



# Delta Theta Chi Sorority

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***TIS THE SEASON FOR SENDING GOOD WISHES, SO TO ALL OUR SISTERS, "LIVE, LAUGH AND LOVE" !***



### National Executive Council

From Left to Right: **Karen Kammer**—National President, **Becky Kueffer**—National Vice Pres., **Joyce Miller**—Alcyone Province Trustee, **Susan Yoder**—Celaeno Province Trustee, **Jane Harrell**—Taygeta Province Trustee, **Teresa Carter**—Electra Province Trustee, **Sharon Osterberger**—Sterope Province Trustee.

Not Pictured, **Christine Durbin**, NEST.



## **Greetings from our National President**

Now that we are post "Derby" and in our "Circle of Winners", congratulations to Celaeno Province for an outstanding 2013 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Mary Ellen Turner and her fantastic committee made sure a great time was had by all that attended. I would like to send a great big thank you to Jane Loveless for her eight years of service as our NEST, and a "welcome aboard" to Chris Durbin as our new NEST. I continue to emphasize communication, it is vital to the success of Delta Theta Chi. Please keep the lines of communication open in your Chapters as well as your Province and on to the National Executive Council. It is at this time of year that we all take a step back and realize how much we have to be thankful for. I am thankful for each and everyone of you. You are Delta Theta Chi Sisters. Each day is a "gift" untie the ribbons. I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and blessings for the New Year!

In Sisterly Love, Karen S. Kammer, National President



## **From Our National Vice President**

Hello to all of my Beautiful Delta Theta Chi Sisters. It has been a busy summer and fall so far since National Convention in Kentucky. We have had many interested young ladies reach out through our web site. It has been a pleasure to contact them and encourage membership in our organization. I know membership is on each chapter's agenda because it was discussed at the two conventions I was able to attend, Taygeta and Alcyone. Reach out to every age, 18 to 92, when you plan your rush events for the coming months. You never know who needs our Sisterhood. Join with other chapters and hold events. Rush is such a fun time but any time is a great time to bring someone to a meeting. I hope this Holiday Season brings your chapters, your families, and you many Blessings.

Live, Laugh, Love and Grow in Sisterhood,  
Becky Kueffer, National Vice President

## **Alcyone Province Trustee**

Sorority has been a part of my life for years. I was a charter member of Kansas Theta and it was in Electra that I began my journey in Sorority. Shortly after I arrived in California, I received a phone call that a chapter was being chartered in Orange County so I transferred my membership and became a charter member of CA Iota. Sorority has become my second family and I cherish the friendships I have made. My husband, Herb, was introduced to sorority before we were married and has supported me in all my activities. We have one daughter, Jeanette. Recently I retired teaching classes at a local community college and prior to that had retired as a high school teacher. Since my husband and I have retired, we have enjoyed traveling. Wishing you the joy of family, the happiness of Friends and the love of Christmas.

Fraternally with love  
Joyce Miller, Alcyone Trustee



## **Celaeno Province Trustee**

Hello sisters !

I am the newest trustee from Celaeno Province. I have found this to be a big responsibility and hope I am ready for the challenge! For the first two years of my term I will be your Historian and have the responsibility of the 2013-15 National History Book, and also being your National Educational Director, putting together the 2015-17 Educational outline for all sisters, and securing the educational program for the 2015 National Convention in Kansas City. I was also surprised to learn that there are a lot of day-to-day business matters that the NEC takes care of. Thank goodness for email!!! I don't know how it was ever done with "snail mail"!

I have been a member of Delta Theta Chi for 40 years. I served Celaeno Province in every office except Sgt.-at-Arms, being Province President from 1988-90. I then took a long break to get my children all raised, then began serving as a Province officer again 3 years ago.

**(Celaeno Province Trustee continued)**

I retired this past January from Concord Community Schools after 25 years of school bus driving. My husband and I bought a place in Estero, Florida and plan to winter there as long as we can. I have 3 daughters and 2 step-sons, and 11 grandchildren. I teach an aerobics class 3 days a week and am an avid walker and bike rider. I am an 11 year cancer survivor. My hobbies are sewing, decorative painting, watching football( I'm a Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan) gardening, and traveling.

I love to collect antiques, swim and go camping. We own 2 classic cars and love to go to car shows and parades. A real concern of mine is membership, as it is for everyone else in the NEC. For the most part, our membership is getting older. While that can be a really good thing, we also need younger members with fresh ideas to carry the torch. I hope I can make a difference on a national level by serving as a Province trustee. I will do my very best to "Hold High the Torch".

In sisterly love,  
Susan Yoder, Celaeno Province Trustee

**Electra Province Trustee**

Dear Sisters:

*"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."* — [Socrates](#)

Delta Theta Chi has as part of its purpose "to promote cultural education and to foster personal development." One of the most important ways we do this is by providing scholarships to students to continue their higher education. Both the National Memorial Scholarships and the Marie Miller Graham Scholarship help keep the flame of learning burning bright. What a noble endeavor!

As we approach the end of the year I encourage you to consider a donation to the National Scholarship fund as a way to honor your little or big sister, or even a sister in your chapter or province as a surprise acknowledgement of how special they are to you.

After the holidays, the time will come fast when we are selecting the 2014-15 scholarship winners. What an honor it is to me to be part of this process.

I wish each of you a happy and merry holiday season. Whether you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or the New Year, this time of year is special for everyone as they look forward to all the special times with family and friends. May it be happy and blessed and remember to hold high the torch of learning.

Teresa Carter, Electra Province National Trustee

"You cannot open a book without learning something." — [Confucius](#)

**Sterope Province Trustee**

Holiday Greetings Sisters, I have been a busy since national convention in Louisville and now the year is almost over.

I can't believe that this is the last half of my 4 year term.

I have been a member of Ohio Mu for 10 years. It was my co-worker Karen, now my big sister, that asked me to attend a meeting and I was hooked. I have been Recording Secretary, Vice President and President in both Oh Mu Chapter and Sterope Province. DTC has become a valuable part of my life.

I have been a Registered Nurse for over 40+ years and retired from Miami University Student Health Service in 2012.

My husband Dwayne and I live in the country outside of Oxford, Ohio. I have two sons, Patrick and wife Lori and Brannon and wife Jen, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

My interests are reading, camping, and watching classic movies. I am learning to knit but that is not working out well. I attend a knitting club more for the socialize then the knitting part. My scarf will take many months to complete because I listen and talk more than I knit.

In Sisterly love,  
Sharon Osterberger, Sterope Province Trustee



## **Taygeta Province Trustee**

I was never so humbled as when I was elected Taygeta Province Trustee. I became a Delta Theta Chi member in 2003 as part of Texas Nu in Lubbock, Texas. I was only in DTC a couple of years before being elected Recording Secretary for our Province. I then served as Educational Director, Vice President, and two terms as Province President.

I was an educator for thirty years before moving to Lubbock to retire with my husband, Gary. We have two grown children who have blessed us with four beautiful grandchildren. In my free time, I enjoy golfing, Bible studies, spending time with the grandkids, and serving my community. I am very involved with Texas Nu where I am currently serving as Recording Secretary. I have served my chapter in most all offices, some more than once.

While teaching elementary children, literacy became very important to me. I truly love when I see or read of everything going on in our communities through the help of Delta Theta Chi Sorority. There is no way to really know how many lives we are touching. So keep up the great work towards literacy.

DTC is a huge part of my life. I can never wait to see and hug my sisters! So until I see you again - Hold High the Torch!

In Sisterly Love,  
Jane Harrell, Taygeta Province Trustee

## **National Executive Secretary-Treasurer**

I was initiated February of 1963 as a Nebraska Epsilon (this was the first chapter sponsored by Ruby Cohn), located in Omaha, NE. From my first meeting, Ruby became a Sister, best friend, mentor and confidant. When Ruby and Bob moved to the Bay Area, Ruby urged me to apply for her legal secretary position. I got the job and the rest of my working career I worked in a law office. I followed Ruby to the Bay Area and lived there for 22 years. While there I let my DTC membership drop but never lost my love for DTC. When Ruby was elected National Trustee for Electra Province, she asked me to attend her installation, which was a National Convention hosted by Alcyone Province, and to be reinstated as member of her chapter at that time, Nebraska Zeta. When I finally moved back to the Midwest in 1993, I transferred my membership to the Missouri Delta Chapter, which I am still a member.

During my tenure as NEST I hope to be able to travel to each Province and get to know all my Sisters better

In Sisterly Love,  
Chris Durbin -NEST

## **Past National Executive Secretary-Treasurer**

Dear Sisters:

No words will ever be able to say thank you for those who donated funds for trips. As I said to each and every chapter in a separate thank you note, you surprised me so much at National Convention. I've made two trips so far this year. The first one was not what I had planned but the outcome was worth the time and travel. This first trip was to attend my sister's funeral in Michigan as she passed away before I could plan a trip. Visiting with her children and grandchildren was wonderful. My second trip was to California to visit with some sorority sisters and to attend the Alcyone Province Convention. It was a great time

Thank you all, again.

Love,

Jane Loveless



## **ALCYONE PROVINCE NEWS** by Sandy Torre

### **CA EPSILON**

CA Epsilon is working on money-making projects so we can continue with our Scholarship activities. With the holidays up and coming we decided to do a basket for our local animal shelter. This should be fun. On October 5 we got together to make peanut brittle. Eat your hearts out!! We have changed our meeting times to one business meeting a month and then we meet on a Sunday to do something fun.

### **CA ZETA**

CA Zeta has been combining meetings with CA Sigma, as their chapter is small also.

We attended Spring Open Board in April. Bobbi Meyer (CA Sigma) and I attended National Convention in Louisville. The southern hospitality was great! In September we were saddened by the loss of our dear sister, Ardis Underwood. We were fortunate enough to have helped her celebrate her 92nd birthday in June. Just last weekend we attended our wonderful Alcyone Province Convention, "A Swashbuckling Pirate Adventure." It was enjoyed by all of us who attended. Best wishes to all of our Sorority Sisters for the up and coming year!!!

### **CA ETA**

We focused on convention planning this year, and had time to finish our Lady Pirates program theme with a "Pirates of Penzance" movie night. We installed officers at a potluck meeting and invited husbands and kids to join us for our summer social pool party. This month (October) we launched our 2013-2014 educational program theme – "Learn Something – Do Something." We had a good year!

### **CA THETA**

CA Theta has been very busy this past year planning for Alcyone Province Fall Convention 2014. The Convention will be held on October 10-12, 2014 at the Courtyard Marriott Old Town in Pasadena. We are hoping everyone will join us for a wonderful time at "LIFE IS A MASQUERADE."

### **CA IOTA**

CA Iota finished up Spring 2013 with a grand tour of China by report and video of sister Lana Duckett –very interesting. The Grand Finale was our June Installation of Officers, along with secret sister revealing...always fun! This fall our first meeting was a potluck dinner and a pledging ceremony of our new member, Brittany Murakami. Hooray! Alcyone Province's October Convention brought preparations of our mini cake mixes in a mug for a fundraiser. We'll soon be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter (November 9) with a big Founder's Day luncheon. Our annual Christmas party potluck dinner in December will round out the year nicely. As we begin 2014, we're having a tea party at McKenna's Tea House in Seal Beach. Happy Holidays to all Sisters!

### **CA OMICRON**

California Omicron sisters are preparing for a Swashbuckling Pirate Adventure at the Alcyone Province Convention in Buena Park. Skits, yearbooks, and history books are prepared for competition. Six of our sisters attended the National Convention in Louisville, KY. As Omicron begins the 2013-14 year we continue to recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles to support our Woman in Medicine scholarship, we are preparing survival packets for homeless youth through Stand Up for Kids, backpacks were collected for elementary school children, baby items were collected for a new teen mom, and pennies are being collected for Ronald McDonald House. Butter Braids were sold to raise funds, and a garage sale is planned for spring 2014. A Bunco Party social/fund raiser was held in August, a picture painting social was held in September, dinner with our Woman in Medicine scholarship winner will be held in November, and our holiday party is scheduled for December. Plans for philanthropic, social, educational, and fund raising are in progress for 2014. Omicron was sad to lose our sister Leslie Shoquist in 2013. We send our best to all our Delta Theta Chi sisters for a successful new sorority year.

### **CA RHO**

California Rho Chapter still holds Special Chapter status with fewer than the required 7 members... in our 7th year now. We strongly believe in DQC and in the rich history, gifts and contributions of our chapter to sorority and the community during its rich 78 years since being chartered. Two members are active with reading to children or teaching English as a second language. We haven't been able to meet virtually or physically as much as in previous years but have hope that 2014 will see a burst of activity that will push us up and out of the Special Chapter status. We continue to hold high the torch. Merry Christmas to all our DQC sisters! Your prayers and good thoughts sustain us.

## ALCYONE PROVINCE NEWS CONTINUED

### CA SIGMA

CA Sigma meets once a month at the Grand Terrace Senior Center or enjoys a meal at a local restaurant. Sister Rosemary has been in and out of the hospital and rehab centers for much of the year but is always thinking sorority. (Good medication) Sister Bobbi is busy nursing her daughter, Stacy, back to health after her breast cancer surgery. Sister Betty unexpectedly lost her son-in-law and traveled to Arizona to be with family. Sister Sue celebrated with her family as her youngest daughter, Beth Anne, was married in Yosemite. Sandy's son Gabriel, and wife Eva, presented her with a beautiful granddaughter--Sienna Kay. Sister Bobbi attended a great National in Louisville with sister Jackie Burdsall of CA Zeta chapter. Sisters Betty, Audrey, and Bobbi attended Province convention in Morro Bay. We continue to support a family for Thanksgiving and Christmas along with other philanthropic endeavors and fund-raisers. We were very pleased to have one of our applicants, Daezsha-Nay Williams of the Victorville Unified School District. as a National Memorial Scholarship winner. Happy Holidays to all our Delta Theta Chi sisters.

### WA ALPHA

Since 2010, WA Alpha's goal has been to add at least one new member a year. We've met that goal so far with the addition of two new members per year over the last three years. Next year, we will be losing one of our new members when she charts her own new chapter at Spring Open Board with WA Alpha serving as the Hostess Chapter of 2014 Spring Open Board. We invite all our Sister's to attend this special chartering and business meeting, April 5-6, 2014. Details to follow. —Garie Anne Taylor

## CELAENO PROVINCE NEWS

### IN Alpha

IN Alpha Sister's have really missed our Sister Nadine, and we thank all that sent cards, it meant a lot to us. We are looking forward to our next meeting at Anna's It is a "Mystery of Thanksgiving" who knows what we will be doing. Then we will have our Christmas" HO HO HO Dec. 1 at Joyce's home with Dorothy cooking, we always have a good time together. This year has certainly gone fast. —Joyce Nelson

### IN Gamma

Indiana Gamma has had a very busy year so far. Our chapter had its annual cookout and evening with the guys in September. October we hosted a style show using some DTC girls as models. Serving delicious homemade cakes, tea and punch to our guest. We were able to tour our new Big Barn Shrimp Farm and learned about shrimp farming and harvesting. November we had a book review "90 Minutes in Heaven" and then we will have an evening out for dinner for our social. We will be enjoying our Christmas early in December and having the last business meeting of 2013, but we will be ready to resume in January.—Mary Fisher

### IN Eta

Indiana Eta Chapter had Sheri Miller Story from Susan G. Komen - Northern Indiana speak about breast cancer awareness for the September educational program titled "Hope Promise Love". We had fun at a Halloween costume party for Rush in October. In November, we will laugh with Mark Potuck's program titled "To Laugh or Not to Laugh". Our 59th "Reflections of Sisterly Love" will honor Betty Vaughn, who reinstated Indiana Eta. In December at our Founder's Day/ Christmas/ Birthday Celebration In Eta sisters will recognize Betty Vaughn's 90th birthday. —Sandy Pixey

### IN Kappa

Indiana Kappa sisters came home from National Convention, all nine of us and sorta fell back into WOW, wasn't that fun, but the mind and body needs some rest! The officers and committees proceeded to get things in line for the start of our Sorority year. Lemon Shake-Up at the Family Arts Festival was our first fundraiser for the fall. Founders Day in Wabash, IN, Fall Board in Elkhart and Rush party with a fun filled scavenger hunt enjoyed by all. The annual "Home for the Holiday" Home Tour is next on the fundraiser for 2013.

2014 is just around the corner, so we wish all of you a Blessed and Peaceful New Year—Mary Ellen Turner

**IN Sigma** —No report



## **ELECTRA PROVINCE NEWS** by Teresa Carter

### **KS Alpha**

Since National Convention the KS Alpha Chapter finished the 2012-2013 sorority year with their 79th Founder's Day celebration. Throughout the year we planned the 82nd Electra Province Conclave 'Carnivele in Kansas' held October 5,6,7, 2013, as we were the Host Chapter. The entire weekend was well attended and enjoyed by our Sisters. Many embraced the Saturday night masquerade ball by donning their masks. Dancing and karaoke singing was a hit. We started the 2013-2014 sorority year with our traditional potluck dinner. We are wishing all our sisters and their families a very blessed and wondrous holiday season.—Janelle Clark, KS Alpha

### **KS Beta**

The Kansas Beta chapter mourned the loss of Past National President Syble Cocannouer and Sister Jan Ingham whom we lost these past few months. Our Chapter is sadder without their presence. However at the 2013 Electra Fall Conclave we initiation 3 new sisters, Joyce Garrard, Big sister Cathie Barber; Vicky William, Big Sister Lenore Warne; Angie Hall, Big Sister Kay Kimball (she is her momma too!). The Kansas Betas are so excited to welcome all there and have a fourth pledge to be initiated in November. — Teresa Carter

### **Kansas Kappa**

In September, the Kansas Kappas had fun celebrating our 9<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day with a Tailgate Luncheon. Our chapter continues to collect money for sewing machines for the Food for the Poor program, which enables impoverished families to have a source of income making clothes and other textile products. We want to give a heartfelt "thank you" to all our Electra Province sisters who made a donation at our Founder's Day. We are excited about two new additions to our chapter--in June, Jessica McKenzie welcomed a son, Bobby, and Maria Gunselman welcomed a daughter, Addison. —Emily Johnson

### **KS Theta**

Greetings from Kansas Theta Chapter. This late summer the Kansas Theta's and a couple of their men volunteered at Washburn University in the Bookstore during enrollment. We do this with the Kansas Alpha Chapter members. The Theta's put in around 40 hours of work -- the guys did about half of these hours. It is a good money making project for our community benefits programs. We also had our annual garage sale with \$500.00 earned. This money will be given to the Rescue Mission along with new clothes donated by all members during the Christmas season for those that are less fortunate. Another community project that will take place in November will be the donation of Health Kits from the Kansas Theta's to the less fortunate. Activities of our members includes the birth of a baby girl to Darlene Peck's youngest daughter. This sweet little girl is the first "girl" for Darlene. She now has five grandsons and a granddaughter. Congrats Darlene. Since National Convention Bess and Ralph Brewer took a train trip to California and Washington to visit Ralph's family. Bonnie Priem will begin another round of chemotherapy very soon. We wish her all our prayers. Jane Loveless has made a couple of trips with funds that many of our wonderful sisters donated. Jane attended the Alcyone Province Convention this fall. The other trip was not as joyous as it was a 4-day trip to the Detroit area to attend the funeral of her sister. Jane said that just being with the nephews and niece and their families was great.— Jane Loveless

### **Arkansas Alpha**

Members of Arkansas Alpha coordinated staffing of a shift at the 22nd annual Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, held in October at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, which became the festival's new home in 2012. This is a tradition the chapter has upheld for a number of years as part of its community involvement activities. The Hot Springs Documentary Film Institute offers multiple collaborations of educational outreach with documentary films throughout Arkansas, while hosting The Hot Springs Documentary Film Festival, one of the first and the oldest documentary film festivals in the world. HSDFI currently houses one of the largest documentary film libraries of its kind, boasting more than 18,000 titles. — Nancy Britt



## **ELECTRA PROVINCE NEWS CONTINUED**

### **Missouri Delta**

The Missouri Delta Chapter is very proud to have our devoted sister, Christine Durbin, as our new N.E.S.T. for the Delta Theta Chi Sorority. Our Chapter attended Electra Province Conclave where Cheryl Neeley is now Immediate Past President, Mindy Neeley moved up towards Educational Director, and Eileen Neeley stepped up to be the Treasurer for Electra Province. During the months of November and December our Chapter has our annual family dinners to help celebrate the Holidays with our loved ones.

—Eileen Neeley

### **Nebraska Zeta**

The Nebraska Zeta Chapter has been focusing on a Holiday Boutique fund raiser, which was held on Saturday November 9. This was to raise funds for the "Next Chapter Book Club"( an Ollie Webb sponsored organization). The Zetas currently have 4 active acilitators who meet weekly for an hour or two, with groups of 8-10 individuals who have learning disabilities (downs, asbergers, etc.). We meet mostly at Panera Bread restaurants. The groups choose a book they wish to read. Ollie Webb provides a book for each student and a tote bag. Their ages run from 18-30 years. Connie James appeared on "The Morning Blend", Channel 3, on Friday, November 8, to promote the boutique; and our intent to raise funds to purchase books for students. We sent flyers to all Ollie Webb families, our families and friends, Panera. Everyone participated by baking cookies, making coffee and cider, helping with supplies, volunteering all day on Saturday the 9th to work the concessions, raffle booth, and vendors; and buying good stuff for Thanksgiving and Christmas! We had 12 vendors, and several students and parents of students participate that day. We are still counting, but I believe we will have raised just over \$1,000.00, which we feel is great for our first year! We have already decided to do it again next year. A church has already volunteered their space to us. There are currently 8 book clubs in the Omaha area, with 2 more staring after the first of the year. The program has become so successful that there is a waiting list of students for new groups to start.—Carla Chin

### **Nebraska Eta**

In October, the NE Eta's held our annual pumpkin carving the weekend before Halloween. It was at that time that we presented Teresa Silence with Electra Province's Bettye Bielfeldt Award. Our fundraiser this past year was making/selling scarves with the proceeds going to the Foodbank of the Heartland. We will be having our annual Christmas craft in December.—Alma Santos

## **STEROPE PROVINCE NEWS by Francie Bobo**

### **Ohio Mu**

Three members of Ohio Mu were able to attend National Convention in June and give support to our National President Karen Kammer and Sterope Trustee Sharon Osterberger. It was a wonderful convention. Barbara Henle, Karen's mother, was pleasantly surprised when she was presented with the Presidents Award at the Saturday night banquet. She appreciated all the help she received. It made her feel very special. In August Ohio Mu officers met to plan the year's activities. We feel we will have some good programs this year. Sadly, we have lost two members, Life Member Virginia Schurfranz who was 100, and Betty Cross who was a special member to all of us. Member Barbara Blevens is Betty's sister. Our deepest sympathy to these families and to all DTC members who have lost a loved one. We do send wishes for good health and a happy holiday season to our DTC members.

—Frances Bobo

### **Maryland Alpha**

The Maryland Alpha Chapter plans on doing several community service activities and projects. In the FALL/WINTER : We are Feeding the Homeless, School Supply Drive, Healthy Baby Project, Casey Cares Pajama Drive, the Maryland Charity Campaign, Supporting Women Helping Women, Clothing Campaign, Care Packages for Vets, Maryland Alpha Chapter Angel Tree Project and the DTC MD Alpha Chapter Get Fit Campaign!

If you are in DC in early December join your sisters from the Maryland Alpha Chapter for our 2013 Holiday Party & Gift Exchange Odyssey III DC (Rated FOUR STARS!) Jingle Bells Brunch Cruise

— Termia L. Brown



### OK Alpha

The sisters of Oklahoma Alpha continue to be busy with community projects and our social and educational programs. The year has been highlighted by the service of our Fran Tebow as Taygeta President the past 2 years. We are so very proud of her. Nine of our sisters attended Province convention and had a wonderful time. We continue to support Lynnwood school, their teachers and students by various projects and personal involvement. Fundraisers have included a profitable garage sale, (almost a social event because our sisters worked and enjoyed each other), the selling of craft items made by the sisters, and once again we will be selling poinsettias for the holidays. Social activities have included a visit to a monastery, Philbrook Museum, and a winery. Soon there will be a Halloween party with optional costumes. We are excited about hosting Province Convention in 2015. A committee has been selected and is working hard to make it a great experience. All chapters know what a big job it is, and we feel like we are a jump ahead in the planning. We wish all of you a blessed and happy holiday season. – Dorothy Doll

### OK Beta

Oklahoma Beta Chapter was extremely busy preparing to host Taygeta Province Convention in October. However, we managed to get in a tour of the Marland Mansion and Grand Home in Ponca City, OK with a meal following. We also attended the “Dream Girls” performance at Poteet Theatre, with a meal before. Different members are sharing their life story/special event at each meeting. We are taking phone calls for the OETA Telethon, our local educational TV station; providing books for the Monroe Elementary brand new library; picking up and delivering one book per child from the Oklahoma State Library Association’s First Books, Ready To Learn Program; making oncology dolls for Children’s Hospital; decorating “Hugs Bears” for our overseas troops to deliver to children they encounter on their missions. We also collect and deliver toiletry items for the Battered Women’s Shelter, which has seen a significant rise in its resident numbers of late. We choose a needy family and provide meals, donations, etc. for the holidays, and participate in Salvation Army’s Silver Halo program, providing seniors’ needs and wants for the Christmas season. — Phyllis Henderson

### OK Epsilon

Oklahoma Epsilon has had a very rewarding year. We have gained two new sisters since our last reporting session, and we enjoyed a wonderful Province Convention hosted by the Oklahoma Beta Chapter. Our chapter is involved with the Food Bank, and our members report on certain appointed days to help the Food Bank to separate certain foods and get them ready for distribution. We have begun our work with the Learning to Read program by purchasing books for little children at one of our city schools. Epsilon is looking forward to the holidays as we always celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. At our Christmas get-together we celebrate our Founder’s Day as well as reveal our secret sister for the year. To leave you with all this news, I will sign off with the words of a song, which I wrote several years ago. “Memories, memories, of Delta Theta Chi. Love and fun and friendship there, to brighten all our lives. Dearest girls, sweetest girls, in all the world to me, when we’re apart, you’re still in my heart, and my beautiful memory.” Happy Holidays— Effie Moerman-Ray

### OK Kappa

The OK Kappas truly enjoy celebrating a theme of “live, laugh, love”. Each of our meetings is titled with an LOL (laugh out loud) acronym that symbolizes the uniqueness and creativity of our members. For example, “**Look out Laundry**”, “**Leading our Lives**”, “**Like our Lizards**”. “**Live out Loud**” was a civic project where we had a game night at a local children’s shelter. We raised over 200 books for their facility. Supporting foster children has become a favorite tradition and service projects. We will continue “**Labeling our Lifebooks**” which are homemade scrapbooks that travel with foster children.

We have three sisters who are personally involved in the foster system, so this is a very special honor for us. Over the years, we have developed some favorite traditions: the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, adopting a family for Christmas because we “**Love our Lord**” and want to “**Leave our Legacy**”. Thanks for sharing your love of sisterhood with each of us so we, in turn, can pass it to others. – JJ Batchellar



### **OK Lambda**

The Lambda Ladies are crazy excited for our first fall retreat! We'll be living it up at cabins on the lake where we will get to know our newest pledge, Heather Blackburn, and of course bonding with our other dedicated sisters. We're also very excited to have found a dedicated place to hold meetings that we can call our own. The stability this will bring will be an asset to our group and we can't wait to use this space for the benefit of Delta Theta Chi. Convention was amazing and we've already begun planning for when we hold it! Watch out ladies, we've got a very creative group! [www.oklambda.org](http://www.oklambda.org) — Stacy Smith

### **OK Zeta**

Oklahoma Zeta celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> year in June with a lovely gathering at a local restaurant. We invited other chapters and enjoyed their company along with the pleasure of being together with our chapter sisters. In July we had our annual Zeta Lake Retreat and enjoyed lots of sister time while relaxing. Some of us spent time in town shopping, and for the sun lovers, time was enjoyed on the lake. OK Zeta is very proud to have our Sister, Becky Kueffer, serving as National Vice President. Wishing everyone a wonderful winter season as cold weather approaches and puts us all in the holiday spirit! —Joyce Green

### **TX Alpha**

Our Texas Alpha sisters have had a busy summer visiting grandchildren, moving, attending reunions and traveling in general. Our sister, Kitty Wofford, was visiting her son in Chicago, got sick, and was there for several months. She is back home here in Texas now with her caregivers. We've had some outings to begin our new sorority year and have planned more outings this year to invite ladies to visit our chapter. We collect box tops, pull tabs, and soup labels for our grandchildren's school and books for the local children's hospital. We had a great time at convention in Oklahoma City and look forward to our Pajama Parties, Chili cook-offs, trips to Canton for Christmas shopping, the Dallas Museum of Art, Shakespeare in the Park, learning about WWII's most notable product, and the History of Coffee Houses. — Michelle Strait

### **TX Beta**

Texas Beta enjoyed a relaxing summer, but now we are off and running for a new year. We have been busy planning our 2013-2014 activities starting with a Rush Event in October. We had several members attend Province Convention in Oklahoma City and all had a wonderful time. Prior to convention our members made several items to be sold at the Market Place. The funds that we make from these projects will go towards helping families at Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as help fund our Chapter Scholarship and Community Benefits program. — Kay B. Robertson

### **Texas Nu**

Texas Nu Chapter spent the summer exploring, shopping, eating, gossiping and, in general, living it up! We started our fall meeting with a program on Erma Bombeck presented by our own vivacious Veronyka Vance. This was followed by our kick-off dinner which was scrumptious at the women's club. Our program was "The Reagan Years". With the opening of the George Bush Presidential Library this summer, followed by another season for political office, it was very timely. In early October we had members who competed in the "Race for the Cure" supported by other members who were not courageous enough to enter but were with them in heart and spirit. We will close out the month with a social at the home of Mae Dell Young. We are pulling on our boots, putting on our bangles and preparing ourselves to be all dressed up for the social event of the season. Wish you could join us for the start of another Texas Nu extravaganza. Hugs to all. — Helen Lauderdale

### **TX Zeta (Zingers)**

The Texas Zeta girls theme for the upcoming year is exciting, and we are looking forward to our programs with our theme "Sisterhood...Amazing Glorious Vibrant Life". Our programs are based on the National Educational Theme "Live, Laugh, and Love." We are so fortunate to share a very close bond and so enjoy being together through thick and thin. We know this makes our chapter live gloriously. We are planning a rush event in February, and the rush will be hosted by our Kay Dungan, who does a brilliant job. Our service projects are Hopes door in Plano, Autisms Speaks, Cystic Fibrosis, Collin County Literacy, and Timothy Hill Boys Ranch. - Fraternally with love to our Sisters, —Sheron Braden



## DECEASED SISTERS

Syble Cocannouer, KS Beta  
Margaret Carroll, Life Member, MO Delta  
Betty Cross, OH Mu  
Virginia Schurfranz, Life Member, OH Mu  
Greda Uitermarkt, IN Gamma  
Ardis Underwood, CA Zeta  
Alta Burnett, Life Member, TX Nu  
Mikell Lee Shepherd, Life Member, CA Theta  
Jan Ingham, KS Beta  
Nadine Anderson, IN Alpha

June 3, 2013  
July 7, 2013  
August 11, 2013  
August 20, 2013  
August 29, 2013  
September 1, 2013  
September 8, 2013  
September 11, 2013  
September 19, 2013  
September 28, 2013



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If we did not receive anything from your chapter, we hope that you will consider participation in the next issue.

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