

# DELTA THETA CHI SORORITY

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## NATIONAL OUTLINE

### *“Notable Women of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”*

There are so many women that we can all recognize who have helped shape the world during the 2000's and beyond. Whether it be in politics, art, music, business, religion or the media, women have helped change the world! During the next two years, please refer to this guide for some or all of your educational programs and socials that will make you culturally stronger and more sublime than you already are!

#### EDUCATIONALS ABOUT YOURSELVES

Never forget that **YOU** are a “Notable Woman”! Have fun and learn about yourselves with some “getting to know you” educational programs. Here are a few suggestions:

Designate one sister to receive information from all sisters. Have sisters phone or email the designated sister a fact about themselves that probably no one else in the group would know. Maybe it was something they accomplished in high school, or something very embarrassing that happened to them. Maybe an unusual job they had. Then the designated sister will type out a list of all the responses and hand one to each sister as she arrives. When it's time to play, sisters walk around the room and ask other sisters, “Is this about you?” If it is, the sister will then sign the other sister's paper. The first person to collect all the correct information will win.

A variation of this game would be for a designated sister to make up statements about sisters about which possibly more than one sister could answer ‘yes’ to the question. Examples would be: ‘I am a breast cancer survivor’, or ‘I am a 40 year member of Delta Theta Chi’, or ‘I have lived in at least 3 states’. This can make for a very interesting interaction too.

Another get-acquainted game is “I have Never”. Have each sister bring 50 pennies to the meeting. Sit in a circle with a basket in the middle of the table. Any sister can start by saying “I have never .....” and fill in the blank. Some ideas might be: “I have never... graduated from college, been married, been divorced, had children, traveled outside the United States, played golf, learned to swim, etc.” Sometimes it’s hard to think of something you’ve never done and then a sister can help out by whispering an idea in her ear. As each sister announces something she’s never done, a sister in the group who HAS done that particular thing must put one of her pennies in the basket. If a sister ALSO has never done what the sister announced, she needn’t put in a penny. The game is played around the circle as many times as necessary until only one person has any pennies left and is declared the winner. All the pennies can then be donated to your chapter, province or a national need, or a charity chosen ahead of time.

By the time each sister has had several turns and a lot of “I have Nevers” have been exhausted, the game gets pretty silly. “I have never had blue eyes” or “I have never been 60” are just 2 examples. The game makes for a lot of fun and laughter, but also gets everyone better acquainted.

An educational that could involve many sisters is to ask members to do a little research on their own about a famous woman of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At your meeting, give sisters paper and pencil and let them guess who each famous woman is that the sister who did the research on talks about. When all sisters are through with their historical backgrounds, the answers are revealed and a prize is given to the sister who got the most right. A little bit like Paul Harvey’s, “The Rest of the Story.” Some important women that were suggested by the committee were: **Hillary Rodham Clinton** – Former First Lady of the United States, Senator from New York and Secretary of State under President Barack Obama. Led reform program for the Arkansas educational system; **Queen Rania** of Jordan – popularized education to increase empowerment and literacy for women; **Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner** – first female president of Argentina, who brought their economy from bad to booming; **Oprah Winfrey** – Philanthropy and education; **Sonia Gandhi** – president of the Indian National Congress, reformed a culturally diverse population; **Condoleeza Rice** – Professor of political science at Stanford University and Secretary of State under President George W. Bush.

## “SO MANY BOOKS, SO LITTLE TIME”

Our committee received many suggestions on books to read about famous women.

1. “No Higher Honor”; “Uncertain Allegiance: The Soviet Union and the Chechoslovak Army”; “A Memoir of My Extroidinary, Ordinary Family and Me”; 3 books by former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice
2. “Hard Choices”; “Living History” and “It Takes a Village”; 3 books by Hillary Rodham Clinton
3. “19 Stars of Indiana”; Exceptional Hoosier Women by Michael Maurer.  
\*Teaser: Do you know who Patricia Miller is more popularly known as?
4. “When Everything Changed”; The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins
5. “We Women of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:” Challenges and Achievements of the Modern Time Role of Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by Josette S. Shriner
6. “Women’s Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”; The Encyclopedia of Practical Ideas
7. “Women and Poverty in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America”; by Paula Dail
8. “God Chicks: Living Life as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Babe”; by Holly Wagner
9. “Before We Were Free”; by Julia Alvarez
10. “The Edge of Change: Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Press”; by June O. Nicholson, Pamela J. Creedon, Wanda S. Lloyd and Pamela J. Johnson
11. “Sweet as Pie, Tough as Nails”; Autobiography of Paula Marshall, CEO of Bama Pie Corp. (Her company makes the pies for McDonald’s)

***OTHER NOTABLE WOMEN TO STUDY AND SHARE***

1. **Christiane Amanpour** – international journalist who has covered everything under the sun, including wars and peace-making, despite changes in her life including marriage and motherhood.
2. **Malala Yousafzai** – who made international headlines by standing up to the Taliban, standing up for education for females, surviving an assassination attempt, writing a book and winning a Nobel Prize.....all by the age of 17.
3. Authors Barbara Kingsolver, Toni Morrison, Joyce Carol Oates, Ann Patchett, Donna Tartt, Amelia Peters (The Amelia Peabody books), and Jessica Fletcher (author of the “Murder She Wrote” series) and Catherine Coulter.
4. A study of First Ladies of the United States. While there are only a few who fit the category of “21<sup>st</sup> Century Women” many of our first ladies have been trailblazers for women’s rights, leadership and empowerment.
5. A program on Mother Theresa and her many accomplishments working with the poor of this world.

### ***Let's Go to the Movies!***

There are so many movies about women that all of us love to watch! Here is a list of the 50 Greatest Female Movie Characters. You decide!

1. Scarlett O'Hara (*Gone With the Wind*)
2. Clarice Starling (*The Silence of the Lambs*)
3. Ripley (*Alien Series*)
4. Dorothy Gale (*The Wizard of Oz*)
5. The Bride (*Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2*)
6. Princess Leia Organa (*Star Wars Series*)
7. Mary Poppins (*Mary Poppins*)
8. Sarah Connor (*The Terminator*)
9. Marge Gunderson (*Fargo*)
10. Holly Golightly (*Breakfast at Tiffany's*)
11. Miss Gulch (The Wicked Witch of the West) (*The Wizard of Oz*)
12. Cary White (*Carrie*)
13. Juno MacGruff (*Juno*)
14. Marion Ravenwood (*Raiders of the Lost Ark*)
15. Bonnie Parker (*Bonnie & Clyde*)
16. Ilsa Lund (*Casablanca*)
17. Nurse Ratched (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*)
18. Annie Wilkes (*Misery*)
19. Erin Brockovich (*Erin Brockovich*)
20. Jessica Rabbit (*Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*)
21. Blanche DuBois (*A Streetcar Named Desire*)
22. Mrs. Robinson (*The Graduate*)
23. Sugar Kane Kowalczyk (*Some Like It Hot*)
24. Norma Desmond (*Sunset Blvd.*)
25. Elizabeth Swann (*Pirates of the Caribbean*)
26. Annie Hall (*Annie Hall*)
27. Margo (*All About Eve*)
28. Martha (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*)
29. Eve (*All About Eve*)
30. Regan MacNeil (*The Exorcist*)
31. Hildy Johnson (*His Girl Friday*)
32. Joan Crawford (Mommy Dearest)
33. Madeline Elster/Judy Barton (*Vertigo*)

34. Phyllis Dietrichson (Double Indemnity)
35. Mildred Pierce (Mildred Pierce)
36. Sally Bowles (Cabaret)
37. Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley/The Monster's Bride (The Bride of Frankenstein)
38. Susan Vance (Bringing Up Baby)
39. Hermoine Granger (Harry Potter Series)
40. Bridget Jones (Bridget Jones's Diary)
41. Alex Forrest (Fatal Attraction)
42. Mrs. Danvers (Rebecca)
43. Mrs. Eleanor Shaw Iselin (The Manchurian Candidate)
44. Catherine Tramell (Basic Instinct)
45. Matty Walker (Body Heat)
46. Vicki Lester/Esther Blodgett (A Star Is Born)
47. Carmen Jones (Carmen Jones)
48. Miss Giddens (The Innocents)
49. Emma "Billie" Dawn (Born Yesterday)
50. Baby Doll Meighan (Baby Doll)

***"Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men:  
the other 999 follow women"***  
**Groucho Marx**

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