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No scholarship information was submitted.

Note: Next deadline to submit articles is...

September 15th.

ELECTRA PROVINCE PRESIDENT

Greetings Dear Sisters of Electra Province,

What an honor to serve as YOUR President.

Since the whirlwind of the wonderful and enjoyable "CELEBRATE 80" Conclave held in Topeka, KS, I have been trying to adhere to the strenuous duties of my reign!!! However, Mother Nature had better plans for me. As you all know the months of October, November and December bring about many activities to keep you busy. Well..... my months were filled with all the wonderful Holidays topped with many illnesses – not just me but with my family too. I am certain many of you had similar experiences.

January brought the Province Board to my house for the annual Midyear meeting. It was such a great time and we accomplished a lot of business. More to come!!

Friday night the KS Alpha and KS Theta Chapters hosted a social for the Province Board. They provided us with delicious soups/ sandwiches/desserts/and drinks. It was great to spend a casual atmosphere with many of our Sisters. And, we were able to eat the weekend away. THANK YOU.

In lieu of sending each chapter a letter I am taking the liberty to inform you that some of the topics that we discussed during the Midyear meeting were: Midyear and Conclave Minutes; Province Officers duties; Electra Province Standing Rules and Constitution & Bylaws; Committee appointments; Awards; Conclave - chapter rotation; Pleiad publisher – chapter rotation; Electra Province Scholarship Fund; Ideas/Issues/ Concerns submitted my members; 81st Conclave "Weekend Getaway".

Should you want more information regarding any topic, please feel free to contact any Province Board member as we SERVE YOU.

I wish to THANK those Sisters for accepting to serve on committees. I will be contacting more of you as I need to fill other positions on Committees and for Conclave.

Looking forward to see many IF NOT ALL of my Sisters at Founder's Day Celebrations, Rush events, and Conclave.

Have a joyous year with Sisters, family and friends.

Janelle Clark, Electra Province President

On a side note – When remembering a special occasion for a Sister, family member, friend, consider making a donation in their honor to the Electra Province Scholarship Fund.

REMINDER:

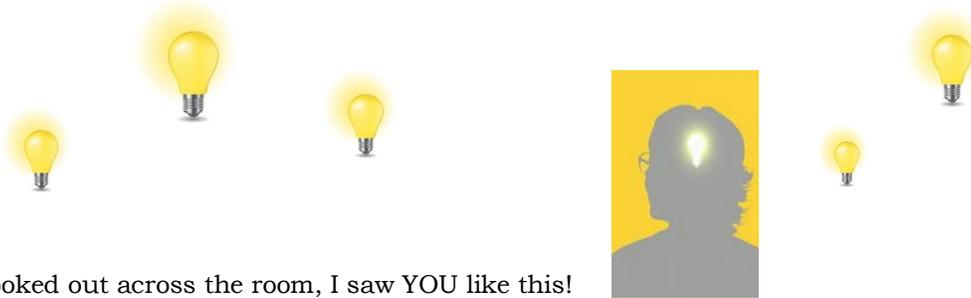
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VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters:

As Electra Province Vice President, I hope your Chapter left Conclave last October excited about the challenge issued by The Blue's Sisters for an Electra Province August RUSH Event, and your chapter plans are well under way!

I can still see all those bright ideas popping up all over the meeting room at Conclave, dreaming of the possibility of adding new Sisters to your Chapter. You remember ... lots of these flashing around!



And as I looked out across the room, I saw YOU like this!

If your Chapter hasn't set an August date, it's not too late. Still plenty of time to form a Rush Event Committee, and get started. That's the hardest part you know, just getting started. Remember that each Chapter member was asked to submit the names and addresses of FOUR guests to be invited to your Rush Event. You won't know until you ask, right?!

I have prepared a Project R.U.S.H. – Mission Possible timeline chart if you need a little help getting started. These are merely suggestions and only meant to be a helpful resource. The timeline and membership applications/contracts will be sent to your Chapter Vice President.

I know that your Chapter will find fun and creative ways to show your guests just what DTC stands for and the many opportunities it has to offer. Don't forget to display your Chapter history books AND the many philanthropic activities you are involved with. Your Chapter has worked hard for the benefit of others to support your community. Let your guests see that!

Why not invite a caricature artist, student artist, or art class to demonstrate ART. Contact a high school choir, community college choral group, barber shop quartet, or solo musician, and ask them to perform to demonstrate MUSIC. What about a book review or poetry reading to demonstrate LITERATURE. Depending on your location space, why not a little of all three?! Have FUN with this. Make it what you want it to be. Can't wait to hear all about it!

Please know that I am available to you, just give me a call or send me an email. We can do this. It IS possible ... it's MISSION POSSIBLE.

Fraternally,

Cheryl Neeley

Electra Province Vice President

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

To all my Delta Theta Chi Sisters, hello! I hope you are all doing well. Here in Wichita, it is unseasonably warm and makes me wonder what the summer is going to be like. From what I hear, the Kansas Kappa's are moving forward with plans for 2012 Electra Province Conclave in Overland Park, KS (see the web site for more details).

I was able to get the information for the achievement contest sent out to all chapters in March. The theme is "Women Come to the Front". It is about women war correspondents/journalists from World War II, Korean War and/or Vietnam War. I am looking forward to seeing what each chapter comes up with. This will definitely be a theme that will require some research and be very educational to all involved.

I hope to see everyone in Overland Park the weekend of October 12-14, 2012. I can't wait to see what Electra's youngest chapter will come up with.

In sisterly love,
Cathie Barber

RECORDING SECRETARY



From the desk of the Delta Theta Chi Province Recording Secretary:

Dear Sisters:

Need I say how busy we all are? The weather finally gets really nice, and the reasons to have to stay inside grow out of control. Well, here's hoping that you have your spring cleaning done and the flower bulbs already planted!

As you know, five of us are planning a 2 ½ week trip that includes a cruise from Spain to Turkey then Greece to Italy with many ports in between. That is what is on my mind as I am forced, forced I say, to shop for clothes, shoes and tiny little tubes of necessities. Rest assured that we will be thinking of you all.

I haven't forgotten my sisters or the duties of my office though. Thank you for sending your minutes regularly. I forward those of other officers that are lovingly keeping track of you and cheering you on. The Beta's had a great Founders Day celebration last weekend. The Eta's and the Kappa's are on my calendar in April. I hope to see all of you at these celebrations of sisterhood.

Isn't the new chapter in Maryland terrific news? I wish I could buzzzzzzzz right out there and hug them. Be sure to send your cards and welcoming wishes. Here's hoping that Teresa Carter, our Electra Province Trustee, will agree to be my transport person.

I truly hope that we will get to meet them all in 2013 at the National Convention in Kentucky.

Enjoy your spring and summer. Until we meet again, much love and hugs.

Kay Kimball

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Dear Electra Province Sisters,

I can not believe how fast 2012 is going. I have been enjoying sending congratulatory cards to chapters in our Province for Founders Days. I have also been enjoying this wonderful spring weather. Be on the look out for information regarding roster information in the next couple of months. Also, myself and the rest of my Kansas Kappa sisters are preparing to host the 81st Conclave in Overland Park, Kansas. We hope that you all enjoy a "Weekend Getaway", October 12-14 at the Sheraton Hotel at the Overland Park Convention Center. It should be a weekend filled with laughter, good food and wonderful sisterhood! See you all soon!

Mindy Miller

Electra Province Corresponding Secretary



*Hold high the torch
You did not light its glow
T'was given you from other
Hands, you know*

TREASURER

To My Electra Province Sisters:

My first mid-year meeting in Topeka was a real eye-opener for me. Now I can see the bigger picture of Delta Theta Chi.

I am truly enjoying the invitations to be the traveling representative for our province. I will have two under my belt by the time you read this.

You will soon be receiving information regarding our fundraiser for this year's Conclave. We are still in the planning stage and we are going to need everyone to participate; so bring your checkbooks or cash.

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to serve as your Electra Province Treasurer.

In Sister Love,
Sandi Kayne

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

SPRING! Did it pass us by? The calendar says it hasn't, so I'll go with that. In the last issue of the Pleiad, I commented on the fall season and change. At this time I wish to focus on spring and renewed "things".

I've been away from home (what seems like a lot) lately. In my absence, everything remained basically the same.

While I was away, I was renewed. Oh, not dramatically, but in important ways that I am aware of. Taking care of grandchildren over a period of two weeks can do that to a person.

Here are some of the things I learned (from the 4-year old):

Children know how things are done and want Grandma to do it the same as mom does it. (Cinnamon toast tastes better when cut a certain way.)

Children expect Grandma to understand everything and don't like her to ask "Why?"

Children have memories like steel traps. They even ask for "bubbles" in the bathtub and Grandma looks for 20 minutes and doesn't find any—asks Mom when she called and learns the boy hasn't had bubbles in his bath for at least two years. (Was he testing my commitment to make him happy?)

Children are loving, caring and forgiving.

I knew the above all along but was reminded again of two important things:

How precious our relationships are and why God gives us children at a much younger age than I am.

So how does this all fit together for me and Delta Theta Chi and my Electra Province Sisters? Being committed to family is important as is commitment to the ideals of Delta Theta Chi. I missed a few events while I was out of town and in missing those events I found I also missed my DTC sisters. Relationships with my Delta Theta Chi family, enriches my life. I am looking forward to upcoming Founders' Day luncheons and the Fall Conclave. I hope you are too. I hope every one of us can find and feel the enrichments in our relationships. Occasionally, seeing things through a child's eyes can be both enlightening and enriching beyond the moment.

In Sisterly Love,
Mary Kreager,

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

"Weekend Getaway"
81st Conclave
October 12-14, 2012
Overland Park, Kansas

Hosted by Kansas Kappa Chapter

KANSAS ALPHA

Kansas Alpha has been wined, dined and entertained by all of our guest speakers and members at each of our bi-monthly meetings. What an educational and interesting year it has been so far...and still more to come. Just last week seven of our sisters and two husbands spent the evening at KTWU public television answering phones for pledges. We spent more time laughing and chatting than we did answering phones, but still managed to amass quite a bit of money for our beloved station.

Some of our sisters are having some health issues, but I am amazed at how well they cope with their problems with perseverance and optimism. We pray always for Lucy, Marge and Terry. Terry has managed to come to some of our meetings recently and will be celebrating her 90th birthday in May. In December we celebrated with Enola at her 90th! Bernice will have her 50th anniversary as a member of the Kansas Alphas. Congratulations to all three of our special sisters!

Jan manages to fit in a meeting between frequent trips that she and Carl take, and our chapter is always waiting for their video presentations on their travels.

We certainly enjoyed entertaining the Province Board at mid-year and are very proud of our sister board members...President Janelle Clark and Kay Kimball, Recording Secretary.

Our Vice President, Cyndy Hunt is very busy planning and organizing our August Rush for new members. All you Province Board members keep the 11th of August open as we'll really need your help at the event and know you will be entertained by our program.

Remember "Laughter is the best medicine" and should be taken in large doses.

In sisterly love,

Cheryl McLain, President

NOTE FROM YOUR KS THETA SISTERS

Thank you for your patience as you kindly waited to receive the Spring Edition of your Electra Province Pleiad. Personal obligations kept the KS Theta's from keeping to our original publication date.

We hope that you all enjoyed the unofficial beginning of summer and were able to spend it with family and friends.

In Sisterly Love,
KS Theta Chapter

KANSAS BETA

What an exciting spring this has been for the Kansas Beta Chapter. In addition to our new Pledge Joyce Gerard that we wrote about in the last edition of this fine publication, we have a second new pledge Jennifer Doty. Jennifer is a resident of Wichita, KS and is married to Al. She is the new little sister of Teresa Carter, although how this happened is a little strange. Jennifer's husband Al is friend of DTC Guy Jimmy Carter. Since Jimmy has tried unsuccessfully for years to be a member of DTC and had to settle for being a DTC guy, he actively recruits friends' wives to join in his place! The first time big sister Teresa met Jennifer was the night she picked her up for her first KS Beta Chapter meeting. Everyone hit it off with Jennifer and she was pledged on March 14th at the home of Sister Patti Gray, who by the way is also a little sister of Teresa's.

The Beta's are also welcoming back into their midst former sister Suzan Overton. Suzan was a little sister of Teresa Carter, several years ago, but being a single mother and working full time left her with little time for extra circular activities and she sadly resigned from DTC. But now with her children married and quasi retired, Suzan is back! She made a surprise visit to the March 13th meeting. Vice President Charlotte Jewell and Suzan are in the process of working on reinstatement. Welcome Back Suzan!!

March 24th was a beautiful spring day and the Kansas Beta's along with sisters from Missouri, Nebraska and Oklahoma celebrated the Beta's 68th Founders Day. Along with our Electra sisters we were joined by 4 members from Taygeta Province and Taygeta National Trustee Becky Kueffer. Thirty-four sisters gathered to hear one of the most in-depth histories of the founding of DTC by Sister Patti Gray, the history of the KS Beta Chapter by Sister Carol Taylor and a talk from Electra Province Treasurer Sandi Kayne. At the end of the celebration Electra Province Educational Director Cathie Barber and Electra Province National Trustee Teresa Carter were honored by their Kansas Beta sisters. Thanks to everyone who joined us and for everyone involved in the planning of the day.

The Beta's have had two exceptional speakers these past few meetings. The first was Aphrodite Ngyen, currently the vice principal of a title one school in Wichita Kansas. Aphrodite told of her escape from Vietnam after the fall to the communist regime. She very eloquently brought us along on her sometimes harrowing, sometimes funny, sometimes sad, journey to her current successful and safe life. After her talk the Kansas Beta sisters encouraged her to write a book about her experience.

And keeping with the Asian theme, DTC guy Dave Schletzbaum did a great multimedia presentation on his trip to China. Dave spent 3 weeks there being trained for the Chinese version of our FAA. Dave told great stories, and had fabulous pictures to show us that included pictures from his 45 minute photo shoot at Tiananmen. Sister Cheryl's daughter Holli was on the Kansas news for spear heading a fundraising drive to endow the "Teachers Hall of Fame" in Emporia Kansas with \$1,000,000. The Kansas Beta chapter then made a monetary donation to the fundraiser in honor of the Kansas Beta educators Sister Linda Woodley, Sister Patti Gray and Sister Leslie Beers.

Sisters Maria Keil, Kara Carter and Teresa Carter will be attending the chartering of Maryland Alpha on April 29th.

On one happy note, Sister Charlotte Jewell has now retired and now has more time to do fun stuff including focusing on planning a rush for the Kansas Beta's.

On a more sober note, DTC Guy Steve Thompson, husband of Sister Brenda Thompson, has been diagnosed with Hairy Cell Leukemia. He is currently undergoing treatment and the Beta's have joined in together to pray for a complete and speedy recovery.

Submitted by

Brenda Thompson

KANSAS THETA

Sisters Jan, Jane, Bonnie and Vicki plus Rich Davis (Jan's husband), our DTC guy, manned the phone bank at KTWU early one Saturday morning. Even though the phones were not ringing off the table, viewers did pledge a wholesome amount of \$2500. During the downtime it's good to view the programs, and visit.

Sister Bonnie has completed her time with the drug trial at the University of Nebraska at Omaha Cancer Center. Her latest tests revealed no change in the cancer activity. Because of the no change in her status, Bonnie is eligible to participate in another drug trial when one comes available.

Sister Bess' new husband, Ralph, has recuperated nicely from heart stent surgery.

Bonnie, husband Jerry; Bess and husband Ralph; and Darlene assisted at Washburn University's bookstore during spring enrollment.

Sister Jane attended the chartering, pledging and initiation of the Maryland Alpha Chapter April 29th. I know all of us who couldn't attend will be eager to hear about our new Sisters. Additionally, Jane is celebrating her 50 years with Delta Theta Chi! She was pledged February 1962 and initiated June 1962. We are honored to have her in our chapter.

Jane gave us a "pop quiz" about several of our past Presidents. It was a thought-provoking quiz. No one received a 100%.

The Kansas Theta's are taking on an additional project "The LifeHouse Advocacy Center". The LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center helps child victims of sexual or severe physical abuse. LifeHouse advocates provide these children and their non-offending caregivers with referral information during their medical evaluation, the investigation process and through the prosecution process with the Kids In Court program.

As a result of a successful garage sale last Fall, we were able to give to the Topeka Rescue Mission a large monetary donation in addition to items from the Christmas wish list. Health Kits are also assembled and provided to Faith Fellowship for those in need.

Submitted by

Vicki Lignitz

Non Progredi Est Regredi



MISSOURI DELTA

The MO Delta's celebrated Thanksgiving at the home of Don and Judy Hurlbert. Everyone was there, including our guest, Berna Cosner, and our Delta Guys, Bob Waller and Don Hurlbert. Everyone brought a covered dish and Judy furnished the turkey. In December we let someone else do the cooking and we gathered at Lydia's Restaurant on a Sunday for brunch. This was our last chance to see Doris and Bob Waller before they left for their winter home in Hawaii. What a lovely winter we had, compared to the last couple of years. Even though we had mild weather the Delta's still did not have any meetings during January or February but got started back with regular meetings in March. Our second March meeting was a luncheon at Eileen Neeley's home and it was a toga party. Eileen and Cheryl were doing a duel program that day on ancient Greece and Rome and thought it a fun idea to come dressed for the occasion. We wore our togas (colored sheets) during cocktail hour but they got too hot for lunch and the meeting/program. Cheryl, Eileen and Chris were able to attend the KS Beta's Founder's Day luncheon and a nice surprise to see some of our Oklahoma Alpha Sisters.

March was not a happy month for the Delta's as we bid farewell to our dear Sister Rommie Matheson. After the death of Rommie's husband Bill, she decided that she needed to live with her brother in Independence, KS. Independence, KS is near the Oklahoma border and not far from Tulsa, so it will take some planning a road trip to see her in the future. As many of us that could gathered at Pierpont's Restaurant for an elegant dinner to say a final goodbye. I believe Rommie was happy to finally turn over the treasurer's books. She has served as chapter treasurer (with the help of her husband Bill) for many, many years.

April we were able to attend the NE Eta's Founder's Day in Omaha, and thank you again Melissa for hosting in your home and to all NE Eta's for a lovely luncheon. Omaha is always an adventure and this time we encountered some really hard rain. Luckily we did not drive through the heart of the storm that went through the Iowa/Nebraska area that day but we did get completely soaked just getting from Melissa's home to Cheryl's car. In April Judy, Chris, Cheryl and Eileen, plus guests Don Hurlbert and Berna Cosner, toured a genealogy library in Independence. This is a fairly new facility and dedicated strictly to genealogy research. If any Sister is doing research on their families, and you have not visited this library, please plan a visit to Independence. Unfortunately, the Deltas got busy with other things and projects and we were unable to (1) have a joint Founder's Day with the KS Kappa's and none of us could attend their luncheon, and (2) we have been unable to find a date and a place, soooooo we have decided to hold our Founder's Day luncheon in September!! We will let everyone know the date, time and place as soon as our arrangements have been made!

Some of our upcoming plans include a program on outrageous women of the Middle Ages, and a tour of the Kemper Museum of Modern Art, which will include luncheon there at the Kemper. Things will be slow during June, as Chris will be gone from May 27th to June 14th on her cruise with Cathie, Kay, Sandi and Royce. I think we can anticipate many, many stories from these ladies. In June the Delta's will welcome back Doris and Bob Waller. We are so happy to have changed our meeting schedule because we really get to see a lot of Doris during the summer.

This is the most updated news for the Missouri Deltas. We look forward to seeing everyone in July at the KS Alpha's Founder's Day!!

NEBRASKA ETA

Art Appreciation Endeavors

The NE Eta's spent the early part of Spring 2012 preparing for "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend", which was our 16th Founder's Day. Our Traveling representatives were Cheryl Neeley and Mindy Miller, both of whom took the group on a journey through an attic looking for family treasures (pink feather boas, long white gloves, and bedazzling diamond accessories). Think slight modification of the original Broadway production of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" music, with a DTC twist. The entire Electra Province Board was present as the Eta's honored Sandi Kayne, the latest NE Eta diamond to accessorize the Electra Province Board.

Music Appreciation Endeavors

Roger's and Hammerstein's musical revue, "*All Kinds of People*", was performed at Melissa Kemling's church, and she played flute in the "orchestra pit"—pianist, flutist, bass player. It was a very educational experience to learn that over the course of four decades Hammerstein used the theatre to promote human understanding. He continually tackled themes of racism and cultural bias, addressing the dangers of prejudice, the importance of tolerance, and the power of self-esteem. Hammerstein changed the very course of musical theatre in the process.

The Aye's Have It Take One: Question: Did Teresa Silence play drums at the Pirate Festival 2012, Bellevue, Nebraska?

Answer: AYE!

Literature Appreciation Endeavors

The Chapter conducted a Book review in March, and the book "You Are Not Your Brain" by Dr. Jeffrey Schwartz was recommended.

Philanthropic Endeavors

Royce Dent will say, "Congratulations and Best Wishes" to her senior mentee (Jenny) next week. She and Jenny have been "a pair" in the TeamMates Program since 2005 when Jenny began middle school. Royce will begin another adventure in the fall when she meets her new mentee, but her experience with Jenny is analogous to one of her own children who is "leaving the nest". Through Royce's encouragement, Jenny begins college in the fall to become a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) nurse.

Personal News

Two NE Eta Sisters (Royce Dent and Sandi Kayne) and three other DTC sisters (Kay Kimball, Chris Durbin, and Cathie Barber) will be leaving May 27th for the high seas and an 11-day Mediterranean cruise. They plan to spend a little extra time in Barcelona, Spain and Rome before they fly home on June 14th. Look out, everyone, here they come!!

Deb Ourecky became a first-time grandma in February and celebrated by saying, "We're going to Disney World!" Disney may have already been a destination prior to the grandchild!

Alma Santos and the Santos-crew will be en-route to Puerto Rico in June-stay tuned!

The Eyes Have It Take Two-Loretta Oliver has recovered from eyelid surgery and Sandi Kayne has successfully recovered from cataract surgery. Loretta celebrated her 65th birthday in early May. It has been interesting having daughter (Melissa)/Mom (Loretta) discussions revolving around Medicare!

NEBRASKA ZETA

Although few members of the NE Zetas were able to attend Conclave last fall, we were proud to have such stellar representation as Mary Kreager presided as President, and our own Diana Allen-Lewis received the Bettye Bielfeldt award. Fall lead quickly into the holiday season as we held our Christmas Party consisting of a catered meal followed by a White Elephant Gift Exchange for lots of laughs, and collected funds/supplies for the King Science Center. Our Annual Post Holiday Breakfast was held in January with good weather and good attendance.

January also brought the passing our dear sister Ruby Cohen. What an inspiring leader she had been to our chapter and all of DTC for many years. Our chapter wishes to thank all for the many cards, condolences, and memorials sent. A delightful Rush Tea was held in February with many non-member guests and guests from other chapters to lend support, information, and display our sisterhood. A great job of organizing was done by LaDonna Housch and Sue Kelly.

Literacy projects continue to be on our to-do list as we sorted books for the Mercy Literary Project at St. Mary's College last fall; collected books for the VA hospital and items for a Stamp Collecting Project, and once again supplied the Stephens Center with books during the holidays. The chapter is now getting involved with the "Next Chapter Book Club" which promotes literacy, social connectedness and community inclusion for persons 18 and older with intellectual disabilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Garrean

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

I want to thank all my Sisters for the cards and kind words with the loss of my brother last Fall.

Vicki Lignitz

*The memories we give may a lifetime live
in the heart of those we hold so close.*

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