the meetings by phone. Now, what book will YOU choose to add to the reading list and present to the DTC Book Club?

Fraternally,

Cheryl

Cheryl Neeley, Electra Province Trustee 2021-2023 National Literacy/Community Benefits Chair 816.225.0510 - <a href="mailto:cheryl.neeley@yahoo.com">cheryl.neeley@yahoo.com</a>

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