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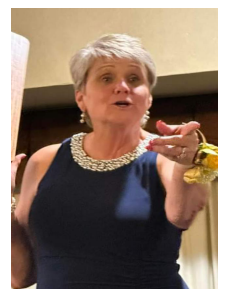


We all share a special bond
That grows stronger through the years.
Looking back on things we've done,
 where we've gone,
We realize that some of our happiest
 memories are of the times we've shared.
We give each other the freedom to be ourselves,
 there's a never a need to pretend.
We know there will always be a special place in
 our hearts for each other,
 Our **Sisters** and our **Friends**

HOLD HIGH THE TORCH!

National President Connie Cripe
Indiana Gamma

Season's Greetings Sisters



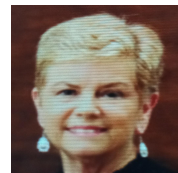
As I sit here designing Poinsettia envelopes for the Christmas Season, I am reminded that Christmas is right around the corner. I often wonder as many of you do, where in the world has time gone? It seems only yesterday it was 1983; I had a sweet baby girl at home and I was expecting baby #2, when my neighbor Linda Penn asked me to join Delta Theta Chi Sorority. As a stay-at-home mom, I was ready for some "me time" and I jumped at the opportunity. When I first joined DTC

Sorority, Indiana Gamma had over 60 members and today we have 15. Through the years I developed many wonderful friendships and I found a place where I could be myself, learned from the educational programs and had fun at the chapter socials. Some of my first friendships in DTC were Peg Clark, LaDonna Allen, Janice Marvin and Bonita Snell. They are all gone now, except for our dear precious Janice. Of course, we all had sister Peg, who had been a National President and N.E.S.T. to “keep us in line”, which with me, you can imagine how busy she was. I learned from Peg about the importance of the DTC Constitution and By-Laws and “the way you’re supposed to do things in Sorority.” As sisters lives got busier or as they got older, they were resigning and our chapter starting declining in membership. I think that we were so large that we never thought about where our membership number would be in 30 years and so because of that, recruitment was not a priority. We had new initiates, but it got to where we were losing members faster than we were gaining members.

Today all of my IN Gamma Sisters are truly dear friends, however my traveling buddy and one of my dearest friends is Debbie Hood. Back in the 80’s, Debbie was not a regular attendee at meetings due to being employed outside the home, busy attending school functions and caring for two very active teenagers. But like so many in sorority, when their kiddo’s leave home, they have more time to attend sorority meetings and functions. Debbie became my “go to sister,” “I need help sister” and “I have an idea sister.” She even volunteered to be my “Personal Assistant for all things Sorority” at National Convention in each of my IN Gamma sisters. They have seen me through some of the busiest, toughest times of my life and loved me through them. That is what we do as sisters. I now have the privilege of sharing the wonderful gift of Sisterhood with my newest Little Sister and real-life sister Tena Graf. It really is bringing me joy, for Tena to see DTC through my eyes and to see and meet some of the greatest ladies in the world that I get to call Sisters. I know that most of you have similar stories and memories with your Sorority Sisters. May this Christmas Season remind you of all those who have made a difference in your life, and may you each have the Renewed Hope and Joy in sharing this wonderful Gift that we call Sisterhood, with others. Blessings to you and yours this Holiday season.

Merry Christmas
Connie Cripe

National Vice President Linda Colton
California Eta



Greetings Dear Sisters!

I am so honored to be your National Vice president! The next two years will be ones of “REBUILDING OUR SORORITY!!”

As your National Vice President, I am the chair of the Membership Committee. As I have told my committee members, if our sorority is going to survive at all, we need to be recruiting! In thinking about the theme for our next National Convention in June of 2025, “Delta Theta Chi Under Construction,” I would like to challenge all of you to help *rebuild* DTC by inviting prospective members to your meetings and socials. Just as a building is constructed “one brick at a time” so too can we start rebuilding. We already have a great foundation - We just need to add to it! The friendships within each chapter all help to encourage the growth of the chapter, so reach out to your friends, co-workers, family members or neighbors and invite them to a meeting, you never know who might be interested! I truly believe that all women, whatever the age, need an educational and or social outlet that’s just for them...So...put on your hard hats and get thinking! If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know! If you need our DTC brochures, I have several and will be happy to send some to you.

Another concern that the NEC has been discussing is locating any insignia, badges, pins, charms, you name it, that possibly should have been returned to the National Office, or to a Province or a Chapter, or are still being held by family members of deceased or former members. Cindi Cook has very few, *if any*, of the given badges, charms, etc. to give to new members. What a shame. At National Convention I know that Sheron Braden of Taygeta spoke on how important it is to make sure that traditions such as the presenting of Diamond Badges, Special Recognition Badges, special

charms, etc, are given to the deserving sister. If we lose those traditions, DTC will lose a special part of it's uniqueness, where individuals are recognized for their efforts. SO, if any of you know of a former member who may possible still have their insignia, or the family of a deceased sister, try to reach out to them and see if they would consider returning those items. The National Office will reimburse at 80% of the original cost.

Fraternally,

Linda M. Colton

National Vice President, DTCChair, National Membership Committee

National Trustees

Alcyone Province Trustee - Cheryl Zarins, WA Alpha

Becky informed us that the theme of the Christmas/Winter pleiad is "Friendships within your chapter - How has it enhanced your chapter and helped with your chapter's growth"

This has caused me to stop and reflect on my time within Delta Theta Chi. I have been in DTC for approximately 25 years. During this time I have made many new friends. WA Alpha has grown and shrunk over the years. We split off into 2 groups, Alpha and Beta, at one time. Beta did not continue but Alpha did. Although we are WA Alpha, we have sisters from Florida to Montana to Oregon and even a couple in Washington. It doesn't matter. We are all friends and sisters, and want to continue to participate in the sisterhood that we share. Some have come and gone and others have remained within DTC. Once someone attends and sees the friendships and camaraderie that abounds, they feel encouraged to ask their own friends and family. Shelley Nelson of WA Alpha is a perfect example of this. She is always talking about DTC and inviting people to join us. Shelley endeavors to make DTC a very welcoming and friendly place. She loves the friendships she has made through DTC over the years and continues to try to grow WA Alpha to the best of her ability. If it wasn't for Shelley, we would not still be WA Alpha. We are grateful for her friendship. As has been said many times, if each of us would ask one person to attend a meeting/social to show them what we are about, we are bound to keep growing.

While in Kansas City at the National Convention I ran into a woman at the airport who saw my DTC shirt I was wearing. She stopped to talk. She belongs to a Women's Social Group also. Not DTC but very similar to our group. She was very excited to see that others do the same type of thing she and her friends have been doing. So wear your DTC clothing whenever possible. Your hats or sweatshirts, or blankets. The more people see of our group, the more they are likely to want to join us. Meetings should not be all business but should include fun. Even if by zoom we can all participate in a fun or educational activity.

I would like to end with encouraging all sisters of Delta Theta Chi nationwide to do your best to grow and continue your chapters. Without you we would not have Delta Theta Chi.

Hold high the torch of Delta Theta Chi.



Alcyone Province Trustee
Cheryl Zarins

Celaeno Province Trustee - Becky Bowman, IN Kappa

National Vice President Linda Colton said it right when she said that "Delta Theta Chi Sorority has a great foundation and the members are the bricks." I believe that the cement holding the bricks in place is the friendships between members. As members age or pass, membership drops and friendships change, maybe becoming inclusive to the point that some of the members don't feel that they have common ground any longer. This is when cracks begin to appear in that foundation. Recruitment of new members is hard to accomplish, especially in small chapters of 4 to 5, as prospects feel the tension and lack of respect among the members.

We should remember that we are only as strong and stable as our relationship with one another. We should be kind and respectful to others, in and out of Delta Theta Chi. Someone may not be your cup of tea and they won't be your BFF but they might be a great asset to the chapter. Remember, someone could be watching to see if you might be someone they might like to know and your chapter something they might like to join. You never know who is watching or listening to you and how you treat others.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and/or Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year!



Becky Bowman
Celaeno Province Trustee

Electra Province Trustee - Cathie Barber, KS Beta

It was grand visiting with all of you in October at your conventions. I enjoyed every minute with all of you. I only regret that Alcyone and Taygeta were the same weekend and since they have not refined cloning, I could not be in two places at once. But it looks like next year, I will hopefully make all of them.

The monthly meetings that the NEC has been holding have been great at keeping the NEC on their toes. If there is anything you would like the NEC to address, please be sure to let your trustee know so we can address them in the meeting.

The theme of this Pleiad is "Friendships within your chapter - how has it enhanced the chapter and helped with growth" - I can only speak for the Kansas Beta chapter and I know that we encourage all our members to invite prospective members, not only to our socials, but also to any and all events. When we see new prospects, we greet them with warmth and friendliness! We do not just expect their prospective Big Sister to be the only one to talk with them. I believe we may even intimidate some of the more timid individuals that show an interest, right Teresa?

We all celebrate, especially when it is someone that does not have a Little Sister. We add all prospects to our reminders, sent out a few days prior to the meeting so they will know when and where the meetings are.

One last thing, don't forget to get out there and hunt down some of those members who are no longer active, and are still among us here on earth, to encourage them to come back and give us another try. If they are no longer in your area, encourage them to start a new chapter wherever they have moved!

Hold High the Torch!



Cathie Barber
Electra Province Trustee

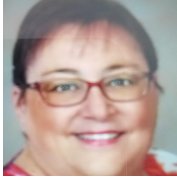
Sterope Province Trustee - Karen Kammer, OH Mu

I would like to start by wishing all of my sisters a very Happy Holiday Season. I do hope all your wishes come true. I pray 2024 brings lots of good health and happiness to all.

As Chair of the Educational Committee, we are starting to work hard to get the next educational outline prepared for you! Please let your Province Representative know if you have anything you would like included in the outline. We would love your input!

We were asked to reflect on Friendships within your chapters. I have made some amazing friendships, through Delta Theta Chi Sorority. My sisters have always been there for me as I hope that I have been for them. Some of these friendships have lasted a lifetime. I love my sisters and look forward to many more years of Delta Theta Chi.

Hold High the Torch!



In Sisterly Love,
Karen Kammer
Sterope Province Trustee

Taygeta Province Trustee - Becky Cooper, OK Epsilon

Here we are heading into the Holiday Season and I feel so blessed to be sharing it with my Delta Theta Chi Sisters. After 2 years being on the Council, I am finally getting the hang of handling all the correspondence that comes in.

As chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws committee, I would like to encourage each chapter to read carefully your National Constitution & ByLaws. The first deadline is September 2024, but the way time flies, it will be here before you know it.



In Sisterly Love,
Becky Cooper
Taygeta Province Trustee

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

FROM THE N.E.S.T.

Sisters:

What an amazing 2023 National Convention celebrating the "Roaring 20's" in June 2023, hosted by Electra Province! I hope all who attended enjoyed it as much as I did! What a fantastic gathering of sisters! Thank you, Electra!

At the Taygeta Province Convention, our National President, Connie Cripe issued a challenge to all Delta Theta Chi Sisters to help with the shortage of our insignia here in the National Office. She offered to pay a full registration fee and roundtrip economy airfare to National Convention in San Diego, CA to the sister who is responsible for returning the most items to the National Office. I have already received a couple of items and am looking forward to many more coming this way.

I am keeping track of the items returned and the sister's names here in the office.

Our Delta There Chi website holds a wealth of information for all of our sisters. I urge you to check it frequently to keep up with what is going on in our sisterhood.

As always, please remember that I am here for you and am more than willing to help with anything you might need.



In Sisterly Love
Cindy Cook
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Province Chapter News

Alcyone Province President Melody James, CA Eta

California Alpha

Chapter is "Under Construction". Watch for news in the Spring 2024 Edition.

California Epsilon

We were all saddened that we are not able to attend Alcyone Convention. Life has it's trappings and none of which we like. Kathy and her husband have been doing traveling and Kathy has two new knees. Debbie also is devoting many of her waking hours to her job and traveling, but more hours are devoted to her family. I believe she has a new grandchild. Connie is up and dancing around and Sally is caring for her family and clients. Have not heard much from Marbles or Jeanette but praying that they are still not showed in. We are so excited to learn that Kathy and Debbie were elected by our chapter as our outstanding sisters. We also congratulate Pam on winning Province Outstanding Sister.

Love 💕

Carolann Moyes

California Eta

After 50 years in CA Eta Chapter, I have several sisters who are my "besties! " Anytime I need any help, they are there to guide me, answer questions and push me to the next step. The special moments we have shared during meetings, Province and National Conventions, are priceless. We have laughed together and cried together and done some crazy things, all in good taste, of course!

I wouldn't trade any of their friendships for the world because these are women who bring out the best in me. Winnie the Pooh said "I knew when I met you an adventure was going to happen." And sorority life is always an adventure!!

Linda Colton , CA Eta

Who knew that when I first met the woman who would eventually be my Big Sister we were just girls in 8th grade chorus. Music was the glue that would cement our lifelong friendship and finally grind me to Delta Theta Chi Sorority.

That really is where my journey began. Continuing through A Capella Choir and various church choirs our friendship was a constant. As we moved into young adulthood the first invitation to join sorority was offered. I passed. Important events in our respective lives continued to be shared. Then 37 years later she tried again and this time I took the bait and in 2018 I was initiated as a Sister in Delta Theta Chi Sorority. You might think those 37 years were wasted, but for me the timing was perfect. I was in a place in my life that needed the friendship of women and I was now prepared to offer a So my story is not so much about how sorority has brought me friendships even though it goes without saying that I have met soooo many wonderful women many of whom I am happy and proud to call friends, but how a life long friendship brought me to "grow and enhance our chapter.

Florence Agcawili, CA Eta

Comrades
Mentorship
Opportunity to contribute
Give and receive moral support
Share points of view
Learn about age differences

Beth Fleet, CA Eta

From CA Theta to CA Eta, it was such a smooth transition...As my Eta sisters made me feel at home at once. Friendships of the heart extend beyond chapter boundaries and beyond province boundaries. I am blessed with friendships from the East Coast to the West Coast. The Sisterhood of Delta Theta Chi has truly enriched my life.

Pat Jover, CA Eta

DTC has offered me an amazing group of friends that I can't imagine duplicating anywhere else. I have lots of friends in many areas of my life, but my sisters have been there for me from day one 43 years ago and continue to be the mainstay of my world every day. They have been with me through raising children, earning college degrees, beginning new careers, a divorce, health challenges, retirement, grandkids, losing my oldest child (and little sister) to cancer, and of course constant support in my chapter, province and National office endeavors. I couldn't have gotten through all that life has placed on my plate without my rocks, my sisters, my friends. Whether I am on the ball and right on top of things or can't get it together and am a mess, my sisters are there to listen, support and sometimes even do it for me. I love them all with all my whole heart!

A Friend Is

A friend is a heart full of love
A warm place to go
A supportive hug
A non-judgmental soul
A happy-to-see-you smile
When you drop in
To visit for awhile

*A friend is accepting
Of faults and fears
Lending their wisdom
And their ears
Always listening with concern
And drying our tears
When we're tired and hurt*

A friend is you
It's who you are
So warm, so caring,
With a giving heart
And I'm so glad,
More than I can say
To have you as a friend
everyday

Mobi world

This "friend" poem sums up how I feel about my Delta Theta Chi Sisters

Kathy Warden, CA Eta.



California Iota

Friendship within our chapter provides opportunity to interact with all ages, socio-economic statuses, different racial backgrounds. Through programs, events, and get-togethers you connect and feel a sense of family and sisterhood.



Lana Duckett
California Iota

California Omicron

The Friendships Within Your Chapter

California Omicron Chapter celebrated 50 years of sisterhood and friendship in April 2023 with a luncheon at Peohe's Restaurant on Coronado Island. Coronado Island was the site of our chartering in 1973. Our Omicron sisters through the years represent connections that turned into Delta Theta Chi sisters. Friends came to Omicron from work colleagues, family members, neighbors, business contacts, and transfers from other chapters. What remain enduring friendships through the years are enriched by sisterhood in Delta Theta Chi. Forever we will treasure the friendships and sisters of Delta Theta Chi.



Lunch on Coronado
Rebecca Rowan, Kathleen Hull, Cathy Tutrow,
Ginny Gerber, Ann Puckett, Leila Wopacheck



CA Omicron Pres. Ruthi Enyart, VP Lorene Norris,
ED Susie Powell, Rec Sect. Karen Lee Conero, Corres.
Sect. Kathleen Hull, Treas. Barbara Barefield,
Sgt-At-Arms Pam Hirning

California Sigma

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Washington Alpha

Friendships. What can I say? Where would we be without our friends? How lonely would life be? Friendships are a basic and best part of life. Triumphs are cherished and setbacks are made tolerable. Life is just better with friends.

I was fortunate when I met my neighbor, who is a Delta There Chi sister. I didn't know it at the time, though. I found her to be a life loving, happy, fun and enthusiastic woman. She was uplifting to be around. I immediately saw her generous and caring spirit. We became fast friends. Through her, I met another sister. I had only known her for a few minutes and we were laughing together. I think laughing with someone is a definite avenue to friendship. I felt so blessed to be able to meet two women who were so much fun ! They were telling me about this sorority they belonged to, and I was I intrigued. These were only two women of the same group. If these energetic women were part of something, I wanted to know what it was. I was asked to join Delta Theta Chi, and was happy to do so.

When I look at my sisters in my chapter I see the same qualities in all of them. Each one is kind and warm-hearted. One quality of Friendship is making time for each other. Life is hectic and chaotic at times. Work and family obligations can be tiring and/or stressful. Making the time for one another is important. Not only for ourselves, but for others. We make time for our friends when we have our meetings. My sisters and I have to zoom because we all live in different places. But we all seem to make it on camera. I believe we look forward to seeing each other. We must, because there are always smiles, laughter, chit chatting and catching up going on but always after the business has been handled. Ha! Ha! The sisters in my chapter are a comfort to me. They are supportive, loyal, and non-judgemental.

As a sorority, we have been through surgeries, illness, and yes, even some deaths. Through all of these circumstances, I have seen an outpouring of love and compassion towards one another - one more characteristic of friendship. It fills my heart to know that I am a part of this sisterhood.

But making friends in your chapter is just one part. I know we are scattered across the country. But this doesn't have to stop us from getting to know our sisters from different chapters and provinces. There are conventions to attend. This is a great place to meet each other and explore our common goals. We should come out of our shell in this situation. We need to take advantage of our being together and start conversations and small talk. This can go a long way to starting a life long friendship.

I recently received an email regarding the Delta There Chi book club. When I finished this article, I'm going to join. Another opportunity to meet more sisters and cultivate friendships.

Friends learn from each other. We are all teachers and students. So let's listen when we need to, offer advice when we can, and love whole-heartedly. Let's invite new women in and show them what the sisterhood is all about.



Laverne McIntyre, Cheryl Zarins,
Dundus-Rankin, Shelley Nelson, Doreen Brown



Laverne McIntyre, Shelley Nelson, Kristine
Dundus-Rankin, Cheryl Zarins, Doreen Brown

Carla Schmidt, Alcyone Province Pleiades representative

**Celaeno Province
President Deb Hood, Indiana Gamma**

I am looking at this topic a little differently as Celaeno Province President. I have a large pool of friendships. This pool of mermaids are so wonderful to work with on a daily basis, if needed. These mermaids in the pool, volunteer to help new sisters be guided along the way. As the new mermaids become more active in the Province, they must be lifted up and shown what their duties are for a new office or committee. It is hard to be the new mermaid swimming along alone.

With the pool of mermaids helping each other, the new mermaids will reach out at their chapter to assist another new mermaid which encourages growth.

Deb Hood

Celaeno Province President

Indiana Alpha

Friendship is defined as a state of mutual trust and support. Indiana Alpha sisters have formed a friendship with each other. We each have our own set of values and beliefs but we come together and can share these with each other. We have stood side by side with our sisters through death, illness and loss. We are also present in their joy and happiness; we laugh and cry with each other! Food has been prepared and taken into the home after a surgery or illness. We share our stories sitting by a campfire. We join in a meal together before our meetings. May our friendship continue to grow stronger as we share our lives together as sisters of Delta Theta Chi.

Submitted by: **Carol Troyer**

Indiana Alpha

Indiana Gamma

I have noticed in the last few years that the older I get the more I need my sisters in my IN Gamma chapter. The friendships in my chapter carry out beyond our meetings. If someone is unable to carry out a duty, such as Meals on Wheels delivery, another sister steps in to complete the job. These friendships in my chapter are as strong as blood sisters. Sometimes we grumble, yes we grumble, but the friendships do not fail. We have had growth the last couple of years and I feel it is because we are still a viable group of friends who happen to be sisters as well.

Charlene Davis

IN Gamma

Indiana Eta

On July 1st of this year IN Eta Chapter lost a most precious member. Betty Nelson was a 51 year member of Delta Theta Chi and was very key to our chapter's continuing existence and was as extremely hard worker for our chapter. Betty and I came into sorority together and became lifelong friends, both in and out of sorority. Betty was the kind of person who would do anything you asked her to do, even though she had a very busy social and church life, as well as being a devoted mother, grandmother and great grandmother. There is a huge hole at our meetings this year. At our August picnic we all shared what Betty meant to each of us personally and the Kleenex box had to be passed. I quote the words of Dr. Seuss who said, "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." Betty was truly my friend and mentor and our friendship blossomed because of Delta Theta Chi.



Betty Nelson, Dorothy O'Harris, and Susan Yoder



Past National President, Barb Parker
(d) November 13, 202

Susan Yoder, Reporter

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Indiana Sigma

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Electra Province

President Gail Allen, KS Kappa



Kansas Alpha

Greetings Dear Sisters,

Loving the theme - Christmas & Friendship

Christmas is a time when our feelings of Friendship explode. We tend to "look for the best" within ourselves and in the individual. How could we not?

We reminisce about most of all our precious Christmas celebrations. The laughter, the kisses, warm hugs, and joyful songs. Those thoughts and feelings are carried within us throughout the Christmas season with the thought of them remaining year-round. With all that joyful feeling it is hard not to share it with our sisters thus tightening the bonds of our friendships.

It is the laughter, memories, foods, and feelings that help us stay connected with hopes of growing within ourselves and hopes of growing our sisterhood.



Candace Moore and Janelle Clark

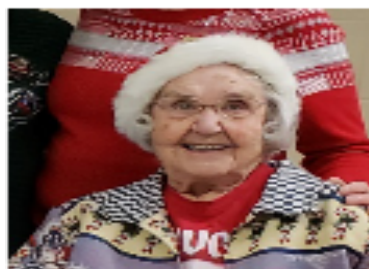


Dorothy Jones, Karen Swagger, Kay Grant
Karen Marsh, Janelle Clark



Janelle Clark and Rebecca Rowan

Friendships highlights Christmas and Christmas highlights our Friendships



A. Rose Winterscheidt
Mother of Janelle Clark,

Kansas Beta

Christmas presents:

The Kansas Beta Chapter got two extra early Christmas presents this year. Two new pledges. One of which was initiated at Electra Conclave in October. Our new initiate is Karissa Schmidt who is the little sister (and daughter -in-law) of Trish Schmidt. Our new pledge is Kim Garcia and is the little sister of Tammy Cocannouer. And Santa himself sent an elf to make sure our most honored sister, Past National President Gracene Sims, attended their pledging ceremony.

In September the elves of Kansas Beta jumped in their sleighs and headed to Tulsa to help hold an initiation ceremony with the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter. Five elves: Cathie Barber, Holly Oetting, Teresa Carter, Cindi

Cook and Brenda Thompson helped the Oklahoma Alpha Chapter initiate their three new pledges. After all, the Betas will use any excuse for a road trip. It was such a fun day with lunch with the Betas and Alphas, then off to the ceremony! Have robes will travel...for food...or any other reason!!

To start the holiday season, the Betas attended a candlelight concert at the Wichita Aviation Museum. The museum is housed in the old original Wichita airport and is documented as one of the most haunted buildings in Kansas. The Candlelight Concert string quartet treated the sisters with a selection of haunting (pun intended) music. You just haven't heard it all until you have heard Michael Jackson's Thriller played by a string quartet. The evening was, of course, topped off with a little wine!

The Betas will top off the holidays with their 3rd annual trip to the Prairie Pines Tree Farm Playhouse, where they will be treated to a ham and turkey dinner server by the actors while who will be presenting a holiday who-done-it.

Happy Holiday and Happy New Year to all our DTC sisters. We hope to see you in 2024!



Our 2 new pledges and big Sisters



"Thriller"



Oklahoma Alpha Initiation Ceremony



Gracene Sims with new sisters
Karissa Schmidt and Kim Garcia
Teresa Carter



Karissa and Trish Schmidt



Tammy Cocannouer and Kim Garcia

Kansas Kappa

The Christmas season makes me think of snow and show makes me think about snowflakes. Individually, snowflakes are so unique but together they are a force to be reckoned with and can change the course of your day and mood. Just like how each snowflake is unique, so are the sisters who make up the KS Kappa Chapter. Each of our sisters is very different but our sisterhood makes unique opportunities for friendship. **GAIL ALLEN** is our resident Disney princess/villian. She keeps us on our toes with her never-quit spirit, her never-ending dedication to her sisters and friends and of course sassy sense of humor. When she isn't working in the lab she is loving life in her country home/animal kingdom.

BETHANY HOFMEIER is our quiet sister with a fierce spirit, she is passionate about our sorority scholarship program and helping those in need. As a high school science teacher, she is doing what she can to help the next generation learn and grow.

VICKI LIGNITZ is mom/grandma extraordinaire keeping up with her family in Kansas and Texas. When she isn't on duty, she spends her time researching genealogy. We are so glad she transferred to the KS Kappa after the KS Thetas disbanded. She is a joyful addition to our chapter.

CANDACE MOORE is our sports ball mom. She spends most of her time work full time in PR and Fundraising, keeping track of her kids various schools, sports, and other extracurricular activities, and volunteering at her kid's schools and her church.

DEBBY GUNSELMAN is another mom/grandma extraordinaire, who stays connected with her many brothers & sisters. She is part of the glue that keeps our chapter together.

CINDY WHITELEY is our world traveler who we see mostly on Zoom these days since she lives out of state but we're so glad she is still involved in our sisterhood.

ANN BELL is our ScottIsh lass, she has had her hands full with her family both in the states and overseas the last few years but we love and miss her when she isn't around.

MARIA GUNSELMAN makes us laugh whenever we're together. Her energy is contagious and we wouldn't be the Kappa Chapter without her efforts to start our chapter nearly 20 years ago.

SUSAN WILLIAMS is our loyal sister in the shadows, we haven't seen much of her in recent years but she loyally stays connected as much as she can given her schedule and family committments.

Just looking at this list you wouldn't think we would all be friends naturally but the beauty of our sisterhood is how it builds friendship between sisters despite our differences. This is special about Delta Theta Chi because we don't all have to like the same things, think the same way or live the same lifestyle but we can all be united as sisters. As we look to Christmas, the holiday season and the new year in 2024, we all need to remember to celebrate our differences and continue he to build friendships in our sisterhood.



Respectfully Submitted

The sisters of the Kansas Kappa Chapter

Missouri Delta

Greetings Dear Sisters:

A few Holiday thoughts and best wishes from your Missouri Delta Sisters...

To me, friendship is a desire for mutual likings and an affectionate desire to share. With that said, this autumn my thoughts turn to all my Sisters I've been privileged to form lasting relationships over the many decades as a member of the Missouri Delta Chapter. Such wonderful cherished memories. I cherish my Sisters and extend to each of you, a loving Christmas wish for a blessed and wonderful season yet to come.

~ **Judith Hurlburt.**

Friendships help enrich your life, help bring out the best of you when around them, just like being around all my Sisters in Delta Theta Chi Sorority. Wishing all my Sisters a wonderful Christmas Season ahead, full of fond memories that make you smile, warm delicious food, and surrounded by those that love and support you in your life. ~ **Eileen Neeley**

Christmas and Friendship means so much to me. Spending time with family and friends during the holiday season. I enjoy spreading wonderful friendship to those closest to me during this wonderful holiday time too.

~ Happy Holidays, **Mindy Neeley**

Those who enjoy the winter months look forward to seeing the first snowflakes flying around, noting the stark contrast against the beautiful blue winter sky, watching as a soft white blanket begins to cover everthing. Some have already experienced this, Colorado and Montana for instance. It's not that far off for the rest of us, believe it or not. This stirs our thoughts about the upcoming holiday season and memories of last holidays. We begin to reminisce about special moments in time and the people we have shared these

moments with, especially those who have passed on, and then we pause to count our blessings for all the loved ones we have in our lives. To be surrounded by loving family, friends and sisters...is The best "gift" anyone could possibly receive. Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and holiday season to be remembered for many years to come.



~ In Sisterly Love, **Cheryl Neeley**

Nebraska Zeta

Dear Sisters,

Greetings from the Nebraska Zeta Chapter! We hope everyone is having a great Fall and enjoying this cool weather and also all of the fun events happening at this time of year...like football, THE GBR (Go Big Red)! After a very busy and somewhat stressful September preparing to host the Electra Province Conclave, the Zetas are looking forward to settling into our normal meetings and activities. There were 34 "RAD" DTC sisters and 10 guests that attended Electra's "RAD Women" Conclave in Omaha, NE on October 6th, 7th and 8th. With the exception of our President Mary Kreager who was not able to come due to a broken ankle, all of the Nebraska Zetas were able to be there for the exciting weekend. At the Saturday luncheon, there was a program about radical women from Nebraska presented by our Zeta Chapter members, and then at the Saturday Banquet, our entertainment was another radical Nebraska woman who at one time played in a rock 'n roll band and now writes and sings her own western songs. Of course, we all enjoyed the Achievement Contest with all Electra chapters participating. The theme was "Radical Women in Music." Our skit was about gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. We learned a great deal about Mahalia, as we prepared our skit and we even earned 3rd place for our performance!

In November, it will be time for us to start planning our yearly Christmas celebrations and then our yearly brunch in January. We also hope to have a rush party in 2024 and we are looking forward to many great educational programs and social activities.

As we approach Thanksgiving, Hanukah, and Christmas it is a good time to reflect on the gift of Friendship that Delta Theta Chi gives us. We hopefully make many friends in our lifetimes, but so often, we lose touch with friends as our circumstances change. As we build friends in DTC through shared experiences and common ideals, we can have relationships that last a lifetime. It does not matter if we finish school, change jobs, or move across town. Our friendships in DTC will be there. This is one very special gift we can share with potential new members....the possibility of friends that last over the years.

The world we live in is looking very dark right now, but remember to cling to all that is positive and good and Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi. Knowledge is a beautiful thing!

Diane Allen-Lewis Secretary

Nebraska Zeta Chapter

Nebraska Eta

Nebraska Eta has had a busy year! (So busy, we forgot to submit to the summer pleiad, so we're catching you up!) We have enjoyed lots of Sister time with fun Educational Programs hosted by our members, including a charcuterie board demonstration and plant propagation class. The Etas always make time for fun too! We have had game nights, an ax throwing outing, and our annual pumpkin carving party. A couple of

our members attended National Convention in Kansas City, and had fun helping host the Saturday night dinner. At Electra Province conclave we were excited to initiate a new member, Asia. Our Sister Julia was elevated to the Electra Province Educational Director position, and we had a blast presenting our Achievement Contest Skit on Taylor Swift. We are looking forward to our annual Christmas Craft and Calendar Exchange Night in December and the coming year ahead!



Charcuterie Board Educational



Pumpkin Carving party



Achievement Contest Skit
on Taylor Swift

Julia Ourecky

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

Maryland Alpha

Chapter is “Under Construction”. Watch for news in the Spring 2024 Edition

Ohio Mu

Ohio Mu Chapter celebrated our 88th Founders Day in July 2023. Wow, 88 years. The theme of the Pleiad was “Friendships within your chapters, how it enhanced the chapter and helped with growth”. This is absolutely the most important part of a chapter. You bring in little sisters with friends and family members then they become friends with other sisters in the chapter and so it begins. These friendships can last a lifetime and oh the memories they leave behind. This is the way the chapter grows and flourishes. Your sisters are there for you in good times and bad. Always ready to lend a helping hand. Friendship is the key to a successful chapter.

As the holidays draw near, enjoy your sisters and the friendships you maintain with them. I promise it will bring a smile to your face.



In Sisterly Love,
Karen Kammer
President Ohio Mu

Taygeta Province
President June Butler, Texas Beta

Oklahoma Alpha

"Friendships within your chapter"

You can never have too many Friends!

When you join Delta Theta Chi, oftentimes you only know your big sister.

As time goes by visiting with sisters at meetings, socials, or serving together on different committees we get to know each other. Friendships are made from having the same interests.

It is great having sisters always available in times of need. Whether it is comforting a sister in a time of loss or simply driving a sister to an appointment.

This is the definition of being a good friend.

The bottom line is we all have the sorority in common.

Judy Stone

Oklahoma Alpha

Oklahoma Beta

OK Beta sure has been busy this year! As you know, we just hosted the Fall Convention where some exciting things happened. The best was that two sisters were initiated! The legacy continues as Leah Stotts, daughter of Betty Schmidt, and Tracy Campbell, daughter of Jackie Henderson, became true sisters and helped our chapter grow. We not only have grown in numbers but in strength, commitment, friendships, sisterhood and most of all Love. From the moment they began coming to our functions and fundraisers, they jumped right in and participated as if they had been there all along, with sparks of energy and fun. We are so blessed to be able to welcome these two lovely ladies to our OK Beta Chapter!

Since February, 2023 to present, our Committees and members have been busy with Literacy and Civic projects, Educational programs, Membership (as indicated by our two new sisters), Socials, Scholarships (awarded two), Yearbooks, History Book, Courtesy and Hospitality. Our meetings often include delicious and fun Socials which were hosted by one Board Member a month, along with our Founders Day celebration at Inspirations Tea Room. Our Ways and Means committee, and many members, we're very busy with our annual three-day flower sale fundraiser.

We donated books and money for our Literacy projects to Eugene Fields Elementary School, My First Library Program, Bethany Children's Health Center and Citizen's Caring for Children. We also completed and submitted the National Literacy Form on time, which showed how we have helped many children through tangible donations and donations of our time. Our Civic projects included several donations of diapers, wipes, socks and pajamas to the Bethany Children's Health Center, Citizens Caring for Children and Baptist Village. We also gave personal hygiene items and books to the YWCA Women's Shelter at different times throughout the year. This indicates the giving hearts of ladies I am proud to call my sisters.

We had a variety of fun Educational Programs. These included three book reviews of inspirational women: (1) Unknown Women of the Bible given by Phyllis Henderson, (2) Zelda, F. Scott Fitzgerald's wife given by Lou Ella Berry, and (3) Love Lucy, a book written by Lucille Ball given by Carol Hanson. We attended the First American Museum and the Oklahoma Museum of Art. Other educational programs presented a challenge to some of us as we spent many months of making items in preparation for both the National Convention and Fall Convention. Nevertheless, we enjoyed working together throughout the year. Busy hands make light work and joyful hearts.

As you can see, we have a hard-working chapter made up by a great group of caring and loving sisters. We have grown by two this year and hope to continue in the growth of our chapter. Whether in person with a smile and hug, or by phone calls and cards, we keep in touch with each other and show our sisterly love.



Betty Schmidt and Leah Stotts



Tracey Campbell and Jackie Henderson

Respectively submitted, **Carol Hanson**

Oklahoma Delta

We tried to have most of our meetings, but sometimes illness and out of town trips for members caused us to cancel. We lost two husbands this past year and recovery time was needed. Our deep friendship for each other carried us through. The caring and love shown could not have been matched. Meals were prepared and errands accomplished and so on.

However, we were lacking in Community Service. Our goal is to be better this year in that area.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley West

President, OK Delta

Oklahoma Epsilon

I'm a new member of Delta Theta Chi. I've been asked to write about friendships. I joined sorority because I saw and observed the care the strong women of Oklahoma Chapter have for each other. I admire these amazing women. Discussion about life; trips, shopping, new relationships/marriage/weddings, health, car shows is interestingly lively in our chapter as I am sure it is in yours. Amy Koehler said "Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." I agree.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Sweaney

Oklahoma Zeta

FRIENDSHIPS WITHIN THE OKLAHOMA ZETA CHAPTER

There is nothing quite like sitting down to dinner with our Zeta sisters. We talk, laugh, joke, celebrate, vent, reminisce and share so much. Sometimes we even shed a tear. We enjoy each so much that often we find it's hard to break away for the business meeting. It doesn't seem like we grow great in number as we lose sisters, quite a few passed away, but we grow in other ways.

We are close and comfortable with each other. I would say it's like wearing an old pair of shoes, hugging the feet nicely but not squeezing them. However, it is the sisterly support that begs a story! It's the sister who tended to a dying sister by dressing her wounds and praying with her, the sister who offered to drive many miles to wriggle compression stockings on a sisters husband after a heart attack, the sister who pulled weeds for a sister having mobility problems, sisters who cleaned up the house of a sister in grief and distress and decorated her Christmas tree, sisters who brushed a sister's hair and prayer over her while she was in a coma, sisters who cared, sisters who you can count on to be your prayer warriors. There are countless stories, many untold certainly, of Zeta sisters having each other's back.

We added a new sister, Lynn Yentzer, and we are are hoping for a long-lasting friendship with Lynn whom we enjoy tremendously. It's as if she has been with us forever, always uplifting, humorous, and civic minded. There are sisters in our chapter who live in other states who are close to our hearts although they are many

miles away. It doesn't make any difference if you're new or old to sorority or live near or far away, our friendships are cemented for the long haul. Go Zeta's!

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Kitchen, President
Oklahoma Zeta



Oklahoma Kappa

Friendship can be defined as a state of mutual trust and support between two people. Oklahoma Kappa is full of friendships. We love and support each other through good times and bad times. Some of our friendships have been born of blood. Others have been born of lifelong experiences. Still others have been born from inside our sisterhood. We all come from different backgrounds and experiences. However we have come together, Oklahoma Kappa has become stronger for each sister added and each friendship we've formed. I, for one, am beyond grateful, thankful, and blessed for each friendship I have, not just in my chapter, but in Delta There Chi, across the nation.

Submitted by,
Lindsay Ragsdale
President, OK Kappa

Texas Beta

Texas Beta has seen many lasting friendships develop over the years. We are still friends with those who have moved on. Some sisters brought friends from their workplace, church, school, or neighborhood. We are encouraging Jolene Myers to invite some of her younger college friends so we can offer them an opportunity to learn about Delta There Chi and its purpose and achievements. Patti Walbridge and June Butler were once co-workers and are long-time friends. Together they are working on a Rush for other co-workers and friends they share. Sandy Mayfield found June Butler at their church, and they have developed a loving relationship over the last few years. Judy Basler, June Butler and Carol George attended the National Convention in Wichita, Kansas in June - they had a fun time traveling together and strengthening their friendship. Judy Bassler, Patti Wallbridge, June Butler, and Carol George attended Taygeta Province Convention in Oklahoma City in October where their friendship was evident as Judy and Carol were nursemaids to June and Patti (both had knee surgeries the end of August). Nancy Goes is always willing to reach out and lend a hand to any of her TX Beta sisters as are we all. Nothing compares to the level of friendships reached with your sisters.



June Butler and Nancy Goss



Judy Bessler and Sandy Mayfield



Judy Bessler, June Butler and Carol George



Patty Wallridge, June Butler and Carol George

Texas Zeta

This edition of our newsletter suggested we share about the friendships within our group and how it enhanced our chapter. Upon writing Texas Zeta's Pleiad, a very poignant observation came to mind. "You can choose your friends but you can't choose your family..." This quote comes from Harper Lee's infamous novel "To Kill a Mockingbird". However, with our wonderful Sorority, Friends are chosen. And then we ask them to become our 'Sisters' as well! We have the best of both worlds. Friends and Family. Each of our sisters, individually, we're asked to think about what Delta Theta Chi means to them and share their personal feelings in a word, a phrase, a sentence. Amazingly, all thoughts lead to a description of Friendship and the kinship of Family/Sister.

GIEDRA BRITTIGAN, our President, said in one word for her: "Acceptance."

KAY DUNGAN submitted a beautiful picture that said: "The circle of women around us weave invisible nets of love that carry us when we are weak and sing with us when we are strong."

JAN COLES: "Being a sorority sister has provided me with long lasting friendships."

PATTY HELTENDORFER: "Support, many times without asking, just knowing what you need." "We

CONNIE CROW: "Acceptance"i

SHANNON KELLY: "Fellowship of Believers sharing experiences."

DARLENE MEINKE: The support, friendship, care and concern have sustained me through difficult times. "

JENNY DAVIDSON: "I get affirmation from my sisters."

CARLA ROCHA: "Love, laughter and tears."

SHARON BRADEN: "My Family in Sisterhood."

Our honorary Texas Zeta Member **Dona Wallace** (OK Zeta) put her thoughts in a wonderful summary. "Sisters are just a phone call away...In the best of times or the worst of times. Delta There Chi Sisters are the BEST." That's what true friendship is all about, someone we can always call on " for laughter, love, care, concern, tears, fellowship, support, affirmation, and always acceptance. But, we just call each other a familiar name, Sister. "

In closing, I'll quote from our Sister Song, "Forever we'll treasure, the love that will tie. The Sisterhood of Delta There Chi."

Friendship is the best part of Texas NU Sisterhood

To thrive in an increasingly challenging world, it's helpful to have connections with others that reflect varying degrees of experience. One of the best things about friendship in our Texas Nu Chapter is that everyone belongs even if representing a multitude of generations. When you are immersed in our chapter, you see that everyone is laughing about stories told, listening to advice being given, and thoroughly enjoying time with each other. This provides many opportunities to engage in different ways with different people, which brings novelty into each of our lives.

Every member has space to be themselves as they bring individual experiences and needs to the sisterhood while learning from each other.

Some members provide fresh energy and new ideas while others help provide wisdom gained from life experiences. Our Chapter also includes many diverse ideas which help each of us grow beyond our comfort zone and encourage us to learn about other perspectives, ways of looking at and living life. We are lucky to have formed such a strong friendship through our sisterhood in DeltaTheta Chi.

Submitted by **Melissa Arndt**

Texas NU Pleiad Reporter

DTC ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Dear Book Club Sisters:

I have attached a document list in the books voted on for November, January and February. We will vote again in January for March, April, and May 2024. Please don't hesitate to make a book recommendation.

I will add it to our list of recommended reading.

Please note the date for our traditional Christmas stories to be presented by National President Connie Cripe on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm CST. Little guests are welcome.

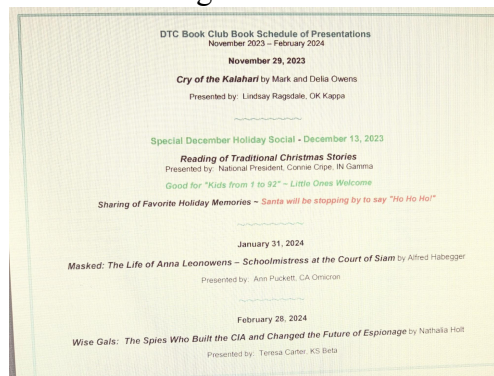
Santa will be stopping by to say a merry HO HO HO!

I hope you join me in sharing one of your special holiday memories with our group. We will close with Christmas Carol and a toast to the New Year, so be sure to wear something festive and fun.

In Sisterly Love

Cheryl Neeley

DTC Book Club Chair



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NOTE: Many sisters who attended National Convention donated to The National Memorial Scholarship Fund, The Marie Miller Graham Scholarship Fund, The Sue Drelinger Scholarship Fund and to The National Endowment Fund. In the interest of saving space, I have chosen not to list each of these sisters individually. Thank you sisters!

Cindi Cook, N.E.S.T.

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These ladies did an OUTSTANDING job of collecting the needed information, making this issue possible. I could not have done it without them. Give them a big THANK YOU when you see them.

Due to the vast amount of pictures and graphics with the articles, I left out the spacing between sentences and paragraphs in the articles to try to stay within the amount of page limits. Thank you for your understanding.

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