



Delta Theta Chi Sorority

Electra Province Pleiad

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Electra Province Conclave October 2023

Message from Electra Province President

Hello Sisters!

The new sorority year is upon us and I am excited for the opportunity to work for all of you. The board have already started at our post conclave meeting brainstorming new ideas. I am ecstatic to work with this board as we are a great mixture of multigenerational sisters. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this year.

A couple weeks after conclave, I was able to cross a major milestone off my "Experiences Wishlist" as I went to DISNEYWORLD! My sister, my brother in law, my three nieces and their significant others, with Bill and myself jetted off to Florida for a fun-filled 4.5 days of Disney. We were able to go to all 4 parks-Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, EPCOT, and my personal favorite, Magic



Kingdom. I even got Bill to wear couple shirts so we would match! Since it was in October, we attended the Halloween Party in Magic Kingdom and got to see the Halloween parade and firework show. We rode almost every ride in



each park and I even met my favorite Princess Aurora from Sleeping Beauty! I don't think I stopped smiling for the entire 5 days from leaving home at 1:45 am Thursday to catch our flight to Monday night boarding the plane to head home.



I hope this year is the year for all Delta Theta Chi Sisters to check off something from your "Experiences Wishlist". It could be something as simple as going to a new restaurant to road-tripping to the Grand Canyon or flying to another country!

CONGRATS to the Nebraska Zetas for a wonderful conclave. They did so much to make 2023 conclave fun, education, and just joyful in our time together. It was amazing to see all chapters performing in the education skit. I learned so much about artists I had never heard of and found out more about the artists that I did know. I absolutely loved my friendship bracelets from the Nebraska Eta Chapter. I wear it almost daily!

CONGRATS to Karrissa Schmidt, KS Beta and Asia Alston, NE Eta for their initiation into our sisterhood.

As we move into the holiday season, please let the board know if you are having any kind of holiday party, rush event, craft night, etc. We, the board enjoy road trips and will travel for sisters (unless we have to work 😊).

In January, the board is normally getting ready to meet for Midyear. This year, we have decided to have midyear later in the year due to weather always causing major snafus. However, every board member is required to turn in whatever is due at midyear to me and the board by January 15th. This means that even though our midyear will be later in the year, the information will be flowing punctually. So at the beginning of February, be looking for information about achievement contests, membership, etc.

I am working on the agenda for the mid-year meeting. If you have any suggestions, agenda items, questions, constitutional amendments, etc that you would like the board to address, please send them to me by **Feb 1st**. This is so I can get my agenda finished and organized.

And finally, we NEED nominations for the Bettye Bielfeldt Award. We have an extremely small pool of nominations. I will be contacting those who have submitted nominations that have expired so they have an opportunity to resubmit. That being said, the board needs **YOU**, the membership, to look at your fellow sisters and nominate those who fit the guidelines of the Betty Bielfeldt Award. I will be sending out all of the requirements and nomination forms with the rest of the mid-year information but until then, the guidelines are always available on the website.



As always, I am always available for a phone call, a text message, an email, or a visit out here in the beautiful countryside!

May this holiday season be full of light and laughter for you and your family.

Hold high the Torch,
Gail Allen, Electra Province President



Message from Electra Province Vice President

Dear Electra Sisters:

What an honor to be elected to serve as your Vice President. Since Conclave I have been busy working on a Membership theme. This information will be sent out to all Chapters the first part of March. I look forward to working with each of you to help maintain and increase our membership. It will take all of us working together to make this happen. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Please keep me in mind if your Chapter plans to host a Rush or special event. I would love to join you and support your Chapter and events in any way I can. I will be reaching out to each Chapter throughout the year to check in and see how everyone is doing. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any concerns or would just like to talk. I am here for you!

A big Thank You to our Nebraska Zeta Sisters for hosting such a fun-filled educational weekend learning about "RAD Women". I absolutely loved all of the Achievement skits, well done everyone! I would also like to thank our National President, Connie Cripe (IN Gamma) and Sister Deb Hood (IN Gamma) for traveling to Omaha to share the weekend with Electra Province.

I don't know about you, but it seems like once October Fall Conclave/Conventions have been held, time goes by lightning fast! We will all soon be gathering with family and friends for Thanksgiving, thankful for all the many blessings we have. And before we know it, it will be Christmas. Wherever you find yourself, I hope you are surrounded by those you love and who love you, whether you are with relatives or those we have adopted as family, friends and Sisters ... cherish every moment. May your time together be fun and memorable.

Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah, have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In Sisterly Love,
Cheryl Neeley, MO Delta

Message from Electra Province Educational Director

Hi!

I wanted to give a quick introduction for those of you who may not know me very well: my name is Julia Ourecky and I am your Taylor Swift, Disney, and Baseball-Loving, Gemini, 25-year-old, 3rd-generation DTC Member, from Nebraska Eta and your newly elected Electra Province Educational Director!

I am very excited and honored to be in this role and I am looking forward to the year ahead. In trying to do the best job I can in this position, I will be sending out educational reports quarterly about extraordinary women related to our National Education Outline; in the hopes that we can all "meet" some cool women! These will be short pieces that can either be read and enjoyed as-is or used as a jumping off point to create a larger educational program if your chapter so desires.

I'm looking forward to broadening everyone's horizons this year with both my educational reports and the achievement contest. The overall theme for Achievement Contest this coming year is Art, so put on those creative caps and get ready to learn about non-traditional art; more details coming soon.

Message from Electra Province Recording Secretary

Hello,

Thank you for electing me to be your Electra Province Recording Secretary for another year. I truly enjoy serving you sisters and my fellow Board members. Some sisters think I'm a little nuts, but being Recording Secretary is one of my favorite things to do. It keeps me hopping. I also want to thank the Nebraska Zeta's on a wonderful Conclave. Especially since I was able to spend dinner with my daughter, Tori, at the Saturday night banquet.



Chapter Recording Secretaries, please forward your minutes to me as soon as possible. I forward them to the other Province Board members that you do not send them to. We do read the minutes and enjoy reading about what each Chapter is doing.

If you are planning a social or rush event, please let us know. You never know when a few of us will drop in to support your chapter. Some of us just like to take road trips and rack up the miles. We do want to get to know you better and just not at Conclave. Let us know what we can do to support your Chapter's growth.

I'd like to leave you with this definition that I found on Pinterest about how I feel about each of you sisters.

Human Sunshine ['-you-']

A person whose smile can light up a room, whose laughter is infectious and whose energy is like a ray of sunshine on a cloudy day. They spread joy and happiness wherever they go, and their positivity is contagious.

Fraternally,

Tammy Cocannouer, Electra Province Recording Secretary

Message from Electra Province Corresponding Secretary

Hello Electra Province Sisters!

Please be patient with me as I get organized for the Office of Corresponding Secretary. I may live in Denver Colorado but I am still a full member and try my hardest to keep up with all the news. Thank you Gail Allen for keeping me in the loop. I have missed you all so much. It was fun watching the surprise on Debby Gunselman's face as my letter was read at Conclave.

France was something else as we were evacuated from Versailles due to a ?bomb? threat. At the same time the Louve and Eiffel Tower were also evacuated. They closed 6 airports. Ahh but the French Riviera was spectacular.

You can reach me at cwhiteley4jhawks@gmail.com. My number is 785-550-9457 and leave a message.

Hold high the torch of Delta Theta Chi

Cindy Whiteley
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Message from Electra Province Treasurer

Sisters,

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your treasurer for the 2023/2024 sorority year! I was disappointed that I could not attend Conclave due to a family emergency. However, I'm happy to report that all is well regarding the emergency.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our Electra Province Treasury.

May you have a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Respectfully,
Vicki Lignitz

Message from Electra Province Past President

Dear Electra Province Sisters,



I hope that you all have been enjoying these last few weeks since Conclave 2023 in Omaha, Nebraska! I can't wait to begin my new adventure as Immediate Past President. I am looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with my family next week. I am also looking forward to celebrating the holiday season with my family next month too. If any of you have any questions or concerns about this sorority year, please email me or call me. I am looking forward to serving you all this sorority year!

Hold High the Torch!

Mindy Neeley

Electra Province Immediate Past President

Message from Electra Province Trustee

Sisters,

Fall has fell and the weather is turning cooler. So I hope you will all stay warm this winter!

October was a very busy month for me as I attended not only our own Electra Conclave, but then attended both the Alcyone Convention in Buena Park and Celaeno Fall Board in Kokomo, IN. It is very interesting to see the difference between the way business is conducted in each province. I have come back with some suggestions and ideas for Electra's Board.

Here are some friendly reminders:

1. PLEASE turn in your chapter minutes to NEST Cindi Cook, National President Connie Cripe, National Vice President Linda Colton, Electra Province President Gail Allen, Electra Province Recording Secretary Tammy Cocannouer, and of course, myself.
2. Collect those pictures for the National President's History Book. You may either post them on Facebook or email/text them to dtc.ep.trustee@gmail.com.
3. Make sure ALL the scholarship applications are properly distributed.
4. If you have any questions or concerns, please, please, please feel free to contact me at dtc.ep.trustee@gmail.com

Here's hoping that all of you have a happy holiday season as Thanksgiving is fast approaching and Christmas is around the corner.

In sisterly love and caring,

Cathie Barber

Electra Province National Trustee



Kansas Alpha

Greetings from KS Alpha,

This is the start of the 2023 – 2024 sorority calendar year. Although we had only 1 member attend the 2023 Conclave, we made sure we participated in the Achievement Skit making it the first time in many years that all chapters were represented.

As we go forward with the new year, we strive to encourage each other to 'do what we can when we can'. We are hoping to have a meeting and a social each month. As the President and interim corresponding secretary, I try to forward all messages and invites via text messages or emails as I receive them. Most information submitted on the Delta Theta Chi Facebook page is relayed to the chapter members to help them 'connect' with members within and outside our chapter. Some of our members continue to have health problems. We make phone calls and visits to 'checkup' on them.



Janelle Clark presenting
'Rad Woman' Helen Reddy



Social/Luncheon discussing Killers of the Flower Moon

L to R: Front Row: Karen Marsh, Janelle Clark
Back Row: Karen Swogger, Pat Glidewell, Kay Foster

KS Alpha at social/luncheon gathering, where Pat gave a book report on Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI. We had a very lively discussion.

As the holiday season are approaching, we all wish to tell everyone a **HAPPY THANKSGIVING, MERRY CHRISTMAS,** and a very **HAPPY, JOYFUL** and **BLESSED NEW YEAR.**

Kansas Beta

Circling the wagons

During the mid-1800s in America many pioneers traveled west by wagon. Typically, these were Conestoga wagons and they traveled west in a single file line known as a wagon train. At night the wagons would form a circle around their encampment and livestock for defensive reasons. Circle the wagons is an English language idiom which has come to mean a group of people who unite for a common purpose. And that is just what the Kansas Beta's have been doing.

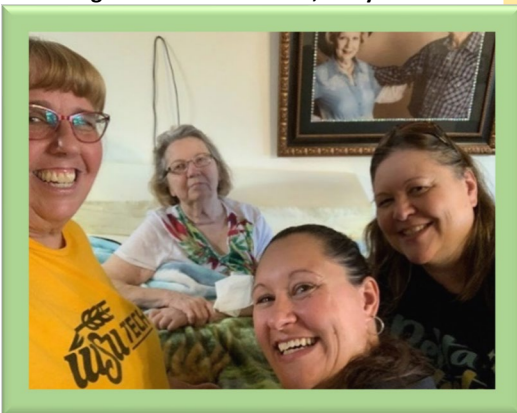
Since Barbara Nicolas had her stroke, she has been unable to leave her house and her husband Albert is her full-time caregiver. To give Albert some time to himself and give Barbara a much-needed break and sister time, the Kansas Betas have been going to visit with her on the off Tuesdays they don't have chapter meetings. Two or three sisters go each time and stay for a couple of hours. Lots of visiting, laughing and reminiscing takes place during these visits.

We have also been circling those wagons around our new little sisters, Karrisa Schmidt and Kim Garcia. (Big sisters Trish Schmidt and Tammy Cocannouer respectively) along with our most seasoned member Past National President Gracene Sims. We are so happy to have them. And we are rushing several new prospective sisters as well as inviting back former sisters who have left us but are in a different season of their lives now and may be ready to return.

And we have been keeping our circle tight around Cindi Cook who is mostly now recovered from her open-heart surgery, Lenore Warne who also had open-heart surgery as well as a major infection and DTC guy Mike Cook who also had open-heart surgery. (noticing a pattern there???)

We plan to take some time at Christmas to relax and enjoy our 3rd annual trip to the Prairie Pines Dinner Theater for a good old murder mystery comedy, before we start planning the 2024 Kansas Beta traveling plans!

Visiting with Barbara: Cathie, Holly & Brenda



Pledges, Karrisa & Kimberly
with Gracene

Program: What is Google Drive?
Trish, Shanna, Cathie, Kimberly & Karrissa





Kansas Kappa

This summer and fall the KS Kappas have been focused on staying healthy and preparing for the conclave. While we love the sorority crazy of September and October every year we are glad for the slower pace coming down from the busy fall. We plan to keep meeting in person as much as possible but will utilize a hybrid Zoom call to allow our out-of-state/town sisters to join when possible. Doing life together is fun and we plan to keep having lots of fun in 2024.

Here are a few recent photos from 2023 Electra province Conclave, a chapter meeting, and 2023 National Convention.





Missouri Delta

The Missouri Delta Chapter has been busy researching plans to host the 2024 Electra Province Conclave. We will be sending out a "Save the Date" announcement soon.

We would like to extend a big Thank You to our Nebraska Zeta Sisters for hosting such a fun-filled educational weekend. We enjoyed the time together with our Electra Sisters and learning about "RAD Women". We had fun participating in the Achievement Contest. Was so good to see all Chapters participating in the Achievement Contest this year. Well done everyone! We would also like to thank our National President, Connie Cripe (IN Gamma) and Sister Deb Hood (IN Gamma) for traveling to Omaha to share the weekend with all of our Electra Province Sisters.

Our chapter has been busy collecting items to donate to a local community organization. We will continue collecting and making donations throughout the year in support of this organization. We hope you join us in reaching out to those in need, especially during the Holiday season. Our thoughts are especially with our Sisters who are not able to get out and about.

We had plans to get together for an early Thanksgiving dinner at a favorite local restaurant, but due to illnesses, we had to cancel. We are looking forward to getting together for our traditional December Holiday dinner. A reminder that our Chapter does not hold meetings January – February due to unpredictable mid-west winter weather.

We are looking forward to celebrating our 88th Founder's Day luncheon on Saturday, March 9, 2024. A detailed invitation will be sent the first part of the new year. We hope you can join us to celebrate!

The Missouri Delta's extend best wishes to all of our Sisters everywhere for a happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year. May you all be blessed with good health and time together with family, friends and Sisters.

In Sisterly Love,
Missouri Delta Chapter

Cheryl, Judy, Eileen, Chris & Mindy





Nebraska Eta

Nebraska Eta has been living in our Women Empowerment Era lately, and have been having so much fun! In August we went on an axe throwing outing and discovered it's the secret talent of a couple of our sisters. September was focused on all things Taylor Swift as we prepared for our Achievement Contest skit; we still have the songs stuck in our heads. October brought Conclave and spending much needed sister time with everyone else who came; we were most excited to initiate Asia and for Julia to join the province board. We most recently hosted our Annual Pumpkin Carving Party, and had so much fun with the Kansas Beta sisters who visited and the guests our members brought (possible new members anyone?). We are excitedly looking forward to our annual Christmas Craft and Calendar Exchange night in December, and everything else to come in the new year ahead!

Achievement Contest Skit - Taylor Swift



Conclave 2023 Group Picture
Deb, Julia, Mariah, Paula, Asia, Izzy, Teresa



Axe Throwing



Annual Pumpkin Carving Party





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, 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 radial 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 celebration 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, Hanukkah, 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!

Diana Allen-Lewis, Secretary

Nebraska Zeta Chapter





DTC Book Club Schedule of Events

November 2023 – February 2024

November 29, 2023

Cry of the Kalahari by Mark and Delia Owens

Presented by: Lindsay Ragsdale, OK Kappa

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**Special December Holiday Social - December 13, 2023**

***Reading of Traditional Christmas Stories***

Presented by: National President, Connie Cripe, IN Gamma

***Good for "Kids from 1 to 92" ~ Little Ones Welcome ~ Sing Christmas Songs***

***Sharing of Favorite Holiday Memories ~ Santa will be stopping by to say "Ho Ho Ho!"***

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January 31, 2024

***Masked: The Life of Anna Leonowens –
Schoolmistress at the Court of Siam*** by Alfred Habegger

Presented by: Ann Puckett, CA Omicron

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**February 28, 2024**

***Wise Gals: The Spies Who Built the CIA  
and Changed the Future of Espionage*** by Nathalia Holt

Presented by: Teresa Carter, KS Beta

Please contact Karen Kammer to be added to the monthly Zoom invitations [kammerkh@miamioh.edu](mailto:kammerkh@miamioh.edu)  
If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Neeley, DTC Book Club Chair [cheryl.neeley@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl.neeley@yahoo.com)