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## *Centennial Edition*



*celebrate*

*100 Years of Sisterhood*

*National President  
Jane Harrell  
Texas Nu Chapter, Taygeta Province*



My Dear Sisters,

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

This is my last Pleiad article to write. It is hard to believe that eight years on the NEC have gone so quickly. I cannot express to you how much these past eight years have meant to me. Thank you, TX Nu and Taygeta Province, for having the confidence in me to elect me as your Trustee. Thank you, DTC membership, for supporting me by electing me as National Vice President and then National President. I have learned so much about the inner workings of this great sorority.

Thank you, Sisters, for your love and friendship. We have a true Sisterhood full of love, confidence, honor, and integrity. I love this sorority and will continue to help it grow and prosper.

One of our biggest accomplishments has been getting TX Gamma Chapter chartered. Those ladies never gave up and neither did I. I believe this chapter has many good things in store and will definitely gain more members.

Let's all work hard to keep bringing in new members so Delta Theta Chi Sorority will remain. It takes all of us to do our part in keeping it alive. We also need to encourage one another in all that we do, especially in remaining a member. We have had way too many resignations these past two years.

Sisters, again, thank you for these last 8 years. I love you all!

Hold High the Torch!

In Sisterly Love,

Jane Harrell  
National President



*National Vice President  
Kathy Warden  
California Eta Chapter, Alcyone Province*

Dear Sisters,

As we come to the end of this 2019-21 Biennium and anticipate the upcoming celebration of our Sisterhood at our National Convention in South Bend, Indiana at the end of June, I am just thinking about all that has transpired during these past two years. No one could have predicted that we would not be able to see our sisters at meetings, have fundraisers or hold our Conventions and Spring Boards for more than a year. But, that is exactly what happened.

However, perseverance is a mainstay for all my Delta Theta Chi sisters and we figured out a way to stay connected, grow in our sisterhood, and remain determined to celebrate 100 years of sisterhood no matter what. Many of us have endured the challenges of the pandemic, health issues and family matters and yet, our sorority is stronger than ever and well on the way to flourishing again. I have no doubt that our Delta Theta Chi chapters will once again be representing our sisterhood with pride throughout their communities and cities.

Congratulations to TX Gamma and their President Kitty Warsame for hanging in there together and finally being able to celebrate their chartering in May '21. Thank you to National President Jane Harrell and Past National President Becky Kueffer for sticking with them and making sure it all happened. It was a long road, but you ended the journey with success. Thank you also to Past National President Teresa Carter for initiating the "isolation list" so that we could all keep track of our sisters who are not able to join us for meetings and events. It has been wonderful to hear about so many sisters reaching out to those in need of a bit of cheering up.

We continue to lose many sisters each year to resignations and deaths, but we have also gained new sisters from pledgings, initiations and reinstatements. This is how we remain on an upward trajectory. However, that does not come without a lot of hard work and dedication. I remain so proud of all of you for forging ahead and keeping Delta Theta Chi strong. You have met on zoom, met in barns, backyards and parks, continued to raise money for your various charity projects and kept track of your fellow sisters. What better way to celebrate 100 years of sisterhood than to know you did all you could to show our strength and resilience.

I continue to look forward to all the blessings this next year brings and to a wonderful 2021-23 term for all. I hope to see many of you in Celaeno at National Convention in Indiana. Did you earn bricks to fill in our "Yellow Brick Road?" I am confident that under everyone's leadership our Provinces will keep flourishing and "Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi." Now...one last time, just click your heels and repeat after me... "There's no place like DTC!"



In Sisterly Love,

*Kathy*

Kathy Warden  
National Vice President



*Put on Your **Ruby Slippers** and  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road to South Bend, IN to 2021 National Convention*



*National Executive Secretary-Treasurer*  
*Cindi Cook*  
*Kansas Beta Chapter, Electra Province*

Sisters:

It is hard to believe that we will gather for National Convention in just a few short days. I know all our Celaeno Sisters have worked very hard and will provide us with an exceptional weekend as we celebrate "100 Years of Sisterhood" in South Bend, Indiana. I am so very excited to see all of my Sisters from across the country!

I was so very excited and honored to attend and assist in the Chartering of our newest Chapter, Texas Gamma in Cypress, Texas on May 15. This is an incredible group of ladies and they will be a tremendous asset to our Sisterhood. Travel safe if you are able to attend National Convention and stay well, my Sisters. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.

In Sisterly Love,

Cindi Cook

N.E.S.T.

*New Sisters 2019 – 2021*

<b>SISTER</b>	<b>CHAPTER</b>	<b>PROVINCE</b>	<b>BIG SISTER</b>
Katie Horn	CA Omicron	Alcyone	Liz Rayon
Laverne McIntyre	WA Alpha	Alcyone	Shelley Nelson
Camille James	WA Alpha	Alcyone	Shelley Nelson
Phyllis Oliver	IN Eta	Celaeno	Ricki Weaver
Wanda Bontrager	IN Sigma	Celaeno	Debra Humbarger
Paula Kohrt	NE Eta	Electra	Mariah Kohrt
Marlene Penn	OK Alpha	Taygeta	Lynn Johnson
Teresa Morgan	OK Alpha	Taygeta	Judy Stone
Melissa Sullivan	OK Beta	Taygeta	Sandy Futrell
Lynn Yenzer	OK Zeta	Taygeta	Becky Kueffer
Amy Winkler	OK Kappa	Taygeta	Atlanta Welch-McNiel
Shannon Kelly	TX Zeta	Taygeta	Carla Rocha
Kay Harris	TX Nu	Taygeta	Brenda Bobo
Jan Powell	TX Nu	Taygeta	Brenda Bobo
Vicki Johnson	TX Nu	Taygeta	Brenda Bobo
Elaine Squire	TX Nu	Taygeta	Brenda Bobo
Lana Cantrell	TX Nu	Taygeta	Laquitha Crozier
Angela Schroeder	TX Nu	Taygeta	Stacy Bobo
April Walter	TX Nu	Taygeta	Stacy Bobo
Barbara Welch	TX Nu	Taygeta	Patty Griggs
Alma Barclay	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Zina Brown	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Judy Hansen	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Edmonia Husemann	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Marie Johnson	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Amanda Miller	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Angela Phillips	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Keashundria Porterfield	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Mabel Sellu	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Angie Springer	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter
Kitty Warsame	TX Gamma	Taygeta	Charter

# *Alcyone Province*

## *National Trustee Linda Colton California Eta Chapter*

Greetings from Alcyone Province! Some of our chapters have been working hard to conduct Zoom meetings these past several months ... who would have thought that we would still be in this "Covid situation?" We all hope that sooner rather than later we will be able to have real in person meetings so we can hug each other and see the wonderful smiles we all have been missing.

In celebrating "100 Years of Sisterhood" I think about the brave women who, after their college years, wanted to keep the "sisterly spirit" alive and convened to start up this wonderful sorority. Did they think it would still be going after a century? Probably not. With that in mind, I believe we need to work harder in promoting Delta Theta Chi or there will be no more "100 years." Perhaps this next year each chapter, in every Province, should try their best to bring in new members. I know several chapters in Alcyone are struggling ... what to do is the question. Talk this over in your chapters and try to find a solution. I know that's not an easy task, but a little effort might just give the impetus to help find some new members.

I'm looking forward to attending our National Convention in June and seeing lots of friends. These Conventions are always fun, and of course, a lot of work for the hosting Province. We on the NEC will have our work cut out for us too, but being all together makes for an enjoyable time!

Continue to hold high the torch, and here's to another 100 years!!

In Sisterly Love,

Linda Colton  
Alcyone Province Trustee

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

### California Alpha – Chapter President Julie D'Onofrio

CA Alpha is looking forward to having our first in-person meeting in the beautiful month of June at a nearby Murrieta restaurant, probably The Public House. In a couple of weeks, in beautiful South Bend, Indiana, we will be at the National Convention - in spirit only, I am so sorry to say! But, we will be working on our Roaring Twenties act for the Alcyone Province Convention up the coast in Cambria, California in October. We will, also, be working on the Marketplace setup for that weekend.

### California Epsilon – Chapter President Carol Ann Moyes

CA Epsilon can't even figure out how to do Zoom, but we are hanging in and have kept things moving. We managed to pay our dues, contribute to our scholarship fund, chose a scholarship winner, and elect officers. Can't ask for anything better at this time. Sister Carolann bought each of us a National Convention traveling mug and a DTC coin purse so that we can drink a toast to our 100 years of Sisterhood this month even if we cannot be there to celebrate in person. Hopefully we will have a skit to perform at Alcyone October convention, our basket is in process etc. On a sad note, we lost our best DTC guy, Ralph Deeds, husband of Mary Lee. He will be missed. Looking forward to seeing you in October.



California Eta – Chapter President Melody James

CA Eta has continued to celebrate 100 years of Sisterhood despite not being able to get together physically for the past year. We have met regularly on Zoom and stayed in contact with each other throughout this whole time even though California remained in “lockdown mode.” A few of us finally met for the first time together for our Alcyone Spring Open Board last April. It was great fun to see each other in person at long last. Our next time to meet up was a genuine festival of Sisterhood and showed how CA Eta is helping to expand Delta Theta Chi by bringing in a new “baby Sister.” Fourteen of us met together and two on zoom to celebrate the upcoming birth of our President, Melody James’, new daughter Peyton RaeAnn James. Sisters Pam Evenden and Val Schempp hosted a wonderful luncheon affair with games provided by Alyson Stiles, laughter, goodies and lots of presents. The theme was centered around “lullabies” for Melody and Peyton and she certainly will not lack any songs to sing or stories to share as she puts her daughter to sleep each night. A grand time was had by all and was a wonderful way for us to celebrate our 100 years of Sisterhood. Peyton RaeAnn safely arrived on the scene on May 19, 2021 at 4:14am. Congratulations Mommy Melody, Grandma Kathy, Aunt Candace, Great Aunt Beth and all the Eta Aunties!



~ California Eta Sisters

California Iota – Chapter President Lana Duckett



California Iota chapter began 2021 with an enjoyable get together (social distancing in affect) in Joyce Miller's backyard. Most months we have been able to hold zoom meetings with help from Sandy Torre. Our last meeting here in May we got together at Coco's for lunch.

Pictured from left front is: Susan Musselman, Shirley Robinson, Joyce Miller, back left Lana Duckett, Lydia Menchaca

**California Omicron** – Chapter President Ann Puckett

California Omicron Sisters are enjoying monthly Zoom social/business meetings with good attendance and excellent educational programs and book reports presented by Omicron Sisters. As we age-in-place, attending virtual meetings has blessings like not driving after dark or in the rain, very "casual" attire, distant Sisters, guests, and officers from Province and National are able to attend our meetings, and a libation of choice is enjoyed without getting behind the wheel! We continue to support the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition with holiday gifts for adults and children, our literacy project delivered books to a local elementary school, and we recycle cans and bottles to support our scholarship award to the UCS School of Medicine. Sister Susie Powell organized Zoom Bingo parties for social and fundraising. Omicron's 48th Founder's Day will be celebrated with a lunch together now that restrictions on gatherings have eased. A White Elephant Party, typically held on Twelfth Night in January, will be held in May this year as we can gather together again.



Front Left: Pam Hirning, Ann Puckett, Katie Horn. Back Left: Nadine Daleo, Lorene Norris, Liz Saba, Teri Ramirez-Chertoff



From Left Front: Kathleen Hull, Barbara Magdlen, Katie Horn, Mary Beth Marple, Jan Tatum, Pam Hirning, Ruthi Enyeart, Ann Puckett

We wish all our Delta Theta Chi Sisters good health and prosperity as we "Celebrate 100 Years of Sisterhood."  
~ California Omicron Sisters

**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

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

# *Celaeno Province*

## *National Trustee Connie Cripe Indiana Gamma Chapter*

Greetings Sisters, it has been a wonderful two years Celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood. As Celaeno Province Trustee I have loved reading the chapter minutes as they showcase how each chapter has celebrated our 100 years of Sisterhood. I was happy to see that several chapters followed our National Educational Outline and I encourage everyone to keep that outline handy and reference it in the coming years to keep that spirit and appreciation of our Sisterhood alive.

Just think, our Sisterhood has been alive for 101 years now, as of April 20, 2021. WOW! What are we doing to not only celebrate that, but also looking ahead to keep our sorority alive for another 100 years? Think about what sorority has meant to you personally and how it has made a difference in your life. Having been a member of Delta Theta Chi Sorority myself, for 38 years, I want other women to experience the love, friendships, personal growth, education and comradery that is available to them as well. What's even greater is, they'll have Sisters all over the United States. I can't wait to see my Sisters at the 2021 National Convention to 'Celebrate 100 Years of Sisterhood', let's keep celebrating and looking ahead for the next 100 years!

Connie Cripe, Indiana Gamma  
Celaeno Province Trustee

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

### 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

Indiana Gamma has been celebrating this CENTENNIAL year with joy and enthusiasm.

In September the Sisters decided to 'buy a brick' and have it engraved and replaced in the walkway section of the sidewalk surrounding the FLORA DEPOT. The inscription will be: "DTC IN Gamma Founded in 1947".

In December the Gamma Sisters participated in the Christmas parade by driving Mary Fisher's new car with the inscription:

INDIANA GAMMA  
DELTA THETA CHI  
EDUCATIONAL  
SORORITY  
ESTABLISHED 1947

In January our educational was entitled 'LET'S ALL GO BACK 50 YEARS AGO'. It's always fun to return to our youthful times and explore our past endeavors with one another. In March our educational was at Mary Fisher's



home. She is a GREAT collector of antiques and we all had the task of roving around each room and selecting objects that are over 100 years old. This educational was entitled "100 THINGS to I-SPY".

Now in May we ALL are looking forward to NATIONAL CONVENTION and ready to enjoy seeing DTC SISTERS from all over the U.S.A.

IN TRUE SISTERHOOD ... MAY WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP GREAT FELLOWSHIP WITH ALL SISTERS AND CONTINUE TO SET OUR GOALS WITH PURPOSE AND IDEALS.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Davis  
IN Gamma Chapter

### Indiana Eta – Chapter President Barb Parker

How IN Eta is Celebrated This Year

Indiana Eta has celebrated whenever possible. We've celebrated our Sisterhood, by telling our favorite stories of Sorority; our four legged friends with an educational from the local humane society, which we also donated food, toys and treats to our furry friends. Eta Sisters celebrated their family heritage by learning how to keep stories and heirlooms alive. IN Eta plans to celebrate over summer with dinner and a play as well as another Amish Dinner.

A special celebration for Barb Parker in honor of her 50 years in Delta Theta Chi Sorority. What an honor and privilege to celebrate this huge milestone with her!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ricki Weaver

### Betty Vaughn – Indiana Eta Chapter Member *(Submitted by the Daughter and Little Sister of Betty Vaughn)*



Betty Vaughn signed her contract to join Delta Theta Chi on December 6, 1944. At 97 years old she has been active for over 76 years. She reactivated the Indiana Eta chapter. Following are excerpts from many of the Founders' Day programs she has given over the years: "I was Betty Yost when I went to a rush party for Indiana Theta on October 17, 1944 at the home of Lola Lovell. Lola later became the first National Executive Secretary Treasurer, Big Sister of my future Big Sister Betty Yendes (later Bendit). They would instill upon me a great interest in Delta Theta Chi. I signed my contract to pay \$50.00 to join Delta Theta Chi sorority with chapter dues at \$2.50. That was a pretty good sum those days as a loaf of bread cost about ten cents. I was elected to Indiana State Council Recording Secretary in 1950 where I had to read my Saturday notes on Sunday, and type using a stencil then run them off on a mimeograph. After I

moved to Elkhart during the winter of 1951, I remained active in the Mishawaka Theta chapter. I had heard there had been a chapter in Elkhart, so then I wrote to National and was given names of former Indiana Eta members. I wrote letters to them and put articles in the local newspaper stating I was looking for prospective members inviting them to small coffee meetings at Hotel Elkhart. On December 5, 1954, with our National President Rose Richards as the installing officer, Indiana Eta became a chapter again. I was awarded the Emerald Special Recognition Badge at the second National Convention after the national reorganization from National for my work. Our first yearbook was made using carbon paper with manual typewriters on card tables in my living room. Indiana Eta grew and from our chapter other chapters have been established. I am proud of Indiana Eta, and I have always enjoyed sorority. When I moved into a town where I knew no one, Delta Theta Chi became my way of meeting new people and has given me friendship and sisterly love all these years."

~ Sandy Pixey, Indiana Eta Chapter

**Indiana Kappa** – Chapter President Laura Albright

The Sisters of Indiana Kappa Chapter of Delta Theta Chi Sorority have always been a giving group of ladies but during the 2019-2020 year, we upped our game. In the Fall of 2019, we had a food drive among the Sisters that was donated to the local Salvation Army. We also made extra visits to one of our own who was in a local nursing home. Then Covid-19 hit and we were locked down for months. Starting in May 2020, we decided to help the community with donations to the Logansport Elks Lodge for a Cancer raffle. We also donated to the Logansport Parks Department "Christmas in the Park" lights display, helping brighten the season for those still unable to be with friends and family. In the 2020-2021 sorority year, we sponsored a child all year through the Lewis Cass Schools Buddy Backpack program, gave to our local Jr Civic Theater group to help fund this year's children's play and made a donation to Emmaus Center, our local help center, to help them with their expenses. We also had another food drive, doubling the amount we collected the previous year, which was donated once again to the Salvation Army.

Did we have a celebration with cake? No, but we did get together with each other all of the 2020-2021 year, socially distanced of course, enjoying each other's company. Was this a specific "special project"? Not really, just the Kappa girls caring and helping our community in a variety of different ways. And while we couldn't attend the festivities, our Sister Kathy Adair did get married down in Florida last Fall.

We hope and pray this scourge of Covid-19 is behind us and that everybody is healthy and safe.

Becky Bowman  
IN Kappa Vice President

**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*!

**Indiana Sigma** – Chapter President Debra Humbarger

Indiana Sigma is a small chapter that has been celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood by having our meetings at different restaurants and doing our programs on the different Vice Presidents throughout the 100 years of our Sorority. Last year we learned about several different Presidents' wives, and we thought why not continue studying the Vice Presidents as well. Each of us are taking turns doing the program and bringing desserts. In March we celebrated Founders Day for our chapter. We are looking forward to seeing all of our Sisters at National Convention.

Anna Gillam  
Indiana Sigma Vice President

## *Electra Province*

### *National Trustee Cheryl Neeley Missouri Delta Chapter*

Dear Sisters:

I can hardly believe my first term as Electra Province Trustee is coming to an end, and a new term will begin. That means this is the last issue of the National Pleiad that I will be sending out. I hope you have enjoyed reading the last four issues as much as I have enjoyed putting them together, with little changes made here and there in each issue. I have enjoyed having a front row seat watching the new website being developed. Those attending convention will have the opportunity to see a presentation of the new website. Then it will be published for everyone to see and begin using after convention. Thank you to the National Pleiad and Website Representatives for working with me, and for your time and assistance these last two years. Your continued dedication and support to Delta Theta Chi is very much needed and appreciated.

Have you started packing your bags for National Convention yet? Sadly I realize there will be Sisters that we won't have the privilege of seeing at convention. Please know that we will miss you, and that you are all in our thoughts and hearts. Thank you to our Celaeno Sisters for all of your planning and hard work preparing to host National Convention. It's going to be a great celebration of Delta Theta Chi's 100<sup>th</sup> Year of Sisterhood! How exciting to be part of this celebration! Safe travels to everyone. See you in South Bend!

Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi

In Sisterly Love,

Cheryl Neeley, Missouri Delta  
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

The Kansas Beta chapter this year has held meetings via Zoom and has finally begun holding meetings in person. Despite having to cancel some of the earlier meetings and programs due to COVID, we have been able to present the following programs: Wichita State Tech scholarship presentation on how it is awarded, Now Banned Vintage Ads and Famous Women series, Queen Elizabeth. We have also donated diapers and baby items to the local mother's shelter, the Treehouse.

Our one social this year was celebrating with Barbara and Albert Coleman, their 3<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. Lots of dancing, smiles and fun were had. We also held a garage sale at the home of Cathie Barber, which helped add funds to our treasury that will go towards our chapter's scholarship.



Barbara and Albert Coleman's Anniversary party.  
Pictured: Barbara Coleman, Logan Carter and Brenda Thompson



Leslie and Rolf Beers

Congratulations to our own baby Sister, Victoria Cocannouer, daughter of Tammy Cocannouer, upon being chosen to receive the National Marie Miller Graham scholarship and also for receiving the Electra Province scholarship. Victoria plans on attending the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, majoring in Music Education.

Cindi Cook, NEST, Teresa Carter and Cathie Barber attended the chartering of the Texas Gamma Chapter in Cypress, Texas on May 14-15. Welcome to our newest chapter!

National Convention 2021 will have many of us Kansas Beta's on the road ready for some fun in South Bend, Indiana.

Everyone have a wonderful and safe summer!

~ Love the Kansas Beta Sisters

### 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 Charter was signed March 22, 1936 by 25 young ladies in Kansas City, Missouri. One of the charter members was Dorothy K. White. Sister Dorothy left Kansas City and made her way to California and as a member of CA Iota served as National President from 1969 to 1973. We have many special Sisters, including Gail Orr. Sister Gail was part of the reorganization and was the second National President from 1955 to 1959. We are honored to presently have as a member Sister Joan Billing, who served as National President from 1985 to 1989. Sister Joan was a MO Alpha at that time but when, sadly, her chapter had to disband, she became a MO Delta. Another honored MO Delta Sister is Pauline Hill Burke, who served as NEST for several years. Although we have lost the dates she served in that position, it was from the late 50s into the early 70s. The MO Delta Chapter has a long history of special Sisters. These Sisters, and most importantly, our current members, were and are active as chapter officers, serving on the Electra Province Board and becoming National Trustees. We are very proud to currently have as our National Trustee from Electra, our lovely chapter Sister Cheryl Neeley. Our membership may be few in numbers, but each Sister has a love for Delta Theta Chi Sorority and we continue to hold high the torch of Sisterhood.

**Nebraska Eta** – Chapter President Teresa Silence

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

**Nebraska Zeta** – Chapter President Diana Allen-Lewis

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

# *Sterope Province*

*National Trustee Karen Kammer  
Ohio Mu Chapter*

Dear Sisters:

Wow 100 years of Sisterhood! Where has the time gone? Sterope Province is excited to be Celebrating 100 years of Sisterhood with all of our sisters in South Bend, Indiana for National Convention 2021. It has been an unusual and tough year for all of us. We look forward to seeing our Sisters who will be at National Convention and send beautiful smiles and virtual hugs to those who won't.



Top row – left to right: Edith Breidenthal, Michaela Dougherty, and Karen Kammer.  
Bottom row left: Sharon Osterberger.

Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi for the next 100 years!

In Sisterly Love,

Karen Kammer  
Sterope Province Trustee

***Sterope Province President***  
***Karen Kammer, Ohio Mu***

**Maryland Alpha** – Chapter President Termia Jones

Greetings from the Maryland Alpha Chapter! We celebrated Petrice getting married, Kris getting married, Termia having two grandkids during the pandemic, Keisha's daughter getting married and Kenyona opening up a new location for her business. We started new careers, we moved to new homes and we had more grandchildren. We have a few sisters that are essential workers– Demetria (transit employee) and Kenyona(therapist). We appreciate everything that they do and we keep them in prayer. During the quarantine we have learned patience, the importance of spending time with family, we delivered food to our senior family members, we celebrated quarantine birthdays and quarantine graduations. We learned how to make mask, we learned how to make candles, we learned how to create many hairstyles, played online bingo, did cooking demonstrations, we had wine tastings, and we learned how to make acrylic nails...you name it! These past two years it is very important to focus not only on serving the community but working on ourselves. Although the past year and a half has been rough, we managed to overcome the drama in the nation's capital and we are all healthy. And then came 2020... None of us have personally been affected by the Coronavirus (thank God), and for the most part we are in good spirits. There is an increased demand for our support but we are trying to find ways to bond and support our community without jeopardizing our health.

We are super excited to be a part of 100 YEARS of Delta Theta Chi and we hope that we are in a better place to come together at the Convention!

~ Maryland Alpha Chapter Sisters

**Ohio MU** – Chapter President Sharon Osterberger

Ohio Mu Sisters have had a very hard time for the last year as Covid strikes, and our norms are no longer ours. We are unable to have meetings and our Sisters have endured personal tragedies and illnesses. As much as possible each of us has tried to be there for each other. I know personally that each Ohio Mu Sister has given the other the strength needed to continue. I can think of no better definition of Sisterhood. The closeness of the members of Ohio Mu was one of the reasons I decided to join this chapter almost 20 years ago.

Hold High the Torch.

Sharon Osterberger  
Ohio Mu Chapter President

## *Texas Gamma Chapter Chartering Taygeta Province*

The long awaited chartering weekend began with a casual Meet and Greet Social with TX Gamma Initiates and several DTC Sisters at the Courtyard by Marriott in Cypress, Texas on Friday, May 14, 2021. This provided an opportunity for co-sponsors of the TX Gamma Chapter, National President Jane Harrell and Past National President Becky Kueffer, to meet with Kitty Warsame, deliver and review the official DTC Manual and various materials, and discuss the Chartering, Initiation and Installation of Officers Ceremonies to take place on Saturday. After the Meet and Greet Social several DTC Sisters enjoyed dinner together.

The chartering of the TX Gamma Chapter took place Saturday morning on May 15, 2021. The Chartering Ceremony was conducted by National President Jane Harrell, assisted by N.E.S.T. Cindi Cook with the Charter Members pictured below signing the Charter:



Left to Right: Co-Sponsor/Past National President Becky Kueffer, Edmonia "Jattu" Husemann, Marie Johnson, Zina Brown, Amanda "Mandy" Miller, Kei Kei Porterfield, Kitty Warsame, Angie Springer, Judy Hansen, and Co-Sponsor/National President Jane Harrell

Immediately following the Chartering Ceremony, the Initiation Ceremony was conducted by Jeanne Reid and Past National President Sharon Braden, with roles played by Past National President Teresa Carter, June Butler, Judy Stone, Judy Bassler, Bettye Griggs, Michelle Strait and Patty Griggs. Immediately following the Initiation Ceremony, Past National President Becky Kueffer conducted the Installation of Officers Ceremony assisted by Taygeta Province Past President Becky Cooper.

President	Kitty Warsame	Recording Secretary	Angie Springer
Vice President	Alma Barclay	Treasurer	Zina Brown
Educational Director	Amanda "Mandy" Miller	Sergeant-at-Arms	Judy Hansen
Corresponding Secretary	Marie Johnson		

Each newly installed chapter officer and charter members were presented with a yellow rose. A receiving line was formed and congratulations extended to our new TX Gamma Sisters. How wonderful to see and feel the excitement and enthusiasm these new Sisters are bringing with them! Gifts and cards were presented to the TX Gamma Chapter with each member taking turns opening the gifts and reading the cards.

There were 35 Delta Theta Chi Sisters in attendance of the ceremonies with Sisters from Celaeno, Electra, and Taygeta Provinces, including National Trustee from Celaeno Province – Connie Cripe; National Trustee from Electra Province – Cheryl Neeley; and National Trustee from Taygeta Province – Fran Tebow. After the ceremonies were concluded, many Sisters gathered together to share lunch.

Please join us in welcoming our new TX Gamma Sisters to Delta Theta Chi Sorority! Congratulations to one and all. Hold High the Torch!



# *Taygeta Province*

## *National Trustee Fran Tebow Oklahoma Alpha Chapter*

To my Delta Theta Chi Sisters,

This will be my last Pleiad article as Taygeta Province Trustee. It has been an honor to serve my Province and all our DTC Sisters on the National Executive Council for the past four years.

Your NEC has worked tirelessly to solve problems, and answer questions for all Sisters to what was considered the best for DTC as a whole. Some decisions were difficult and others we found great pleasure in. The hardest to accept were the many deaths during this time; it is so hard to lose a Sister, no matter the age. I lost one of my little Sisters in January, she is missed by many.

At National Convention Taygeta's new Trustee will be installed and will do a great job in her new role, Becky Cooper will hold her Torch High for Delta Theta Chi!

Thank you for an amazing four years, and I will be watching as many of you advance, achieve, and make DTC an even greater sorority that will last another 100 years!!

In Sisterly Love,

Fran Tebow  
Taygeta National Trustee

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

### Oklahoma Alpha – Chapter President Susan Stewart

Hello Sisters:

Our focus this year centered on a local charity we have helped over the years, Joy in the Cause. They have a backpack program that focuses on kids in crisis situations.

They contain age appropriate activities, a t-shirt designed for the project, coloring book, Mavis Peark stuffed dog (represents the real Mavis Mascot for this charity), and "Whatif Monster" a book about how to deal with fear.

They also include a "Lovey Blanket". It is a small fleece blanket with crocheting around the edges. We try to supply as many as we can product throughout the year.

In May, Mavis Pearl, the mascot, passed away. Some of you may remember her and Lisa Bain at our Province Convention in 2015.

She was so loved by everyone and everywhere she went. She visited hospitals and The Cancer Center to spread cheer.

~ Judy Stone

**Oklahoma Beta** – Chapter President Lou Berry

**SPEAKING OF 100 YEARS!!!**

Oklahoma Beta Chapter was chartered on May 13, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Since that time, 78 years, many things have happened that changed the course of history – both in the world and in Oklahoma Beta Chapter. Many fine young women became one with Beta Chapter, stayed a while, moved on or passed on. Some then cycled into becoming Life Members when their serving days were finished. There have been three National Presidents, three National Vice Presidents, five Taygeta Province Trustees and fourteen Taygeta Province Presidents in service from this Chapter. Many, many Sisters have contributed to the success of Delta Theta Chi by serving diligently on National Committees.

Through the various years of Ways and Means Projects such as selling Christmas cards, having bake sales, Garage Sales, Flower Sales, Poinsettia sales, Rummage Sales, etc. etc. etc., we have managed to award approximately \$78,000 in Scholarships, \$39,000 each to Civic and Literacy Projects plus personal donations to each, have donated close to \$27,300 to the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank and over \$10,000 to the Red Cross.

Books have been donated to various needy schools in the Metropolitan area totaling over 2,000 volumes, and the hours spent in reading to classes of children and mentoring to same is well over 5,000. A local school's new library was completely furnished by Oklahoma Beta donations, and additions are made to that collection every year. One year Oklahoma Beta won the Crystal Flame Award for its participation and support of the Oklahoma First Books Program through the Oklahoma State Library System, which is still participated in. Many hours were spent walking, running or just donating to the Susan B. Komen "race against cancer" drive each year in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. We've supplied our local YWCA Women's Shelter with approximately \$36,000 worth of toiletries and personal needs over the years.

Through the past Covid 19 year, we have continued to conduct business in an almost ordinary pattern due to the excellent leadership of Oklahoma Beta Chapter, and our appreciation is extended to those officers.

Our present membership is 21 active members and 2 Life Members, and the total years of membership among these Sisters is 527 years of service. And we're not even 100 years old yet! As DELTA THETA CHIS, we are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our organization and urge you to. . . "Hold High the Torch, you did not light it's glow . . . 'twas given you by other hands, you know . . . HOLD IT HIGH!!!!" We've got another successful 100 years ahead of us!!!



Oklahoma Beta President Lou Ella Berry presents 58 Year Member Marilyn Hanson with her well-deserved Life Membership Certificate. Congratulations, Marilyn, on your dedicated sorority life.

Phyllis Henderson,  
Oklahoma Beta Chapter

### Oklahoma Delta – Chapter President Shirley West

We have had a few meetings when possible – COVID and Weather cancelled a few of them.

We lost two members with over 50 years each of membership in Delta Theta Chi (Beth Smith and Eunice Barnes) within a period of four months. Their knowledge and participation is greatly missed by all.

Our main project for this year was purchasing library books for Pleasant Vale Elementary School and presenting them to the first and second grade classes. They have a new school building this year and it is beautiful.

Shirley West  
OK Delta Pleiad Editor

### Oklahoma Epsilon – Chapter President Effie Ray

OK Epsilon held our first meeting in January, 2021, as things began to open up a little and we were all getting vaccinated. On March 27, we did our annual fundraiser of making enchiladas and selling them. We made a lot of enchiladas and had fun doing so as we always do. Those helping and in the picture below are: Janet Harris, Valerie Kyker, Annette Myers, Effie Raye, Becky Cooper, Dorothy Niles, Nina Lutrick, LaVonna Nelson, Marge Washam and VaughnCille Weidner (taking the picture). This is always a profitable source of income for us and will help defray expenses for the 2021 Taygeta Province Convention in October that we are hosting.



On May 7, six of our Sisters drove to Meers, OK to have great burgers, cobbler and homemade ice cream at Meers Burgers, and then on to Medicine Park, OK. Medicine Park was built during WWII and is where the soldiers from Ft. Sill in Lawton, OK came for some recreation. The town is being revitalized and it makes a great destination point from Oklahoma City. Those that went on this venture shown below were: Annette Myers, Janet Harris, Marge Washam, VaughnCille Weidner, LaVonna Nelson and Becky Cooper. After a few missed turns, we made it back home safely and we had a wonderful time with our Sisters.





We have one more meeting left in this year and it will be our installation of officers on June 17. It certainly was a different type year and one for the books.

Vaughn Cille Weidner  
OK Epsilon  
Recording Secretary, Oklahoma City, OK

**Oklahoma Zeta** – Chapter President Linda Elkins

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

**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

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

**Texas Gamma** -- Chapter President Kitty Warsame

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

My Dear Sisters:

I am looking forward to our National Convention in South Bend. So hoping that we can share sisterly hugs.

There is little news in TX Zeta with this exception we had 9 guests for a rush event in late April. We now have some potential new growth on our horizon. We are attempting to schedule a June swim and cookout meeting/social.

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. This pandemic has changed many of us but our Sisters in the 1920's survived a pandemic and began us, here we are 100 years later!!!

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.

All the best,

Sheron Braden  
TX Zeta President  
Reporter

Texas Nu – Chapter President Patty Griggs

Hello Sisters!!

Even though it has been a challenging year Texas Nu has managed to celebrate our 100 Years of Sisterhood in a variety of ways. We started the year hearing from our Sisters what DTC has meant to them over the years and some of the funny adventures they had, learned about flower arranging, honored Billie Read with a Lifetime Membership, had a successful Zoom meeting, learned more about Meals on Wheels and the Inside Out Foundation from guest speakers, learned about 100 years of the Miss America pageant with a guest who has participated in and helped with the pageant, provided goodies and treats for our pre-k classes we support, provided baked goods for a Holiday Extravaganza benefitting Meals on Wheels, and had a great program about AMBUCS and the AmTrykes they provide.

We had several fun socials this year. We had an exciting time at the "Time Crunch-Escape Room", toured the Pumpkin Trail, attended a meat judging at Texas Tech University for which we were paid to be judges, attended a Virtual Health Fair hosted by the Inside Out Foundation, held a remarkably successful garage sale raising \$3600 for Meals on Wheels and the Inside Out Foundation, and enjoyed a lovely Tea in the garden of one of our members. We were happy to have some members attend the Chartering in Houston of our new Texas Gamma chapter. Most importantly we are delighted to have four new Sisters join us!!



Pledging: Barbara Welch, Patty Griggs, Angela Schroeder, Brenda Bobo, April Walker, Lana Cantrell, Ketha Crozier



Back: Veronyka Vance, Penny Blackerby, Patty Griggs, Jan Powell, Elaine Squire, Kay Harris, Middle: Bettye Griggs, Ketha Crozier, Jane Harrell, Brenda Bobo Front: Stacy Bobo



Tea in a member's garden.



Left to Right: Patty Griggs, Brenda Bobo, Elaine Squire, Veronyka Vance, Bettye Griggs, Penny Blackerby, Kay Harris





Sorority garage sale.



Stacy Bobo, Elaine Squire, Jan Powell, Jane Harrell, Patty Griggs, Kay Harris, Brenda Bobo, Marilyn Krahn, Bettye Griggs, Ketha Crozier, April Walker

As you can see even during a pandemic shut down Texas Nu Sisters are resourceful in finding ways to meet, socialize and support our community. We are looking forward to another successful year!

In Sisterly love,

Patty Griggs  
Texas Nu President

## *Centennial Messages from Delta Theta Chi Past National Presidents*

Looking back on 60 years of sisterhood shared  
All the memories and dances we had beneath the stars above

For a moment, all the world was right.  
Knowing you I held everything  
For a moment wasn't I a Queen

I knew a Queen must hold high the torch and pass it on to others  
Who could say, I might have changed it all

Our lives are better left to chance  
I could have missed the work and joys but I would have missed the dance  
And the memories made together and shared

For a moment all the world was right.

Gracene Sims  
KS Beta, Electra Province  
Past National President (1981-1983)

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I look forward to National Convention every two years as I can catch up with my Sisters. Delta Theta Chi has given me many beautiful memories, and especially since my Chapter (MO Alpha) has disbanded and my new Chapter (MO Delta) is 230 miles away. It has been great to hear from so many chapters this past year with such kind words. I'm looking forward to June 25<sup>th</sup>!

Joan Billing  
MO Delta (MO Alpha), Electra Province  
Past National President (1985-1989)

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Dearest Sisters,

April, 1959, was one of the most exciting moments in my memory. I was a young mother, had one little boy, and expecting my second child in three more months. I was employed by a financial institution at the time, and it was a rule that when a female employee was six months pregnant, she had to quit her job. One day while still working there, a former high-school friend came into our office with a friend, and it was such a great surprise to see her as it had been a few years since high-school. After renewing our friendship from school days, she invited me to attend a Rush Tea, which was being put on by a chapter in Delta Theta Chi Sorority. Needless to say, I was so honored to be invited, and of course, that led to my joining Oklahoma Gamma Chapter in Taygeta Province. My high-school friend was Sue Moore, and sadly, she is now deceased.

Being a member of Delta Theta Chi Sorority for 62 years has been a great journey for me. It took me from a young lady of 24 years old, going on 25 years, on a journey opening a world for me to know many young women, who became my sorority sisters and who were dedicated to service, as well as learning new things, and learning "life".

There have been so many wonderful experiences for me in this sisterhood. To name a few...

Serving on Taygeta Province Board; moving to San Luis Obispo, CA in 1968, and getting the National Councils approval to sponsor California Epsilon Chapter in San Luis Obispo in 1970, serving on the Alcione



Province Board, and at last, ..... serving Alcyone as a Trustee on the National Council, which led to serving as National Vice-President, and then National President. I completed my service on the National Council in 1991. My service on Province Boards, and finally, the National Council, made me so grateful in that I felt that I “grew in knowledge about many things”; I travelled many miles seeing different places; I enjoyed visiting other Province celebrations and many Province Conventions, and most of all gaining so many friends who we lovingly call “SISTERS”.

To celebrate Delta Theta Chi's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and that I have had the privilege to be a part of this wonderful Sisterhood for 62 years of its' existence, has truly been a blessing.

I would like to end this message with a little song I wrote called “Memories of Delta Theta Chi”, and it can be sung to the tune of the old standard “Memories”. It goes like this: “Memories, memories, of Delta Theta Chi; Love and fun and friendships there to brighten all our lives; Dearest girls, sweetest girls, in all the world to me; And when we're apart, you're still in my heart; and my beautiful memory.”

Love you all,

Effie Moerman-Ray  
OK Epsilon, Taygeta Province  
Past National President (1989-1991)

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What an honor and privilege to celebrate 100 Years of Delta Theta Chi Sorority. I joined in my twenties and had no idea of all the places I would travel, the people that I would meet, and all the knowledge that I would gain from my membership. Joining a small chapter, my first experience was holding all offices in the chapter. It was a challenge and reward to learn Parliamentary Procedures, find educationals for the chapter, listen carefully to take Minutes, and keep a balanced checkbook for the chapter. It was then that I met many sisters at Province Fall Boards and Conventions and began to serve in the province. We have traveled across the state for meetings and programs. Places that I talk about discovering, but never made the adventure. Special sisters have come into my life at these meetings during the best of times and helped me through the most difficult of times.

While serving on the National Executive Council, many challenges were faced with trying to keep the membership growing and keeping the national office. These challenges are ongoing always. But the conventions, conclaves, Fall Boards, and National Conventions have been a total success. What knowledge has been gained from other provinces! And always extending my circle of friendship! Sisters welcome you with open arms, love to exchange experiences, and guide you along the way. I have truly grown in knowledge and spirit and admire those whom I met along the way!

To paraphrase Dr. Seuss, “Oh the places I will go, the people I will meet, and the fun times I will have” in Delta Theta Chi Sorority! May we continue to hold high the torch!

Barb Parker  
IN Eta, Celaeno Province  
Past National President (1995-1997)

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## Letter of Gratitude

I have been asked to share with you about my tenure on The National Executive Council.

I can not take credit for the accomplishments of those amazing years, but I will share that I had the privilege to be involved with the best of the best during those years. First being offered the opportunity to serve on the council as trustee; being elected by the Sisterhood to serve as National Vice President and to have the extreme honor of being your National President.

I was surrounded by the most amazing group of sisters, who served with me both in a vision to promote the growth and education of our DTC organization. They equally shared not only a collective vision but a collective work ethic.

Continuity is the single most important ingredient to an accomplished growth pattern within an organization. I feel the eight years I served ending with my presidency was extremely productive, both in the area of membership, educational endeavors, and emphasis on a chapter's service within their community.

The NEC is set up to provide guidelines and goals to foster culture, education, and personal development. These ideas coupled with opportunity, bond us together in Sisterhood. I so believe in the caring love of this Sisterhood, the work and the joining of our lives to one another.

I cherish every opportunity to serve or just to be in the presence of my sisters.

My favorite memories are those of traveling with other NEC members to all the Provinces. To share our vision, as a collective body, but to also implement and see our goals for Delta Theta Chi come to fulfillment. There was joy, laughter, love, and learning, shared by many during those years.

My time on the NEC was the best 8 years of my DTC life. It has always been my honor to serve and continues to this day to be a gift from the Sisterhood. I have had the privilege of sponsoring 2 chapters and being a member of 4 chapters during my years in Delta Theta Chi. I also enjoy being Big Sister to several beautiful women.

Faternally,

Sheron Williams Braden  
TX Zeta, Taygeta Province  
Past National President (2003-2005)

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### **“Get involved!” they said. Who...me??**

Although I can't reminisce about the “old days” in Delta Theta Chi, I am happy to reflect on the 43 years of my membership and to share with you some memories.

A single mother of two young boys, I had just married *the love of my life*, a widowed father of 3 teenagers, in 1978. I had a new job...a new home...and a wise and dear new workmate who insisted that I come to a sorority meeting.

“Oh, great!” I thought... “that's just what I need...let's add another layer to my already hectic life.” But Joanne, insisting that I needed a personal outlet, persisted until I finally gave in. Attending one meeting convinced me that I needed Delta Theta Chi Sorority in my life.

I was encouraged by my sorority sisters and by my husband every step of the way. It was Dick who pushed me along when I considered running for a province office in 1986. Oh! How dismayed I was, after taking that office, to find that I couldn't speak into a microphone without shaking from head to toe! (yes...you read that correctly! Shoot!...nowadays, my sisters can't pry the mic out of my hand!).

What I have learned these past 43 years is this:

- 1) sometimes, our friends know what's best for us.
- 2) when you undertake a task, give it all you've got...the returns are ten-fold.
- 3) Delta Theta Chi sisters are the most understanding, encouraging, supportive, loving women on this earth.

Happy Centennial, Delta Theta Chi Sorority!!

With love from the bottom of my heart...

Pat Jover  
CA Eta (CA Theta), Alcyone Province  
Past National President (2005-2007)

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I never thought I would be a National President. What an honor. I do believe it is one of the most memorable moments of my life in DTC. One memory is that whenever I had my Big Sister Effie install me, I had to remember not to look at her or we both would break into hysterical laughter. I had no control. There are so many memories. Not enough room. Please keep the Torch high. It's worth it.

Sisterly Love,  
Carolann Moyes  
CA Epsilon, Alcyone Province  
Past National President (2009-2011)



Wow 100 years of Sisterhood! That is amazing! As we celebrate these last 100 years I would like to reflect on my time in Delta Theta Chi. My mother, Barbara Henle, who passed away in May 2019 joined Delta Theta Chi in 1955. She married the following year, and I was born the year after that so I was “born” into sorority. I remember the special times I shared with my Dad on the nights my mother had sorority meetings. I remember the good times we had with her sorority Sisters at family gatherings, swim parties, garage sales, etc. There was never any question that I would join when I was eligible. I turned 18 in March of 1975 and was Initiated in May 1975. I never gave it a thought that I would like to serve on the National Executive Council when I joined but as the years went by and I got more involved in holding offices in my Chapter and Province I decided to give it a try. I loved it! I was truly blessed and honored to be elected as National President. My term didn’t start out on a good note as 45 minutes after I was installed as National President I got locked in the bathroom of the NEC Suite and couldn’t get out! My dear Sisters were all talking to me through the door asking me if I was ok and letting me know that they had called the hotel maintenance team to come get me out. This went on for about 5 minutes and then there was silence outside the bathroom door and all I could hear was laughing, talking and partying in another part of the room while I was still locked in the bathroom! They were partying without ME! After about 20 minutes and having to have the door knob removed I was finally freed from the bathroom!

Sisterhood is about forming friendships, supporting each other, being there for one another in the good times as well as the bad, working together to help others and so much more. There is something very special about Delta Theta Chi and that is YOU! I am so very blessed to call each and every one of you my “Sisters”. Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi.

In Sisterly Love,  
Karen Kammer  
OH Mu, Sterope Province  
Past National President (2011-2015)



Who knew when I was 22 years old, I would go so far in Delta Theta Chi Sorority. Although I grew up with my Mother being in Delta Theta Chi, she, Rheta Jo McNary, and Lucile Duttweiler started Oklahoma Zeta Chapter 48 years ago this June. We were chartered at a National Convention in Oklahoma City. I know momma would be proud of Oklahoma Zeta and me.

There are many highlights in DTC for me:

- \*Being Province President four times.
- \*Helping start Oklahoma Kappa Chapter for my daughters, niece, and some Zeta members.
- \*The best is becoming National President and having my daughters install me. I am so proud of them. A few memories during my 2 year term are:
  - \*Getting to know so many wonderful Sisters across the states.
  - \* Traveling and rooming with Jane Harrell.
  - \*The emergency landing back in South Bend, IN after we just took off.

\*Having my husband, Sterling, travel with me some.

\*Being locked out of my hotel room in Wichita with no purse, keys, etc., and housekeeping keys or master keys would not open the door. Cindi Cook and I made it to Omaha only a little late!

\*Having my whole family travel to California to attend my National Convention in 2017.

\*So many more .....

It is hard to describe how important Delta Theta Chi is to me. I have grown so much and have so many wonderful Sisters. "Hold High the Torch. Was given to you!"

Always remember to .... Live, Laugh and Love.

Becky Kueffer  
OK Zeta, Taygeta Province  
Past National President (2015-2017)

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Dear Sisters:

I can hardly believe it has been two years since I left office as National President. Lucky for us we had a great new President these last two years. She has helped grow our sorority with the addition of the new Texas Gamma Chapter. I was so pleased to attend the chartering of this new chapter and meeting all our wonderful new sisters.

The Presidents before me had a running joke about the "Curse of the National President." President Karen Kammer started her presidency locked in the bathroom in the board meeting room, President Becky Kueffer got locked out of the hotel room and had to have the hotel staff basically break into the room to retrieve her purse and keys while traveling to an event. My term started with a Trustee breaking her foot at the Mid-Year meeting and me breaking my back a month before National Convention. But I think Jane Harrell out did us all .... she had a pandemic!!! We are hoping this stops with us!!!

I have so many memories of sorority and most of my best friends are my sisters! When I was a new member, I remember looking up to the wonderful women of Electra Province who either were or had served as National President. Wonderful women such as Joan Billing, LaVerne Gates, Gracene Sims, Syble Cocannouer and Ruby Cohn. We lovingly called them the "tarnished brass"! I remember hoping that someday I would be a member of this great group of "tarnished brass". I was blessed to see two of these women attend my installation and LaVerne to know of my election. These sisters always told me that being on the National Council was the most fun they ever had in sorority, and they were totally correct.

Over the past 34 years since being pledged I have shared good times and sad events with my sisters. I have attended weddings and funerals with them or for them. I have celebrated births of babies and mourned with them on a loss of a parent or partner. I have partied at wedding anniversaries and cried at my fair share of DTC memorial services. But through it all being a sister of Delta Theta Chi is one of the best decisions I ever made.

Hold High the Torch.  
Teresa Carter  
KS Beta, Electra Province  
Past National President (2017-2019)

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## *Special Recognition*

### **50 YEAR MEMBERS 2019**

Jackie Garrison	IN Gamma
Pat Tubbs	IN Eta

### **60 YEAR MEMBERS IN 2019**

Joyce Miller	CA Iota
Leah Bontrager	IN Sigma
Joan Billing	MO Delta
Betty Reid	OK Alpha
Phyllis Henderson	OK Beta
Effie Ray	OK Epsilon

### **70 YEAR MEMBERS IN 2019**

None

### **50 YEAR MEMBERS 2020**

Connie Davis	CA Epsilon
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### **60 YEAR MEMBERS 2020**

Jone Hickey	IN Kappa
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### **70 YEAR MEMBERS 2020**

Royva Perkins	KS Beta
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### **50 YEAR MEMBERS 2021**

Connie Davis	CA Epsilon
Mary Lee Deeds	CA Epsilon
Marsha Richardson	CA Epsilon
Barb Parker	IN Eta
Judith Hurlbert	MO Delta
Sundra Brooksher	OK Epsilon

### **60 YEAR MEMBERS 2021**

Gracene Sims	KS Beta
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### **70 YEAR MEMBERS 2021**

None

## *Delta Theta Chi 2021-2022*

### *National Scholarship Award Recipients*

#### *Jadin Hall*



Our first recipient of a \$1,600 Delta Theta Chi Sorority National Scholarship is Jadin Hall. Jadin is from Cherokee, OK and she is a recent graduate from Cherokee High School in Cherokee, OK. She is ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in her class of 31 students with a weighted GPA score of 4.04; receiving Dual Credits from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Jadin plans to attend Sterling College in Sterling, Kansas to pursue a degree in Biology Education/Christian Ministry. She was active in school sports by participating on the Varsity Basketball team, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track and Varsity Golf. Her other school related activities revolved around Family Career & Community Leaders, Future Farmers of America, Business Professionals of America and when she was not at school, she was active in her church by serving as an officer for Core Leadership of First Baptist Church youth group, Praise Team member since 2017 and by serving hundred of hours by serving at church activities, church sponsored community service projects, mission trips local and abroad, including Malawi, Africa twice. Jadin states “at Sterling I plan to work hard at receiving a double major, work hard to become the best teacher and coach I can possibly be. An additional goal is that I can be a Christian mentor to the students around me”. Also, while she is in college, she will play on the Sterling College Basketball Team. Jadin’s Basketball Coach at

Cherokee High School says “Jadin has a deep desire to excel at whatever she is involved in and always maintains a positive attitude. She is very responsible, is of very high morals and most of all, she is a fantastic young lady who is an excellent leader and role model to all of the youth in the community”.

~ Submitted by OK Delta Chapter, Taygeta Province

#### *Emma Robbins*

Our second recipient of a \$1,600 National Scholarship is Emma Robbins. Emma is from Hebron, MD and is a recent graduate of Mardela High School in Mardela Springs, MD. Her school does not calculate nor post class rank, her weighted GPA score was 4.47; receiving Dual Credits from War-Wic Community College. Emma plans to attend The University of Tampa this fall, majoring in Marine Biology. Emma played the Clarinet for 7 years with her school Marching and Symphonic Band, she was Senior Class Vice President this year, participated in Student Government, National Honor Society and French National Honor Society; she was a member of the Varsity Basketball team and the Varsity Track & Field team. Emma was a Northwestern Elementary Mentor, participated in the community food drives and was a youth choir volunteer. In her spare time, she enjoys Photography, painting, working out, traveling and swimming. Emma states “the reason I want to go into this field, is because I am from the eastern shore of Maryland, where we are surrounded by the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Wetlands and rivers flow through our wonderful state, and I have been taught to respect nature and the planet that we call home, throughout my community and my family. I want to really care for the earth by studying it and learning how to help rebuild all the damage we have caused over thousands of years by neglecting our planet”. Emma’s High School Band Director states “Emma holds herself to extremely high expectations; she works hard to meet them. She is a leader and a team player, she is dedicated to her activities, her teams, and her friends and family”.

~ Submitted by MD Alpha, Sterope Province



## *Tasha Kozak*



Tasha is from South River, NJ and is a 2011 Graduate from South River High School, a 2014 Graduate from New York University, graduating as a Distinguished Scholar and her class representative. Her undergraduate was in social work and she is currently in her second semester of the Masters of Social Work advanced standing program at the University of Kentucky. Tasha was an exemplary student in high school, earning high marks while participating in sports, involved in clubs and being the class treasurer for three years; all while earning her License in Private Piloting. In college she had been a class representative, and member of both colleges Honor Societies. She currently teaches English online and has volunteered 255 hours with the American Red Cross. Tasha states, "I aim to work within the geriatric medical field of social work, and I hope to become director of my own program someday". Tasha's mentor of 14 years stated, "While many of her peers were dabbling in the social perks of college life, Tasha's schedule was saturated with a full course load, had jobs to prevent the accumulation of debt, and volunteer work as a tutor because, well, it's in her nature not only to look out for her own interests, but to build others up along the way".  
~ Submitted by MD Alpha, Sterope Province

## *Delta Theta Chi 2021-2022*

### *Marie Miller Graham Memorial Scholarship Award Recipient*

## *Victoria Cocannouer*

This years winner of the \$1,000 Marie Miller Graham Memorial Scholarship for members or relatives of members, is Victoria Cocannouer of Wichita, KS. Victoria is the daughter of Tamala Cocannouer. Victoria is a recent graduate of Wichita High School East; receiving dual credits from Friends University and Wichita State University. Victoria plans to attend the University of Nebraska Lincoln and major in Vocal Music Education. Victoria states "I want to become a choir teacher for many reasons, the main being that I love music and want to be able to inspire new generations of musicians in the future". While in high school, she was actively involved in National Music Honor Society, All City Choir, All-State Treble Choir, Wichita All-City Choir, KMEA All-State Mixed Choir, Varsity Bowling for 4 years while at Wichita High including team captain for 3 years. She was a youth league Bowling Coach, FSC Cougars Volleyball Club for 4 years and Girl Scouts of America for 13 years. Victoria's Head Bowling Coach states that "she is always honest and forthright, in addition, she always carries herself with assurance and confidence. She has demonstrated great independence, initiative, and leadership which makes her a wonderful candidate for this scholarship".  
~ Submitted by KS Beta, Electra Province





## IN LOVING MEMORY OF 2019-2021



Annette "Rommie" Matheson	Life Member, MO Delta	May 24, 2019 <i>(not remembered at National Convention 2019)</i>
Mona Kirk	Member, TX Nu	July 6, 2019
LaVerne Gates	Life Member, KS Beta	July 27, 2019
Ruth Horn	Life Member, OK Beta	July 31, 2019
Grace Miller	Member, CA Omicron	September 20, 2019
Audrey Foss	Member, CA Iota	November 4, 2019
Averilla Strausberger	Member, IN Sigma	December 16, 2019
Dorothy Jean Beaman	Life Member, KS Alpha	February 2, 2020
Sandi Kayne	Member, NE Zeta	May 21, 2020
Jane Fitzgerald	Member, TX Beta	July 6, 2020
Jo Patterson	Member, IN Sigma	August 8, 2020
Beth Smith	Member, OK Delta	October 23, 2020
Donna Evans	Member, IN Eta	November 29, 2020
Libby Berry	Member, CA Eta	December 6, 2020
Betty Daniel	Life Member, CA Sigma	January 24, 2021
Eunice Barnes	Life Member, OK Delta	February 14, 2021
Nancy San Miguel	Member, OK Alpha	February 16, 2021
Cheryl McLain	Member, KS Alpha	March 31, 2021
Thelma Robinson	Life Member, OH Mu	May 22, 2021
Lynn Johnson	Member, OK Alpha	May 25, 2021

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*Delta Theta Chi Sorority*  
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**SISTERHOOD IN THE PINES**

Celebrating 100 Years of Delta Theta Chi

October 15-17, 2021

Cambria Pines Lodge

Cambria, CA

Hosted by Alcyone Province Board and Chapters

*Celaeno Province Fall Board*

October 9, 2021

Kokomo, IN

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October 15-17, 2021

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**RETURN TO ELEGANCE**

October 22-24, 2021

Embassy Suites by Hilton

3233 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK

Hosted by OK Epsilon Chapter

More information to be provided when Available

## From the Editor ...

I want to begin by saying Thank You ...

- to our Past National Presidents for your submissions in this Centennial Edition;
- to the National Pleiad Committee Representatives for reaching out to their Provinces and Chapters for news and pictures to publish in the National Pleiad. Your time and assistance these last two years has been greatly appreciated;
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- for all that each and every one of you do to share the love and support of Delta Theta Chi Sorority to others; and
- for the opportunity to chair the National Pleiad 2019-2021 publications. I truly enjoyed working on each issue.

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

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*Celebrating 100 Years of Sisterhood*  
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