



# The National Pleiad

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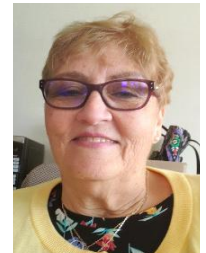
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### National President Kathy Warden California ETA



My Dear Sisters,

As we approach the end of this 2021-23 Biennium and anticipate the upcoming celebration of our organization at our National Convention in Kansas City, MO at the end of June, I am thinking about all that has transpired during these past two years. It has been a busy time finally being able to have regular meetings with our chapters both in person and still on Zoom, have fundraisers, social events, Fall and Spring Conventions/Conclaves/Board Meetings, Pledgings, Initiations, and just plain fun. As a group we have come through a lot but still came out on top. That says a mammoth amount about our dedication to and love for Delta Theta Chi and our Sisterhood.

Our Pleiad editor has chosen the theme of "In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that hold it all Together." How appropriate and oh so accurate it is to think of our sisters as the stitches that bind our quilt of life. When I read that, I immediately had a picture in my mind of a beautiful red and black quilt on the bed in my grandmother's house along with all of our hand-made Christmas stockings that she so lovingly made many, many years ago. Her hand-sewn stitches were placed with love by hard-working fingers and cherished to this day by us all. This is much the same as the

sisters we have in our lives who are hardworking and dedicated and are cherished by each of us year in and year out.

I can't imagine that it comes as a surprise to any of you that as I think of the stitches in a quilt, what comes to mind for me is also the notes in a musical selection. Without those individual notes, each one a different pitch, length, tempo or volume, the piece of music would not hold together and represent one overall theme or message. This is just the same as it takes all those stitches to hold a quilt together and represent one theme or picture. And thus, it takes all our individual sisters from each and every chapter across the United States to hold our Delta Theta Chi quilt together. Let's be like those notes and stitches and keep each of us attached to the sheet of music or quilt of life and our Sorority.

I continue to look forward to all the blessings this next year brings and to a wonderful 2023-25 term for all. I hope to see you in Electra at National Convention in Kansas City.

"Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi."

In Sisterly Love,

*Kathy*

**Kathy Warden  
National President 2021-2023**

*National Vice President Connie Cripe  
Indiana Gamma*



When I think of the past few months and even the last couple of days here in Indiana, I have been very thankful for my knotted blankets and quilts. I could not help but think what a wonderful theme for the Summer Pleiad, "In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that hold it all Together." Having made a few quilts in the last 20 years, I can't help but think how much our sisterhood is like a quilt. There are quilts that were made strictly for warmth, comfort, with no real pattern in mind but to be functional. There are some that are calm, simple, understated, and elegant; while there may some that are bright, loud, flamboyant, and ornate; the thing they all have in common is that they tell a story about a given time, season, or they represent the quilt creator and/or the quilt receiver: just like our Delta Theta Chi Sisters. As sisters we often find that there are different reasons that our sisterhood is attractive to those around us. For some it is a way to interact socially with women of our age, culture and like mindness; for others it is a way to discover new and exciting things about others we don't know, to learn and grow and examine different point of views. The great thing is that we need ALL these things to make our sisterhood a real, vibrant, and functioning organization. We don't all like the same colors, threads, fabrics, stiches, but so often when you put them together, they are beautiful and timeless. I am thankful for each and every one of my beautiful Delta Theta Chi Sisters, and I cherish many memories with many sisters that have poured into my life with wisdom, encouragement, guidance and Love. May we each cherish the stories that our Quilts of Life have given us and may we continue to strive to share these ideals and standards with those around us.

**Connie Cripe, IN Gamma  
National Vice President  
Membership Committee Chair**



## NATIONAL TRUSTEES

### *Alcyone Province Trustee - Linda Colton, California Eta*

As I write my article for this issue of the Pleiad, I'm reminded of how varied and wonderful all of you are in Delta Theta Chi! I chose the theme "In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that Hold it all Together" because we are a such a diverse group of women. The quilt idea came to me because of the National President's quilt that I was in charge of getting done. And oh! what a wonderful quilt it has turned out to be!! It will be presented to Kathy at National Convention in June. Each square is so unique and reflects the sisters from that chapter.

When you look at our sorority, we each have distinctive qualities that set us apart from each other...some of us are creative, some are "behind the scenes" worker bees, and some are quiet and reserved. *All* are an important part of Delta Theta Chi. The articles I received for this issue were fabulous! So be sure to read each chapters' write ups - I can guarantee that you will learn something about those sisters you may not see very often.

I have enjoyed my four years as Alcyone's Trustee; the first two years being the Educational Committee Chair and the Chair of the National History Book. These last two years I was honored to be the Chair of the Pleiad Committee and the Website Chair. I have had dedicated representatives from each Province for both these committees and I appreciate all the work they have done. Our jobs, as the NEC, become so much easier to complete when our committee reps do their jobs as well. It's important to remember that when an NEC member requests information (whether that be an article, a quilt square, a reply to an email, etc.) from the Provinces or Chapters, you *must* keep to the deadlines! (Can you tell I'm a real stickler for deadlines??!!). The NEC are not "dentists" - we do not want to "pull teeth" to get the information we need to do our jobs.

This is my 50<sup>th</sup> year in DTC and I treasure each and every moment I have spent with all my sisters, near and far! This is my last report as the Alcyone Province Trustee...and as you know, I have been nominated for the office of National Vice President for 2023 through 2024. After 50 years of being a member, I feel I have the expertise, knowledge and support to help guide DTC through whatever challenges we may face.

These past several months have been "out of the ordinary" for me...most of you know that I have been going through chemotherapy *again*, but I am doing well. I appreciate all the prayers, "thinking of you" cards and well wishes you have sent my way...it has all helped in my recovery. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend National Convention in June...my last chemo (hopefully) is on Friday, June 23rd...what a bummer! But I'm hoping to be able to zoom the meetings so I can see and hear what's happening!

Continue to hold high the torch and be the unique individuals that you are. You are the stiches that hold DTC together!!

In Sisterly Love,

**Linda Colton, CA ETA**

**Alcyone Province National Trustee 2019-2023**

**2021-2023 National Pleiad Committee and Website Committee Chair**

**2019-2021 National History Book Committee Chair**

**2019-2021 National Education Committee Chair**

*Celaeno Province Trustee – Dorothy O’Harris, Indiana Alpha*



Dear Sisters,

I love the title of our Pleiad this year. What better way to express our sisterhood than stitches of bright colors.

If I was to stitch all the beautiful quilt colors together, it would be the reflection as great as the sun and bright as the moon. For each stitch would remind me of each time my sisters were there for me, in sad times, in good times and for all the support in holding different council, board and chapter offices. My quilt would have to be bigger than a super king size bed.

The NEC working together does create a beautiful DTC tapestry for all our sisters to stitch on to it with all different colors of their own thread. We are all different and that is what makes our sisterhood so great.

In Sisterly Love,

**Dorothy O’Harris**  
**Celaeno Trustee**  
**2021-2023 National Constitution & Bylaws Chair**



*Electra Province Trustee - Cheryl Neeley, Missouri Delta*

Dear DTC Sisters:

It is hard to believe that June 23rd will soon be here and National Convention is upon us. I hope you have made your hotel reservations, selected your tour option, completed and mailed your registration forms, have your "Roaring 20's" attire ready, and purchased your airline tickets – unless, of course, you will be taking a scenic road trip with your Sisters to Kansas City. For those of you who will be flying into Kansas City, you will be arriving at our newly opened airport. I have not experienced it yet, but hope you find it a pleasant experience. Your Electra Province Sisters have been working hard to put together a fun-filled weekend of adventure and Sisterhood and we are ready to welcome you to Kansas City!

As you read this I am enjoying reviewing the Literacy Reports and Crystal Flame nominations you have submitted. Let me just share how excited I am that all Provinces have submitted Literacy Reports! A full report will be presented at National Convention and awards will be presented. Additionally, the National History Book is being printed and will be presented to National President Kathy Warden at Convention.

It has been my pleasure to work with your Province National Committee Representatives for the last four years. It takes all of us working together to complete the duties we have. A big Thank You to each of them, their time and assistance has been greatly appreciated. These are the representatives for 2021-2023:

**National Literacy and Community Benefits Committee:** Ann Puckett (Alcyone Province); Debra Humbarger (Celaeno Province); Eileen Neeley (Electra Province), Wanda Gasque (Sterope Province) and Linda Elkins (Taygeta Province).

**National History Book Committee:** Melody James (Alcyone Province); Rosie Miller (Celaeno Province); Vicki Lignitz (Electra Province), Michaela Dougherty (Sterope Province); and Judy Bassler (Taygeta Province).



**DTC Zoom Book Club:** I have really enjoyed getting to spend time each month since December 2021 with members of the newly formed Book Club. We will be announcing at National Convention the name of the National Literacy Program the members have voted to send their donations that have been collected. Thank You to all the Book Club members for your reading recommendations, book reviews, presentations and discussions, and support of the Book Club as we learned together, bonded as Sisters, and will make a financial contribution to support a National Literacy Program (to be announced at National Convention). I hope you have enjoyed this experience and our time together as much as I have!

I have had the pleasure of traveling during the last four years (and many times prior to being Trustee) to be with our Sisters from our different Provinces, to include: Alcyone, Celaeno, Taygeta and, of course, my own Electra Province. My one disappointment is missing the opportunity to spend time with our Sterope Province Maryland Alpha Sisters. I was hoping to see you at one of the Celaeno Province meetings – I'm even more hopeful now to see you at National Convention! Thank You, one and all, for the many courtesies extended to me during my travels while representing Electra Province and fulfilling my duties as Trustee.

This will be my last report as Electra Province Trustee as my four-year term comes to a close in June. I have enjoyed every minute and will treasure all of the time we have spent together, the memories that we have made, and the many accomplishments we have achieved together. I look forward to many more adventures, memories and working together in the future.

As you may know, my name has been nominated as a candidate for consideration of the office of National Vice President. I would truly be honored to have the opportunity to continue to be of service to my Sisters and Delta Theta Chi Sorority in 2023-2024, putting my many years of experience, compassion, and leadership to further use, and continue to learn and grow within DTC, while working together to grow and strengthen the future of our Sisterhood.

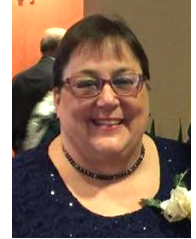
I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City. Safe travels to everyone. As always, continue to **Hold High the Torch** of Delta Theta Chi Sorority!

Fraternally and In Sisterly Love,

*Cheryl*

**Cheryl Neeley, MO Delta  
Electra Province National Trustee (2019-2023)  
National Literacy and Community Benefits Chair (2021-2023)  
National History Book Chair (2021-2023)  
National Pleiad Editor (2019-2021)  
National Website Chair (2019-2021)**

*Sterope Province Trustee – Karen Kammer, Ohio Mu*



Dear Sisters:

I am always excited to see the spring issue of the Pleiad. This is the issue where the National Scholarship winners are announced. This is an exciting time for these young scholars.

“In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that hold it all Together.” That is certainly the truth! I feel like each sister in a chapter is like a thread. Some are strong, some are brightly colored, some are neutral, some are heavy and some are thin but when woven together make a beautiful quilt. Friends and sisters are there for each other, help each other, lean on each other but when put together they make a beautiful quilt. I feel like the NEC is the binding that goes on the quilt. They are there to make us useful and help keep us looking beautiful! I hope we will sew and grow together in sisterhood. I am looking forward to seeing many of you in June at our National Convention. Kansas City, MO is just waiting for your arrival. I know Electra Province has a lot of wonderful things planned for “The roaring 20”s”.

In Sisterly Love,

**Karen Kammer**  
**Sterope Trustee**  
**2021-2023 National Scholarship Chair**

*Taygeta Province Trustee – Becky Cooper, Oklahoma Epsilon*



DEAR SISTERS,

This past year has been a challenge and yet a rewarding as we come out of the pandemic of the covid. Now we are suffering from the blooming flowers and trees and of course the weather on all coasts.

The Pattern of Life

The pattern of life is like a patchwork of a quilt.

Life isn't given us all of a piece;  
It's more like a patch work quilt-  
Each hour and minute a patch to fit in  
To the pattern that's being built.

No life, isn't given us all of a piece,  
But in patches of hours to use,  
That each can work out his pattern of life  
To whatever design he might choose.

The NEC works like a quilt. Each of us has a different patch with different color threads and when pieced together, forms a beautiful sisterhood. And somehow, the pattern just wouldn't be right if we took any from part away.  
Hope to see all at National. Have you made your reservation?

In Sisterly Love,

**Becky Cooper**  
**Taygeta Province Trustee**  
**2021-2023 National Education Committee Chair**

*National Executive Secretary-Treasurer - N.E.S.T. – Cindi Cook, Kansas Beta*



Sisters:

First of all, I want to thank all of you my sisters for your cards, calls and prayers on my behalf for my recent heart surgery procedures. I am humbled to know that so many took the time to think of me. I am well on my way to recovery, not 100% yet, but still working on it.

Our website is an extremely valuable asset to our sisterhood. There is so much information on it, from Conventions and Board Meetings, to forms which can be downloaded and printed. Please make it a habit to check it out on a regular basis. There is always something new and exciting to be found!

We are still experiencing issues with obtaining our insignia. Our former jeweler has retired and forwarded the molds to me. To date, I have not been able to find a jeweler who is able to make our insignia at a reasonable price. There are still avenues to be explored and several sisters have volunteered to assist with this process. To that end, please be sure that the insignia of former members is returned to The National Office. We pay 80% of the current value, listed on the Remittance Form for any items received.

I am so excited about our upcoming National Convention in Kansas City. All of our Electra sisters have been working hard to make your visit to "The Roaring Twenties" a memorable experience. I hope to see many of my sisters there!

In Sisterly Love,

**Cindi Cook**  
**NEST**

## **Province Chapter News**

### ***Alcyone Province*** *President Cheryl Zarins, WA Alpha*

#### **California Alpha**

At the October convention in Ontario, CA, I felt my big sister Ardis Underwood "smiling down on me" as I got 3rd place in the skit competition with a book report on Fahrenheit 451. February 27th, the matriarch of our chapter, Garie Ann Taylor lost her years long battle with multiple health issues. We will carry on our special chapter status in her memory. On April 22nd, at Spring Open Board at Nadine Daleo's beautiful Poway home, Shelly Nelson said she's devastated by the end of her 40 year friendship with Garie Ann.

Reporter: Julie D'Onofrio

#### **California Epsilon**

Nothing new. Several of our sisters are on nonstop travel. Mary Lee and Jeanette Deeds have moved to Nevada but still maintain their membership. A couple are still working and a couple are not doing their best. Keep us in your prayers.

Reporter: Carolann Moyes

California Eta

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Florence

Kathy Linda C.

Melody Alyson Pam O.

Candace Alicia Beth Pat C.

California Eta Chapter

threads are Colorful...Durable...Pliable...Decorative...

& together tell a beautiful story of our sisterhood.

Pam E. Marilyn Linda D.

Cynthia Jonna Barbara

Sabrina Christina

Pat J.

Reporter: Pat Jover

California Iota

Being a small chapter each of us have a special thread that holds it together. We have the thread of having a young member who remains a member in honor of her mother who was a member. Another thread is a member who is a charter member of Iota, and another who has been a member for over 50 years. The other two members have held us together with their enthusiasm, kindness, generosity and to carry on with their activities and leadership. Our members have held together through our love for one another. We enjoy one another and look forward to getting together.

Reporter: Joyce Miller

California Omicron

California Omicron chapter of Delta Theta Chi Sorority was chartered in 1973, and this year we will celebrate 50 years of sisterhood. Our years of sisterhood and friendship bring to mind a crewel stitch tapestry where each stitch is unique and brings a different quality to blend together to create a masterpiece. California Omicron sisters through the years not only provided steadfast friendship but a bounty of skills and abilities. Our tapestry includes sisters who are teachers, nurses, crafters, chefs, artists, designers, business entrepreneurs, mothers, daughters, aunts, caretakers, and all done with expertise and love. Many sisters remain in our memories and provide the golden threads that outline our tapestry and complete the masterpiece. This year we will gather together once again with meetings, socials, and philanthropic projects, and add another panel to our tapestry masterpiece.





Picture Painting Fund Raiser

Left to right : Cathy Tutrow, Nannette Bauer, Pam Hirning, Ginny Gerber, Mary Beth Marple, Ann Puckett, Ruthi Enyeart, Cheryl Ward, and Leila Wopschall



2022-23 Installation of Officers

Left to right: Ann Puckett, Ruthi Enyeart, Kathleen Hull, Karen Conero, Mary Beth Marple, Sandy Webb, and Pam Hirning



### Christmas 2022 Sampler

Left to right: Susie Powell, Ruthi Enyeart, Cathy Tutrow, Martha Duran, Ginny Gerber, and Leila Wopschall

Reporter: Cheryl Ward & Committee

#### California Sigma

We are still a very small chapter, but do our best at being active in the Province. Both of our active members serve on Province Committees and thoroughly enjoy all of our activities. Happy Summer and Spring to everyone!!!

Reporter: Bobbi Meyer

#### Washington Alpha

When I saw the email come through asking if someone wanted to write about this, I thought, "This sounds like fun. I think I'll give it a go." We've all heard this phrase a million times, I'm sure. But I never sat down and really thought about it.

The definition of "tapestry" is this: a piece of thick textile fabric with pictures or designs formed by weaving colored welt threads or by embroidering on canvas, used as a wall hanging or furniture covering. Used in reference to an intricate or complex combination of things or sequence of events. "a tapestry of cultures, races, and customs." Wow!

When you stop and think about the meaning, it really says a lot. Also, in my research, I noticed some of the tapestries had black backgrounds with muted or brightly colored images. Some were simple neutral backgrounds and designs. And others pictured with scenes of nature, mostly trees and roots. As I sat thinking about the quote, a beautiful picture came to mind: Delta Theta Chi is the strong fabric, and each of us are the beautiful threads that hold us all together. When we attend our meetings and conventions, we weave a more intricate design of our tapestry. We get to know and appreciate each other more and more. We are all women from different walks of life. We all have our beliefs and ideas. We come from distinctive backgrounds and cultures. We are women, all the same. All of us have experienced some kind of darkness in our lives. To me, the dark colors are the representation of those times. As we support and nurture our sisters through their time of need, the graceful colors start to emerge as we grow and love one another. The gold strands are the strength of the pattern. They are constant and entwining, shimmering their way throughout the architecture. The muted colors are the ladies that are always there in the background, doing what needs to be done, with love in their hearts. The vivid threads are the women who stop whatever they are doing to put others first. Together, an amazing image appears.

It's the nature of Delta Theta Chi to reach out and help where and when needed. That's in the heart of the sisters. By helping others, our tapestry composition becomes more. That is the tree, or root, of our sorority. Like Delta Theta Chi, the tapestry is a strong piece of craftsmanship. Durable and dependable. But it also very fragile. One thread breaks, and the whole body starts to unravel. So sisters, lets continue to compose our work of art through love and kindness.

Reporter: Carla Schmidt

## ***Celaeno Province***

***President Deb Hood, Indiana Gamma***

**Indiana Alpha** No report

**Indiana Gamma**

In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that Hold it all Together

The sister threads that hold Indiana Gamma together appear in the helpful things our sisters do "behind the scenes".

Sister Sharon makes sure any sister that has trouble driving has a ride to our meetings. Most of the time Sharon is the Uber herself.

Sister Janice makes sure the Meals on Wheels calendar is filled with "delivery sisters" each time Indiana Gamma is scheduled.

Sister Charlene writes the minutes of Indiana Gamma's meetings and socials that paint a beautiful picture as they are read.

Sister Mary, Sister Jackie, Sister Deb, Sister Sue, Sister Tena, Sister Connie, Sister Barbara, Sister Deb, all are the Quiet Presence who, when called upon, step up to hold tight the pieces of the Indiana Gamma quilt, displaying the love of Sisterhood .

Reporter: Charlene Davis

## Indiana Eta

When thinking about a quilt and the way it's brought together by all different kinds of fabric and embellishments, In Eta Chapter wanted to share some of our memorable experiences over the years in meeting new sisters at conventions.

**Carol Larson** shared how fun the 2021 convention Friday night 50's dinner with all the poodle skirts and the singer/entertainer. **Barb Parker** shared that she and **Pat Tubbs** were traveling to Kansa City and couldn't find any rooms along the way to spend the night. It seems there was a Hog Convention and rooms were booked solid. Finally, a nice hotel worker found **ONE** room in a nearby town for them to stay. **Sandy Pixey** was initiated at a convention in 1990 and she remembers how impressed she was with the ceremony with Peg Clark playing the part of Electra and had it all memorized by heart. **Betty Nelson** remembers a convention at Turkey Run State Park and she and her husband sharing a room with Joan Billing. They put a sheet up between the beds for privacy. **Susan Yoder** was so impressed at the 2013 national convention when sisters were bussed to Churchill Downs for the Saturday evening banquet. **Nancy Whipple** loves meeting new sisters from around the state of Indiana and all around the country. **Betty Vaughn** remembers a convention in 1968 called, "Magical Moments in May" where husbands wore shorts and danced around a Maypole, with sisters wearing purple bows and each had a large lollipop. Members **Noreen Penney** and **Mary Morgan** were caught in a stairwell during a tornado warning! We love our sisters from all over the country and urge you to take a trip down memory lane too.

Reporter: Susan Yoder

## Indiana Kappa

Indiana Kappa is very proud of all our sisters, of which includes Mary Ellen Turner, who has been a member for over 50 years. She has held all Kappa offices and also was Treasurer of Celaeno Province at one time and has served on many Kappa, Celaeno, and National committees. She was one of the members who served on the committee designing the Cass County History book that Kappa gave to all third-grade students in the county for many years.

Reporter: Connie Schwering

Indiana Sigma No report

## *Electra Province* *President Mindy Neeley, Missouri Delta*

## Kansas Alpha

KANSAS ALPHA CHAPTER – TOPEKA, KANSAS – FOUNDED JULY 6, 1934  
PAST to PRESENT



Although the number of members has drastically declined since 1934 the KS Alpha Sisters continue to stay connected throughout the years. Our membership strives to stay woven together through participation in Sorority activities – such as chapter meetings, attending Province Conclaves and National Conventions. It is during these events that friendships can get rejuvenated and the core values of Delta Theta Chi can shine.



L to R: Janelle Clark, Cyndy Hunt, Karen Swogger, Kay Grant, Kay Foster



L to R: Karen Swogger, Cyndy Hunt, Janelle Clark, Kay Foster



L to R: Karen Marsh, Kay Grant, Karen Swogger, Kay Foster, Janelle Clark

Business Meetings with Social Time & Desserts YUM!



L: Karen Swogger, Karen Marsh, Pat Glidewell  
R: Kay Grant, Kay Foster



Having Fun – shoulder rubs are Grrrrreat!

L to R: Kay Foster, Pat Glidewell

## Business Lunch and a Christmas Luncheon



L to R: Karen Marsh, Kay Grant, Pat Glidewell, Kay Foster, Janelle Clark, Karen Swogger



L to R: Life Members Marie Beuchat, Marjorie Strouts, Dorothy Jones

So many Kansas Alpha Sisters are the threads that have weaved our chapter for so many years. They have shared their stories, valuable wisdom, guidance, and talents. They have volunteered endless hours throughout the community, and within Delta Theta Chi locally, and nationally.

We celebrate birthdays. We visit, send flowers and cards to uplift our sisters that are ill. We plan fun outings based on the yearly topic of literature, music, or art. We share our joys and concerns.

It is through all the gestures of our daily lives is how we continue to weave the threads of our quilt.

Reporter: Janelle Clark

### Kansas Beta

“Pieces of thread”

The Kansas Beta quilt has of late shrunk in the dryer. With all the washing over the years the quilt is smaller, a little worn and even has a few loose threads. But the seamstress, Vice President Brenda Thompson dug out her sewing machine and bought some new fabric. She held a “birthday” themed rush on March 21 where we entertained two new brightly colored guests. One of the guests has been tendered an offer of membership. The second guest has now attended one meeting and brought a guest with her. They are both on track for being added to the sisterhood quilt soon. Additionally, at the first meeting after the rush event we were joined by two more prospective quilt pieces! These two ladies have expressed interest and we think they will be joining our KS Beta quilt in the near future. We hope to be announcing all their names and photos in the next Pleiad.

In the meantime, our most delicate quilt square, Past National President Gracene Sims is doing well after a short spell in the hospital for a now minor issue. She enjoys all the cards and letters sent to her from all the chapters. Unfortunately, she will probably not be joining us at National Convention this year. But don't worry we have something special planned to keep her included. In addition to Gracene's hospital stay, our gold thread, NEST Cindi Cook, spent a spell in the hospital after open heart surgery. Now with a repaired heart valve and pacemaker she is back at it, getting ready for National Convention. One of our quilt squares that was taken from the Taygeta Quilt and sewn into the KS Beta quilt, Barbara Coleman-Nichols has had a couple of strokes and is working hard to get back her swirling dancing style. To add to the wear and tear on the quilt, sister Lenore Warne was in the hospital for open heart surgery to repair some issues. So, with the addition of some new thread – valves and stents – a few new quilt squares and a little tender loving care it looks like the KS Beta quilt is ready for another 80 plus years!

Guest Kim, Sisters Holly Oetting, Leslie Beers, Guest Karissa Schmidt, Sister Tammy Coccannouer . Getting dinner, after looking at old Kansas Beta chapter history books.



Reporter: Teresa Carter

### Kansas Kappa:

Greetings from the Kansas Kappas! The Kappas are always on the go with almost all of us living in a different county from either other. Cindy wins with living in a different state but we find time to zoom when we can't meet in person! We have been busy getting our luncheon planned for our upcoming National Convention. The Kansas Kappas are excited for summer and outside activities with our sisters.

Reporter: Gail Allen- Kansas Kappa President

### Missouri Delta

Greetings DTC Sisters:

The Missouri Delta chapter was saddened at the recent passing of one of our own, Sister Joan Billing, Past National President. A private family service was held with plans for a Celebration of Life in the next few months. We will gladly share this information when it becomes available. Thank You for all of your cards and messages. They are truly appreciated. Rest in Peace Joan.



We have been busy putting the final touches together for the Friday night event at National Convention co-hosted by MO Delta and NE Zeta chapters. So, bring your flapper dress, accessories, and dancing shoes and be ready for a fun evening!

We look forward to seeing you in Kansas City in June!!

In Sisterly Love,  
Missouri Delta Chapter

### Nebraska Zeta

The Nebraska Zeta Chapter meets the first Saturday of each month for brunch and building our friendships, discuss what we are reading. Sometime we mix a little business in. We hold our business meeting the third Tuesday of the month, always full of sorority, correspondence, work on conclave in October, etc. Attendance has been down due to personal and family illness. However, we try to keep up with the business around us and be supportive of our sisters, as well.

As one sister said, "Sorority has been a beautiful thread in my life that has helped hold everything together. What a blessing indeed!" We can examine ourselves in relation to sorority, and our sisters, and weave our "threads" together. Sister by sister and Chapter by chapter, we support and care for each other and our communities. We can indeed be a blessing to others!

Reporter: Diana Allen-Lewis

Nebraska Eta: No report

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

### Maryland Alpha:

Coming together in traditional meetings has been quite a challenge for the Maryland Alpha Chapter. One thing that this pandemic has shown us is that tomorrow is not promised to anyone. We have all been working hard to enjoy our life, spend time with family and friends, getting our health in check and bettering ourselves. Our update is non-traditional, but we have really have some position energy to share.

**Sheree Johnson** (President) Is working in a new position. She is also working on expanding her network with her PlanNet Marketing. Her status with the company continues to improve. She loves spending time with her children and her grand babies.

**Kris Nickens** is enjoying retirement traveling the globe with her husband. She spends lots of time with her children and grandchildren.

**Pamela Geddis** is living her best retired life traveling, spending time with family and friends. Her grandchildren love her to death and steal as much of her time as possible.

**Petrice Henson** is spending lots of time working hard, experiencing new adventures with her husband. When Petrice is not at home, she is super busy running the Federal government where she has been for over 30 years.

**Termia Jones** is enjoying married life and traveling to as many places as possible. She has been on 3 cruises in the last 15 months and the next cruise is in October. She has earned her degree in Business Management in 2022, she earned her Project Management certification in 2022 and her BA Criminal Justice in May 2023. Next stop -Grad school. Termia was just



accepted to West Liberty to complete her MBA. When Termia is not buried in books, she is spoiling her grandchildren, playing with her dogs, and running the IT Department for the State government.

Reporter: Termia Jones

### Ohio MU

“In the Quilt of Life, Friends are the Stitches that hold it all Together.” I feel like each sister in a chapter is like a thread. It takes all of our sisters to make a quilt. We have such talent in each and every one of us and when we come together, we make something beautiful.

Ohio Mu has been continuing to meet and trying to persevere. We are little but even small quilts can be useful. Sometimes life’s journeys take us in different directions but we all come back together for our love of Delta Theta Chi.

Let us make this quilt together and enjoy its brilliant colors. May it surround you with peace, hope, love and happiness.

Hold High the Torch of Delta Theta Chi

Reporter: Ohio Mu Chapter

## ***Taygeta Province*** ***President June Butler, Texas Beta***

### Oklahoma Alpha

In the Quilts of life: Friends are the stitches that hold it all together!

Our chapter starts every year with our fabric squares....

The President uses her square to conduct our meetings and share with the chapter all the news we need to know.

The Vice President uses hers in adding new Sisters and follows through to Initiation.

The Educational Director uses hers to show us wonderful programs that inspire us and we learn new things.

The Recording Secretary uses hers to record the minutes and save in the archives.

The Corresponding Secretary uses hers to send cards to Sisters or family members who are hurting. She also sends happy cards to our Birthday Sisters.

The Treasurer uses hers to record monetary earnings and expenditures.

The Set at Arms uses hers to keep us all in line if need be, and offers an inspiring opening at the beginning of every meeting All these squares are used as the base for our Quilt.

The Committees, using our colors of green and gold. stitch everything together throughout the year until our Quilt is complete at year end.

It takes all the Sisters working together to make it all happen

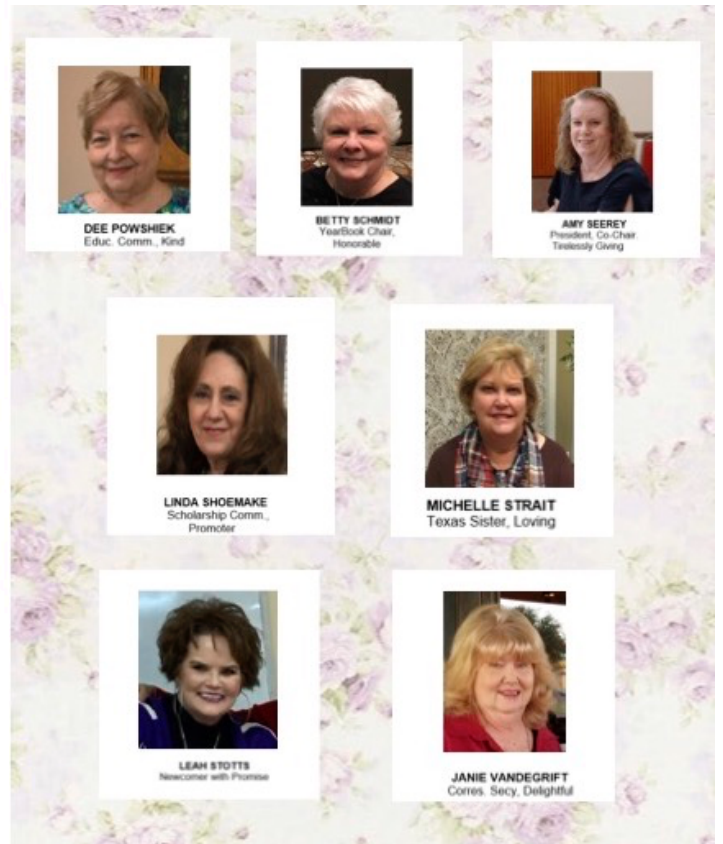
No one is more important than the next.

Reporter: Judy Stone

### Oklahoma Beta

Oklahoma Beta's Fabric of our Life makes up the "Quilt of Life" we strive daily to create. We function as a growing society by learning and educating ourselves — giving to our community through donating monetarily and physically to promote the betterment of the

community and sensing a need. Trying to fill it through our Committees, Educational Programs, Social Events, Rush Events, Ways and Means projects and humanitarian efforts of Civic and Literacy projects, we seek to serve the community and grow as a group through accomplishments. Thus, the squares begin to form. Our attendance at Board meetings and Conventions keeps us in touch with our Sister Chapters and promotes the growth of ideas through sharing and discussions and more squares are added. Follow our thread of Sisterhood through the squares and the introduction of these sisters:



**MARILYN HANSON** and **BETTY STRICKER**, Life Members, although unable to attend meetings always in thoughts and prayers, vital threads in the creating of Beta's quilt.

Do you see the squares forming as you follow the threads and meet the Oklahoma Beta Chapter Sisters and read some of their descriptions??? Through the bonds of Sisterhood, the squares were formed, and through constant nurturing, continues to improve and grow. Thus, the joining of ALL the squares of Delta Theta Chi Sorority will make an even stronger cover to protect us all in life. One can only hope. And remember, HOPE is that beautiful place between the way things were and the way things are yet to be. In Faithful Sisterhood, Phyllis Henderson and Kimberly Lair, Pleiad Reporters

Reporters: Phyllis Henderson and Kimberly Lair

Oklahoma Delta No report

Oklahoma Epsilon

Greetings Dear Sisters...

We hope everyone is enjoying the approaching Spring weather and seeing all the beautiful flora and fauna peeking through our gardens.

We still need to initiate our two new members and are hoping to do so soon. Both Marla and Carmel have become very active and are a welcome gift to our Chapter.

Sisters Vaughncille Weidner and Marge Washam visited our local YWCA with donations of personal care items from each of our Chapter members. The YWCA provides housing to women and children seeking shelter from abusive environments. The donation was much appreciated, and we were told the women would welcome these items very much.

Sister Annette hosted our January meeting with an enlightening program about Dolly Parton and as always delicious food. Marla Sweaney hosted the February meeting at Interurban Restaurant in Edmond where she treated us all to appetizers or desserts as well as our drinks. A very nice change of pace for a meeting, everyone enjoyed it. She presented her program on Wanda Jackson which was very interesting and informative.

Our March meeting was hosted in the home of Janet Harris where we enjoyed a baked potato supper with of course yummy toppings and delicious desserts brought by all members.

Sister Janet shared her program about the Beach Boys which presented us with a number of things we did not know about their lives, very interesting.

Much to everyone's surprise and happiness Sister LaVonna Nelson announced that she is getting married. No one even knew she had a beau. The beautiful event will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We all wish her much happiness and look forward to her special day.

We had another successful enchilada sale in March and hope everyone who ordered is enjoying them.

Thank you to all who supported our sale. Hope to see many of you at Spring Board on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Dallas.

In closing we wish everyone a happy, joyful and blessed summer. Looking forward to our National Convention in Kansas City in June of this year, get your Flapper dress ready!

Reporter: Marge Washam

Oklahoma Zeta No report

Oklahoma Kappa:

Hmmm...The quilt of life. What an interesting way to look at a group of friends and sisters.

Our sisterhood in OK Kappa is something to behold. Each sister, however different from one another, completes the whole. As sisters are added, the texture and picture of our chapter is only enhanced, and the colors become more vivid.

Our story is about support and love. Through every chapter of our lives, we have been able to rely on each other for support, in whatever form that may come. Whether it is a phone call, a meal, a hug, a listening ear, or even a sarcastic remark (my specialty), the love and support are felt. My OK Kappa sisters have been through the gambit of life events: births, losses, marriages, adoptions, milestone birthdays, traveling fiascos, health events, and so much more. They make the bad times endurable and the good times so much more special. Without each sister of OK Kappa and Delta Theta Chi, I would not be the person I am today. To each

sister, I say thank you and I love you. What a beautiful quilt we have made together!

Reporter: Lindsay Ragsdale

### Texas Beta

The sisters of TX Beta are a close-knit chapter even though two sisters, Carol and Dianne, live in other cities. If any sister is in need, we step up! We each have our own talent or niche and together we make a beautiful tapestry.

- Judy is our watercolor artist, and many have purchased her beautiful cards. She also paints frameable prints, and her cards are suitable for framing as well.
- Sandy is our storyteller (many have read her delightful minutes) and has written a children's book - soon to be published.
- Dianne is our travel adventurer and political advisor. We enjoy hearing about her adventures and what's going on in our country.
- Carol is our ultimate volunteer – she heads a local food pantry where she lives as well as a backpack program at her church.
- Patti is our talented seamstress, sewing up items to sell at Marketplace – bowl koozies, tissue or note holders and quilted purses.
- Nancy is our hostess/chef – her meals are tasty and delightful, and we look forward to a treat each time she hosts.
- June is our crafty person and instructor with her floral designs, craft projects and unique t-shirts.
- Jolene is our youngest member at 20 and she keeps us young at heart. We enjoy her curiosity and enthusiasm about our sisterhood.

Our chapter is small in number but BIG with talent and love for each other.



Christmas Sock Ornament Craft with June  
L to R: Sandy Mayfield, Judy Bassler, Jolene Myers, Patti Walbridge, Nancy Goss  
Front: Annabelle Wright (our little sister-in-waiting)

Below:  
Dianne Doughty     June Butler     Carol George



Reporter: June Butler

## Texas Zeta

Summer is coming upon us... and at this writing our chapter just had it's annual Rush. We enjoyed a fun filled afternoon presenting our Sorority to three potential members. Perhaps we can change the Texas Zeta membership from 14 + one Life to 17!

This year's Rush party theme included DTC History in Decades. Sheron had each of us dress in a decade and we gave a little info of the past activities of DTC and/or the world for our three rushes guests with a surprise visit from Lyndsay Ragsdale, OK Kappa our current Province Recording Secretary. Giedra Brittigan our host, wore a beautiful full skirt of the 50's and Sheron spoke about the re-organization, 1244 members strong, of DTC. Sheron Braden wore a 90's style wig (and you had to look twice to recognize her) she emceed and told of the fun we enjoyed in Conventions following Route 66—Oklahoma to California. Rocking the 60's like no other is Connie Crow, headband, long hair wig and period style, she reminded us how strong the Provinces grew including our own Taygeta with 20 Chapters. The 70's style of Jeans and Peasant tops were worn by Patty Hetzendorfer who listed the 5 National host cities: "71 Cincinnati, "73 OK City, "75 S. Bend, "77 Omaha, "79 Anaheim that reminded us of the fun each area provided. Shannon Kelly and Carla Rocha bling out the 80's and hi-lighted the long list of entertainers, musicals, writers, even the Apple computer that we all remember! The 2000's Stacy Bramel presented was very butterfly inspired and she shared how wonderful DTC and our chapter is in giving back to the community. Our honorary member, Dona Wallace is getting ready for National Convention and wore a 1920's dress; she noted how our founding mothers created our beloved Delta Theta Chi (Sorority) Fraternity.

The balance of our members brought us back to present day in dress. And more importantly help to make a very successful Rush by visiting with our guests. They are a living example of how lovely our Sisters are and Sorority is; we welcomed our potential new members to join us.

Reporter: Patty Hetzendorfer

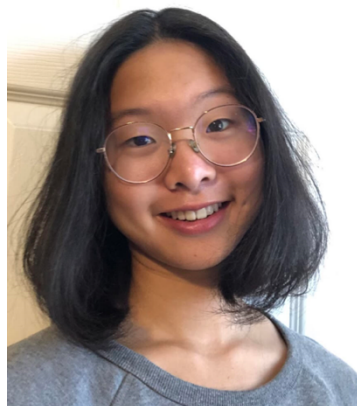
## Texas Nu

A quilt is defined as a "warm covering made of padding enclosed between layers of fabric and kept in place by a line of stitching, typically applied in a decorative design." Texas Nu is the epitome of what a quilt means! Texas Nu sisters are the layers of fabric in our quilt and our "decorative design" is each unique personality that makes up the whole. The padding is our history of providing strength, help and hope to each other in times of sickness and sorrow. The stitching is what holds it all together. Our stitching is comprised of our sisters who have been a part of Texas Nu for a few years, (some for as many as 50+), new members who are providing fresh ideas & reigniting excitement in our purpose, and, lastly, the memory of sisters who have passed but continue to encourage & remind us that we exist to be an integral part of the Texas Nu quilt.

A quilt's purpose is to provide warmth or comfort. They are very special because they are a legacy crafted in love for generations to come. They are a connection across the decades and make us think of their maker long after she's gone. There could not be a better definition of Texas Nu than this!

Reporter: Brenda Bobo

## 2023-2024 Delta Theta Chi Sorority National Scholarships



Submitted by CA Epsilon, Alcyone Province

Our first recipient of a \$1,600 Delta Theta Chi Sorority National Scholarship is **Tracy Wang**. Tracy is from Grover Beach, CA and she is currently attending Arroyo Grande High School in Arroyo Grande, CA. She has a weighted GPA score of 4.56 receiving Dual Credits from Cuesta College. Tracy is undecided which school she will attend to pursue a degree in Gerontology with the hope of becoming a physician. She was active in the Biomedical Science Club, Swim Team, Robotics Club, Big Brother Big Sister Youth Mentor. A teacher from Arroyo Grande High School states courage and determination come to mind when she thinks of Tracy Wang. In AP English language, Tracy an English Language Learner, pushed herself to become a clearer, thoughtful communicator. She motivates her peers to stay on track. She has a deep desire to learn. She was a teenager living through a pandemic without her parents while navigating a world that operated in a language she was not quite fluent in and living in a small California town where there were few who shared her culture is quite challenging. She feels she is someone who can make the world a better place.



Submitted by IN Eta, Celaeno Province

Our second recipient of a \$1,600 National Scholarship is **Temilola Ogundare**. Temilolai is from Maplewood, MN and is currently attending Tartan High School in Oakdale, MN. Her weighted GPA score is 4.33 receiving Dual Credits from UMN Twin Cities

Concordia University. Temilola has applied and been accepted at several schools but has not made a final decision on where she would like to attend. She is majoring in Chemical Engineering. Temilola is a member of the Speech Team, current captain and former vice captain. Member of the National Honor Society, pep band, Global Scholars, Go for Brains summer neuroscience program. An English teacher and Speech and Debate Coach at Tartan High School states as one of the captains for Speech, she has shown leadership and

determination, never allowing new competitors to feel less than and always inclusive. She takes it upon herself to help other speakers edit and interpret their speeches and has helped encourage them to never give up even when receiving criticism. She is able to recognize her limitations but I have never seen evidence of her shutting down or disparaging. This tells me she is mature and capable, prepared to serve both herself and her community.



Submitted by OK Delta, Taygeta Province

Our third recipient of a \$1,600 National Scholarship is **Avery Davis**. Avery is from Kingfisher, OK and is currently attending Kingfisher High School, Kingfisher, OK. She has a GPA of 4. Emily plans on attending Oklahoma State University. Her major is undecided but a few of her top choices are finance, sports medicine, communications, marketing and dental assisting. Emily has been a student elementary aide, member of the National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Girls State Debate. Avery states furthering her education is of the utmost importance to her and is something she is looking forward to pursuing. A science teacher at Kingfisher states Avery is an incredible, mature young lady with a wide variety of interests and abilities. Avery is kind and compassionate to those around her. Avery has been very involved in multiple activities throughout her high school career. Avery is a well-rounded, motivated student that represents her school and community in a positive manner.

## Marie Miller Graham Memorial Scholarship

Submitted by OH Mu, Sterope Province

This Year's winner of the \$1,000 Marie Miller Graham Memorial Scholarship for members or relatives of members, is **Carrie Kammer** of Hamilton, OH. Carrie is the granddaughter of Karen Kammer. Carrie attends Miami University of Ohio majoring in Primary Education. Carrie has a cumulative GPA of 3.56. Carrie states she has dyslexia, which means she struggles with reading and writing, but even with her struggles she was able to succeed in school because she had excellent teachers who were passionate about teaching everyone and having an inclusive classroom. "Overall, I want to become a teacher to make a difference in the education world. Make students feel like they can come to me if they're struggling even after they leave my classroom. In high school my favorite teacher asked me why I wanted to



become a teacher, and my response was, “If I can be another child’s Haven (Sam Haven was the teacher’s name), then it will all be worth it”. I still live by this statement and hope I live up to it.



## Sue Drelinger Memorial Scholarship

Submitted by IN Kappa, Celaeno Province

This Year’s winner of the \$500.00 Sue Drelinger Memorial Scholarship for members or relatives of the members, is **Meisha Price** of Royal Center, IN. Meisha is the granddaughter of Judy Nies. Meisha is currently attending Pioneer High School in Royal Center, IN and will be attending Indiana University, Bloomington, IN majoring in Dentistry. Meisha has GPA of 3.86 receiving Dual Credits from Indiana University. Meisha has been a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, President of S.A.D.D., varsity softball, varsity girls golf and varsity cheerleading. Meisha’s softball coach states she has had the wonderful opportunity to coach Meisha the past four years in softball, which gave her the opportunity to witness first-hand her exceptional character. She represents what it truly means to be a part of a team and leading others through example. Meisha’s enthusiasm, strong work ethic and dedication to her studies and activities have made her an exemplary student and a role model for others. Meisha is determined to always do her personal best and has strong morals and values that head her in her drive for excellence.







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*It's been a pleasure serving as your Pleiad Editor for the past two years!  
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