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Letters from Officers

From the Office of the President

Greetings to all of my Electra Province Sisters!

I can't believe that Conclave was just two weeks ago! I want to send a HUGE congratulations to the Nebraska Zeta chapter for hosting a wonderful Conclave. I loved seeing all of the creative and inventive ways that the Zeta chapter showcased their Conclave theme, "It's a Green Thing!"

Your Electra Province Officers will be meeting Saturday, November 7th in Independence, Missouri to exchange properties and to work on immediate business. It will be great to see everyone since it will be the first time seeing each other since being installed at Conclave.

Our Mid-Year meeting will be taking place in January and my hope is to have another meeting late July/early August to discuss any last business before Conclave 2016.

I am incredibly honored to be serving as your Electra Province President this year. My goal this year as president is to attend one or two business meetings for each chapter in our province. Please remember your province officers when your chapters are hosting special events.

I am looking forward to Conclave 2016 when the Missouri Delta chapter hosts in Kansas City, Missouri. It will definitely be a "Weekend of Elegance".

Please let myself or any other province officer know of any questions or concerns you or your chapter might be facing. We are all here to serve you each to the best of our abilities. Here is to an incredible sorority year!

In sisterly love,
Mindy Neeley
Electra Province President

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Our 2015-2016 Province Officers:

President Mindy Neeley, Vice President Sandi Kaync1e, Educational Director Candace Moore, Recording Secretary Eileen Neeley, Cindy Whiteley standing in for Corresponding Secretary Gail Allen, and Treasurer Debby Gunselman

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 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 Immediate Past President

Dear Electra Sisters,

Hello from sunny California and Alcyoneland! As we find wherever we roam, DTC sisters are fun to be with and always up for a little fun. Thanks to everyone for a successful Electra Province Conclave once again and for all you each do every day to help make our sisterhood a rewarding experience. Here is hoping to see you in November.

Kay Kimball
Electra Province Immediate Past President

From the Office of the Province Trustee

Dear Electra Province Sisters,

Happy Halloween,



Happy Thanksgiving,



Merry Christmas.



It seems strange that it has been 4 months since National Convention. OH MY. I truly do wonder where the time has gone. I have been enjoying my time as your Province Trustee even as I am learning the 'duties' of my office. I thank you for your support.

I traveled to Celaeno Province in October for the chartering of their new chapter, Indiana Lambda. I gladly assisted their Trustee Susan Yoder with the installation of their officers. What a great and enthusiastic group of young women. Should you get the opportunity to visit Celaeno Province please take a few extra days to partake in their charming and interesting community. I also got the opportunity to become better acquainted with the province Sisters.

The following weekend was wonderful Electra Province Conclave hosted by the NE Zeta chapter. What a great time "Going Green ". Some very clever ideas were presented and what a marvelous time with the auction. I want to give a BIG "THANK YOU" to everyone that made a donation and made bids.

I also want to give a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to the newly elected Province Officers. I know they will do a great job.

Then, the weekend following the Electra Province Conclave, I went to Taygeta Province Fall Convention in Tulsa Oklahoma. It too was a wonderful time. Their convention theme was "Take Me Back to Tulsa", so I had to joke with them that they could not take me back as I had not yet been there! Those that attended had a 'boot-scooting, fun filled weekend. THANK YOU Taygeta.

I think it is important that we support our sisterhood by attending as many Chapter, Province and National functions as possible. I feel by attending the functions, we are showing that we are interested in our organization, and the more interest we show the more likely we will retain and gain membership.

On a more serious note. As the National Pleiad chair I want to encourage you to meet the deadlines that your Province Representative sent to you. In addition, as the National Website Liaison, please look over your chapter information on the website. If you should find you want some information added or deleted please notify your chapter liaison to contact the web maven.

I want each of you to have a wonderful and successful 2015-2016 sorority year and many years to come.

In Sisterly Love,

Janelle Clark, Electra Province Trustee

From the Electra Province Scholarship Committee Coordinator

Dear Electra Sisters,

The scholarships to be awarded this next year are as follows:

1. Loretta Cutler Electra Province Scholarship \$500.00
2. Irene Mutch Thomson Electra Province Scholarship \$2150.00

This Loretta Cutler Electra Province Scholarship is for members of Delta Theta Chi's Electra Province, and/or a relative of a family member who will be attending college and are in need of financial assistance.

This Irene Mutch Thomson Scholarship is for any student, whether or not she/he is affiliated with an Electra Province member and who attends a college or university in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, or Nebraska, and has declared a major in the Fine Arts (Music, art, dance, theatre).

These recommendations were approved by the Province Board for 2016 -2017 academic years.

Respectfully,

Patti Gray
Electra Province Scholarship Coordinator

Donation Date	Donation Amount	Donor	In Memory/ In Honor of
11/17/2014	481.50	From members who donated in lieu of corsage to Loretta Cutler /Electra Province Scholarship	
12/18/2014	30.00	From KS Theta Chapter	In lieu of Traveling Rep Gift
12/18/2014	50.00	From KS Alpha Chapter	In lieu of Christmas Cards
12/18/2014	85.00	From Cheryl McLain	Christmas Donation and in honor of Marge Strouts (Big Sister)
5/30/2015	50.00	From Joan Billings	In Memory of Syble Cocannouer and Jan Ingham
8/25/2015	50.00	From Chris Durbin	In Memory of Billie Godbold and Peggy Heald
8/25/2015	30.00	From Nelda Sidesinger	In Memory of Billie Godbold and Peggy Heald
8/25/2015	25.00	From KS Alpha Chapter	in Honor of Janelle Clark
8/25/2015	25.00	From L. Elaine Powell	In Memory of Billie Godbold
9/30/2015	25.00	From Chris Durbin	In Memory of Bonnie Priem
9/30/2015	100.00	From KS Alpha Chapter	In Memory of Billie Godbold and Peggy Heald
9/30/2015	75.00	Electra Province Board	In Honor of Billie Godbold - 2015 Betty Biefeldt Award Winner

ELECTRA PROVINCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

IRENE MUTCH THOMSON 2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP

The Irene Mutch Thomson Electra Province Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the scholarship fund offered two \$1,700.00 scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic years. The recipients of these scholarships are Ms. Rachel Lord and Ms. Jasmine Thompson.



Ms. Rachel Lord will attend Kansas State University pursuing a bachelor of fine arts degree with plans to become a professional artist/art director. Rachel stated that art has had the same impact on her life as much as music. It was impossible to decide if she loved band more or art more, as they are just equal to her. After completing her four-year courses at K-State, and after having started a career in art, she plans to get a master's degree in fine arts. In addition to being an art major, she plans to get a minor in music and participate in many bands at the University. She would love to offer private lesson,

learn to play the alto saxophone, be involved in community bands and ensembles. She hopes to influence people's imagination and ideas through art and music.

Rachel has been involved in many extra-curricular activities such as National Honor Society, Emporia State University Honor Band, Kansas State University Concert Band Clinic, S.A.D.D., Spirit Club, Golf varsity, and much more.

CONGRATULATIONS Rachel Lord!!



Ms. Jasmine Thompson will attend the University of Nebraska, Kearney, NE pursuing a major degree in graphic design with a minor degree in art. Jasmine stated that after she visited colleges and seeing college level work, she knew graphic design is where her heart lies! She stated that becoming a graphic designer would make possible to depict words into pictures. The audience will understand the information provided by observing. Her passion is to work with colors, designs and different fronts to incorporate the meaning of a piece.

Jasmine was a member of the National Honor Society, designed logos for a cheer camp, a concealed and carry class and the 2013-2014 yearbook cover. While attending school she worked and was active in cheer and NHS, FFA, and FCCLA.

CONGRATULATIONS Jasmine Thompson!!

LORETTA CUTLER 2015-2016 SCHOLARSHIP

Unfortunately, due to the vagaries of the market, there has not been a Loretta Cutler Scholarship awarded for several years. However, because of the recent changes to the Scholarship fund, there should be a scholarship every year going forward.

Kansas Alpha

From the Kansas Alpha Chapter

Kanas Alphas started the new year with the annual pot luck supper. Then in October, some of our sisters enjoyed fun and fellowship at the Electra Conclave. Kansas Alphas were happy to report they came in first in the skit contest and in the History Book contest. Our sister Billie Godbold was given the Bettye Biefeldt Award at Conclave. However, on a sad note, Billie had passed away during the summer. She will be greatly missed because she truly was a sister in the very highest sense.

Once back in Topeka, the Alphas invited the children of friends and members to a Pumpkin Carving Contest.

A good time and a good messy time was had by all. Upcoming events are a talk about Kansas Mission of Mercy, trivia night, Washburn gift wrapping, Christmas pot luck and gift exchange and in January a cooking lesson. They are also exploring new opportunities to volunteer in the community. Kansas Alphas wish all our sisters a safe and bountiful holiday season.



Submitted by Cyndy Hunt

Kansas Beta

From the Kansas Beta Chapter

The Betas enjoyed their practice sessions for the Friday Night “Hotty Hollyhock Murder Mystery”. They even practiced for at one of the Rush events they held. Everyone had a wonderful time preparing for the skit.

After electing and installing their new officers, they held their annual summer meeting for planning and budgeting for the 2015-2016 sorority year. There was a social held at a fairly new restaurant, Bricktown Brewery, to celebrate July and August birthdays. This event was attended by a couple of the Province Board members, Kay Kimball and Sandi Kayne. The Educational Director, Trish Schmidt has organized an event to help serve dinner at The Lord’s Diner, so the next social was to attend a food handling class

at a local parish. Trish has also scheduled many good educational meetings for the upcoming year.

There were twelve Kansas Beta sisters in attendance at Conclave this year, including LaVerne Gates, who has been have problems with her eyes. Everyone was so happy that she was still able to attend.

For those of you who were not at Conclave, the Betas challenged every chapter in Electra to increase membership. The chapter with the most new members will get to “play dirty” with our National Vice President prior to the “Ice Bucket Challenge” at 2017 National Convention. So, just to give everyone a heads up, we already have tendered membership to Kathy Knitig, Paula Smotherman’s biological sister as well as her new Little Sister. Lenore Warne is working on Kathryn DeBoer who is almost ready to join. So, Sister Teresa, get ready to get “down and dirty” at 2017 National Convention!

Submitted by Cathie Barber

Teresa Carter, Kansas Beta was awarded the *Peggy L Johnson 2015 Distinguished Service Award* from Susan G Komen Kansas Affiliate for her many years of service to Komen. Teresa has served on everything from cleanup crew at the Race for the Cure® to president of the Affiliate Board of Directors. She currently has returned to the Affiliate Board of Directors as the Treasurer. Teresa continues to dedicate time to this great breast cancer organization because of her friends, family members and DTC sisters affected by this disease.



Kansas Theta

From the Kansas Theta Chapter

Jane Loveless and Vicki Lignitz attended National Convention in Kansas City. Darlene Peck’s Mother celebrated her 102nd birthday in October. Also celebrating a birthday in October was granddaughter, Immy who celebrated her 2nd. Bess Brewer and Jane Loveless worked at the Washburn Bookstore assisting with those heavy book bags. Bess Brewer, Jane Loveless, and Vicki Lignitz attended the Electra Province Conclave in Omaha. Jane Loveless will be attending Alcyone Province’s Convention. Prior to the Convention, Jane, Pat Jover and Debbie Doubledee will visit the Reagan Library. Following the Convention Jane Loveless and Joyce Miller, Alcyone National Trustee will visit the Nixon Library. (These trips are on Jane’s bucket list to visit as many Presidential Libraries as possible.)

Sadly, our dear Sister Bonnie Priem lost her seven-year battle with cancer in September.

Submitted by Vicki Lignitz

Kansas Kappa

From the Kansas Kappa Chapter

The Kansas Kappa Sisters had a busy year of attending meetings, socials, Founders's Days, Nationals, and Conclave. Meetings included educational presentations on trips to Scotland and Hawaii, Gaelic symbol and phrases, the history of The Hurricane (which preceded the Pleiad newsletter) and a program on a glass blowing studio. Together, we attended a Mary Poppins play, Christmas Vespers, a KU Women's "Pink" game, and enjoyed different cuisines throughout Lawrence. We continue to collect and donate items to the local center for abused women, as well as purchasing sewing machines in order for third world women to earn wages.



Nationals were moving as a few of us attended Nationals for the first time. Candace and Gail gave a presentation on Social Media for DTC and launched the Facebook page within days of Nationals concluding. We hoped everyone enjoyed their "Thank you" bags and their visit from Slugger. GO ROYALS!

Our 11th Founders day was a "Poppin" success! Who knew how exciting it would be to "pop" the balloons! We had a blast attending "It's a Green Thing" Conclave. We gave an educational program on Elizabeth Barrett Browning and installed three Kappa sisters (Debby,

Candace, and Gail) to the board. Candace and Gail were honored to receive the Past President Award at Conclave (Gail found out a week later since she missed conclave this year.). Overall, we have been participating in quite a few activities this year and are energized to see what next year has in store for the Kappas.



Submitted by Gail Allen



Candace Moore and Gail Allen are honored to receive the 2015 Past Presidents Award for our efforts in creating and maintaining the Delta Theta Chi Facebook page. Gail was unable to attend conclave this year so her KS Kappa sister's surprised her at our chapter meeting the following Thursday.

Missouri Deltas

From the Missouri Delta Chapter

The Missouri Delta Chapter would like to congratulate the Nebraska Zeta Chapter for hosting a wonderful Conclave this October. Our chapter officially welcomed Alexa Cook by initiating her at Conclave. She finds herself “reloved” in our sisterhood. Our chapter is hard at work preparing for a “Weekend of Elegance” in Kansas City, Missouri, October 2016.

Submitted by Mindy Neeley

Nebraska Zetas

From the Nebraska Zeta Chapter

Nebraska Zeta sisters mixed work with pleasure during our numerous meetings to plan and prepare for hosting Electra Province’s Fall Conclave. The theme, “It’s a Green Thing”, morphed into table decorations and programs that were smart, detailed, elegant and “green” in that they were made of re-purposed and re-used, items that could be re-loved. We celebrated the success of Conclave as a group and with our spouses by having a nice dinner and conversation at a local restaurant. Our chapter is proud to have been awarded the Crystal Flame Award at the National Convention for our ongoing work with the Ollie Webb Center and their literacy efforts for adults with developmental disabilities.

On a more personal note: Lana and Dwight Olson recently returned from extended travel to North Dakota, Minnesota, Michigan, New Jersey and the New England states as well as six weeks in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Karen and Charlie Tichy traveled to Prince Edward Island for summer vacation. Karen is enrolled in a French Language class in preparation for a trip to France in 2016. Mary and Dick Kreager traveled to Nashville and then on to South East Ohio, where Mary added to research on her family history.

Submitted by Mary Kreager

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:

November 21, 2015

Kansas Theta Founder's Day

March 12, 2016

Missouri Delta Founder's Day

March 29, 2016

Kansas Beta Founder's Day

Don't forget to submit your latest news for the
Spring 2016 Pleiad.



Deadline April 15, 2016



Always remember those that have gone before us

**Billie Godbold
July 26, 2015**

**Margaret "Peggy" Heald
July 31, 2015**

**Bonnie Priem
September 10, 2015**

