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2015-2016

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Letters from Officers

From the Office of the President

Greetings to all of my Electra Province Sisters!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the nice spring weather, which has occurred upon us and is looking forward to warm, summer days that are coming upon us.

Your Electra Province Board members will be spending their summer preparing for the 2016 Conclave, "A Weekend of Elegance", hosted by the Missouri Delta Chapter in Kansas City, Missouri.

I am hoping this summer that Sandi Kayne, Electra Province Vice President, will be seeing lots of flowers being planted and growing in our Province in support of her membership theme, "Grow, Yes We Can!"

I am also hoping that Candace Moore, Electra Province Educational Director, will be hearing lots of beautiful music being sung during the summer in support of her Achievement Contest theme of nursery rhymes.

The Electra Province Board met in January for our annual Mid-Year meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, at the home of Debby Gunselman, Electra Province Treasurer. In July we will be meeting again to finalize Conclave preparations and hopefully spend a summer day enjoying the beautiful summer Kansas weather.

Please take time to enjoy summer and spend it doing something you truly enjoy. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any member of the Electra Province Board and we will do the best we can to help. Please remember we are here to serve you!

In sisterly love,
Mindy Neeley
Electra Province President



Our 2015-2016 Province Officers at Mid-Year Meeting in Lawrence:
President Mindy Neeley, Treasurer Debby Gunselman, Vice President Sandi Kayne, Recording Secretary Eileen Neeley, Corresponding Secretary Gail Allen, Educational Director Candace Moore (Immediate Past President Kay Kimball was unable to attend)

From the Office of the Vice President

Dear Electra Sisters,

I hope you all enjoyed the 2015 Conclave in Omaha as much as I did. I also appreciate your show of confidence in me by electing me as your Vice President. I am looking forward to this next sorority year and growing our membership here in Electra Province.

You should all be receiving a letter with the details of our Membership theme for the 2015-2016 Sorority year – “Yes we can grow Delta Theta Chi!” Let’s everyone get out there and beat the bushes for new members.

In Sisterly Love and Respect,
Sandi Kayne
Electra Province Vice President

From the Office of the Educational Director

Dear Electra Sisters,

Electra sisters thank you for electing me as province educational director. I'm currently busy brainstorming ideas for our music themed achievement contest. I'm very excited for this opportunity. I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Hold high the torch!
Candace Moore
Electra Province Educational Director

From the Office of the Recording Secretary

Dear Electra Sisters,

My favorite time of the year is when I see less white and brighter colors outside. When I see that happening I know Spring is coming then Summer! Nothing can bring a smile to my face faster than Spring flowers.

I will have to say this past 2015 Conclave was a special treat filled with knowledge on how to reuse various recyclable items. After Conclave the Electra Province Board had our annual Mid-Year meeting that was graciously hosted by Debby Gunselman and Cindy Whiteley helped house everyone. Thank you again Sisters for your hospitality.

Mid-Year was a bit different for me this year as I was the one responsible for recording the minutes! Nothing keeps you on your toes like making sure you have everything written down correctly. Mid-Year was good practice for our upcoming Conclave in Kansas City. Another important responsibility is my duties as chairman of Conclave 2016 so be sure to add October 14-16th on your calendars, and please keep an eye out for the Registration packets that will be going out soon.

This year has come with its share of challenges, but is a good reminder to enjoy the sweeter moment's life has to offer, and not take anyone or anything for granted. I am looking forward to Summer and all the adventures that it brings, and this year I am starting mine in Florida to visit a lifelong friend of mine. May God continue to bless everyone and help guide us on our journey through life. I look forward to seeing everyone in October right here in Kansas City for Conclave 2016.

Fraternally,
Eileen Neeley
Electra Province Recording Secretary

From the Office of the Corresponding Secretary

Dear Electra Sisters,

Thank you for having confidence in my abilities to serve as your corresponding secretary. I hope to "correspond" with all of you! I'm so bummed that I missed conclave this year but I promise to be there next year! I was stunned to learn that Candace and I were awarded the Past Presidents Award. It is very hard for me to express how much I appreciate it. There are not enough words in the English language!

Candace and I have so many ideas for the FaceBook page and just waiting on approval for the NEC, so be looking out for updates!! Tell your friends, family, and anyone else you can think of to like our page; more likes equals getting our name and message out there to the masses! I believe this will be a great year for the board and flourish in our sisterhood. In the words of Henry Ford- If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself. Here's to a successful year!

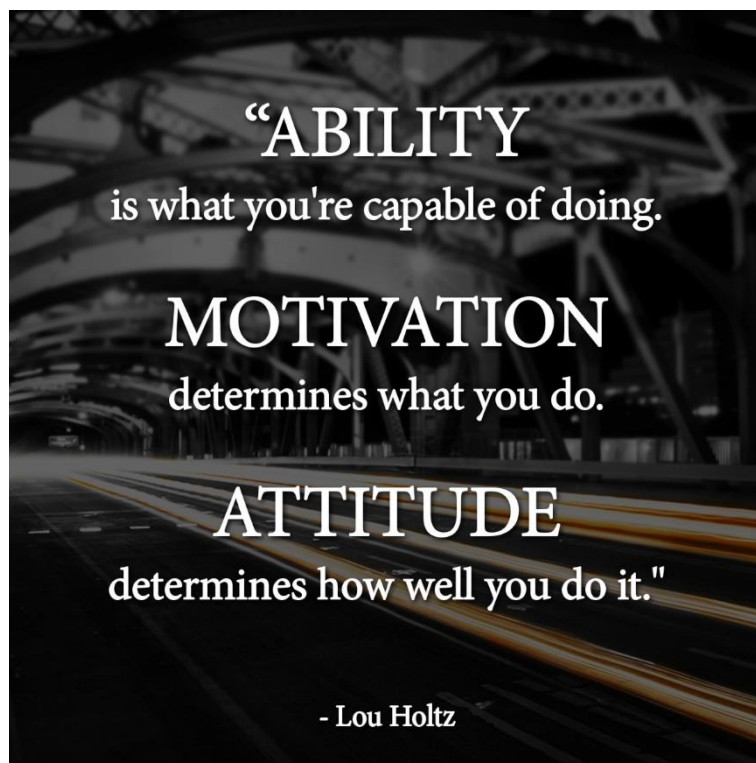
In Sisterly Love,
Gail Allen
Electra Province Correspondence Secretary

From the Office of the Treasurer

Dear Electra Province Sisters,

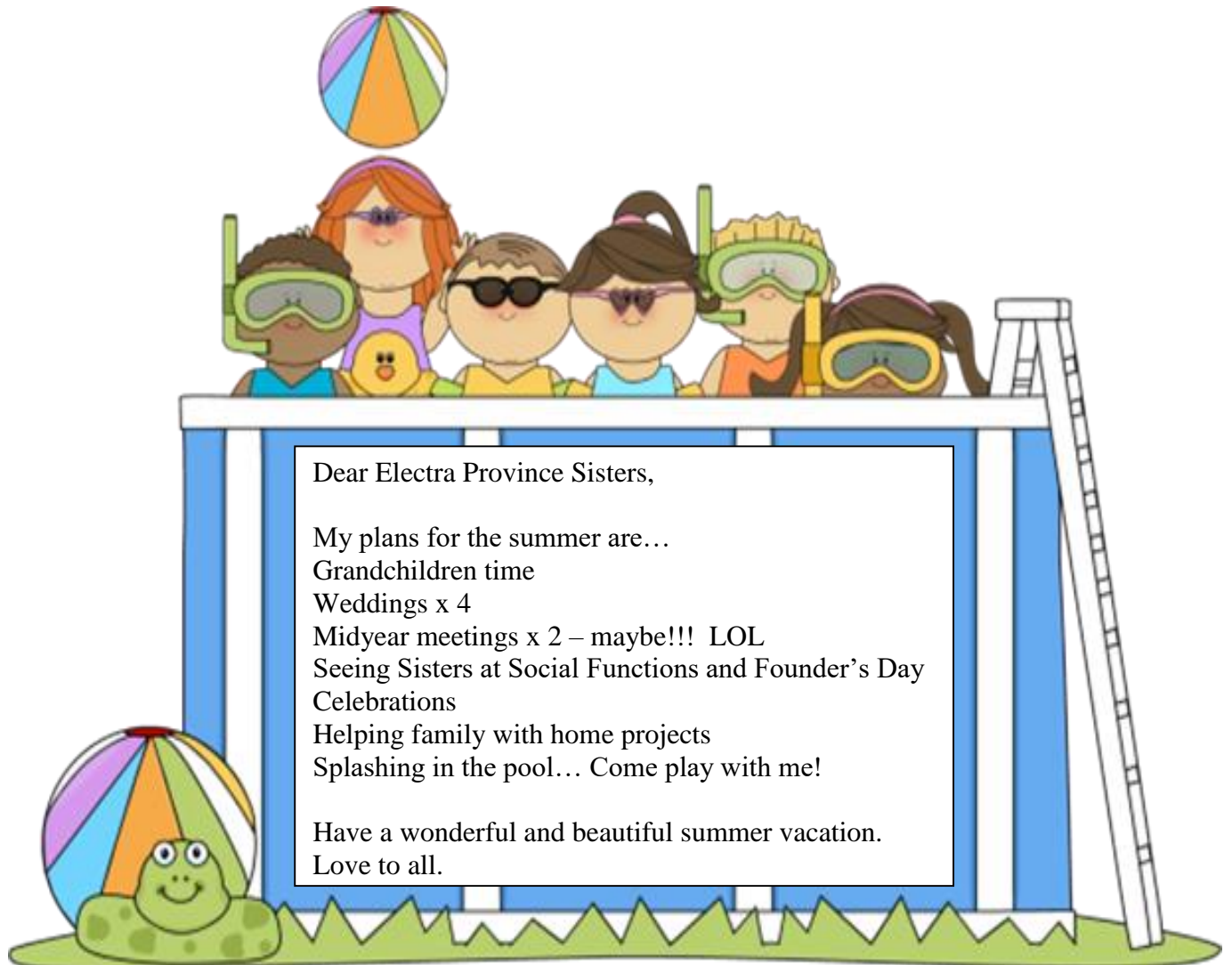
It's been a long time in coming, but I decided to try out my wings and break out of my cocoon. As a new sister on the board, I'm looking forward to gaining new knowledge and experiencing new challenges. Thank you for your confidence in me and allowing me the opportunity to serve as the treasurer on the Province Board. I will do my best to keep and maintain accurate records, for your review. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

In Sisterly Love,
Debby Gunselman
Electra Province Correspondence Secretary



From the Office of the Province Trustee

Dear Electra Province Sisters,



Dear Electra Province Sisters,

My plans for the summer are...

Grandchildren time

Weddings x 4

Midyear meetings x 2 – maybe!!! LOL

Seeing Sisters at Social Functions and Founder's Day Celebrations

Helping family with home projects

Splashing in the pool... Come play with me!

Have a wonderful and beautiful summer vacation.

Love to all.

In Sisterly Love,

Janelle Clark, Electra Province Trustee

From the Office of the National President

Dear Electra Sisters,

I just wanted to take a moment and say how proud I am of my Electra Sisters. Your Province Board does a wonderful job of keeping everything up to date and communicating. I so enjoy visiting your Province. Keep Holding Your Torch High.

Live, Laugh and Love,

Becky Kueffer

National President

Kansas Alpha

From the Kansas Alpha Chapter

We have enjoyed a busy winter and spring.

November meeting was held at Legends – home of Life Member Teresa Heald. Members and some guest enjoyed an evening of Trivia with prizes awarded.

December Christmas meeting was shared at the Atria Hearthstone facility so our Life Member Susie Sidesinger could enjoy the Sisterhood.



Our wonderful sister, Marie Beuchat, has a family of singers who, with friends, graced us and the residence of Atria with Christmas music and the songs of Delta Theta Chi.

L to R: Marie Kalas (daughter), Sean Beuchat (son), Marie Beuchat (Mother), Gary Walker (friend), Ursula Beuchat (daughter), Linda Ragsdale (friend)

In January, we cooked a healthy luncheon for ourselves at HyVee. Those in attendance had a good time: Jean Little, Dorothy Jones, Kay Grant, Pat Glidewell, Cheryl McLain, Elaine Powell, Cyndy Hunt, Jean Beaman, Agnes Burns

In February members listened to a presentation at The Tasteful Olive where the presenter shared recipes and talked how we can cook using a variety of flavored olive oils and vinegars. We then enjoyed lunch at Boss Hawgs.

L to R: Jean Beaman, Dorothy Jones, Pat Glidewell, Dorothy Jones, Cheryl McLain, Kay Kimball, Kay Foster, Agnes Burns

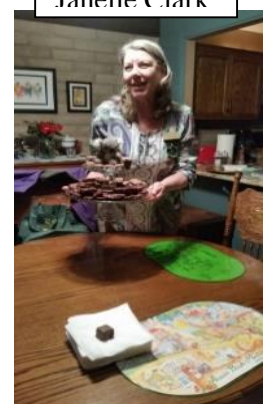


Boss Hawg's



Kay Kimball

In March we toured Australia through a power point presentation by Kay Kimball. Janelle served us Kay's homemade "Tim Tams", an Australian treat, as it has been said they are in 1 of 2 households.



Janelle Clark

During April, members have also enjoyed a Word Scramble Game Night complete with prizes.

In keeping with our focus on women, we listened to a book report, *In The Land of Invisible Women* by Qanta A. Ahmed, MD, a western educated Muslim doctor who spent 2 years working in a hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In beautifully written prose Quanta recounts her journey in learning more about her Islamic faith, but how she always has to be constantly aware and alert of what is and is not acceptable as Islam is practiced in Saudi Arabia.

During these months, members have been practicing plays to perform for members and guests at the May 9th meeting at Brewster Place, 6:00 P.M. We invite you to come see us in action!!!



Cyndy Hunt

Submitted by Cyndy Hunt

Kansas Beta

From the Kansas Beta Chapter

Spring has sprung in the Land of Oz. The Kansas Beta Chapter has been busy working their latest Book Project. The Book Warehouse in Newton, KS had an excess of books that were pulled off the shelf and wished to distribute them to area Non-profit organizations, but needed them boxed and organized first. We completed this project on by loading the remaining boxes of books onto a box truck for the Union Rescue Mission in Wichita.



We have also been busy recruiting new members as we hope to be the chapter that gets to dump the ice bucket on our National Vice President, Teresa Carter. All members are staying busy and helping each other out!

Submitted by Cathie Barber

Kansas Theta

From the Kansas Theta Chapter

Greetings from Kansas Theta. On Saturday, May 14, 2016 the Theta's are driving to Abilene, Kansas for a tour of the Eisenhower Presidential Museum. We will enjoy lunch in Abilene as well. The following day, May 15, 2016, we will gather at the home of former member Dana Baughman's Mother and Step-father, for lunch with Dana, hubby Roy and their two son's. Dana and Roy moved to Florida two years ago. Their youngest son will be graduating from Emporia Teacher's College in Emporia on the 14th also.

Submitted by Jane Loveless

Kansas Kappa

From the Kansas Kappa Chapter

The Kansas Kappa Sisters are gearing up for a busy spring and summer. The winter months included attending the Lawrence Theatre's presentation of GIRLS WEEKEN, laughing away the winter blues, we attended Cindy Whiteley's retirement party given by Topeka's Stormont-Vail Hospital, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with lots of green food and fun times. We continue to donate needed items to our local charity, Willow Domestic Violence Center and collect money in order to purchase sewing machines for third world women, giving them the opportunity to earn wages. Female authors have been chosen for meeting book reports. Many Kappa sisters have attended Founder's Days enjoying the presentations and social times with our Electra Province sisters. Future plans include organizing a book bag drive in order to collect books for the United Way's BackSnack BrainFood program. And of course, pleasing our palates while dining at new Lawrence restaurants.

Many of our sisters have already made summer travel plans. Ann Bell is planning a trip to Scotland to visit family. Cindy Whiteley will be cruising the Caribbean with Mary Kreager, and keeping her grandchildren, Rian and Kenzie, for a week in July. Gail Allen plans to visit a south Texas beach where she can "wear flip-flops, drink lots of rum, and possibly get eaten by a shark." Candace Moore is planning to attend a cousin's wedding in Arkansas. Corinne Anderson will be traveling to Boston to visit family and her granddaughter, Nora. Debby Gunselman will be spending some time "cabin" camping with her family and watching her granddaughter, Addy, while Maria spends nine days traveling between Lawrence and Manhattan, taking classes for her Master's degree.

Submitted by Debby Gunselman

Missouri Deltas

From the Missouri Delta Chapter

Summer vacation plans for the Missouri Delta Chapter will consist of our chapter working busily planning and organizing for Conclave 2016. Mindy Neeley will be enjoying her summer taking summer master's classes, along with attending Royals games with her husband. Eileen Neeley will be enjoying her summer going to Florida at the end of May to visit a childhood friend. Cheryl Neeley will be enjoying her summer going to Springfield, Missouri for a little vacation. Christine Durbin will be enjoying her summer possibly traveling to the state of New York to do some genealogy with her sister. Alexa Cook will be enjoying her summer moving. Judy Hurlbert will be enjoying her summer with a "stay"cation. Annette "Rommie" Matheson will be enjoying her summer trying to find a new home. Doris Waller will be enjoying her summer spending it in her new home.

Submitted by Mindy Neeley

Nebraska Etas

From the Nebraska Eta Chapter

With one-third of our membership often traveling for the Army Corps of Engineers, it was hard this past year to hold regular meetings. However, we did get a few meetings in! We held our annual pumpkin carving, and we made Christmas ornaments, inviting guests to both events. We did have representation at every Founder's Day, and at National. We also were able to participate in this year's Achievement Contest at Conclave. And we have started working on ideas for Conclave 2017.

Submitted by Alma Santos

Upcoming Events:

July 16, 2016	Kansas Alpha Founder's Day
August 6, 2016	Nebraska Zeta Founder's Day
October 14-16, 2016	Electra Province Conclave Kansas City, MO