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*Celebrating 100 Years of Sisterhood
Hold High the Torch*



National President, Jane Harrell, Texas Nu

Dear Delta Theta Chi Sisters,

Well, the virus is still among us. I was so hoping it would be gone by this time. I am so sad that we are missing seeing each other face to face, but at least we have Zoom. By reading your Minutes, it looks as if several Chapters are meeting virtually. The virus can't keep a Sisterhood down!

TX Gamma, the new Chapter in Cypress, TX, is on its way to doing good things. The members have been pledged and tested. Now we wait for numbers to go down in Cypress so we can have the Chartering, Initiation, and Installation of Officers. Each time I Zoom with these Sisters, I am amazed at how excited they are to become a real part of us. The Chapter is in a holding pattern as of now. It could be as late as January before we can make that exciting trip to conduct the ceremonies, depending on the numbers. Kitty is keeping in touch with me as well as the members. Ideas from her members are coming to her for Literacy and Community Service that their Chapter can do in Cypress. There are so many opportunities for each of us to perform many community services and literacy activities. It is harder during these hard times we are in, but Chapters can find ways to reach out.

Since we haven't been able to have Province nor Conclave meetings this Fall, we all need to make every effort to attend our National Convention in June 2021. This may well be the most special convention ever, celebrating our 100 years of Delta Theta Chi Sorority. Wouldn't it be great to have nearly all of our members attending? If you have never attended a national convention, you have missed out. So plan to attend the best one yet!

Plan a road trip with your Sisters to South Bend for the convention. That is always a very special time for me. It's a great way to really get to know your Sisters! My Chapter always says, "What happens in the car, stays in the car!" There is lots of time for laughing, talking, eating, and planning for our Chapter. It is always a good time to see how much you can pack in the car!

Have a great Sorority year and a great Holiday season with your friends and families.
Hold High the Torch!

In Sisterly Love,

Jane Harrell
National President



*National Vice President
Kathy Warden, California Eta*

My Dear Delta Theta Chi Sisters,

As we come to the end of 2020, I imagine that most of us are just saying, "Whew! What a year it has been." Who would have expected all that has transpired during these past nine months? I hope this Winter issue of the Pleiad finds you well and staying healthy. I know that each of our counties and states are in varying degrees of being open or continuing our shelter-at-home routine, and the fervor of our daily life throughout the country has been stressful for many. This continues to be a very unprecedented time for everyone, and my main concern is that all are safe. It is important to remember that we are all Sisters united by our love for each other and Delta Theta Chi, and that despite challenges, trying times, and differences of opinion, we will get through this and come out stronger on the other side.

It was thrilling to witness the pledging of our new Sisters in TX Gamma over Zoom this summer thanks to the hard work of our National President Jane and Past National President Becky. We are all excitedly awaiting the day we can be together to charter their new chapter and initiate these ladies. What a wonderful group of new Sisters. WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME!

How is membership going in your Chapter? Have you pledged new members? (Some chapters have had pledging ceremonies and rush events.) Have you been able to reinstate any? It is essential that we all stay in touch with everyone and nurture our fellow Sisters during this time. Even though our Fall Boards/Conventions/Conclaves had to be cancelled for the most part, Alcione and Electra were able to get together on Zoom and conduct their business and hold installations as well as have fellowship with each other. Celaeno forged ahead and held their October Convention and it was a great success. It is always good to see how my Sisters use their creativity in putting on their board meetings, conventions, conclaves and chapter meetings all while upholding the traditions we hold so dear as a sorority. Good job Sisters!

During this holiday season I surely hope you take time to enjoy those around you and all that life has to offer as well as remember to always keep those in need in your thoughts and actions. I am looking forward to all the blessings this next year brings and to a wonderful 2021 for all.

I hope to see everyone in Celaeno at National Convention June 25-27 in South Bend, Indiana. Keep accumulating those bricks to build our "Yellow Brick Road." I am confident that under everyone's leadership our Provinces will continue to flourish and "Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi." Now...just click your heels and repeat after me... "There's no place like DTC!"

In Sisterly Love,

Kathy

**Kathy Warden
National Vice President**



*National Executive Secretary/Treasurer
Cindi Cook, Kansas Beta*

Sisters:

I am sure I speak for everyone in our Sisterhood that I NEVER want to have another year like 2020! I, of course, know it has been for our safety to stay away from large gatherings, but I have so missed my Sisters, the hugs and the laughter.

The NEC Mid-Year meeting was held at Jane Harrell's lovely home in Lubbock in June. A lot of business was accomplished and had a lot of fun at the same time. A special Thank You to Texas Nu Chapter for the wonderful dinner and evening of Sisterhood.

I was able to attend the Pledging Ceremony for our new Texas Gamma Sisters via Zoom. I am so looking forward to the day we can travel to Cypress and meet them all in person and welcome them into our wonderful Sisterhood. I also attended the Electra Province Conclave and Alcyone Province Convention via Zoom this Fall. Isn't technology wonderful?

Stay safe and well, my Sisters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you. I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and all the best in 2021!

In Sisterly Love,

Cindi Cook
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*Put on Your Ruby Slippers
and Follow the Yellow Brick Road to South Bend, Indiana*



2021 National Convention

Delta Theta Chi Sorority



June 25 – 27, 2021 ~ South Bend, Indiana

Hosted by Celaeno Province

Registration information available Fall 2020

*There's No Place Like DTC ... There's No Place Like DTC
There's No Place Like DTC!*

Alcyone Province National Trustee
Linda Colton, California Eta

Dear Sisters:

This certainly has been an interesting year, hasn't it? Hopefully 2021 will bring us much-needed relief from the pandemic. We all need to see each other in June at our National Convention and give and get lots of hugs from our dear sisters.

As Alcyone's NEC Trustee, I was assigned 2 National Committees to chair. The first being the National History book committee...I will be sending out an email to my committee members after the new year to remind them to ask their chapters to please send me photos that I will use in our National President's book. I will not be working on the book until the spring...as it will be presented to Jane at our National Convention next June.

The other committee I chair is the National Educational committee. Myself and my five members, one from each province, have been working very hard to complete it, and I am happy to say, we are finished and it has been sent to our NEST for copying! I think every sister will be delighted with the theme we have chosen, and the outline will have many resources on it so it will be easy to use... it will be handed out at our National Convention in June. Many thanks to my committee for outstanding work!

The past year and a half have gone by fairly quickly, and I was planning to complete my "fill-in for Kathy Warden" 2-year term in June; however, if elected, I will be continuing for another two years since no one in Alcyone stepped up and I will be happy to continue as Alcyone's Trustee.

Faternally,

Linda Colton
Alcyone Province Trustee

Alcyone Province President
Candace Goble, California Eta

California Alpha – Chapter President Julie D'Onofrio

We look forward to hearing the news from our California Alpha Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

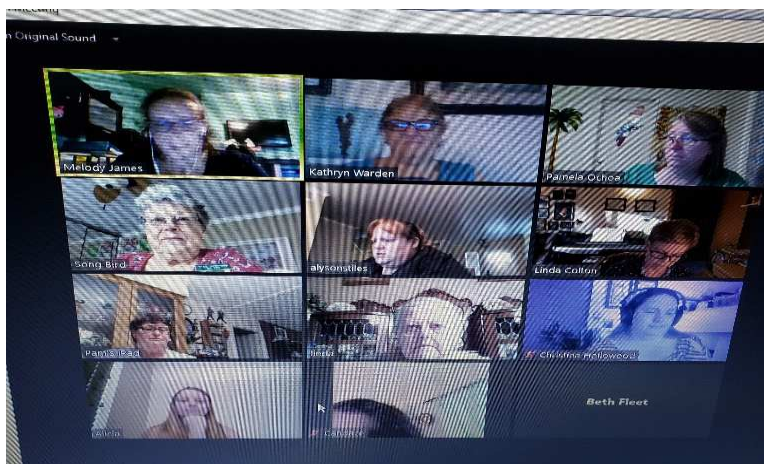
California Epsilon – Chapter President Carol Ann Moyes

California Epsilon keeps on trucking. We are all sticking close to home and those that can have been with family. We are saddened that convention was postponed but understand. As we go into a new year, we have distributed our scholarship information and hopefully will have a participant. Love to you all.

California Eta – Chapter President Melody James

CA Eta has continued to batten down the hatches and stay close to home during these past several months, but that doesn't mean we haven't seen our Sisters. President Melody calls us all together on Zoom so we can have our monthly meetings. The bonus for meeting this way has been that our out of state Sisters (Linda – Oregon, Cynthia – Nevada, Christina – Nevada and Sabrina – Arizona) can now join in the meeting with us. Even though we can't have our usual activities and charity supports, we have decided to continue supporting the Foothill Unity Center Food Bank. We are sending a Chapter check and individual donations for Thanksgiving since we aren't able to collect our usual dinner supplies. Their demand has increased tremendously during this time of Covid 19 so we wanted to continue to remember all those in need. Our CA Eta Sisters and families have been lucky to remain healthy and safe during these past months and for that we are thankful. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

California Eta continued ...



California Iota – Chapter President Lana Duckett

Flexibility was the key word for CA Iota Chapter this past year. We have not met in person since February and that was at the Memorial Service for our departed Sister, Audrey Foss. Thanks to our sorority sister Sandy Torre of CA Sigma, we have held zoom meetings each month. She initiated the site and has guided us through the technical problems. Our wish for our sorority sisters is for a Happy Safe Christmas.

California Omicron – Chapter President Ann Puckett

California Omicron Chapter is off to a zooming start with virtual meetings starting this September. After overcoming some initial technical issues, Omicron sisters have mastered the on-line, virtual social and business meetings. Meetings start with a social hour at 6 pm, and the regular business meeting and educational program at 7 p.m. Our first virtual social was a "tea party" on September 28th. Exciting plans are underway for our philanthropic/ **community** program supporting the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition which is a nonprofit 501C organization based in San Diego. Their sole purpose is to fight human trafficking here in San Diego. Since 2005, they have rescued 894 women and girls. They work closely with law enforcement and the border agents. Omicron Sisters donate goods and funds toward supporting this organization. The accompanying picture to the right shows (left to right) Sisters Pam Hirning, Liz Saba, Mary Beth Marple, and Ruthi Enyeart bringing their donations to the drop off location at sister Liz Saba's business.



Omicron Literacy Committee has several project ideas on the back burner, and we look forward to working on literacy projects within our community soon. Until we are "free to roam about and gather" we'll take advantage of our current situation and read, read, read. Omicron Sisters are invited to share a favorite or recently read book with a brief book report during business meetings.

California Rho – Chapter President Carol Olmstead – and – California Sigma – Chapter President Bobbi Meyer

We look forward to hearing the news from our California Rho and Sigma Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Washington Alpha – Chapter President Cheryl Zarins

WA Alpha members have been staying close to home during this pandemic. We have three members in Washington, two in Oregon and one in Florida. We have one member who is still volunteering her time with the Tukwila Pantry. Shelley, Charlene, Cheryl and Dorene are still working from home.

We still use Zoom for our monthly Chapter meetings. It's really exciting to see our Sisters during these meetings. Everyone except Mary Cox, who lives in Florida, will be coming down to Oregon for the 2020 Alcyone Province Convention, Delta Theta Chi Sorority, October 24, 2020 – Zoom meeting. Kristine Dundas-Rankin will be hosting the meeting at her home in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. After the Zoom meeting, we held an Initiation Ceremony for Laverne McIntyre. We then had a raffle to raise money.



Left to Right: Dorene Brown, Cheryl Zarins, Laverne McIntyre, Shelley Nelson, Karen Sorci & Kristine Dundas-Rankin



100 Years of Sisterhood
2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION

June 25 – 27, 2021 ~ Double Tree Hilton ~ South Bend, Indiana

Celaeno Province National Trustee
Connie Cripe, Indiana Gamma

Winter Greetings Sisters from Indiana! In keeping with the craziness of 2020, It seems only natural that as I type this Winter Greeting it's sunny and 70 degrees outside. Nothing is as it should be this year. In my local chapter we have discussed some new ideas in regard to Literacy and Community Benefits, but several ideas have been put on hold due to Covid 19. We look forward to reading what your chapters are doing to support these two endeavors.

Celaeno Province was blessed to have our in person Fall Board/Spring Convention in Elkhart IN, October 16th and 17th, hosted by IN Eta, titled "Party On Delta Theta Chi"; and we did just that with lots of laughs, sharing and business accomplished, as well as, initiating a new sister into IN Eta.

As we approach this Holiday Season, may each of you be Thankful and Grateful for all that you've been blessed with, may you find Peace, Love and Joy during the Christmas Season and may the New Year find you Blessed with good health, family, love and an abundance of Sisterhood.

Connie Cripe
Celaeno Province Trustee

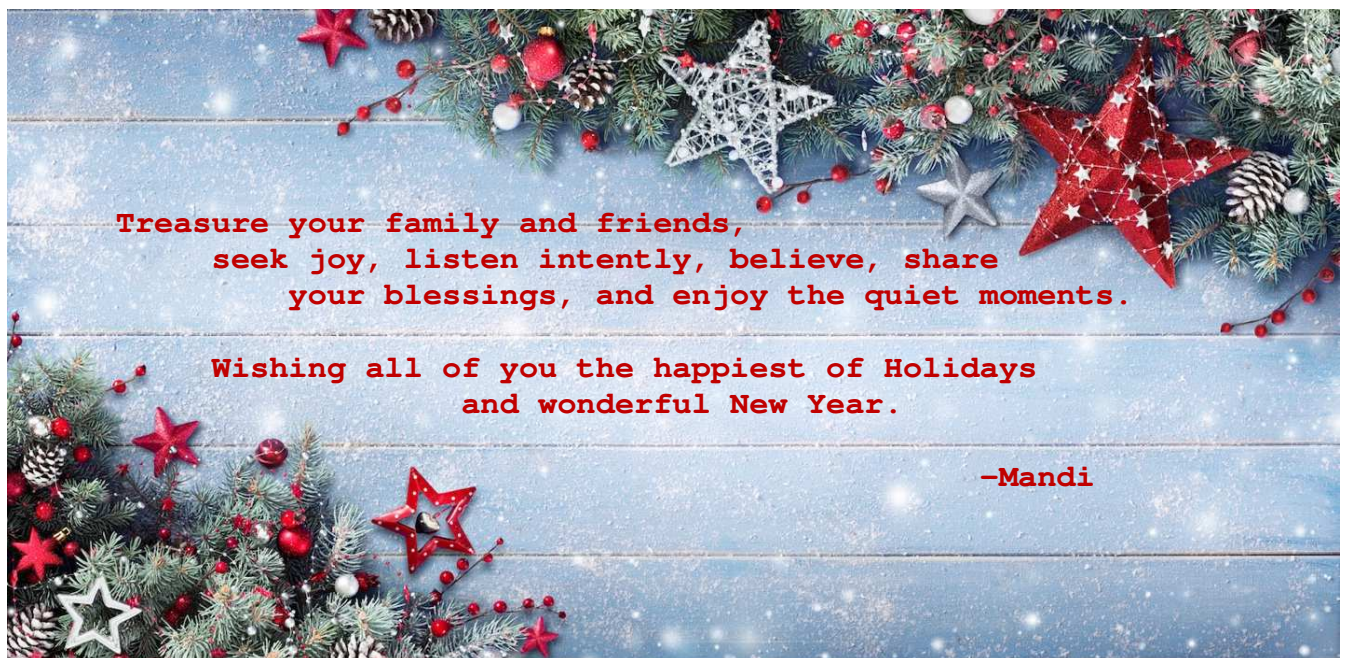
Celaeno Province President
Mandi Zurek, Indiana Lambda

Greeting Sisters:

Hope this finds all of you well. Your Celaeno Sisters are busy with preparations for National Convention 2021, in South Bend, Indiana. I am hoping the things will be back to normal and all of you will join us. We promise an amazing Celebration of 100 Years of Sisterhood.

Many Celaeno Province Chapters are doing wonderful things in support of Literacy, Breast Cancer, and Community Service. From donating money to Schools in need, donating food and supplies to help others struggling during these hard times, even stepping in to help Children and Grandchildren navigate this new world of virtual/school from home. Some sisters also found creative ways to contribute to Breast Cancer Research, even with the cancelation of annual community walks. In times like these, it is even more important that we count our blessing and share what we can with others. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." -Helen Keller

As I write this, the final leaves are falling and first flakes are beginning to fly here in Indiana. It seems like the perfect time to extend each of you this wish...



Indiana Alpha – Chapter President Carol Troyer

We look forward to hearing the news from our Indiana Alpha Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Indiana Gamma – Chapter President Sharon Everett

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Indiana Eta – Chapter President Barb Parker

What IN Eta is doing for Literacy

IN Eta is showing continued support to the SPA (Spiritual and Personal Adjustments). IN Eta Sisters have enjoyed game nights with the ladies at the SPA as well as participating in their fundraisers. IN Eta has given monetarily as well as food left over from the Fall Board Meeting. IN Eta has also donated dozens of the “Jesus Always, Embracing Joy in his Presence” daily devotional to give to each of their graduates.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ricki Weaver

Indiana Kappa – Chapter President Laura Albright – and - **Indiana Sigma** – Chapter President Debra Humbarger

We look forward to hearing the news from our Indiana Kappa and Sigma Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Indiana Lambda – Chapter President Michele Sheetz

We look forward to hearing the news from our Indiana Lambda Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!



CELAENO PROVINCE 2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION FUNDRAISER ITEMS



Tumbler with National Convention Logo: \$20



White Polo Shirt with National Convention Logo
\$25 - Sizes Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large
(runs one size larger)



White V-Neck Shirt with National Convention Logo
\$20 – Sizes Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large
(runs one size smaller)



Magnet: \$0.50

Contact:

Barb Parker parkerbarb646@yahoo.com

Susan Yoder skykey53@aol.com



Balloons

Yellow
or Green

\$.50 each

Electra Province National Trustee
Cheryl Neeley, Missouri Delta

Dear DTC Sisters:

Like many Provinces, Electra Province held our first Zoom Province meeting in October under the leadership of Province President Gail Allen, KS Kappa. We had several members of the NEC in attendance including National President Jane Harrell. It was so good to be able to see the faces of those able to join the meeting. What would we do without Zoom to help us stay connected! Please remember to stay in touch with those who don't have access to Zoom. Give them a call, send a personal note, drop off some Holiday goodies. Help them stay connected too!

As the pandemic continues and we enter the Holiday season we are all trying to find ways to make our way through the traditions we hold dear. Some will be able to gather in person with family, and many will not. I'm sure Zoom will be in overload on these days. For those who are able to be with their family, be safe. For those who won't be able to gather in person, please know that you are not alone. There are many of us who won't be able to be with those that are so dear to us. So what an excellent time to remind ourselves just how thankful we are of the many blessings we have.

June 2021 will be here before we know it! Have you mailed in your National Convention registration form and made your hotel reservations yet? Registration forms and convention fundraising information is on the website home page. For your convenience, the registration form can also be found in this issue of *The Pleiad*. Our Celeano Province Sisters are working hard to make this a truly memorable celebration of "100 Years of Sisterhood". Let's show our support and celebrate together in South Bend, Indiana!

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy New Year!

In Sisterly Love,

Cheryl Neeley
Electra Province Trustee

Electra Province President
Gail Allen, Kansas Kappa

Kansas Alpha – Chapter President Kay Foster

We look forward to hearing the news from our Kansas Alpha Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Kansas Beta – Chapter President Teresa Carter

Greetings to all! With the need for food and hygiene supplies in great need during this pandemic, the Kansas Beta's have chosen to support the Wichita State University Tech food pantry and Head-To-Toe Hygiene Pantry for this year. It was decided that we would bring our donations to each meeting we would switch deliveries between the two.

So far, in August, we collected funds to have our Avon representative purchase hygiene items that would be donated to the Head-To-Toe pantry. Fortunately, our items came in the night of our first September meeting so we were able to forward the box of goodies on with our Sister, Kara Carter. At our October meeting, we sent with Trish Schmidt, the donated canned and boxed goods along with cash to purchase gift cards to Dillon's for WSU Tech. We hope to still be able to meet together so we can continue to support these wonderful Pantries in this time of need.

Our wish to each of you this holiday season is good health, safe travels and a joyous Holiday Season.

~ Kansas Beta Sisters

Kansas Beta continued ...



Donations to Head-To-Toe Hygiene Pantry

A Note from Gracene Sims, KS Beta, Past National President...

I want to thank all of my Delta Theta Chi Sisters for all the cards and thoughts that have come my way over the past several months. You don't know how wonderful it is to hear from you. When I receive one of your cards, I reminisce about where I know you and all the fun we've had, whether at Sorority meetings, Conclaves, National Conventions or just us getting together over the years. It has lifted my spirit so much. Everyone stay safe and healthy and Happy Holidays! ~ Gracene Sims, KS Beta, Past National President

Kansas Kappa – Chapter President Candace Moore

We look forward to hearing the news from our Kansas Kappa Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Missouri Delta – Chapter President Judy Hurlbert

The Missouri Delta Chapter has not been able to get together in person for most of the year, and not all Sisters have Zoom connection. We will all have a lot of celebrating to do once we can actually see each other face to face. So much to catch up on and anticipation of lots of hugs. We have two elementary teachers in our Chapter. Both are extremely busy – one teaching virtually every day, and one teaching in class when school is open and then virtually when school is closed. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Nebraska Zeta – Chapter President Diana Allen-Lewis – and -- Nebraska Eta – Chapter President Teresa Silence

We look forward to hearing the news from our Nebraska Zeta and Eta Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!



Sterope Province National Trustee
Sharon Osterberger, Ohio Mu

Dear Sisters:

I cannot believe that we are close to the ending of 2020, and what a year of changes. I know that it has been very hard on me this year. With Covid-19 all I seem to accomplish is being placed on lists for help with care of my mother and husband. I am hoping that 2021 will be better for everyone.

As Literacy and Community Benefits Chair, I am duly concerned on how each Chapter is surviving. Both programs make it necessary that Chapters have had to make changes in the ways they do things.

Literacy has been struggling even before Covid. Very few Chapters turned in reports to their Province representative and only two of our Provinces are sending paperwork to me. Changes within our school system has prevented us the opportunity to volunteer, and collecting box tops become harder to obtain and deliver to local schools. The question that we are facing, is there a way to update the literacy program or has it run its course? Feel free to send me any ideas or opinions regarding the literacy program so that by June we will be able to either improve or remove the program.

During these challenging times I am sure that each Chapter has had to rethink and change the way they provide community service. Now more than ever these services are needed and I am thankful that Delta Theta Chi Sorority Sisters will find a way to provide help where needed.

As the Holidays approach, please stay safe, healthy and happy. Take a moment to be thankful for what we have and remember the strength that you possess has gotten you through these challenges.

In Sisterly Love,

Sharon Osterberger
Sterope Province Trustee

Sterope Province President
Karen Kammer, Ohio Mu

Maryland Alpha – Chapter President Termia Jones

We look forward to hearing from our Maryland Alpha Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Ohio MU – Chapter President Sharon Osterberger

What a year 2020 has been. I want to start by saying that this is the time of year to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. In these difficult times that seems to be a little harder to do but there truly is a lot we can reflect on. Having caring sisters to communicate with has been priceless. It has gotten a lot of us through some pretty dark days and times. Ohio Mu has not been able to meet a lot in 2020 due to COVID and members not having access to computers for zoom meetings but we have tried to keep in touch and keep the “fires burning”. We are planning on meeting in November and work on a community project for the holidays. This is something we have always been passionate about and hope to continue to give to our community. We would like to wish each and every one of you a beautiful and blessed Holiday Season and look forward to a brighter future in 2021.

Taygeta Province National Trustee
Fran Tebow, Oklahoma Alpha

Hello to all of my Delta Theta Chi Sisters:

This year has been so hard on so many because of shut downs, sheltering in place, social distancing and not being with our loved ones, and those that we hold dear. I pray that 2021 will be a year of families, friends, gatherings and dear sisters. We need and want to be able to meet together, socialize together, worship together, and just enjoy each other, as we had always been able to do. My Chapter is finally meeting in homes again, although our numbers are lower, we are so Thankful that we are able to do this. We do miss our socials, fundraisers, and just feeling comfortable to be out and about together.

I hope that all of my Sisters are safe, warm, and feeling God's love as we endure this very sad time in our lives. My hope is that 2021 will give us a new start in our search for what we thought was and hopefully will be soon, normal. However this time has also taught us what is truly important, and that through tough times we become stronger and learn we can live with less, people and not things is what is important. We also learn how much we enjoy our freedom, and our loved ones.

Here's to 2021 the year of New Beginnings and Sister Time that we will endear and embrace more because we have lived life separated without hugs and touch, but not in 2021We will be back and stronger than ever.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas with your family and friends, hold them near.

Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi

Love and Hugs,

Fran Tebow
Taygeta Trustee

Taygeta Province President
Jeanne Reid, Oklahoma Zeta

Oklahoma Alpha – Chapter President Susan Stewart

Oklahoma Beta – Chapter President Lou Berry

As a result of Oklahoma Beta Chapter's Ways and Means projects, Chapter Scholarships were awarded to **Jayke Flaggert** and **Samantha Lewis** at a "Tailgating Party" held in their honor, and where Scholarship Certificates were presented.



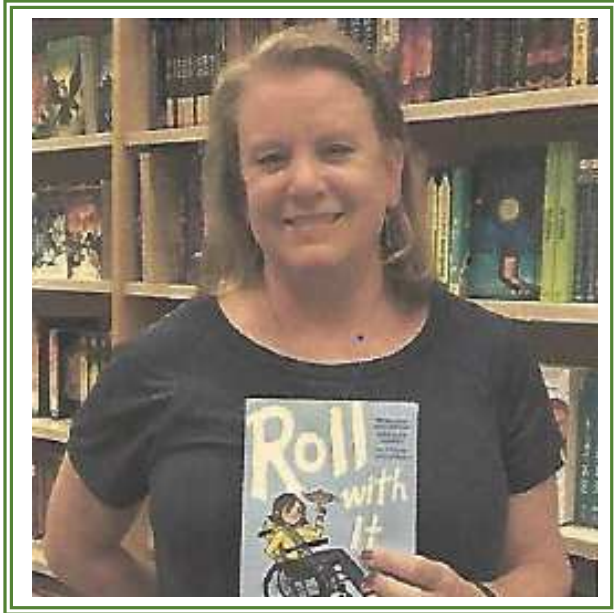
Jayke Flaggert is pursuing a degree in Economics and Political Science Pre Law, at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.

The year 2020 is the fourth year that Oklahoma Beta has awarded a scholarship to **Samantha Lewis**, who is currently studying for a degree of Bachelor of Science of Nursing, also at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.



Oklahoma Beta continued ...

Oklahoma Beta is doubly proud of these two fine students and wish them every joy and success in their bright future careers.



Equally proud of our own Oklahoma Beta teachers, educators and librarians, the Chapter has donated seventy (70) books entitled "Roll With It" – one for each individual fourth grade student at the **Eugene Fields Elementary School**. With the Corona Virus threat, school days have consisted of some on-site classes and some virtual classes, but our educators have kept providing books, supplies and teaching aids through Chapter donations. Whatever the future has in store, Oklahoma Beta Chapter will continue to fill the needs of our local schools and educators.

Remember ... **"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."**

Amy Seerey, Literacy Chair

Oklahoma Delta – Chapter President Shirley West

OK Delta had a wonderful Christmas Party at the home of Shirley West. Gifts and dinner made it a perfect evening.

We donated sweatpants to a local elementary school and coffee and condiments to a day ministry for homeless persons. Our plans for our main project is to donate Guaranteed for Life books to the Pioneer Pleasant Vale Library. It was delayed because of the Corona virus. We are proceeding with this project at our next meeting.

Our educational programs and a day trip to the Pioneer Woman in Pawhuska made our year very interesting.

The Covid-19 has caused several of our meetings to be cancelled but we look forward to the end of this monster and a new beginning soon.

Shirley West
OK Delta Pleiad Editor

Oklahoma Epsilon – Chapter President Effie Ray

Greetings Sisters. We in Oklahoma Epsilon are hanging in there as many of you probably are. We haven't been active in our literacy program as it is with a school, and as you may know many schools are not meeting during the Covid epidemic. We do have plans to pursue a community program benefiting some of the shut-ins in our city. A big disappointment to our Chapter is that we, as the Hostess Chapter for our 2020 Taygeta Province Convention, had to cancel our plans due to the epidemic; however, we are looking forward to October 2021.

With faith and optimism, let's look forward to the upcoming family traditional celebrations, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We send you our love and best wishes.

Effie Ray, Reporter
Oklahoma Epsilon

Oklahoma Zeta – Chapter President Linda Elkins

The year 2020 will never be forgotten with challenges meeting us coming and going. The Oklahoma Zetas have continued to meet on our regular schedule. We have had member's family's contract the virus and some have lost family members due to the virus.

On the literacy prospective we are still working out the logistics for the literacy program My First Library. By this time of year we are usually in full swing on this program. Our Sister Becky has gone back to assisting teachers at Shedeck Elementary School. Sister Vicki volunteers at Community Advocacy and is tutoring second graders three days a week. Vicki's church works with under-privileged families and Vicki is personally taking on getting braces for the teenage daughter of one of these families.

At our last meeting we voted to contribute 34 meals to the City Rescue Mission.

This past August my husband and I signed up with a nationwide animal transport group. Their mission is to get animals off the euthanize list and transported to a rescue group or from a rescue group to their forever home. To date we have participated in 35 rescues that passed through Oklahoma.

We all hope to see other Sisters smiling faces in the very near future.

Linda Elkins
Oklahoma Zeta

Oklahoma Kappa – Chapter President Keri Garon

We look forward to hearing the news from our Oklahoma Kappa Sisters in the next issue of *The Pleiad*!

Texas Beta – Chapter President June Butler

Texas Beta misses our beloved Jane Fitzgerald, who passed this summer. She was Literacy Committee chair - our "Box Top" lady. She would diligently collect and report on our literacy numbers to Province. She would then deliver books and box tops to a school in our area that needed help the most. TX Beta sisters collected books for children and gave them to the Women's Battered Shelter so the children living there would have books to read. We also collected books and jigsaw puzzles for the seniors at Calloway Creek Senior Adult Living complex. A few sisters tutored in reading at the local schools.

As part of our community service efforts, we help stock the Food Bank at the Calloway Creek Village Apartments. We collect food items and other necessities monthly. During Thanksgiving, we create a Blessing Bag filled with items to create a mini feast for the dozen or so residents living there with incomes below the poverty level. At Christmas, we create either Keeping Warm basket filled with gloves, scarves, caps, hot cocoa mix, a few puzzle books and lotions or Holiday Feast Basket for a nice Christmas dinner.

TX Beta sisters want to send our wishes for a joyous and happy holiday season. We pray that all the Delta Theta Chi sisters and their families will keep well and hope to see everyone in Indiana in June!



Book Drive for Women's Shelter



June at Calloway Creek Food Bank



Robin and Patty stocking Food Bank



Holiday Feast Baskets for the Seniors



Robin, Nancy & Judy with Blessing Bags



June and Judy with games, books and toys

Texas Gamma -- Introductory Zoom Meeting - Chartering Ceremony to be Scheduled Soon



Texas Zeta – Chapter President Sheron Braden

Since our “norm” as we knew it changed in March, the Sisters of Texas Zeta have made an effort to stay in touch via texts, emails and phone calls. Observing social distancing and with caution, those who feel comfortable have resumed in-person meetings and enjoyed being together for socials. Themed socials such as our “English Tea” pledging ceremony and our “Witches Cover” were great times spent together.



Carla Rocha, Shannon Kelly, Connie Crow, Dona Wallace, Sheron Braden,
Kay Dungan and Giedra Brittigan



Our reading to first graders has been suspended, as the schools do not allow volunteers at this time. We, however, continue supporting our literacy project to the first graders by providing books to the class. Many of us have now been provided the opportunity to read to or tutor our grandchildren during this time.

We continue to serve at the weekly Willow Creek Church food bank and also are donating food items to local city food drives. Our most recent and new opportunity is to join TangoTab in "When you eat, they eat", to serve and feed the homeless is by providing individual lunch sacks with tuna pouches or apple sauce, a protein cereal bar, an apple and a bottle of water. We decorate the bags, including encouraging words and sometimes jokes, to hopefully brighten someone's day.

Texas Zeta Sisters are looking forward to and making plans to attend the National Convention in June in South Bend, Indiana. We need a Sister Fix!

Connie Crow
TX Zeta

Texas Nu – Chapter President Laquitha (Ketha) Crozier

Texas Nu Chapter supports literacy by helping two under privileged school class at **Dupree Pre-K classes** with a Christmas party and a Valentine party each year. We provide treats for the parties with each child getting a goodie bag with books, games, stuffed animals, coloring books with crayons. The teachers and aides received gift cards. The children get real excited when they receive their very own book with their name printed inside. Prior to the party several of the Sisters shop the Scholastic Books and double the books purchased with the funds. Extra books are purchased for the Dupree Elementary School for the Literacy night in March and provide actives and snacks for the Pre-K children.

Texas Nu also made donations to the Scholarship Fund and the new Chapter Texas Gamma in Cypress, TX. On the Literacy report we had tutoring hours, books and fund donations.

Our Chapter also supports the **Inside Out Foundation** with donations and attending the Women's Health Seminar in January each year. We became involved when Penny Blackerby, member and (Billie Read's daughter) went through cancer treatments and now she serves on the Board of Inside Out Foundation. The Foundation supports the ladies with wigs, breast prostheses, under clothing, special creams and many other items at no cost the ladies.

Our Chapter works with the **Holiday Extravaganza** at the Community Church each year baking pies and manning the bake goods area during the two day sale. Last year they made the most ever at \$28,000 and the majority goes to Meals on Wheels.

Veronyka Vance
Texas Nu





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jane Fitzgerald
Jo Patterson
Beth Smith

Member, TX Beta
Member, IN Sigma
Member, OK Delta

July 6, 2020
August 8, 2020
October 23, 2020



DONATIONS

NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

DONATION GIVEN BY

Nebraska Zeta Chapter
Gloria Goodwin
Taygeta Province
Taygeta Province
Darlene Meineke

IN MEMORY OF

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Jane Fitzgerald
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TX Beta Chapter Sisters

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IN HONOR OF

Her Mother, Betty Vaughn

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June 25 – 27, 2021 ~ South Bend, Indiana



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June 25-27, 2021

Double Tree by Hilton, South Bend Indiana

REGISTRATION FORMS DUE BY MAY 26, 2021

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Address: _____

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Guest(s) Names: _____, _____, _____

REGISTRATION:

Member Full (\$170) \$ _____

Guest(s) Friday Evening \$50 each \$ _____

Guest(s) Saturday Luncheon \$40 each \$ _____

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Free hotel shuttles to South Bend Airport every half hour. Please let us know your arrival time, so we can make sure you are on the shuttle schedule.

**Delta Theta Chi Sorority
Literacy Projects
Pursuant to the Delta Theta Chi Sorority Manual
Procedure No. 13 – 17C – June 1995**

THE GOAL:

To unite all Delta Theta Chi Members in giving nationwide support to a Literacy Project, thus gaining national attention and publicity for Delta Theta Chi Sorority, and the increased interest in Sorority membership, as well as the personal development to be received from participation in this project.

GUIDELINES:

- 1) The National President shall appoint a Chairman/Coordinator of the Literacy Committee, with the same responsibilities as other Committee Chairman.
- 2) A representative from each Province will be appointed to serve on the Literacy Committee. Through the Chairman, the Province Representative will assist the chapters by suggesting ways in which the chapters may participate in this project.
- 3) Each chapter or Province may choose the manner in which they will participate in this project.
- 4) The Province Representative will send semi-annual reports to the Chairman on the activities of the chapters in her Province, as well as any publicity that has been received in the chapter's surrounding area regarding Delta Theta Chi Sorority literacy promotion.
- 5) All chapters will be encourage to follow up on any nationwide publicity received in order to incorporate it into membership promotion plans.
- 6) A traveling trophy will be awarded at each National Convention to the Province earning the most points for the Literacy Program during the two years prior to the Convention. An Award Certificate will be issued to each participating chapter in the Province.

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Delta Theta Chi Sorority

Crystal Flame Award Guidelines

Pursuant to the Delta Theta Chi Sorority Manual

Procedure No. 14 – 18C – June 2012

THE GOAL:

The purpose of the Crystal Flame Award was created to honor those chapters who give an outstanding service to their community.

GUIDELINES:

The award is not to be competitive, but based on nominations.

Nominations for the Crystal Flame Award may be submitted by any of the following entities to any member of the National Community Benefits Committee. The deadline for submitting nominations is May 1 of the year of our National Convention.

- ❖ Chapters
- ❖ Provinces
- ❖ NEC
- ❖ Individuals
- ❖ Community Organizations they serve

Quarterly flyers will be distributed to all chapters, each National Community Benefits Committee member and the NEC.

Members of the National Community Benefits Committee will submit all nominations to the Chair of the National Community Benefits Committee. Nominations should include the chapter name, province name and details on what the chapter has done to make them outstanding within their community.

The Chair will present all nominations to the National Executive Council at the Pre-Convention Meeting for consideration and voting.

The Crystal Flame will be awarded at each National Convention to the selected chapter.

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From the Editor ...

A big "Thank You" to the National Pleiad Committee Representatives for reaching out to their Provinces and Chapters for news and pictures to publish in the National Pleiad. Their time and assistance is greatly appreciated!

And a note of sincere appreciation to all Sisters who shared updates on your Chapter and Province activities in the Winter issue. Now more than ever we need to find ways to stay connected with our Sisters. We love seeing your pictures of Chapter activities, learning about the many ways you help support your local communities through Literacy and Community Service projects. Thank you all for what you do and in sharing the love and support of Delta Theta Chi Sorority. Well done!

Let's continue to celebrate our Sisterhood, support each other and our local communities in the ways that you can, and help keep your Sisters informed about upcoming events or special occasions. And of course, continue celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood!

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