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**“NON PROGREDI EST REGREDI”**

**“NO PROGRESSION IS RETROGRESSION”**

## OKLAHOMA ALPHA

We are well into our 2022-2023 year! We have had great programs, fun socials and welcomed three more sisters. Jill Lemieux - Big sister Marlene Penn Melody Everett - Big Sister Karla Oslin Victoria Ziegler – Big Sister Becky Lindsey held our first rush In August. We followed the Etiquette of a proper English Tea Party. We all wore fascinators, which were made by our sisters. The four guests were given one to wear and a gift bag. Our next rush is scheduled in March. We will be playing Bunco. We have found from the past Bunco games how competitive we all are. We will have lots of fun and be very NOISY!!



Submitted by Judy Stone

## OKLAHOMA BETA BITS

With high hopes of a relative pandemic-free year of success, Oklahoma Beta Chapter began the year with a lovely luncheon and planning session at the home of President Amy Seerey. A budget was set, committees appointed and the Board agreed that they would individually hostess the Social Events for the year in lieu of appointing a Social Chair for the job.

Amy hosted our “I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream” good old-fashioned ice cream social in July where we honored our Scholarship Winners, Natalie Patison, Jayke Flaggert and Beth Porter. We were thrilled to be able to help three deserving students this year. As a program for the evening, Jayke recalled what our Scholarships for the past three years meant to him and the influence this influence had on his college life; the other recipients shared their stories as well.

August found us attending the Yellow Rose Theater for an evening of Elvis, where life-long fan Dionna Barker got a private serenade and then a KISS from Elvis himself. Dionna then flew herself home on the wings of imagination, Linda Shoemake did an excellent job reviewing the book “Harolds” for our August meeting.

September meetings had us working on the 2023 Taygeta Province Convention bids and hand-outs, since we will be hosting it in 2023.

Our Halloween Party at the Church was a “Bootiful” Social with very heavy Hors D’oeuvres and lots of treats galore thanks to host Lou Berry. At another meeting, we worked on Taygeta Convention details and had lots of fun. We found out “Oh Sister, Where Art Thou?” at the Oklahoma Zeta hosted Taygeta Province Convention in October. What a blast we had!!! We learned that what happens at convention stays at convention, Well done Oklahoma Zeta sisters!!!

As part of our Ways and Means Project for the year, we had our Garage Sale in the gymnasium of St. Stephen’s. We did well for the many hours and sore backs it took to set up, price, display, have sale, pack up left-overs, donate remaining things pull down set-ups, and finally celebrate. We are just thankful to be able to do the job for one more year.

At our first meeting in November, we were introduced to Deputy Grimes of the Oklahoma City Sheriff’s Office, and he enlightened us to ways people try to rob, scam, confuse and get money from women both old and young. His pearl-handled six-shooter, ten-gallon hat and authentic uniform was impressive, and we plan to have him return for another program he gives on women’s safety. Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner was truly a feast this year and was hosted by Kimberly Lair and Lou Berry. “We Are Thankful” was truly expressed as guest scholarship winner Jayke Flaggert thanked Oklahoma Beta Chapter for the support through the years and what it truly meant to him. We also brought toiletries, etc. for the YWCA Women’s Shelter.

“Jingle Bells” rang at Lou Berry’s house for our annual Christmas party, gift card exchange, and White Elephant sale. Things got a little testy when a favorite white elephant got frozen too soon. Pajamas,



socks, underwear and many, many books were donated to the “Citizens.

Photo - Lou and Sandy with PJ's.

Caring for Children”, an organization that cares for orphaned children in the Oklahoma City Metro. Monetary donations were made by the chapter.

In January of 2023, Wilma Cabaniss hosted a “Who Has The Best Chili Cookoff”. We are still trying to decide which was the best. Phyllis Henderson presented a review of the book, “Educated”.

The Sweetheart Month found Janie VanDeGrift hosting a lovely “Will You Be My ‘GAL’entine” party. Lots of fun was had. Later in the month, Lou Berry reviewed the book “Zelda”, and we all learned that being rich and famous isn't the most wonderful thing in the world.

This year, Oklahoma Beta Chapter has donated dollars to support the Oklahoma Department of Libraries “My First Library” in lieu of the First Books program. We are still unable to personally deliver books to the school and read to the children, but they are still getting their individual books to form their own libraries.

School supplies and other needs have been supplied for Eugene Fields Elementary School through donors Choose, and further donations will be made as needs arise.

We are still planning our big Annual Flower Sale as our major Ways and Means project. In April. It seems that each year it becomes a little more difficult to complete the tasks we set for ourselves for the year, but we still try, and as a result help a lot of organizations in the Oklahoma City area. We've even come up with some clever ways to raise money to make your visit to our 2023 Taygeta Province Convention, October 13 – 15, 2023, at the Embassy Suites OK NW where your “**Adventure Awaits**”, a week-end to remember. So make plans now to attend – start salting away those nickels, dimes and quarters 'cause you don't want to miss what we've got planned for you.

And remember, “A friend is a gift you give yourself. So, give generously.!!”

Phyllis Henderson, Oklahoma Beta Pleiad Reporter

## **OKLAHOMA DELTA**

**We tried to have most of our meetings and sometimes we had few attendees but succeeded to have some very interesting programs. Old Fashioned Health Remedies was given by Felicia; Eula gave a program on birds; Shirley on the Chisholm Trail and Billie on Native American Code Talkers and our January program was given by a local bookstore owner Chloe Fuksa. She brought us up to date on all the current best sellers.**

**Thanksgiving Dinner was at a local restaurant with our guys invited also. Christmas was at the home of Billie Shields with dinner and gift exchange.**

**Each member purchased needed items for Youth and Family Services which cares for kids that have left home or been kicked out or no home for some reason. This included snacks, soda, socks, pillows for couches etc. This was our community project for the year. We gathered the items and took them to the facility. We were given a tour by the administrator, and this strengthened our decision that this was a worthy cause.**

**We will keep trying to "Add to the Story."**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Shirley West**

**OK Delta President**

**Delta Theta Chi Sorority  
Oklahoma Epsilon Chapter**

**Taygeta Province  
Winter Pleiad 2022**

**Dear Sisters,**

**We hope everyone had a wonderful, happy Holiday season with family and DTC sisters. It was so nice to be able to get together after the restrictions of the last few years.**

**Four members attended the Province Convention in October 2022. It was exceptionally good seeing some old faces and meeting new ones. It was a great Convention, and we all had an enjoyable time.**

**We are looking forward to the next one Oct. 15-18 at the Embassy Suites on NW Expressway in OKC. Hope to see everyone there.**

**Our chapter had the privilege of gaining two new members in 2022. Carmel Garvin and Marla Sweaney.**

**They both took their Pledge test in November and their Pledge Ceremony was held at our November meeting. We are pleased to have two wonderful new members. We have not been able to set a date for their official initiation but hoping to do so soon.**

**Our Thanksgiving celebration was held at the home of Marge Washam where we all enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Cracker Barrel. No one had to cook, and we all had a nice time sitting around the dinner table talking and laughing in a relaxed atmosphere. All active members were present including our two new members.**

**Our Christmas meeting and Founders Day celebration was hosted by Carmel at her home. We enjoyed a delicious homemade lasagna dinner with wonderful side dishes. Of course, we also were served a scrumptious dessert. After dinner we had our Secret Sister reveal and got the name of our Secret Sister for 2023. In addition to hosting this pleasant evening, Carmel surprised each sister with an Angel for being her angels.**

**Some of our upcoming projects include contacting the Hope Pregnancy Center about taking a tour of their facility and making a monetary contribution. We are still trying to connect with Hawthorne Elementary school about donating books and reading books to students for our literacy program. We have been unable to get our contact person to respond to our calls. We will make a contribution to "Leah's Baskets" in May and are gifting the YWCA women's shelter with personal care and bath products in February.**

**Our annual fundraising event is to be held March 18, 2023. Of course, we will be making our famous and delicious Enchiladas again so be sure to get your orders placed as soon as possible so we can plan. You can contact Becky Cooper at [kusooners@msn.com](mailto:kusooners@msn.com) or any of our members to place your order.**

**Wishing all of our sisters a very safe, happy and prosperous New Year.**

**Marge Washam**

**Oklahoma Epsilon Chapter Pleiad Editor**

## **OKLAHOMA ZETA CHAPTER**

**After working for two years to host 2022 Province Convention we are finally back to normal chapter activities. Bobbie and Linda were heroic in making this convention one of our best. Teresa made sure the ditty bags were top-notch and our generous sisters supplied door prizes for all our guest. Registration was not as many as expected, but we certainly appreciate those who came and hope you enjoyed yourself.**

**Laura has planned and presented remarkably interesting educational programs. Of course, socials are where we excel, lots of food and laughter.**

**We choose to buy several clothing items requested by the VA Hospital and deliver them before Christmas. Another project was collecting food and gift cards for a household of 8. We did not forget our pre-k class, knitted scarfs and books were delivered before Christmas break.**

**Congratulations to the new Taygeta Board. We look forward to your leadership.**

**Happy New Year to all our sisters!**



## OKLAHOMA KAPPA

OK Kappa began meetings for the 2022-2023 year in August with a planning meeting at the home of Karla Thomas, where we planned our meetings for the year and our theme. We kicked off the year with a "girl's weekend" at the R and R on Lake Eufaula. It is always good to spend time with sisters, but there is something to be said for sister time in a beautiful, relaxing setting. Later in September, we learned what it is like to be a "chicken lady" from Keri Garon. We also got to meet Abbey the pig, who loves belly rubs. In early October, we met at Charity Heim's home, where we enjoyed painting wooden holiday décor, created by Courtney Jenckes. Kappa's Halloween social was hosted by JJ Batcheller. We enjoyed spooky shaped foods in our Halloween pajamas. We held our annual Christmas pajama party at the home of Melanie Swadley's. Tasty food and drinks started our evening, and we rounded out the night with a fun game of Left, Right, Center and our yearly secret sister gift exchange. Most years at Christmas, we adopt a family to help for the holidays. This year, we were able to help many kids by donating gifts to the OKC Crisis Nursery. The OKC Crisis Nursery was started in May 2019 to partner with parents to help prevent child abuse. They allow parents to drop their kids off for care with no questions asked. They have also been able to help families in need, whether they needed clothes, car seats, food, diapers, or other necessities.

## TX Beta Buzz

The sisters of TX Beta are doing well and thriving. We are working on getting our groove back!

Judy Bassler and June Butler attended the Taygeta Province Convention in OKC on October 28, 2022. June was elected as the Taygeta Province President. She also won the Past President's Award. She was so surprised and deeply honored to receive both of these gifts from her fellow sisters. We are so proud of her and her accomplishments.



Judy Bassler and June Butler



June Butler at Market



Judy Bassler at Market

TX Beta sisters work on several projects throughout the year – assisting with food drive at a local 55+ apartment complex. Many are very low-income and need help surviving the cost of everyday items. Donations are also made to a women's shelter of toiletries and books for the children. We are still struggling to get back into the routine of two monthly meetings, so we have combined them into once a month – business then social time.

Sandy Mayfield hosted October meeting and Halloween social with great food and socializing. Nancy Goss hosted November meeting and social, a Thanksgiving Feast. June Butler taught her sisters how to make sock ornaments.



Left to Right:  
Sandy Mayfield  
Judy Bassler  
Jolene Myers  
Patti Walbridge  
Annabelle Wright  
Nancy Goss

Our December meeting was hosted by June Butler at Mary's Café in Strawn, Texas, (famous for their Chicken Fried Steak). Homemade Christmas gifts and our annual Ornament exchange completed our fun time together. Our guests were Jerry George and Annabelle Wright (our future TX Beta Sister).



June Butler



Nancy Goss



Carol and Jerry George



Annabelle Wright



Judy Bassler



½ of World-Famous CF Steak

The New Year brought renewed excitement for TX Beta even though we had a resignation, Robin Frank, due to personal reasons. We will always hold her in our hearts, and she will always belong to TX Beta and Taygeta Province.

Submitted by Sandy Mayfield, TX Beta Pleiad Editor.

## **2023 PLIEAD TEXAS ZETA**

**At this writing, Texas Zeta is 15 Sisters Strong! Our chapter continues to be active in our community by feeding the hungry thru continued Woman-Power at Church Food Pantry, Food Drives at various county collections, donations of toiletries, socks, etc., adoption of a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas Love, and supporting Literacy with Books and school supplies we give to Schools. Education of our future citizens is supported by Sister's contribution to the National Scholarship and a Texas Zeta Scholarship each year.**

**The monthly meetings and socials are always enlightened by presentations acknowledging women in History, Drama, or Music. This last quarter we learned from Sheron Braden about Debbie Allen, Houston, Texas native who is a Multi - Awarded actress, choreographer, TV director and producer, singer and dancer. Carla Rocha gave us full disclosure of the "Queen of Pop"- Madonna, the "Material Girl" who has established the "Ray of Light Foundation" which supports organizations that promote peace, equal rights and education for all. Jan Coles, our sister who's born in the United Kingdom, shared her love of "The Queen of England"- Queen Elizabeth II, gallantly reigning from 1952 until February 2022.**

**Each of our sisters contributes to make a difference in our world. Our achievements are equally important, valuable, and recognizable as the "famous women" we learn about. Thank goodness for Delta Theta Chi; it is a wonderful organization to bring out the talents of each sister.**

## Texas Nu News

Our new year started with a program by Sherry Sancibrian, Director of Speech, and Language Pathology, from Texas Tech Health Sciences. She presented two potential literacy projects for us, which were the Wee Read Community Outreach Program and the Toy and Book Fair hosted by her department. We donated money for the book fair plus we collected approximately 200 books for her Wee Read program.

In October, TX Nu members participated in the Texas Tech Meat Tasting Program, which pays each member participating. This is one of our fund raisers. We also had a guest speaker, Brianne Van Reenen, owner of a local bookstore. She holds free events in her shop each month to promote local authors.

In November, we celebrated our 78<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day. Our program was given by our very own Bettye Griggs. Also, in November we baked and helped with the bake sale at Community Christian Church's Holiday Extravaganza.

In December we enjoyed an evening exchanging Christmas Ornaments and sharing favorite Christmas memories.

In January, many of our members attended the Inside Out Foundation Health Seminar. This is a foundation we support. Two wonderful speakers shared with us about our "Gut Health" and how it affects our whole body. Also in January, we enjoyed Sheila West, from Weight Watchers, and how we can have a healthy start for the new year.

February will bring our three Rush events. We have several potential rushees.

We have several more programs and fun socials planned for the rest of our year, like miniature golf and Roll the Dice.

Of course, we joy our socials each month. Being with each other and learning more about each other brings us closer. That is what sisterhood is all about.

Our life member, Pat Smithwick, passed away in December. This has been sad for those of us who knew her, but we have been able to share what she meant to us and how much she loved Delta Theta Chi Sorority.

Submitted by Brenda Bobo

TX NU