



# Delta Theta Chi Sorority

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Dear Delta Theta Chi Sisters,

Have you heard of a virus going around this Spring? What a time this has been, but we are surviving, despite cancelled trips and DTC meetings. This time has allowed me to appreciate a number of things, especially how important DTC and my Sisters are to me.

Wow! A hundred years of Delta Theta Chi Sorority! Do you often wonder about those 7 women who had the great idea to start this great sorority? They probably had no idea at the time that it would even get close to 100 years. I would love to hear their stories and how hard it must have been to get the sorority off and running. I know just trying to get TX Gamma going has been a challenge, especially getting it chartered, which we hope to do later this Summer.

As I continue to work on plans for Mid Year here at my house, I find myself reminiscing on my years in sorority. I just can't imagine 100 years in one organization! But we are celebrating in many fun and exciting ways. I can hardly wait to read this edition of the Pleiad to see the different ways our chapters are celebrating!

Our National Convention celebrating 100 years is just over a year away. I hope you are saving \$\$ for your trip to South Bend, IN. I know Celaeno Province will have a great party! If you have never been to a National Convention, oh my, what you have missed. I still remember my first National Convention. I was in awe of the true Sisterhood shown by our members. I realized, hey, I am a part of this great sorority. So come on and join us next June for a great celebration of a century old sorority of awesome Sisters!

Have a great, safe, and enjoyable summer. Take time to thank God for all He has done for you. Take time to stay in touch with your DTC Sisters. Take time to enjoy your family. Take time to enjoy this beautiful country we live in.

In Sisterly Love,

Jane Harrell  
National President

*National Vice President  
Kathy Warden, California Eta*

My Dear Sisters,

Oh my goodness! I know we usually start these articles with the phrase “it is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since our National Convention,” but it has once again. It almost seems ridiculous to say that so much has happened since then. But that is really the case this year. We started off heading back to our respective Provinces and going about our daily lives after convention, resuming our chapter meetings and community fundraisers after a Summer of well-deserved rest and that lasted about six months. Then we all rang in the year 2020 with great anticipation. I definitely don’t believe we anticipated what came after that. I made my usual resolutions to take better care of my health, go to the gym more, spend quality time with my family, and clean out that clutter piling up in several spots of my house. And then BAM! Along came March and most of us were in varying degrees of staying at home and making every attempt to keep our families and ourselves safe and healthy and supporting those of us who are essential workers.

As Delta Theta Chi Sisters we were faced with not being able to see our friends, not being able to have our chapter meetings and having to cancel our Spring Boards, Conventions and Charterings along with our personal churches, activities and celebrations. Much sadness overwhelmed us all. However, through all of these challenges I began to see just how resilient and creative my DTC Sisters are. You were posting daily on Facebook even more than usual and gave us all many inspirational thoughts and prayers, some food for thought and much needed breaks to just laugh out loud. #DTCTUESDAY was showing up each week and day which warmed my heart. You were organizing phone trees and keeping in touch with your Sisters, making sure they were well and had what they needed. And then it happened...ZOOM! Many chapters were missing getting together so much that they ventured into the realm of on-line meetings and discovered that it was fun. My own chapter (CA ETA) has had several meetings, played Bingo and could just sit and chat with each other. What a difference. The other benefit was that out of town members could join the meetings too and we could all catch up. This is something we will continue to do so our seven out of state and town Sisters can continue to join in the fun more regularly. Would we have thought of that other than the occasional Skype together if all this hadn’t happened? Probably not. A little silver lining to the past 3 months.

What remains clear to me as more and more states are opening up and now we all try to support our brothers and sisters to assure fairness for all, and Sisters are making their choices as to how and when to resume their “normal” routine, Delta Theta Chi members love each other and care about their neighbors and communities. So much giving and caring all around. It makes my heart proud to be a member of such an organization. I continue to be grateful every day for all of you and the privilege you have given me to represent you as National Vice-President. Always remember that DTC exists because you cared enough to participate in your chapter, city and state and share yourself with others. You can assure that Delta Theta Chi will continue past this 100-year mark.

Have you been “Following our Yellow Brick Road” from Oklahoma City to South Bend, IN for our 35<sup>th</sup> National Convention? Have you helped add bricks to our road? Every brick that we can lay down will assure that DTC can reach our destination and dodge those barricades that may have popped up along the way. We can crash right into them and stop, or we can jump over and around them. Which are you doing?



As we come to the half-way mark of 2020 let us continue to be thankful for each other and spend the year ahead celebrating life and our 100 years of sisterhood. Let us constantly “**Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi!**” See you in South Bend in June 2021. We need our sisterhood.

In Sisterly Love,

*Kathy Warden*  
National Vice-President



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

Sisters:

WOW!!! Have the first few months of 2020 been crazy for our country and our world!? So many celebrations, conventions, Spring board meetings and chapter meetings were cancelled as well as the postponement of the chartering of the new Texas Gamma chapter in the Houston area. I have stayed at home as much as humanly possible and have definitely been going through "Sister withdrawal". I hope and pray that all of our Sisters across the country have been able to avoid this pandemic.

The NEC is holding their mid-year meeting in Lubbock, Texas in just a couple of weeks. There is much work to be done on behalf of our Sisterhood but I am sure we will find time for some fun as well. I am so looking forward to this time together.

Stay safe and well, my Sisters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

In Sisterly Love,

Cindi Cook  
NEST

*National Executive Council Mid-Year Meeting*

The 2020 NEC Mid-Year meeting was held June 10-12 in Lubbock, Texas hosted by **National President Jane Harrell**. The following NEC members were able to travel to the meeting: **Kathy Warden**, National Vice President; **Linda Colton**, Alcyone Province Trustee; **Connie Cripe**, Celaeno Province Trustee; **Fran Tebo**, Taygeta Province Trustee; and **Cindi Cook**, NEST. **Cheryl Neeley**, Electra Province Trustee was unable to travel but was able to attend all meetings by Zoom. Thank goodness for technology! **Sharon Osterberger**, Sterope Province Trustee was greatly missed but was able to call and speak with President Jane. Fellowship and a lovely Thursday evening salad supper was provided by our lovely Texas Nu Sisters. Look for National Trustee reports coming your way soon!



DTC masks in place, ready to get down to Mid-Year business



Ready for Mid-Year and 2021 Convention!



A well-deserved Saturday Dinner out at Cook's Garage



NEC and Texas Nu Sisters enjoy dinner, Sister time, and Texas hospitality



*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*

Greetings Sisters from the West Coast!

Wow! This has certainly been an interesting first half of 2020, hasn't it? I hope all of you are staying safe and well during this pandemic, and hopefully, by the time you are reading this, most restrictions will have been lifted.

Alcyone Province is very excited about our upcoming October Convention, "*Sisterhood in the Pines, Celebrating 100 Years of Delta Theta Chi*" October 23-25, at the Cambria Pines Lodge in Cambria, CA. We hope many of you from all over will join us in this celebration! Hosted by the Province Board and the Chapters, I can guarantee it will be a lot of fun in a beautiful setting. Check out our DTC website for more information, including the Convention and Hotel registration forms. And don't forget to make your reservations if you haven't already!

I will leave you with these words of wisdom from Wild Women Sisterhood: "I believe that the circles of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we're weak and sing with us when we are strong. Let's lean back and let the arms of women's friendships carry us and help us to know ourselves better, and live our lives together."

Hold high the torch of Delta Theta Chi!

Linda Colton  
Alcyone Province Trustee

*Alcyone Province President*  
*Candace Goble, California Eta*

California Alpha – Chapter President Julie D'Onofrio

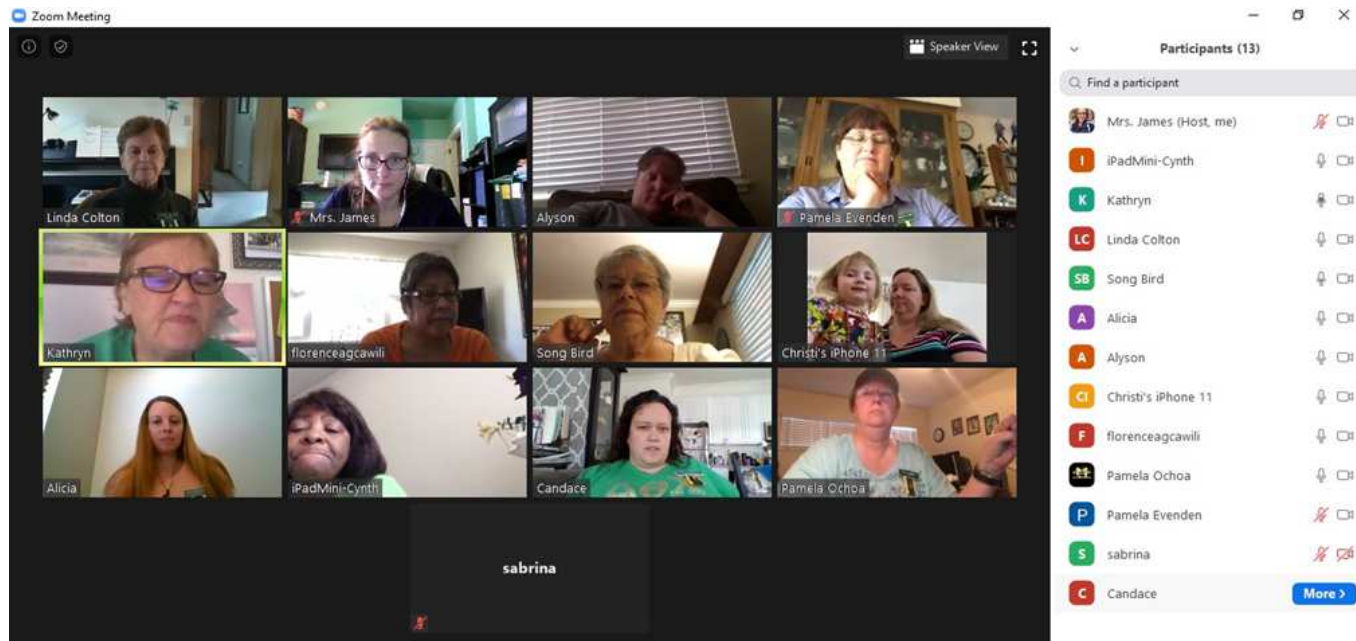
CA Alpha is no longer a special chapter since Kendra Merck came back as our 7<sup>th</sup> member. That means 5 family members can have meetings over dinner all the time! Garie-Anne Taylor is isolating in her room with her dialysis because of the coronavirus and never sees anyone! Julie D'Onofrio has had phone meetings with her a couple of times. Garie Anne's great grandson, Billie Anne Bishop's grandson and Erika Bishop's son, Hunter, had a successful open-heart surgery in January!

California Epsilon – Chapter President Carol Ann Moyes

We in CA Epsilon are all staying at home. Just trying to get through this stage in our lives. We are not meeting except through emails. Kathy and I have interaction. Connie has been out and about, and Marylee and Jeannette are fine, as is Sally.

## California Eta – Chapter President Melody James

CA ETA has been having fun staying connected while social distancing using ZOOM. Besides holding our meetings and socializing, we even played DTC Bingo virtually!





California Iota – Chapter President Lana Duckett

Iota Chapter began 2020 enjoying tea with our Sisters from CA Eta and CA Sigma. Seated at the left side of the table: Kathy Warden, National Vice President, CA Eta; Sandy Torre, CA Sigma; Sue Musselman, CA Iota; and Joyce Miller, CA Iota. On the right side of the table: Val Schempp, Alcyone Province Song leader, CA Eta and CA Iota Sisters: Kay McDaniel; Lana Duckett; Shirley Robertson and Lydia Menchaca.



In February CA Iota attended the funeral followed by a reception for our Sister Audrey Foss. This was our last gathering due to the virus. We did meet once on Zoom thanks to Sandy Torre.



California Omicron – Chapter President Ann Puckett

CA Omicron Chapter celebrated the start of the 2019-2020 year with a social gathering and dinner with our UCSD School of Medicine scholarship recipient at Lorna's Italian Restaurant.



Front left to right are: Judy Wilkinson, Pam Hirning, Ruthi Enyeart, Cathy Tutrow, Mary Beth Marple, Leila Wopschall, Jessica Blums (our scholarship recipient), Susie Powell, Katherine Horn, Cheryl Ward, Barbara Magdlen, Kathleen Hull, Jaynel Moore, Pat McConahey, and Roma Beaton.

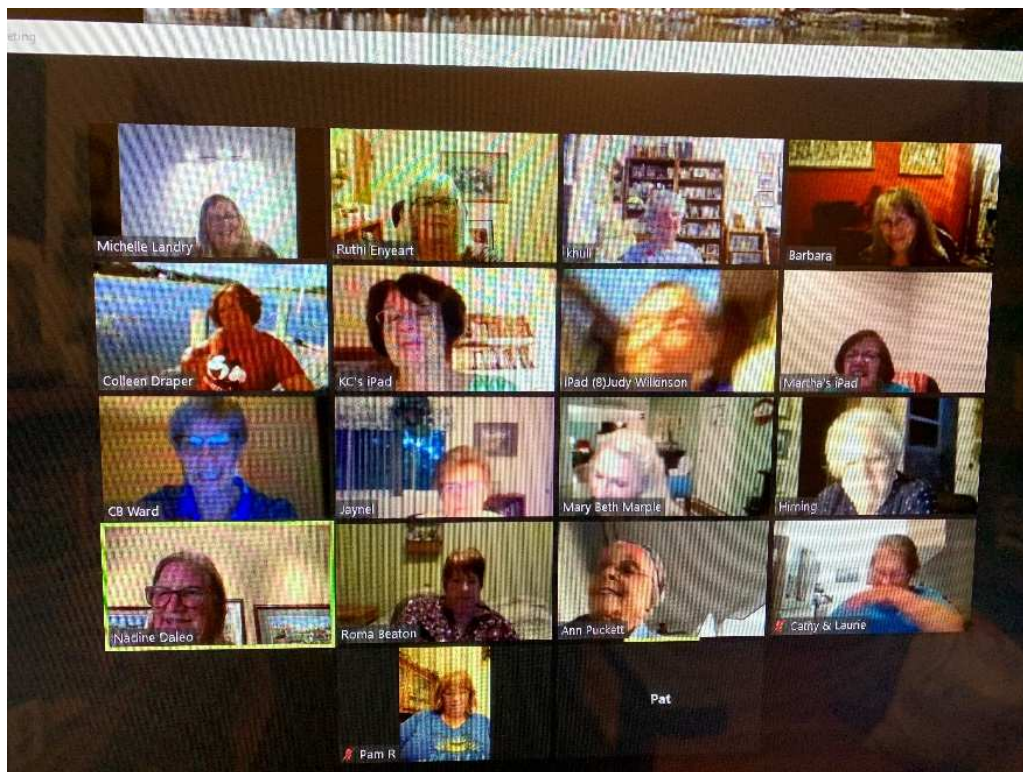


## California Omicron continued ...

In December, Omicron Sister Nadine Daleo hosted us for a Holiday party at her beautifully decorated home. In January, we had our annual Twelfth Night white elephant gift exchange with our Sister Pat McConahey (photo to the right) scoring a jumbo box of chocolates. February 2020 found us partying at "Lips" with our Sisters Jaynel Moore and Mary Beth Marple enjoying libations (photo to the left). As the world turns, we all went on social distancing and stay at home orders in March.



For our May 20 regularly scheduled meeting, our Sister Ruthi Enyeart organized us all to meet up on Zoom. We had 18 Sisters attend via Zoom, and after a short learning curve we all enjoyed our regular business meeting and socializing via the internet. Celebrating Delta Theta Chi Sisterhood for sure!



Top Row: Michelle Landry, Ruthi Enyeart, Kathleen Hull, Barbara Barefield. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Colleen Odom-Draper, Karen Conero, Judy Wilkinson, Martha Duran. 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Cheryl Ward, Jaynel Moore, Mary Beth Marple, Pam Hirning. 4<sup>th</sup> Row: Nadine Daleo, Roma Beaton, Ann Puckett, Cathy Tutrow. Bottom: Pam Ricci, Pat McConahey on the phone

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 pretty close to home since the Pandemic began. Since we are spread out across 3 states from Washington State to Florida it is pretty easy to do. One of our members, Laverne, has spent her time volunteering with the Tukwila Pantry – Emergency Food Bank. She has been helping them to raise funds for a new food delivery truck by making face masks and selling them for a donation to the truck fund. Karen moved to Oregon to stay with her sister Kristine until things clear up enough for her to move back to Washington State. They spend their free time walking the beaches in Oregon and working in their flower garden. Shelley, Charlene, and Cheryl in Washington and Dorene in Oregon have spent their time working from home, while Mary, in Florida, is considered an essential worker and has been working full time the entire time. We really appreciate all Mary does and her bravery in being out in the public each and every day.

In March we decided to try using Zoom for our monthly chapter meeting and it works pretty well. Each month one, or more, of us has a problem getting online but usually manage to join via phone at least. It is always great to see the faces of our fellow sisters. We all enjoy spending more time on Facebook watching what our sisters in other states and chapters are posting and doing. We are sure looking forward to getting together, in-person, hopefully in June.



Picture is from our last zoom meeting in May. Upper Left – Galaxy = Laverne McIntyre. Upper Right – Cheryl trying to take a picture. Lower Left: Dorene with guest Xavier, 11 months Lower Right – Karen & Kristine. Shelley had no video but was on the phone. Charlene and Mary were unable to attend.



*Celaeno Province National Trustee*  
*Connie Cripe, Indiana Gamma*

Dear Sisters,

My greatest hope right now is that you all have escaped catching the Corona Virus and have been safe during this time of civil unrest currently going on in our country. Change is needed and I believe change will be coming. Both of these incidences have given us all the chance to stop, listen and hopefully learned how to do better.

I have to say personally, it was wonderful to be back among my Sisters for our first sorority meeting last night in over 12 weeks. Oh how I missed their voices, their laughter, their fellowship and encouragement. Last night truly reminded me of why we are celebrating a Sisterhood that has been in existence for 100 years. Think of all those Sisters who have gone before us and what they had to endure in their days and what the bond and fellowship of Sisterhood meant to them. That is what we are celebrating, and hopefully preserving for another 100 years.

I am preparing and looking forward to the mid-year NEC meeting in Lubbock Texas. I hope that everyone has shared with their Province Trustee's any concerns or issues that you would like for us to address. We are here to serve you and only together will we be able to continue to "Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi".

Be planning now to officially celebrate along with Celaeno Province as we host the 35<sup>th</sup> National Convention; Celebrating a 100 Years of Sisterhood, June 25-27, 2021 in South Bend IN. There's plenty of time to start saving and planning to attend. It won't be as much fun if YOU are not there.

In Sisterly love,

Connie Cripe  
Celaeno Province Trustee

*Celaeno Province President*  
*Mandi Zurek, Indiana Lambda*

Indiana Alpha – Chapter President Carol Troyer

In 2019 we were busy. September we visited the Elkhart Visitor Center in Elkhart, Indiana. The guide was very interesting and pointed out areas where the quilt gardens were in the county and gave a small tour of the new facility. November we had speaker Jenny Sager. She help start "Bed for Kids" in Elkhart County. They distributed beds to children who sleep on the floor, along with a new set of bed sheets and blankets. The children are happy for their new bed. February we went to Elkhart Nursing Home to passed out Valentine candy to the patients. They always have a big smile on their faces when someone comes. With the Covid 19 we stayed home. Hope everyone is well. May God Bless. ~ Rosie Miller, IN Alpha

Indiana Gamma – Chapter President Sharon Everett

IN Gamma has been struggling with VIRUS isolation, but we're not throwing a 'pity party' and weep. We are encouraged by what the future holds for our educational programs & society functions. Our business agendas & educational programs will survive. The 'uncertainty of the unknown enables us to "HOLD HIGH THE TORCH OF SISTERHOOD". ~ Carol Larson, IN Gamma



Left: Charlene Davis, Debbie Hood, Jackie Garrison, Mary Fisher, and Janice Marvin.

Right: Sue Ellen Allbaugh, Mary Fisher, Charlene Davis, and Janice Marvin.



### Indiana Eta – Chapter President Barb Parker

IN Eta is Celebrating 100 years in many ways. At one of our first meetings Betty Vaughn, founder, told us the early history of our sorority. She also passed around early Pleiad news, other sorority publishings, and photos. It was quite the history lesson; it was like going through a DTC museum. At our Founders Day celebration we celebrated each Sisters' number of years in sorority as well as welcoming new Sister Phyllis Oliver.

Another way is by having "100" themed socials; some examples include collecting 100 cans of food for our local food pantry, 100 questions to learn about our Sisters, played a guessing game with 100 ways to use an item, and were very creative with a Thanksgiving magnet for our refrigerators. So at every meeting and educational we are always Celebrating our 100 years of Sisterhood!

We were going to finish our year by hosting the Celaeno Province Spring Convention -- "Party On, Delta Theta Chi" to celebrate our 100 years; but that was postponed due to the pandemic. We will continue to celebrate next year.

~ Ricki Weaver, IN Eta

### 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*!



*100 Years of Sisterhood*  
**2021 NATIONAL CONVENTION**  
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More information will be forthcoming at [www.deltathetachi.org](http://www.deltathetachi.org) in the Fall



## 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:

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Balloons

Yellow  
or Green

\$ .50 each

*Electra Province National Trustee*  
*Cheryl Neeley, Missouri Delta*

Dear Sisters:

My but life has certainly changed these past few months. I sincerely hope this find you all doing well and in good health. I have been blessed to be able to work remotely from home since mid-March, and will continue to do so for a while longer. Like many of us, lack of social gatherings and events have been difficult, but am so grateful for occasional visits from my family on the front porch, sidewalk, or driveway. Not being able to give hugs is not a natural feeling for so many of us, so for now we are thankful for the occasional in-person visit, with proper social distancing of course.

We've all had to find ways to keep our spirits up and our minds busy in positive ways, everything from puzzles, quilting, Spring cleaning, etc. Thankfully there are other avenues. I was really entertained early on in the stay-at-home mandate by Sister Pat Jover, CA Eta, and her excellent fashionable eye in helping several of us find evening gowns for the 2021 National Convention banquet. I was delighted to be paired up with my 'twin sister' Val Schempp, CA Eta, and believe we will look absolutely stunning AND have a fabulous time together at Convention! Thank you Pat for lifting our spirits and giving us something to look forward to!

Like most chapters, Electra Province Sisters have not been able to physically get together, and we miss spending time together to celebrating Chapter Founder's Days and various Chapter and Province events. But there is nothing stopping us from picking up the phone and giving our Sisters a call, you know, like we used to before the 'fast' electronic age? Not all Sisters are connected electronically. Go ahead, give it a try, make someone's day, and yours!

Unfortunately I was not able to travel to Lubbock, Texas to meet with fellow NEC members for the Mid-Year meeting June 10-12. So disappointing ... I missed a roadtrip with our N.E.S.T., missed my first NEC Mid-Year meeting, and definitely missed having Sister time and fellowship with the NEC and our Texas Nu Sisters. But thank goodness for technology a/k/a Zoom, I was able to attend all meetings.

Be well my Sisters, and be safe. Continue to celebrate our 100 Years of Sisterhood and Hold High the Torch!

Sisterly Love,

Cheryl Neeley  
Electra Province Trustee

*Electra Province President*  
*Gail Allen, Kansas Kappa*

Hello Ladies of Delta Theta Chi:

I hope everyone is enjoying their Spring turning into Summer. I love starting the garden, planting pretty flowers at my front steps, and the daylight that seems to last for hours. There is something magical about sitting outside with loved ones enjoying a beautiful sunset that fades into little sparks of light from fireflies in the darkness.

I do not know what plague is next (gotta be Killer Bees or rabid squirrels) and with all that has happened in 2020; there seems to be little to brighten our days. That is why I am so glad that we now have the ability to stay in contact with our Sisters in a variety of ways: Zoom, Facebook, various video chat applications on the phone, to email, text and by telephone. These last few months have been rough. To keep my sanity, I definitely needed to talk to my DTC Sisters on a regular basis. We might not be celebrating our Sisterhood by going out



### **Electra Province President continued ...**

and doing activities, but I think we are enforcing our bonds as Sisters. Sisters are forced to make a true effort to seek each other out past normal sorority meetings, which only makes us stronger.

This year has been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad year and its only June! I hope that all of you are in good places mentally, physically, and spiritually. If you need a helping hand with any of these, a Sister is literally only a phone call, a text message, an email, or a visit away. Please do not hesitate to call on us! That is why we are here!

Hold High the Torch!

Gail Allen  
Electra Province President

### **Kansas Alpha – Chapter President Kay Foster**

KS Alpha Sisters are doing well. We have not had any chapter meetings since mid-March, but are still planning to host Electra Province Conclave in October for now, staying connected with the hotel. We hope to know something more definite by July or August, and hopefully can feel better about gatherings.

### **Kansas Beta – Chapter President Teresa Carter**

The Kansas Beta Chapter had their first meeting after the COVID-19 shut down on May 26<sup>th</sup>. For most of the Sisters this was one of their first times out and about since the shut-down. It was extremely hard not to give each other hugs, since we are a chapter of huggers. The meeting was held at the home of Trish Schmidt and even though there was a lot of social distancing, it was a lot of fun. In early March the chapter had a meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>, just days before the State of Kansas issued a stay at home order. At that meeting held in the home of Sister Leslie Beers, we were honored with the presence of a special guest, Sandi Kayne. Little did we know that would be the last time any of us would ever get to visit with her. Our hearts are broken!

Now that Summer is arriving in Kansas, and the lock down is for the most part over. We will continue to meet, albeit with social distancing, no hugging and face masks when needed. We look forward to a time when we can go back “normal”. Our future plans include installation of 2020-2021 officers, a Summer social, Summer Board meeting, and a rush activity.







**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 MO Delta's do not meet January and February due to such unpredictable Missouri weather, so the last time we were together was our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday gatherings. Thanksgiving we found ourselves at historical restaurant in downtown Lee's Summit and had the added pleasure of Cathie Barber (KS Beta) and our Neeley DTC Guys! Judy Hurlbert attended a performance of Trans Siberian Orchestra in December, while the Neeley girls (Cheryl, Eileen and Mindy), Christine Durbin, and Alexa Cook treated ourselves to brunch at The Webster House followed by a performance of The Nutcracker at the Kaufman Performing Arts building. So needless to say, we could all use some much needed Sister time!



**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 hope that all my sorority Sisters have fared well during the Covid 19 pandemic isolation. I would love to hear your stories of acts of kindness that you experience during that time. Those acts are truly signs of friendship and Sisterhood. I know that my chapter Sisters have showed their acts of kindness with calls to keep my spirits up.

I apologize to my Sisters for my failure to get an article into the Winter Pleiad. In August, my life changed. I am giving 24/7 care to my husband and mother. Video physician appointments, fear of taking them to the Emergency Department, Adult Daycare cancelled, no deliveries from stores because of where we live, no respite care (to run errands) and the advice not to have family gathering. I am truly looking forward to the reopening phase and the idea that we can get on with life.

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

If ever we were joined in Sisterhood, it has been through the trying times we have endured the past couple of months. With stay at home orders we were given to keep everyone safe and help eliminate the spreading of the COVID 19 we have had to come up with other ideas to educate and socialize. We as women and Sisters have learned to Zoom our meetings, keep in touch through social media (of which I say got me through a lot of gloomy days). Knowing we are all in this together and have been there for one another has been priceless. It is our hope that everyone is safe and staying well. We look forward to the future of Sisterhood and Delta Theta Chi.



Ohio Mu Chapter Meeting in November. Seated left to right Karen Kammer, Edith Breidenthal, Guest, Patricia Stanley (mother of Sharon Osterberger), Sharon Osterberger.

*Taygeta Province National Trustee*  
*Fran Tebow, Oklahoma Alpha*

Hello to my Sister's:

This has been a crazy scary start to the year 2020, I don't know about you but I do not want this to happen to anyone again. However there have been good things that have happened; spending time with our loved ones, being home for meals as a family, learning more about ourselves and others, using our imaginations to do things differently and appreciating that God is always in control, along with how Blessed we really are to live in America.

100 years ago when 7 women decided to start Delta Theta Chi Sorority in Chicago, I think how brave those 7 women were to strike out on their own with such a vision. That vision has lasted for 100 years and that is amazing to me. Think of what they went through to see their dream come true and some of their hardships to charter chapters around the United States. Without e-mail; readily available telephones; cars; and computers they were successful. We have at our fingertips some of the best tools to reach other women in the year 2020. Can you even imagine what those 7 women went through to get new members and to stay in contact with them as they grew, state by state in 1920? If Delta Theta Chi is to last another 100 years we need to do our best to initiate new ladies to this wonderful sorority and maintain them. They may look back at what we did in 2020 and wonder how it was possible to build and maintain members for 200 years!! That would be so awesome!

Just a little food for thought about how quickly 100 years passes and the ones who made it possible, it wasn't easy but it worked and hopefully will continue to work.

Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi!!

In Sisterly Love,

Fran Tebow  
Taygeta Province National Trustee

*Taygeta Province President*  
*Jeanne Reid, Oklahoma Zeta*

Greetings Dear Sisters,

I am so happy to see that most chapters are finding ways to get together, with patio and zoom meetings leading the way. Although it will be awhile before we can all be together, I think of you often and pray that you are healthy and happy.

As the Summer progresses hopefully the fear of the pandemic will be eased and our lives will get back to somewhat normal. I look forward to hugging my Sisters again, enjoying the pleasure of laughing with you and making more wonderful memories with you.

In sisterly love,

Jeanne Reid  
Taygeta Province President

Oklahoma Alpha – Chapter President Susan Stewart

What a crazy year 2020 has turned out to be: sequestered, locked in, masked, gloved, distanced. Meetings curtailed, no Spring Board, no OK Alpha 100th Birthday celebration, no Founders Day, no Fall convention, no sister hugs, no fun!!

However..... from July to March, OK Alpha was still able to:

- meet our goal of \$1,000 to support Clarehouse (an end of life facility) which is our civic project.
  - present financial aid (\$1000) to Tess Bachelor, our scholarship winner, in the pursuit of her education at OBU.
- We also got to help her decorate her dorm room.



### Oklahoma Alpha continued ...

- sell poinsettias at Christmas.
- make over 1,000 blankets (loveys) for Kids in Crisis.
- pledge and initiate two new members, Teresa Morgan and Marlene Penn.
- have awesome social events, including a hobo party, an Amish Thanksgiving, a Grinch Christmas, Initiation Brunch, and an Escape Room debacle. We did get out.
- make needed updates to our chapter Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Motions.
- and, we had an incredible 90th birthday party for our beloved Lynn Johnson.

I think that is a very productive year in eight months time, don't you?



New Members Teresa Morgan and Marlene Penn



OK Alpha Social: Marlene, Fran, Betty, Tiffany, Susan, Nancy, Judy, and Becky

### Oklahoma Beta – Chapter President Lou Berry

Who would have believed in February of the year 2020, that **ALL** things we consider normal today would disappear like a wisp of smoke in the month of March??? Due to the corona virus, things went from normal to “Shelter at Home” and “keep social distance” between you and others. Consequently, sorority meetings were not physically held in the latter part of March and our ST. Pat’s Spud Party was cancelled. However, due to the quick thinking of our President, Lou Ella Berry, and our Recording Secretary, Carol Hanson, **ZOOM** meetings were set up for our April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> get-togethers which were on computers, laptops and phones, etc. Attendance was from 10 to 14 members “zooming” at one time or another, and we had openings, roll call acknowledgements, minutes read, Treasurer’s Report given and filed for audit, Standing Committee reports and any announcements that needed to be made.

Our Educational Director, Amy Seerey emailed all members videos of a delightful female comedienne, Jeanne Robertson, who entertained us with several comedy routines showing on our computers, lap tops, phones, etc. My what one can do with a little deviation from the norm.

Our main Ways and Means Project, the Annual Flower Sale, was postponed for two weeks in April, due to the virus scare, but **WE HAD IT!!** We had an outdoor delivery of flowers on Tuesday before the sale, and the big delivery at the St. Stephen’s Church gymnasium on Thursday before the sale. Masked and gloved Oklahoma Betas took the delivery at the church, pulled and tagged orders. On Friday, May 1, flower-order clients were met at their vehicles by masked and gloved Betas who took their name and salesperson, went into the gym, pulled

### Oklahoma Beta continued ...



Betty Schmidt, Janie VanDeGrift, Amy Seerey  
and Lou Ella Berry

their order then personally delivered and loaded it into their vehicles. Talk about **HIGH EFFICIENCY**.

We had many compliments on our helpers – Conner Berry, Lou's grandson, and Brady and Tyler Jones, Amy's nephews. Debbie Roberts lent us a much appreciated hand as well. We even had time on Thursday to have a "Flower Picnic" hosted by the Social Committee, who provided drinks, chips, and desserts. We all worked hard to ensure the success of this masked and gloved adventure.

A true example of "when the going gets tough . . . the tough get going"!!!

LET'S GET TOUGH DELTA THETA CHI !!!

~ Phyllis Henderson, OK Beta Pleiad Reporter

### Oklahoma Delta – Chapter President Shirley West

Our Celebration of Sisterhood at the 2019 National Convention was great as we had six members of our chapter attending (the most ever). The food was great and we all had a good time together. We did 100 dimes each for Scholarships and Billie paid another member's annual dues to complete two of the required programs for our sorority year.

We had a marvelous Valentine Dinner and party hosted by Billie Shields before the shutdown and we are glad to report that Beth Smith is doing well again.

Shirley West  
OK Delta Pleiad Reporter

### Oklahoma Epsilon – Chapter President Effie Ray

Happy Summer Anyway!!!

These last few weeks has been a struggle for all of us, but we are strong. As I look at the list of "100 ways to Celebrate" through Sisterhood, friendships, personal growth or social cultural events as an individual, a Province and/or Chapter, Oklahoma Epsilon has continued to stay in touch by telephone, e-mail and FINALLY a recent meeting wearing our masks.

It was such a great feeling to see each other and celebrate that none of us had been ill however, some Sisters did not attend the meeting and we missed them.

Our greatest disappointment was we felt it necessary to cancel our Province Convention as there were obvious obstacles in our way during this tragic time of the virus. We thankfully appreciate the Province Board's understanding of the cancellation.

### Oklahoma Epsilon continued ...

We are happily looking forward to hosting Province Convention in October 2021, which seems a long way off, but we can look forward to National Convention in June 2021.

Blessings to all of you.

Effie Ray  
OK Epsilon Pleiad Reporter

### Oklahoma Zeta – Chapter President Linda Elkins

The year 2020 will be remembered for some very bad things. Fortunately, Oklahoma Zetas have stayed well to date. We hope that we can make some really good things happen when we gain a sense of normalcy. We did not have any meetings in the month of April, but we did meet in Jeannie Reid's backyard on May 5<sup>th</sup> and then again May 19<sup>th</sup> in Becky Kueffer's backyard. Both meetings were at 3:00 pm instead of our normal 6:30 pm. I trust my sisters like family and this makes meeting face to face easier.

I hope we can focus on civic projects that will help those affected by the pandemic circumstances.

Recruiting new members may be harder than ever to instill trust for some individuals, but we will continue to try.



Jeanne Reid, Laura Kitchen, Linda Elkins, Becky Kueffer, Vicki Cramer, Bobbie Jones

We want to send blessing to all our Sisters to stay safe and healthy.

In Sisterly Love,

Linda Elkins  
OK Zeta President



### 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 Dianne Doughty

Texas Beta had an official Centennial Celebration in recognition of Delta Theta Chi's "100 year anniversary." Sandy Mayfield hosted a Roaring 20's gala in her home October 22, 2019. Those who wanted to, came in full costume. We had 6 ladies present for the fun event. Sandy displayed a "write-up" about Delta Theta Chi's beginning and presented each Sister with a refrigerator magnet she had purchased online, signifying the 1920-2020 span of time that Delta Theta Chi has been in existence. We had a nice dinner and the table was decorated in silver and white--and lots of food. In keeping with 100 Ways to Celebrate Sisterhood/Friendships, Texas Beta has donated over 100 cans and non-perishable items to a senior food pantry and have completed 50 Random Acts of Kindness toward their goal of 100!

The pandemic slowed us down a bit but we are going to make sure we hit this goal. We honored a local high school student, Ebony Moss, with a \$500 scholarship to continue her education. In keeping with meeting traditions, we found a way to meet for our May and June business meeting – ZOOM. Great to see a few faces from out of town – Peggy Witcher and Carol George.

~ Sandy Mayfield, TX Beta Chapter Pleiad Reporter



Robin Frank, Nancy Goss,  
Judy Bassler, Sandy Mayfield,  
and Jane Fitzgerald



June Butler



Robin Frank, Sandy Mayfield  
and June Butler



The story of Delta Theta  
Chi's beginning



Time to eat!



Miss Ebony Moss  
TX Beta Scholarship Winner

### Texas Gamma -- Chartering Ceremony to be Scheduled Soon

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

### Texas Zeta – Chapter President Sheron Braden

I am looking forward to the Summer months and hopefully they will be somewhat free of COVID 19. I'm really hoping that we will soon be able to spend time with one another and give Sisterly hugs.

There is little news as TX Zeta has not been meeting, however we are attempting to schedule a June meeting/social. We will also do this in July. August should bring us back to a more normal time; however, I expect our normal will have changed and we will adjust, cope and grow.

I encourage all to continue to reach out in any way possible to your Sisters. I know I am grateful for any communication or time with my Sisters. I hope your Summer is full of good health and safety.

Remember every woman needs a Sister, another woman to share her thoughts and goals, so jump at any chance to introduce Delta Theta Chi to your friends.

Sheron Braden  
TX Zeta President

### Texas Nu – Chapter President Laquitha (Ketha) Crozier

Texas Nu was well represented at the 2019 National Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Lots of fun and the events well organized and informative. Lots of visiting and photos with Sisters from other Provinces. Best of all our Sister Jane Harrell installed as our National President.

After celebrating the National Convention in June, November 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> nine Sisters attended the Cowgirls in Cowtown in Fort Worth, Texas. Some of the Sisters attended the rodeo at the Cowtown Coliseum and had a great time. We had very good meals and the educational program on Saturday kept our interest in the speaker. That night we had a toe taping band with lots of dancing. Sunday morning meeting and installation of new officers and then heading home.

Some of the great programs of celebrating 100 year included:

- "Women's Right to Vote 100 Years Ago"
- "Different Changes and Aspects 1920-2020" the program incorporated different homes, dress styles and foods. The meal had food dishes popular during this time-period.
- "100 Years of Women and Music" presented with videos and pictures of outstanding women in music during this time.
- We have celebrated in dress to signify the 100 years and bringing 100 items of zip ties, pipe cleaners, note pads, 100 piece puzzle, crackers, clothes pins, cake toppers, cotton balls and other things with the chapter president dressed in a red shiny flapper dress.
- One of the ways we celebrated through Sisterhood was to donate 100 cans of pull top soups to Meals on Wheels for their weekend food pantry meals.

~ Veronyka Vance, Texas Nu Chapter Pleiad Reporter

## 2020-2021 NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Amber Mattingly

#### 2020 Marie Miller Graham Memorial Scholarship Recipient



This year's winner of the \$1,000 Marie Miller Graham Memorial Scholarship for members or relative of members is Amber Mattingly of Hamilton, OH. Amber is the granddaughter of Edith (Edie) Breidenthal. Amber is a single mother of 4 year old twins, Dominick and Abigail; she works full time as an Assistant Branch Manager for Telhio Credit Union. Amber is currently taking on-line courses through Western Governors University and plans to earn a B.S. degree in Business-Human Resource Management. Amber stated "as the sole provider for my children, I realized the need to go back to school and finish a degree I had previously started.

So now, at 36, I am finishing my dream of earning a bachelor degree." Amber enjoys spending time with her family, baking and decorating cakes and home projects; her work peer stated that "Amber has managed her responsibilities as a working mother, juggling employment and the care of twins - one of which is special needs. She has demonstrated resiliency and intestinal fortitude that is seldom seen in our current environment. Amber's achievements have been significant, and she continues to strive for better things for herself and her children".

**Congratulations Amber!**

*Submitted by OH Mu, Sterope Province*

### Erin Allen

#### 2020 National Scholarship Recipient

Our first recipient of a \$ 1,600 National Scholarship is Erin Allen. Erin is from Del City, OK and she is a recent graduate from Millwood High School in Oklahoma City, OK. She is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in her class of 53 students with a GPA of 4.11 and she plans to attend Fisk University in Nashville, TN to pursue a degree in Music and Biology. She is excited to continue her education in Music since she has been in Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands for the past 8 years. She was the Drum Major at Millwood High School for the last 4 years; she served as the Student/Class President for the past 6 years and has been actively involved in



several organizations throughout her scholastic career, with some of those including: Principals Advisory Board, Yearbook, National Honor Society and Leadership Club. Erin was active in her community by being an intern at the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, a member of the Youth Leadership Exchange, Leadership Summit and was active in her church by being a part of the church Mime Group and playing the drums. Erin's School Superintendent states that "Erin's involvement in various organizations speaks to her wide variety of interest and abilities. Erin's passion and unwavering commitment to whatever organization that she is involved in is one of her most salient qualities. Erin is "all in" for every endeavor and works hard to bring others along, advocate for a cause and even highlight injustices". **Congratulations Erin!**

*Submitted by OK Beta Chapter, Taygeta Province*





### **Kimberly Liu** **2020 National Scholarship Recipient**

Our second recipient of a \$1,600 National Scholarship is Kimberly Liu. Kimberly is from Davis, CA and is a recent graduate of Davis Senior High School in Davis, CA. She graduated with a Cumulative GPA over 4.52 and will be going to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York this fall to pursue a degree in Economics, Business and Environmental Science. Kimberly was active throughout her high school career participating in Chess Club as the founder and president; she

was active in Academic Decathlon, Math Class as a Co-Teacher for three years, Badminton and Fencing. She is a Clay Art Instagram Blogger, Clay Art Exhibitor and even teaches Clay Art to K-6 students at Peregrine Elementary School in their after school program. Kimberly is a Competitive Chess Player as a Woman FIDE Master. The Woman FIDE Master title is a merit-based award recognized by the World Chess Federation. Less than 1% of the female players in America currently hold this title. Kimberly states that she “hopes to investigate behavioral economics and encourage people to live a more sustainable lifestyle by appealing to them through economic incentives. “To me, the relationship between climate change and behavioral economics is a unique approach to motivate citizens to protect the planet”. **Congratulations Kimberly!**

*Submitted by CA Eta Chapter, Alcyone Province*

### **Victoria Dinov** **2020 National Scholarship Recipient**



The final recipient of a \$1,600 National Scholarship is Victoria Dinov. Victoria lives in San Diego, CA and is a recent graduate of Rancho Bernardo High School in San Diego, CA. She graduated with a Cumulative GPA of 4.42 and is amongst her class's top ten in terms of GPA (Poway Unified School District does not assign a class rank) and will be attending UC Berkeley in the Fall to pursue a degree in Bio or Chemical Engineering. Victoria was a member of National Honor Society,

Peer Counselor, Sports for All, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track and Field and Fight Against Hunger and she is currently a level 10 Pianist. Victoria states that she “hopes to earn a Ph.D. in some aspect of biology and its interconnections to technology and become a leader in the flowering field of digital medicine. As I dive into the research world, I wish to become a lead woman in STEM, proving to society that women are change makers, and are capable of progressing humanity's interests”. Her High School Counselor stated “it is not a question of whether Vicky will have a positive impact on the profession to which she commits; it's when and to what degree”! **Congratulations Victoria!**

*Submitted by CA Omicron Chapter, Taygeta Province*



## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Averilla Strausberger  
Dorothy Jean Beaman  
Sandi Kayne

Member, IN Sigma  
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December 16, 2019  
February 2, 2020  
May 21, 2020

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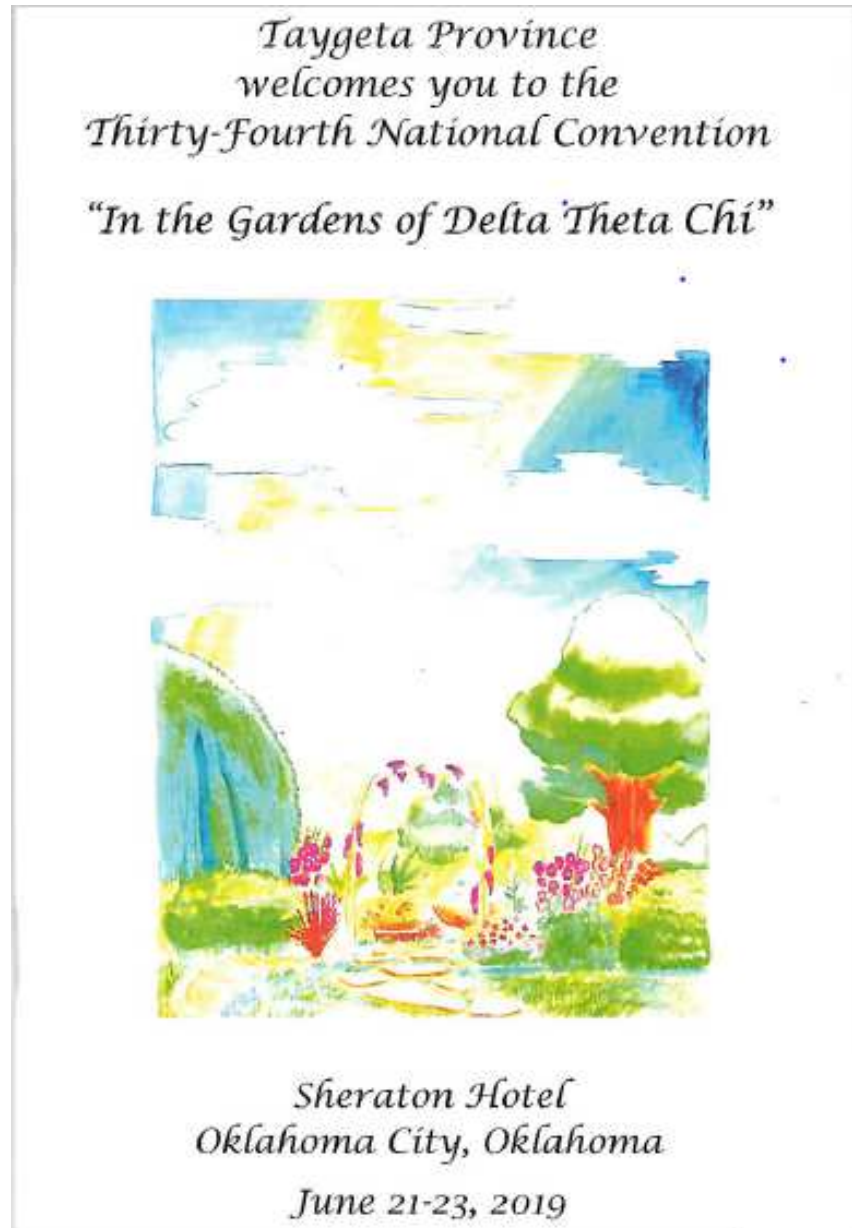
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*One year ago ... memories were made at the*



*National Convention Program Cover – Watercolor by Kara Carter, KS Beta  
Kara framed the original art work and presented it at National Convention  
to her mother, National President Teresa Carter, KS Beta*

Look for Memories and Highlights from the 2019 National Convention  
presented as a Special Edition PowerPoint Slide Show  
being sent by separate email

Thank You, Eileen Neeley, MO Delta, for putting this Special Edition together for us to enjoy!



Remember .... Registration information available this Fall for the

***2021 National Convention***  
**Delta Theta Chi Sorority**

***June 25 – 27, 2021 ~ South Bend, Indiana***



***Hosted by Celaeno Province***

WINTER ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL PLEIAD WILL FEATURE ...

LITERACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

See Guidelines for Literacy, Community Service, and the Crystal Flame Award below

**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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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!

What a great resource to help stay informed about our Sisters and all the many ways they promote Delta Theta Chi Sorority, celebrate our Sisterhood and each other, support of their communities through service and literacy projects, announcing upcoming events or special occasions, and of course, celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood!

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