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I wish I were writing a fascinating story
Of parties and fundraisers and moments of glory
But instead, I am sitting here racking my brain
As I fear this submission will be rather plain



Our kids are remote, and our sisters are weary
We've had nowhere to go and it's hard to be cheery
We haven't had meetings, we haven't had fun
This has all got to stop cause there's work to be done!

We might sell some knives or some good butter braids.
We've GOT to do something.....money has to be made!
The 'Rona has beaten us down, so it seems!
It's dampened our spirit and killed all our dreams!

At least it hasn't zapped ALL "sister powers"...
We've still managed to gather philanthropy hours!
We've run other's errands to the store and whatnot....
We've also given them rides to get Covid shots!

I hope we see an end to this quarantining...and soon!
I'm tired of all of the despair and the gloom.
I need to see all of my sweet sisters' faces
Sitting side by side in our meeting places!

We need to hear laughter and we all need to pray
That this darn pandemic will soon go away!

Until that happens per the
Man up above....
We can all hold tight to our
sweet Delta love!

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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



“Sew Seeds of Friendship”

Julie Swoveland
National President

Spring Greetings from Your National President

2020 is now in our past and we can only hope and pray 2021 will provide us a better future. Spring is on the way and for me that means new growth and new beginnings...the reason I love Springtime.

THANK YOU to all Delta Theta Tau sisters for checking on others, coming up with new ideas for making Philanthropy dollars and finding new ways to continue to conduct chapter business. We are an **AWESOME** group of women!

As this article is being written I am preparing for our Midyear Meeting. The necessary Sorority business will be accomplished, and business conducted at the meeting will be:

- Reviewing 2020 Province Convention Financial Reports
- Reviewing Midyear Reports of all the National Officers and National Committees
- A review of the 2021 National Convention by Coordinator, Jean Brower, PNP
- Rules and Forms updates
- Delta Home Report
- Contracts
- Review of the proposed legislation presented from chapters and National Council and Board of Trustees
- Philanthropy Committee Report
- A redesign of the Delta Theta Tau brochures

As we move forward continue to come up with fresh ideas and praying for those that have been touched by COVID.

Spring is the time to start planting seeds. Stay safe, take care of yourselves and continue to **“Sew Seeds of Friendship.”**

Delta Love,

Julie Swoveland
National President

Sew Seeds of Friendship

Perfect Vision Voluntary Project

Since the 2020 National Convention was canceled last year, we did not have an opportunity to do the VSP Eyes of Hope that Bonnie Wells, PNP, had presented in the Spring 2020 issue of GRIT. I would like to carry this over to this year's National Convention. When Bonnie was installed as President, she had an idea to pursue a philanthropy project for National Convention that would not cost anyone any money and will garner us some press. After searching several options, she found VSP Eyes of Hope. This is similar to the Lions Club eyeglass collection project. Eyes of Hope provides collection boxes at convention for free, with postage. All we need to do is clean out our drawers at home and bring old eyeglasses and even sunglasses to convention to drop into the boxes at the Philanthropy Committee Publicity Board.

VSP Eyes of Hope is working together with Doctors of Optometry, community and charitable partners, and public officials to increase access to eye care and eyewear where it is needed most. During recent catastrophes Eyes of Hope partnered with other non-profit aid groups to provide eyewear and exams to survivors.

After **Hurricane Harvey** they helped 750 teachers and educators who were among those who lost everything, Care was supplied by local doctors, all of whom had practices destroyed or damaged.

After **Hurricane Maria** nearly 200 pediatric patients, their families and the hospital staff received eye care and eyewear. Of those patients who received exams, nearly 70% needed prescription glasses.

Following the **Camp Fire**, a VSP Eyes of Hope mobile clinic was stationed in Chico for two weeks to care for those who were affected by the wildfire and support local VSP network doctors whose practices were damaged. In total, nearly 900 people received access to eye exams and replacement glasses.

As of 2018, Eyes of Hope has provided access to free eye care and eyewear globally for more than 2.5 million in need, including 119,000 people affected by disasters in the US.

There is absolutely **no cost to the Sorority** to do this special project. Eyes of Hope will supply boxes and mailers to send the glasses to them. AND, for our members who would like to participate - **EYEGLASSES WEIGH NEXT TO NOTHING IN YOUR SUITCASE.**

Boxes will be set up in the back of the meeting room for any donations of eyewear, prescription eyeglasses, frames only, or even sunglasses.



More than 2 billion people globally need glasses but lack access due to income, distance, or disaster. Seeing clearly provides the opportunity for adults and children to succeed at school or work, and care for their families.

Eye Make A Difference®, an Eyes of Hope® program, is a no-cost way for companies, individuals, and organizations to donate glasses to help those in need.

Helping others see is easy.



We accept complete sets of prescription glasses or readers with plastic or metal frames and intact lenses.

Please note that we can't accept lenses without a frame, broken or damaged eyewear, eyewear cases, or contact lenses.

Please bring your spare glasses to National Convention
to help provide vision for those in need

Secretary of Philanthropy



*Mary Beth Godsey
Secretary of Philanthropy*

In my world, there are lots of teams. There is my much-loved IU Track & Field team and all the rest of IU sports. My church team and most of all the Delta Theta Tau team. They say there is no "I" in team, but I see lots of I's in teams. Not personal I's, but I's like Inspiring, Innovation and Intensity. These 3 words are the soul of a team.

This year Team DTT has had to use the 3 I's over and over again. Due to the pandemic, chapters had to be innovative with their fundraising ideas.

Basket auctions, Quilt drawings, and other items were offered to members of Delta Theta Tau thru our Facebook page. Delts have held social distancing garage sales, and craft fairs to make our philanthropy funds.

It has taken intensity to have chapter meetings by Zoom and Google Meet. Chapters have done Installation of Officers, Initiation and Founders Day ceremonies all in a new way. Sometimes it is hard to stay focused on chapter relationships when you just see each other once a month on a computer screen. To keep the sisterhood going takes intensity each day.

Last, I is Inspiring. Delta Theta Tau has inspired me all year when I have gone over the Form 52's. Seeing the money that has been raised in tough times and the many volunteer hours done by chapters is just beyond belief. **Congratulations Team DTT! You are AWESOME!!!**

*Mary Beth Godsey
Secretary of Philanthropy*

IMPORTANT FORM 8 NOTICE!

In order for deceased members to be included in the National Convention Memorial Service, names must be submitted on a Form 8 by June 15, 2021.

The GRIT mailing list is updated via Form 8 submissions.

NAME & ADDRESS CHANGES, MEMBERSHIP STATUS CHANGES, ETC.
must be submitted on a Form 8

**Send Form 8 to Executive Secretary, Beth Wallis,
500 S Colfax, Martinsville, IN 46151-2309**

Chairman, Board of Trustees



*Julie Callis
Chairman, Board of Trustees*

As I sit to write this article, there are still so many uncertainties for Delta Theta Tau Sorority's future in 2021. What I do know is that we will SURVIVE! The love and friendships that this sisterhood has developed can withstand this pandemic and become stronger because of it. I realize how much I miss the little things I took for granted prior to the pandemic. Such as shaking a new acquaintance's hand, a hug from a family member or friend, a smile of kindness or encouragement, now hidden behind a mask. I look forward to the day when all those little things return to everyday life. I pray that we are able to meet for National Convention at the Columbus Marriott Northwest in Dublin, Ohio and our fall Province Conventions too. We need to be together, it has been way too long. We need the hugs, the laughter, and the companionship. I pray that each Chapter and Alumnae are healthy and making plans to continue their growth and giving in the New Year! Please know that your National Officers are here for you, so do not hesitate to reach out if you need us. **Delta Love to each and every one of you, and I look forward to seeing you all at National Convention in July!**

*Julie Callis
Chairman, Board of Trustees*

***** IMPORTANT *****

FORM 6 – Chapter Treasurer's Financial Report

Each Chapter and Alumnae Association **must** send a copy of their May 31, 2021 Year End Treasurer's Report, **Form 6** to the Chairman, Board of Trustees as soon as possible, after **5/31/2021** and **no later than 6/30/2021**. This document is important for our tax filing. Copies can be mailed or emailed:

MAIL to:
Julie Callis
Chairman, Board of Trustees
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EMAIL, by **PDF attachment**, to:
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REMINDER: Any chapter having a gross income over \$50,000 must file their own Form 990. Those chapters will not fall under the Form 990 filed for DTT by the Auditor.

WEBMASTER



Michelle Greenwell
Webmaster

Now more than ever this past year has proven just how essential technology is. Many chapters have been meeting by conference call or Zoom if unable to meet in person. Going Live on various platforms has allowed events to be projected to large masses when unable to attend in person. I could go on and on about how important the digital space is. Marketing your chapter is also one of the things you need to be doing in an online space. If your chapter doesn't have a presence in the digital world, I encourage you to make that a goal for 2021. We will go over this more at National Convention but here are few resources in this article.

How can you do that?

One of the easiest ways is through Facebook and or Instagram. These platforms are a free and easy way to showcase your chapter's presence in the community.

What if I don't know how to create a Facebook page?

Did you know I can help walk you or your chapter through this process? I am always happy to show chapters how to do this. All you must do is have a willingness to learn. We can do this through Zoom or this summer at National Convention I can show you in person.

What if we aren't doing any philanthropy work right now, what can I post?

Post about your members, past projects, testimonials from attending a province or national convention, leadership positions, behind-the-scenes of meetings and so much more can be shown on a Facebook or Instagram page. If you don't have the time to post often, I can show you how to schedule posts so that they automatically post on Facebook! Trust me, it is so easy and saves so much time.

Struggling with memberships?

This is just ANOTHER way to recruit potential members, especially those of a younger generation.

Our main goals of our chapters are to serve our community through philanthropic projects and increase the name of Delta Theta Tau. Doing this in a digital space is something that I highly recommend doing. As I said previously, I am always willing to answer questions and assist chapters with the creation or content of their digital presence. Feel free to reach out to me at dtmgreenwell@gmail.com or call me at (573) 473-7764 for any questions.

Additionally, I am very excited to begin a monthly program where we can get to know each other called Delta Connections. This is a happy hour social opportunity via Zoom and will give us the chance to connect with each other. Bring your glass of wine or water let's talk about what is going in our lives. This will be every last Friday of the month at 7pm Central Time. March 26th at 7pm CT will be the next one. Go to the private Facebook group or email me for the Zoom link.

Let's do everything we possibly can to work together and accomplish our goals in 2021.

Michelle Greenwell
Webmaster

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Delta Home Program Directorate



Julie's theme this year is all about "**sewing seeds of friendship**." Her winter GRIT article talked about how well our Delta sisters are adjusting to the trying times we find ourselves in and forging ahead in spite of everything we face. We are creative and we are strong. We continue to find new ways to work together to accomplish our mission!

Consider the story of the Delta rose shared during our memorial services—that rose found a way to thrive and so have we. As you watch the trees budding and flowers starting to bloom this spring, we want you to take a moment to see if you or any of your Delta sisters may not be thriving financially. Please review the requirements of Delta Home to see who may qualify for this monthly financial assistance program.

So, who qualifies for the Delta Home? She'll need to:

Be 60 or older (Except under exigent circumstances)

Be a DTT member for at least 7 years

Have financial need greater than income

Have paid her Delta Home dues of \$2 per year (Or paid \$100 in lieu of annual payments)

If you or someone you know might qualify, please contact Terri Shannon, Delta Home Directorate President, for an application or to ask questions. Give her a call at 513-255-5043 or email her at shannot1@miamioh.edu. We take great care to make sure every applicant's and recipient's information remains confidential.

After we receive your application, we'll usually let you know if you are approved or not within a few weeks. If approved, assistance can start the following month. We will usually pay one of your bills each month, such as your mortgage, insurance, car payment, or utilities, etc., depending on your financial need. The amount we can provide is based on Delta Home Standing Rules.

Keep in mind that the most common reason a sister is denied is because she is receiving Medicaid assistance. Once a sister goes on Medicaid, Delta Home can no longer help her financially.

This program exists to help Delta Theta Tau members. If you are having trouble paying your bills each month, please ask Terri for an application. If you see a sister in need, please speak up and let them know about the program. We accept and review new applications year round—so don't delay.

Brenda Watkins

Promotional Committee Chairman

Delta Home Directorate

Delta Home Board pictured L to R: Bev Edwards, Terri Shannon, Laura Gullett, Brenda Watkins—(not pictured: Jean Stomberski)



National Philanthropy Committee

The National Philanthropy Committee met on Saturday, January 9, 2021 via Zoom for their Midyear Meeting. Those attending were Ryan Parsons-Rozycki, Chairman; Brenda Moore, Secretary; Linda Dressen, PNP, Third Member; Julie Swoveland, National President, and Mary Beth Godsey, National Secretary of Philanthropy.

The committee reviewed five grant applications. Unfortunately, three of the five were not complete so it was narrowed down to just two applications. Both of those applicants are attending Purdue University Northwest and will both be receiving grant money. Just a reminder to all chapters that if they know someone going into the field of guidance and counseling please let them know that the application is on our website and must have completed application in by December 10th.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any projects for the National Yearly Project. The committee has made a recommendation to National Council that the monies for the National Yearly Project, \$6,700.38, be awarded to NFED since no projects were submitted by chapters this year. Please remind your chapter that they need to submit a project by December 10th of each year and that information is on our website.

The Convention Delegation voted to donate \$5,000.00 to the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED) in 1997 and has been our National Project every year since then. We annually donate \$5,000.00. We all look forward each year in hearing about the research that is going on and how successful it is becoming.

Chapter Delegates, don't forget to bring news articles for the National Philanthropy Committee's bulletin board at National Convention this year.

Hope to see you all there this year since we had to miss last year.

"Sew Seeds of Friendship"

***Linda Dressen, PNP, Third Member
National Philanthropy Committee***



DELTA SONG

**Lest we forget our sisters true, the best you ever saw
We'll sing a song and pledge a hand
to Delta Theta Tau**

**We hope that you shall live for aye
your word shall e'er be law
For all of us are loyal to our Delta Theta Tau**

**Be true you Deltas ever true
in all sincerity
For none is there in all the world like our sorority**

**Chorus:
To Delta Theta Tau my dear
To Delta Theta Tau
We always will be true to you
Dear Delta Theta Tau**

2021 National Convention
“Cornfield of Dreams”
July 7-11, 2021
Marriott Columbus Northwest

Delta Sisters, we are looking forward to a wonderful fun filled time in Dublin, Ohio for the 2021 National convention. 2020 current events have definitely thrown a wrench in the planning of the 2021 National Convention; however, your hostess chapters and I are eagerly anticipating your arrival in July.

Our “**Cornfield of Dreams**” theme will center around the “**Sew Seeds of Friendship**” theme of our National President, Julie Swoveland. You won’t want to miss everything we have in store for you.

“**Field of Dreams**” **Registration** – **Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH** looks forward to registering you for our Convention.

“**Cultivating Friendship**” **Mixer** – **Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN & Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN** welcome you to the first night of fun. We will renew and make new friendships over a soup and baked potato bar. You will want to make sure you attend to see how we cultivate friendships.

“**Down on the Farm**” **Informal** – **Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH** invite you to the informal banquet in your hoe down attire for some fun filled entertainment you won’t want to miss.

“**Country Charm**” **Banquet** – **Delta Xi, Alexandria, IN** will host the evening.

“**Pop Goes the Raffle**” – **Phi, Lewisburg, OH** will host the raffle room all week and draw winners at the banquet.

Registration – Registration forms are included in this issue of GRIT and on the Delta Theta Tau website. Please note the deadline of **June 7** for delegates to be mailed to: Beth Wallis, 500 Colfax St., Martinsville, IN 46151. **June 21** is the deadline for non-delegates and non-members to be mailed to: Jean Brower, 207 E Cherry St., New Paris, OH 45347.

Hotel – Columbus Marriott Northwest has a 4 Star rating and is a newly renovated full-service hotel in the suburb of Dublin. It is in walkable distance to many unique dining options. The Tuttle Crossing shopping plaza is ½ mile away. Room rates are a flat \$119.00 per night plus 17.5% tax good for 3 days before and after convention. Each room has a refrigerator and safe. Parking is complementary. Make reservations by calling **888-801-7133 (mention Delta Theta Tau)**. Reservations must be made by **June 16, 2021**.

Transportation – The hotel is 23 minutes from the airport. Dublin taxi or Uber are the best options to get to the hotel.

Attire – Business wear only in the convention meeting room. This is defined as business dress, skirt, slacks, and capris. No jeans, shorts, or t-shirts are allowed. Exception: DTT shirts will be allowed at the Sunday Installation.

Tours – Due to the pandemic, tours were not scheduled. There will be some activities planned and there are many things in the area. Some sites to visit include the Field of Corn, Historical Dublin, Columbus Zoo & Aquarium.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 7-11, 2021 National Convention

Delegate Registrations: June 7th

Non-Delegate and Non-Member Registrations: June 21st

Hotel Reservations: June 16th

On behalf of **Gamma Pi, Zeta Chi, Zeta Alpha, Xi Gamma, Delta Xi, and Phi** chapters,
we welcome you to “**Cornfield of Dreams**”.

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2021 National Convention Coordinator
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DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.

113th ANNUAL CONVENTION

“Cornfield of Dreams”

JULY 7-11, 2021

MARRIOTT COLUMBUS NORTHWEST

DUBLIN, OH

THIS REGISTRATION FOR **DELEGATES ONLY** – Please read carefully

NAME OF DELEGATE _____

Last Name

First Name

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

State

Zip

CHAPTER _____

Chapter Name

Chapter City

Home Phone #

PAST NATIONAL OFFICER – Office _____ Honorary Member _____

PRESENT PROVINCE CHAIRMAN – Province _____

PRESENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER-Committee Name _____

July 7 “Cultivating Friendships” Mixer\$ 25.00 _____

July 8 “Down on the Farm” Informal\$ 51.00 _____

July 10 “Country Charm” Banquet\$ 51.00 _____

Registration Fee.....\$ 5.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$132.00 _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY JUNE 7, 2021, with check for \$132.00 (Fees of \$127.00 and Registration Fee of \$5.00) and REMITTANCE ADVICE FORM #7 to the Executive Secretary: Beth Wallis, 500 S. Colfax, Martinsville, IN 46151-2309.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.

In accordance with the Bylaws, for failure to comply a fine of \$15.00 will be imposed.

All delegates must show a paid-up dues book for identification to register.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO: Marriott Columbus Northwest, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH 43017. Phone: 1-888-801-7133 (mention Delta Theta Tau). Convention rate is \$119.00 plus 17.5% tax (good 3 days before and after convention). **Reservations must be made by June 16, 2021.** Reservations after that date will be accepted on a space available basis and subject to house rates.

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations for social functions for husbands, guests, or children must be made on the **NON-MEMBER** reservation form and sent to: **Jean Brower, Convention Coordinator, 207 E Cherry St., New Paris, OH 45347**

NON-DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

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MARRIOTT COLUMBUS NORTHWEST

DUBLIN, OH

THIS REGISTRATION FOR **NON-DELEGATES** ONLY – Please read carefully

NAME OF NON-DELEGATE _____

Last Name

First Name

E-Mail Address

ADDRESS _____

Street

City

State

Zip

CHAPTER _____

Chapter Name

Chapter City

Home Phone #

PAST NATIONAL OFFICER – Office _____ Honorary Member _____

PRESENT PROVINCE CHAIRMAN – Province _____

PRESENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER-Committee Name _____

July 7 “Cultivating Friendship” Mixer\$ 25.00 _____

July 8 “Down on the Farm” Informal\$ 51.00 _____

July 10 “Country Charm” Banquet\$ 51.00 _____

Registration Fee.....\$ 5.00 _____

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$132.00 _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM BY **JUNE 21, 2021**, with a check for the selected functions plus the \$5.00 Registration Fee to: Jean Brower, Convention Coordinator, 207 E Cherry St., New Paris, OH 45347

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.

All non-delegates must show a paid-up dues book for identification to register.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO: Marriott Columbus Northwest, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH 43017. Phone: 1-888-801-7133 (mention Delta Theta Tau). Convention rate is \$119.00 plus 17.5% tax (good 3 days before and after convention). **Reservations must be made by June 16, 2021.** Reservations after that date will be accepted on a space available basis and subject to house rates.

PLEASE NOTE: Registrations for social functions for husbands, guests, or children must be made on the NON-MEMBER reservation form and sent to: Jean Brower, Convention Coordinator, 207 E Cherry St., New Paris, OH 45347

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation of Registration for any affair must be made by July 4th, 2021 by calling Jean Brower at 937-336-4757 (cell)

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM
DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.
113th ANNUAL CONVENTION
“Cornfield of Dreams”
JULY 7-11-2021
MARRIOTT COLUMBUS NORTHWEST
DUBLIN, OH

THIS REGISTRATION FOR **NON-MEMBERS** ONLY – Please read carefully

NAME OF NON-MEMBER _____
Last Name First Name

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____

NAME OF MEMBER WITH WHOM YOU ARE A GUEST _____

CHAPTER NAME _____ CHAPTER CITY _____

PLEASE CHECK BELOW THE FUNCTIONS YOU WILL ATTEND:

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VENDOR SPACE NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021

Is your chapter interested in selling your moneymaker at
National Convention in Columbus, Ohio this summer?

CORNFIELD OF DREAMS

Reserve your spot early. Space is limited and the room will fill fast.

_____ Half Table.....\$15.00
_____ Full Table.....\$30.00

Chapter Name _____

Chapter City, State _____

Chairperson Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

What do you plan to sell? _____

Will you take orders? _____

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO selling of any items EXCEPT in the designated areas. The only raffle to be held at National Convention is the Official Raffle.

The VENDOR ROOM WILL BE OPEN on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm for set up; earlier if the room becomes available.

Please mail this Form along with a Remittance Form #7 and a check for balance due, payable to Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., by June 1, 2021 to:

Karen Mace, Third Member, Board of Trustees
8489 Greenwich Rd.
Lodi, OH 44254

Please do not hesitate to ask questions: karenmacedtt@gmail.com or (330) 603-9335

CONVENTION RULES 2021

1. **State and Federal COVID guidelines will be followed.**
2. Credential badges shall be worn at all convention meetings.
3. Members of the convention shall be in their seats five minutes before each meeting.
4. The Sergeant-At-Arms will not admit anyone during roll call and Sorority Ceremonies.
5. A voting member, who finds it necessary to leave a business meeting must leave her credentials badge with the Sergeant-At-Arms, to be returned when she returns to the meeting.
6. The National President may change the order of business when deemed necessary.
7. Main motions and amendments shall be written on a motion form, signed by the mover, and given to the National President, Parliamentarian and the National Secretary for the minutes.
8. Debate shall be alternated between those wishing to speak in favor of a motion and those wishing to speak against it.
9. A voting member wishing the floor shall rise, go to the microphone and address the Chair. After being recognized, give her name, chapter name and city.
10. A voting member of the convention may speak only twice on the same question unless given consent by the assembly. She may not speak the second time if someone who has not spoken wishes the floor.
11. If a non-voting member wishes to speak, she shall ask permission of the Chair and if there is no objection from the assembly, she may speak.
12. Debate shall be limited to three (3) minutes for each speaker. The Board of Trustees shall serve as time keepers.
13. All votes during the convention meeting shall be taken by a voting card unless a revote is necessary.
14. Photography is not permitted during the Sorority Ceremonies.
15. Food is not permitted in meetings or workshops.
16. Business wear only in the convention meeting room; this is defined as business dress, skirt, slacks and capris. No jeans, shorts, or T-shirts are allowed. Exception: DTT t-shirts will be allowed at the Friday morning business meeting and Sunday Installation.
17. During all business meetings, workshops, and committee meetings, all electronic devices and cellular phones will be turned off or placed on a silent/vibrating mode and must be put away (not to be on the table). Use is allowed during breaks only.
18. Pages are available to distribute all notes, messages and any other information.
19. Sales, including approved suppliers, are permitted only in the designated areas.
20. Voting members shall pay a fine to the National Secretary immediately following the close of each meeting for each:
 - \$1.00 for arriving late to any meeting.**
 - \$5.00 for failure to vote at National Election.**
 - \$5.00 for failure to attend any business meeting or workshop(s) unless excused by National Council and Board of Trustees.**
 - \$5.00 for failure to attend the model initiation and/or the installation of officers, unless written excuse is approved by the Presiding Officer.**

Terry Riester

Julie Callis

Jenny Wade

Karen Mace

Beth Wallis

LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM

ALL CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN THE LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM.

THE ANNUAL PREMIUM FOR EACH CHAPTER IS **\$50.00**.

Complete the following information and submit this form, along with payment and Remittance Form 7,
during National Convention or by mail, no later than August 1, 2021,
to the 2021-2022 Chairman, Board of Trustees.

Jenny Wade

2021-2022 Chairman, Board of Trustees

10523 Silent Grove Ct.

Stockton, CA 95209

NAME OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

CHAPTER NAME: _____

CHAPTER CITY: _____

CHAPTER EMAIL: _____

PLEASE NOTE: THIS INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER SPORTING EVENTS.

LIST ALL MONEymAKERS AND DATES FOR 2021-2022 SORORITY YEAR.

A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

TO SAVE THE COST OF MAILING, THE CERTIFICATE MAY BE GIVEN TO YOUR DELEGATE AT NATIONAL
CONVENTION OR EMAILED TO YOUR CHAPTER EMAIL ADDRESS.

THIS COMPLETED FORM, PAYMENT AND REMITTANCE FORM 7 MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE 2021-2022
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTESS BY **AUGUST 1, 2021**.

**A TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$25.00) FINE WILL BE ASSESSED IF NOT PAID BY THE DEADLINE
PER NATIONAL BYLAWS ARTICLE X, SECTION 2.**

History of the Delta Theta Tau Memorial Home



DELTA THETA TAU HOME

The information from this article was taken from GRITS 1947-1972, National Minutes and The Diamond Year.

During the 1947 National Convention in Los Angeles, California, a letter was read by the National President, Eva Joesting, from Alpha Epsilon Alumnae chapter in which they expressed "a desire for a home for aged Deltas as well as an outline for the building program, which in part as follows:

Since Delta Theta Tau was born in central Indiana, the logical conclusion is that is where the older Deltas are, so we suggest that the first Home for Aged Deltas be located there."

The letter went on to explain what the property would include: an old estate with a wooded area close to a city would be ideal, a large building with a very large dining room, adequate kitchen, living room, a room with first aid facilities, office space, baths and storage. They also wanted land so that additional cottages could be built when needed. These cottages would be for Deltas who wanted independence but could also have access to the central dining area. At this time it was moved that National Council appoint a committee to investigate the possibilities of a home for aged Deltas and make a report at the next National Convention. This committee was Lura Lee Whitesell as chairman, and members Virginia Bush, Besse Banks Marion, Margaret Klosterman, and Eileen Miller.

At the 1948 National Convention Lura Lee Whitesell, committee chairman presented a five-year financial program for the Delta Memorial Home. The following resolution was adopted by the delegation: "Therefore be it resolved that in this National Convention a financial program to be started for the purpose of establishing a Delta Home and that a five-year plan be worked out of an annual assessment of \$2.00 per capita. The assessment will include all membership. Be it further resolved that funds be used for no other purpose unless otherwise designated by two-thirds vote of the assembly at a subsequent national convention." There was considerable discussion concerning the responsibility of collecting from the membership-at-large and who would be eligible to live in the Home. It was stated by the committee that based on 8000 members at \$2.00 per person per year for five years the fund would amount to \$80,000.00 It was decided that Lura Lee Whitesell would continue as chairman and the committee assigned for this five-year plan were Mildred Stubbs, who had served as national president in 1923, became the secretary of the committee and served in this position for the next 15 years; Nova Vonderschmitt; Eileen Miller; Roberta Scott Minton and Chotsie Hamlett. The motion to accept the resolution was seconded and passed.

The 1949 convention brought numerous amendments to the national bylaws concerning the Delta Home. These amendments came from the Delta Home committee as recommendations. By 1950 convention, \$25,000.00 had been collected for the new Delta Home as Deltas journeyed to South Bend, IN. Mildred Stubbs

moved to adopt revisions to Rules and Regulations which were read at the 1949 convention. The major discussion centered around Alumnae and membership-at-large members who did not want to participate in the \$2.00 assessment for the Delta Home fund during the 1950 convention. A vote was called for - Yes - 74; No - 93. The motion was lost and Rule No. 4 stood, Alumnae and membership-at-large would be assessed. With the adoption of the amendments Deltas started paying the \$2.00 assessment during the next year.



DELTA HOME. Seated are distinguished guests and close friends of our Founder (L. to R.): Lulu VanTine, Honorary Member; Eileen Miller, Past Treasurer of Delta Home Board; Nova Vonderschmitt, Past National President, Past Delta Home Board President and Honorary Member and Charline P. Rector, Founder. Betty Lear, President, Delta Home Directors; Edna Fournier, National President and Janelyn Icerman, Past Eastern Counselor are the members standing.

At the Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati 1950, it was reported that Delta Home had a fund of \$45,000.00, and it was estimated by the golden year of 1953 it would have \$75,000.00. It was also



decided that the Delta Home would be a part of our philanthropy and the assessment would be incorporated in the chapter philanthropic report. The search to find missing Deltas who have moved from their original hometowns was enacted by all chapters.

The Delta Home Committee continued to work on the legal aspects as well as with the concerns of the members. They felt "their work would not be successful or progressive without a pre-determined assurance that the issue is sound, practical and possible," as stated by Besse Banks Marion in an article in the GRIT, Summer 1951. It was reported that all officers, active chapters, alumnae associations and Delta Home members were furnished with copies of the Delta Home Rules and Regulations and that all active chapters and 56 alumnae associations had participated in the assessments. A total of \$15,722.00 was collected that year through the \$2.00 assessment.



As the years passed, the amount of money increased in the Delta Home fund toward the purchase of the Delta Manor. The major work was in locating the MAL members who had moved and the sorority had no new address. By the 50th National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio 1958, the five years of investigation and planning were complete. Two plans were proposed by the committee: Plan 1 a new Building. This plan was based on accommodations for five residents, expansion to be made as required, estimated cost for land, buildings, and furnishings was \$79,200.00 and the minimum cost per resident required to cover room, board, maintenance and operation at this time \$125.00 per month per person. Plan 2 The purchase of Delta Zeta House at Green Castle, Indiana which housed 14 residents with expansion possibilities at a cost of \$82,000.00. The cost to resident would be the same \$125.00 per month plus an initial payment of \$5000. At this time the committee felt they were ready to determine how to write applications for entry to the Delta Home. The decision to send a questionnaire and the report of the committee to all chapter presidents, alumnae member and contributing members-at-large was made. It was also decided that the Delta Home Special Gift fund, would provide for the fees any Delta who could not afford the cost. The Special Gift Fund had been established in 1954 for the benefit of members unable to finance their entrance to the Delta Home. This fund is still active today and supported by donations.



By 1959 a property, which was described as "A beautiful property, within the area of some of the first established chapters, is being considered for purchase. Its reasonable cost, in comparison with many of the other property investigations" was decided on as our Delta Home. At the 1959 National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska the Delta Home committee presented a home in Dayton, Ohio. Pictures and a description of the property were on display during the convention for all Deltas to see. In the fall Delta Theta Tau members were invited to our newly acquired Home and the reports of the visitors were very impressive. Beautiful, gracious, charming, and HOME were some of the adjectives used in the GRIT article of Winter 1959 entitled First Impressions. "On Sunday, November 2, immediately following Gamma Province convention in Richmond, Indiana, one hundred and fifty members went to Dayton to tour the Delta Home.... Members of the four Dayton chapters acted as hostesses and guides for the house tour." A guestbook was

signed by all who attended the open house.

Mrs. Charline Rector, one of our founders, was the first resident of our Home moving in August 19, 1960. The Home was also used for meetings and visited often by National officers and members of surrounding chapters. Chapters and alumni within a fifty-mile radius of Dayton were asked to select dates that they wished to "entertain" the residents. Card games, short auto trips, accompanying them to shows, arranging transportation to church or other transportation needs and other forms of simple entertainment were suggested. This time spent with residents could be counted as philanthropy hours for the entertaining chapters. The response to this request was well received. Chapters and alumni were also generous in contributions for the Home, donating items such as books, TVs, and furniture, as well as money to purchase needed items. They wanted this to be HOME.

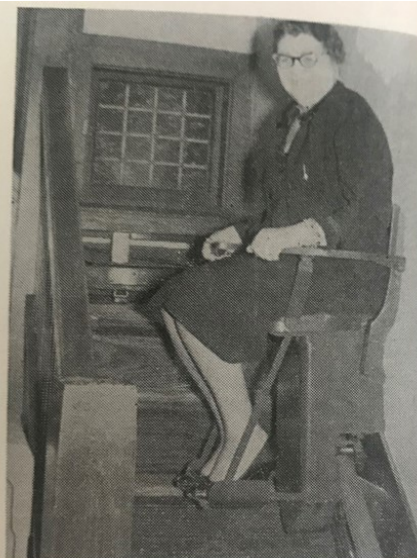
The 1963 national convention, with the theme, "Delta Dreams," was created by Mary Day, coordinator, and her hostess chapters. There 711 Deltas saw their dreams come true the week of July 17-20 while they were in the city of the Delta Home. That Wednesday afternoon a red carpet was rolled out at 528 Belmonte Park North in Dayton and 500 Deltas toured their new Delta Home. They found they were captivated by a magic quality of their sorority - here was a home they owned. It was theirs for when they would retire, and Mrs. Rector greeted each Delta in her room The Deltas of Alpha chapter, Muncie, dedicated to the founders a six-foot stone fountain on the patio of the estate, while a clump of three white birch trees was planted by the California Deltas. A poem written by Opal Arnold Hambly titled "The Tree Birch Trees," was read by Jeanne Lord and a copy of the poem was framed and hung in the Delta room of the home. (The Diamond Years, Chapter 5, pg. 206)

At the 1967 national convention, the Delta Home Directorate moved to change the name from the Delta Home to the Delta Manor to keep with the type of home that it was "and which express it's origin." The inquiries about the Home continued with all of the promotional material sent out. During the 1968 convention a questionnaire was introduced to the delegation, and was later sent to all chapter, about the number of 60 years or older members. They were trying to determine the possible number of Deltas that would be old enough to apply to be a resident of the Delta Manor. At that time statistics indicated that most active members were under sixty years of age. Of the 1200 forms returned by MALs who contributed to the Delta Home, 450 MALs in the forty to fifty age group stated an interest in the program. Concern was developing over the low number of residents, there were only five residents, and the lack of applications. Mrs. Rector was the first resident to move into the Manor, but after living there for five years, she decided she wanted to live closer to her family.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in September 1968, a report from a consultant in Gerontology was reviewed in order to figure out a way to increase number of residents. A number of proposals had been put into operation and others were being considered for the future guidance and benefit of the Home program. It was highly recommended that we admit non-members for residency until such time as the Manor was needed exclusively for Deltas. This would require revision of the National Bylaws so the Board sent the reasons for the changes and forwarded the information with the revision in mailings to all members. This change also required changes in the investment process. All money was placed in an investment program with the Trust Department of Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis, Indiana. This was explained at the 1970 national convention. Once again chapters were asked to help get the information regarding the procedure and costs to both members and non-members. There were no requests for applications for residency by non-members and only one from a



Margaret Bosley presiding for the Christmas Tea.



Can't trudge up the stairs? Then try the back CHAIR ELEVATOR, as Nova Vonderschmitt says, it's FUN!



TREE DEDICATION participants, Jeanne Lord, Delta Province Chairman and Betty Lear, President, Delta Home Directors.



MARGARET BOSLEY



Mrs. Charline Rector and Margaret Bosley at Thanksgiving.

SUNDIAL AT THE DELTA HOME

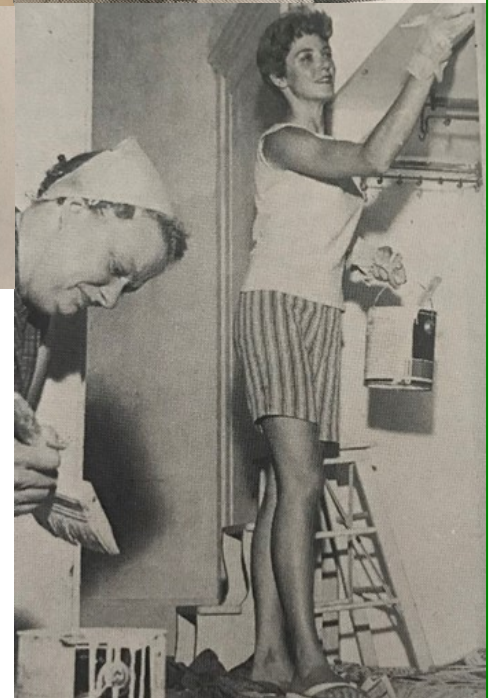


Receiving the deed to the Delta Theta Tau Home from a Camby Estate representative are: L. to R. Eileen Miller, Nova Vonderschmitt, Chairman Delta Home Project Committee; Mabel Ruhl, Bee Sims, Chairman of Board of Trustees; Herta Gola, National President; and Mildred Stubbs, Secretary of Delta Home.



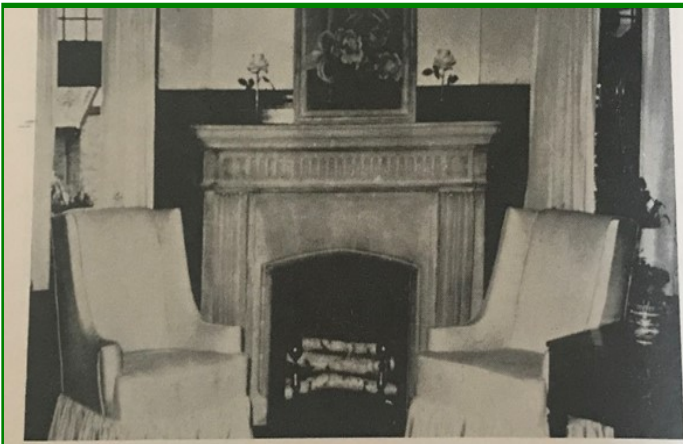
Proof in the pictures of broad smiles when Sorority members join in the "paint and mop brigade" at our Delta Theta Tau Home.

Mrs. Henry Lueke (L.) and Mrs. Charles Short paint closets; Mrs. Don Brower (R), Gamma Province Chairman, polishes the hand carved stair rails; and Mrs. Richard Howell (R.) and Mrs. Frank Marchi, consult with Mrs. Mabel Ruhl on "WHAT'S NEXT?"



member that year. The Board was aware of the concern about the economy of operating Delta Manor with so few members, at the time there were only 5 residents. It was decided that at the Board's next meeting it was time to give new direction to the Delta Home Program. It was established that the present facilities at Delta Manor were inadequate to provide the desired services for retirement living and the

Board of Directors would recommend to National Council and Board that the property in Dayton should be sold. They investigated the possibility of having two homes, one in the west and one in Midwest. Provisions would be made for the residents in Dayton if the home sold before plans were finalized.



THE DELTA ROOM. The inviting atmosphere of this special room is enhanced by the lovely light stone fireplace and white upholstered arm chairs. White curtains bear the Delta crest in green. Our sorority colors are emphasized in the green and white floral still life, painted by Mrs. Rector's daughter, and our sorority flower, the white rose, is fittingly used in complementary accessories.



Margaret Bosley at the Theremin, Florence McCouch at the piano and Charline Rector, all residents in the Delta Manor, at one of the programs they gave for the Deltas.

The focus during the next year was on selling the Delta Manor and the new direction for the Delta Home Program. Restriction of federal funds and financing slowed the progress of the sale along with a limited market for that type of property. At that time two other ideas were presented for consideration: the possibility of becoming a part of an already established retirement facility which could provide flexible care and which was already operating in several states. The second suggestion came from province workshops and chapter visits. The idea of providing financial assistance to Deltas for residence in homes in their own locale. A survey was sent to all active, associate, alumnae and MALs. The change of the type of facility to financial assistance in their own local residence was complicated because the funds collected for the Delta Home Fund were to be used for a retirement home. The Bylaws of the sorority gave the responsibility of administering these funds to the National Elected Officers and Board of Trustees of the Sorority and Directors of the Delta Home Corporation, but legal statutes regulated the manner in which this responsibility may be carried out. The Deltas in charge of these decisions still felt it needed to be the desires of the membership.

The new division of Delta Theta Tau Sorority adopted the name of Delta Home Program Directorate at the 1972 national convention. Immediately following the 1972, the necessary documents were executed to complete the sale of Delta Manor to the Greek Orthodox Church in Dayton, Ohio. The selling price was \$115,000.00 which resulted in a net gain of \$65,000.00. It was also approved by the courts in favor of removing the administrative restrictions of the use of Delta Home Funds for the sole purpose of operating a Home and authorized their use to provide financial assistance to those eligible members of the sorority who had need of such assistance for residency in a licensed home in their own area. This was the end of the Delta Manor project and the beginning of what we now know as the Delta Home Program which is still providing for the well-being of our Delta sisters in need of assistance.



At the dedication of the Delta Home Betty Lear, president of the Board of Directors, accepts the beautiful fountain, a gift of Alpha, Muncie. Seated at the left are Lulu VanTine, Eileen Miller, Nova and Mrs. Rector. Janelyn Icerman, Alpha, presents the gift.

RETIREMENT A WHIRL TO SORORITY FOUNDER

When Mrs. Charles Rector was a high school senior in Muncie, Indiana, she was caught up in what she terms a “gang movement.”

“People were getting together to start good will projects,” she remembered. “In 1903 some of my friends and I delivered Thanksgiving baskets.”

Out of this act grew the Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

And even when Indiana law banned sororities in high schools the movement had acquired enough thrust to continue among graduate branches later mushroomed.

Last August the 211 chapters and 15,000 women decided to found a home for retired members.

They decorated and refurnished the former Harry Camby home on Bellmente Park, North.

Delta’s founder, Mrs. Rector, fittingly became the first member to occupy the roomy mansion, first sorority retirement home in Dayton, one of the first in the country.

Do busy professional women have as much trouble as men adjusting to retirement? Not Mrs. Rector!

Long ago she learned to extract double mileage from her time. In 1918 Mrs. Rector, mother of three, was awaiting the birth of a fourth child when her husband died of the Spanish flu. After checking alternatives, she decided she could care for her children and pursue a career if she went into teaching. Much of her next 35 years were spent in school teaching or learning. She managed to earn a masters’ degree and to educate her four children. Still found time to labor in the far-flung Delta Theta Tau Sorority empire of philanthropy.

Over the years it (philanthropy) included a brace factory, a war orphan adoption program, health and education causes. Trips to the “Betty Troublesome” school in Kentucky found her traveling down creek beds and muleback.

“We gave a mountaineer mother her first china plate. She broke it in two. She wanted each of her daughters to eat from china,” the founder recalled.

Today Mrs. Rector is pursuing at least five hobbies with the same vitality that propelled her through her professional years. Her big upstairs room, decorated in robin’s egg blue, holds her glass collection and paintings made during travels. A kiln serves her interest in ceramics. For exercise, a walk to town or gardening. As for weekends? There’s usually a sorority convention, or the members of Dayton chapters have an outing planned for their most honored member.



Mrs. Charline Rector, enjoying her hobby of oil painting.



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Article submitted by Debbie Funk, Historian

Zeta Province Expansion & Growth Chairman

Since JoAnn Gard, Zeta PEG, had a fall, I volunteered to write her GRIT article. It is 11 degrees in Illinois and snowing as I write this Spring article. But spring will be here before we know it.

Spring is a time for renewal; a time to renew our spirit, “sow seeds of friendship”, and help make our world grow into a better place. Planting seeds of friendship and being kind to others only takes a little bit of time and doesn’t cost a lot. You could send a card or call a Delta Sister you haven’t seen lately. Small actions let others know that they are loved and valued. Our gardens will be enriched with soil and flowers, but our hearts will be filled with contentment and joy.

Invite a friend to join Delta Theta Tau Sorority even if you are meeting on Zoom or by teleconference. This will show them that even with COVID-19, we can continue to help our communities. Invite them to participate in new online projects.

I found this poem by Donald Altman

**Each spring I plant a friendship field
With seeds of loving kindness.**

**Every day I nurture my field
With caring words, actions, joys, and hopes.
I water it often with
Compassionate action and laughter.**

**Come harvest time, my field overflows with enough friendship
To warm and sustain me,
During even the darkest,
Coldest winter.**



This spring, we can enrich our soil, that is our families, friends, and Delta Sisters; planting the seeds, that’s love and appreciation of them; enjoying our flowers, that is never taking advantage of them and appreciating what we have. **Hoping we can be together this summer at National Convention to “bloom”.**

With Delta love,

Kendra Olson

Director of Expansion and Growth

*What we have done for ourselves alone dies
with us; what we have done for others and
the world remains and is immortal.
~Albert Pike*

ETA Province Expansion & Growth Chairman

Hello Sisters,

2020 sure has brought a lot of changes to our everyday life. I'm hoping that 2021 will bring some more normalcy to our life.

I've missed seeing my Sisters. I haven't been to an in person meeting in almost a year! We missed our annual Spring Luncheon, Province Convention and National Convention. While we have all missed out on so much, some of us have found that we were missing out on so much more. I took for granted all of the things I did before the Pandemic. Our weekly visits with grandparents, vacations to visit family, big hugs from friends. My sweet dachshund has loved that we have been home more. I've had to find new ways to "Sew Seeds of Friendship". I've been trying to get better about sending snail mail. I love the sweet texts I receive from friends checking in. Lunch dates at a restaurant have now been moved to parked cars several feet away. We've been making it work, but it just isn't the same.

Our chapters in ETA Province have been busy making scarves and blankets, volunteering at the Old Soldier Home, making to go bags for our homeless Veterans. We may have had to adapt in how we do things, but we aren't letting the Pandemic slow down our philanthropic efforts. While fundraising has brought on some new challenges, we aren't going to let that stop us. We can always give with our time and effort.

Spring is on the way, and with that brings new hope. Hope that we can all see our Sisters soon.

Delta Love

Janie Story

ETA Province PEG

2021 PROVINCE CONVENTION INFORMATION

Alpha & Beta

October 15-16, 2021

Sheraton Indianapolis Hotel at Keystone Crossing, 8787 Keystone Crossing

Alpha: Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Alpha Chairman Kaylee Riester,

kayriemusic@gmail.com

Beta: Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN

Beta Chairman Claire Burkhart,
claireburkhart84@yahoo.com

"Delta Rocks!"

Gamma

October 15-17, 2021

Double Tree by Hilton, Lawrenceburg, IN

Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH

Chairman Jean Brower

"The Roaring 20's"

Delta

November 5-7, 2021

Hilton/Radison, Stockton, CA

Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA

Chairman Jenny Wade

"Bee's Knees"

Epsilon

September 24-26, 2021

Thelma Keller Convention Center,

Effingham, IL

Rooms: Holiday Inn, 1202 N Keller Dr

Effingham, IL 62401, 217-347-5115

Zeta Theta, Pana, IL and

Kappa Omicron, Wood River, IL

Chairman Joyce Morgan

"Thyme for Tea"

Zeta

Wichita, KS

Lambda Gamma, Wichita, KS

Judy Beall

"Fly Away With Me"

Eta

October 1-3, 2021

Tacoma, WA

Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA

Chairman Glenna Miller

"Farm, Fare and Floral"

Theta

October 8-10, 2021

French Lick Resort, 8670 IN-56,

French Lick, IN

Kappa Mu, Carlisle, IN

Chairman Trisha Deckard

"Delta Royale"

2021 PROVINCE CHAIRMEN

Alpha	Gamma	Epsilon	Eta
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CHAPTER NEWS

Alexandria, IN - Delta Xi

Every month our trustee's office hosts a community dinner that is free to the public. This month our chapter hosted the drive-thru dinner. Duties were split up amongst our chapter between brownie makers, cooks, meal packers, and food runners. 125 meals were dished out in a record 20 minutes! This picture is those who braved the cold weather to either cook, pack, or run the meals to our community!



Next month, we have a vendor fair planned at our local Eagles Lodge with a TO GO Chicken Noodle fundraiser benefitting our former mayor who is currently battling cancer. Even amidst the pandemic, we are trying to still make a difference in our small town!

Lindsey Cuneo

Bloomington, IN - Zeta

Zeta Chapter in Bloomington continues to connect despite (waves arms) all this. Like others, our fundraisers have been challenged by the need for social distancing, but we managed a solid and safe turnout for our holiday boutique and rummage sales with a large enough space and under the ever-energetic direction of Linda Stipp. Our lone nonagenarian member joined in on Zoom for our most recent online meeting, and we're hopeful for in-person gatherings in a couple of months. Who knows - maybe the challenges of the past year and many working from home will create a demand for the social and philanthropic benefits our sisterhood offers! Keep your eyes and ears peeled for those ladies.

Delta love,
Marcey Tidwell

Brazil, IN - Alpha Omega

Does anything say Spring more than flowers? Alpha Omega chapter is gearing up for Spring

weather with our annual flower sales. We sell hanging baskets of germaniums with trailing ivy and 4.5" pots in red, violet, salmon, and pink flame. Orders will be turned in at the March meeting. Our supplier will deliver them to Forest Park in Brazil on April 24th. Each member delivers the flowers they sold just in time for Mother's Day!

Our scholarship committee delivered applications to two local high schools. Each May, two scholarships are available to applicants who are majoring in math education. The scholarship is awarded in memory of charter member, Lucia Pierce, who was a math teacher at Brazil High School for many years.

Each Spring we hold a beautifully themed Taste Treat Luncheon that serves over 100 people annually. Attendees get a taste of about 20 different recipes and receive a recipe book. Due to COVID-19, it has been postponed again this year. We have held discussions about doing a different fundraiser or possibly an outdoor or drive through option. Our 5k and cheeseball fundraisers were very profitable, and we have been so humbled by community support during these very different times.

Since our county has been in the red most of the winter months, we have not met in person for a while. Our January meeting was held by Zoom and we had all 18 members' present as well as 3 pledges!! It has been exciting to grow our chapter even in the midst of a pandemic!

Have a wonderful, safe Spring. Enjoy watching all the flowers God will give us popping up through the ground soon. All of these Springtime clues nature gives us, carry a message of hope, new beginnings and fresh perspective.

Much Love Delta Sisters,
Cindy McKinney, one of Diane's Gals



Brookville, IN – Eta Kappa

Eta Kappa in Brookville, IN met in person for their regular November meeting. The St. Thomas Lutheran Church allowed for members to comfortably social distance. Members tried a virtual Fall Fundraiser party through Pampered Chef. A check was submitted to the treasurer from a percent of our sales. Displayed at the meeting were Pampered Chef products valued at over \$200 which were earned as a bonus. The items will be used during future fundraiser events such as the lemonade shake-up stand and the Holiday Craft show.

Members gathered for our annual Christmas party with safety concerns addressed. Gifts were shared while some were skillfully taken away from others. A great night was shared and celebrated together.

January entered with the decision to conduct a conference call meeting. Positive reports were heard from the Santa Letter Committee. Becky,



Patty Jo and Margo reported on the decorated Delt tree that was in the Winter park display.

These dedicated members in the photo began their Delt journey 26 years ago. Thank you for the stability and creativity you both bring to our Eta Kappa Chapter.

Left to right: Jan Bauman, Margo Feebeck

Margo Feebeck

Brookville, OH – Kappa Xi

I am sitting here in my study/office writing to you with the snow coming down heavily and the thermometer reading 18 degrees! I then look at the issue heading of this news and see the word 'Spring'! Oh my! I hope by the time this issue gets out to all you sisters...our Ohio weather is warm, and the sights of tulips, daffodils and iris are coming up! I'm not asking for much, am I? I can dream and believe that things will be just like that!

I am afraid that Kappa Xi had to stop having their regular meetings again in the room at the park where we were meeting, due to the Covid restrictions from our Governor of no more than 10 people together. Then we also had our 10PM Curfew since November. The Pandemic has taken a toll on everyone, but we as sisters have tried to keep our spirits up and know that we will be back

together soon and doing more in our philanthropy area for Delta Theta Tau. We are scheduled to restart our regular twice a month meeting in March and we are all excited about that!

It has also been a struggle trying to decide if or if not, we are able to hold our regular money-making events. I am sure all our sister chapters are experiencing that issue also. At this writing, we know we cannot have our annual Showboat musical, because of the practices and amounts of people that purchase tickets to attend the performances. We are unsure about our Spring and Fall Bingo events also, but we are hopeful that things will change and a possible new normal will arise after more people obtain vaccines and illness/death numbers come down. We have been...and we will continue to pray!

We have continued to help our community in areas of need that we have been advised of. We feel blessed that we could continue that. We also have a couple ideas we are considering keeping our philanthropy funding coming in to cover our regular obligations and scholarship.

As we continue to heal from the Pandemic, we hope that all our sister chapters are healing, healthy and able to keep going in whatever ways that you can. We are praying for all of you and hoping that you are praying for our great sisterhood, Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. Stay safe!

Delta Love,
Vicki Mills

Chesterton, IN – Alpha Rho

Our chapter continues to meet via Zoom, we have all figured it out now and we sure enjoy seeing each other these days. Even though we were not sure how we would be able to do our one longtime and very profitable philanthropy project our Valentine's Day candy truffles, there was no way possible to meet and create these wonderful chocolates, we had to cancel this fundraiser, we earn so many volunteer hours and most of all, the nights we meet to make them and the fun we have on those evenings.

We did have a Super Bowl board fundraiser and was very successful our first time trying. We are expected to make one thousand (\$ 1,000) dollars! We sold squares for \$100 dollars and paid out 13 times for score changes and a final game score prize. We recently sold greeting card boxes, "Cards for a Cause" by Usborne Books & More in December and done well. We continue like our sister chapters to do all we can to raise money to help our community during these hard days of the pandemic still in our local towns and neighborhoods. We are proud of our chapter

officer's and members and looking forward to our new year going forward.

As I write this it has been snowing non-stop here in northwest Indiana with more Lake effect snow from Lake Michigan, "Good Grief" when will it end? We have been buried with snow every day and so ready for Spring when this issue arrives in our mailboxes!

Our big yearly Geranium flower sales will begin in April and we are looking forward to this beautiful delivery of flowers and this generates a lot of sales for us to continue to sponsor our local Chesterton High School scholarships.

As Sisters we continue to hold each other up. We are hoping to meet each and every one of you at National Convention this summer!

Karen M Wixted

Cuyahoga Falls, OH - Xi Gamma

We have been holding meetings both in person and by Zoom to accommodate all of our members.

Our Christmas time philanthropy projects included Samaritan's Purse as well as adopting a family with four children for the holiday season. We were able to provide winter coats for the two young boys and two girls in the family. We also provided a gift card to help purchase food for a Christmas dinner for them.

We are currently working on decorations for the informal event for our 2021 National Convention. It will be quite the hoedown with hay bales, tractors, and square dancing. We can't wait for the chance to gather with our sisters once again.

Peggy Paskiet

Elwood, IN - Beta

We wore masks and did our best with distancing and have made it this far! A few members and /or family members did experience Covid-19 but mildly. We are so thankful for that. We made our



Photo: Beta Chapter's Christmas party Dec. 9 - We celebrated with a dinner, meeting, and gift exchange and happy news of Ava Lee's arrival!

cheese balls and did the best we have ever done. Again, it was a whole new experience but well worth it. We made 632 in about five hours. That, as well as our Golf

Tourney, will allow us to continue our usual scholarships this May. We have all been taking it as easy as we can in order to be safe. We pray all other chapters are well. Hopefully we will be able to meet in Ohio.

When it's your turn, please consider the vaccination for Covid so our lives might return to some semblance of normalcy.

Beverly Austin, PNP

Marissa, IL - Xi Phi

New this year, the Xi Phi Chapter held a Christmas gift card raffle. The raffle was for (20) \$25 gift cards, totaling \$500. Just to name a few, some of the gift cards were for Target, Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Kohls, and Texas Roadhouse. The raffle was a huge success, naming a winner from Marissa, IL on December 16 --just in time to spread some joy for Christmas!

We also sold cheeseballs, personalized cake pans and fresh evergreen Christmas wreaths during the holiday season. Unfortunately, our annual Christmas party was cancelled due to Covid-19. However, we were able to hold a virtual gift exchange for those who participated in the Secret Sister activities this past year. Members of the sorority also donated time and food items to the local Food Pantry, the Marissa Elementary School Food Baskets for less fortunate kids, and the Cub Scouts Food Drive, which was a Stop & Drop event just before the holidays.

As we round the corner for Spring, we are exploring new ways to earn philanthropic dollars by holding a Virtual 5K. In addition, we are considering other fundraisers such as pizza sales, bake sales, and selling Usborne all occasion card boxes. Like many other Chapters, we continue to find creative ways to promote our fundraisers online and through Facebook.

Last, on the teaching and learning side of things, the Xi Phi Chapter donated to a good cause in support of a local Special Education teacher who applied as a teacher for National Board Certification. One of the requirements to receive the certification is to interact with the community. The teacher identified a need in her own special education classroom. It was evident to her that some students needed help learning how to count and spend money. Her goal was to set up a mini store in her classroom and teach them the concept of earning, saving, and spending money wisely.

She plans to stock the mini store with items the students would be most interested in purchasing. Some of the everyday practical supplies that she plans to provide include pencils, beauty and personal care items, snacks and quick food items like mac & cheese. She is reaching out and interacting with the community and local organizations to support the classroom store. Our creative, ambitious teacher who has taken on this unique challenge is none other than our reigning Chapter President and National Secretary, Mrs. Evonne Albert. Kudos to her for finding creative ways of teaching students and keeping them engaged during the challenging pandemic times that we live in today.



Evonne with grandson, Waylon

Delta Love,

Laurie Bingel

Monticello, IN - Delta Chi

Delta Sisters...

I am sorry I missed the last issue, but the Covid kinda had us all in a tizzy. Despite all of Covid we did get a few projects done...We got our Christmas family of 4 taken care of...We made Dog treats and sold them....Then we did Apple Dumplings and sold those.

We have kept the same Officers for 2020 and 2021 so this will be the year for us to change Officers. We have done a few Zoom meetings. As I write this we have just survived another HUGE snow.....And as we all know PHIL saw his shadow again...May we pray for an early Spring and for Covid to disappear.

Stay warm and safe my Delta Sisters.

Sara Clark

Muncie, IN – Alpha

Despite the pandemic our members have persevered and adapted to help meet some of the ever growing needs in our community. Our “in person” volunteer hours have decreased dramatically the past several months due to COVID-19 restrictions. One of our members continues to volunteer at a local pregnancy center for women on a regular basis. Other members have been creative in finding ways to contribute

hours from home. These projects include making rice bags and heart pillow covers for patients in our local hospital, making baby blankets for the pregnancy center, collecting jewelry and make-up for a women’s shelter designed to assist victims of domestic/sexual assault and donating food, coats, hats and gloves to school children in Muncie. We were able to maintain our tradition of selling cheeseballs and Wick’s pies with some modifications in our process. Our chapter raised enough money to meet all of our budgeted philanthropic projects for the year. A big “thank you” to all of our active, associate and alumni members for your donations of time, talents, supplies and money to assist us in achieving our goals!! We may be tiny but we are mighty and so proud of each other!

Ruth Ann Tolle

New Carlisle, IN – Kappa Rho

As I sat down to write this article for the spring issue of GRIT, we are experiencing one of the first real winter weekends we have had this 2020-21 season. We were fortunate to not get as much snow as predicted, and the bitter cold is supposed to come next weekend. This is a good reminder that we don’t know what each day will bring us and to try and remain focused on the positive every day.

Our Chapter is doing what we can with all the restrictions in place. There is the hope that more and more vaccines are becoming available and the light at the end of the tunnel. With our funds being so low, we have been very frugal in how we are using them. We will be giving our annual scholarship this May but had to cut the amount in half. By the time you read this, we will have delivered Valentine cards to all the residents at the two long term care facilities in New Carlisle. They were dropped off in mass and the employees distributed them to all residents as the visiting restrictions are still in place. We have decided that we will have our Annual Golf Scramble this coming June. We had to cancel it last year. The golf course is going to work with us to make it as safe as possible. We will have to get creative in a few areas, but as Delts we can certainly figure that out! Hopefully, by June the majority of us will have received our vaccines.

We have our sweatshirts for sale. Please check the Winter GRIT for all the information. If you have any questions, contact Bonnie DeMeyer at

bdemeyer@aol.com.

We are looking forward to being able to be together this July for National Convention! What a reunion it will be for Delta Sisters to be together, catching up and handling Delta Theta Tau business. Stay safe.

Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

As we start looking forward to spring, we are hoping to be able to get back to meeting in person. Gamma Pi has been meeting through zoom since the first of the year because of the high COVID numbers. We even decided for the safety of our members we would cancel our Christmas Party. So it has been a while since we have been able to see our members in person. We have been sharing ideas for fundraisers and community projects we can do to lift the moral of the community. In February, we decided to deliver Valentine's Day cards to the residents of several nursing homes in Richmond, IN and Eaton, OH. We brought smiles to 1139 nursing home residents when they were delivered. I hope everyone continues to stay safe and healthy!

Delta Love,

Jodi Neanen

Noblesville, IN - Eta Lambda

Hope all of you stayed warm and cozy during the first of February since we were having some really cold weather after a few months of a mild winter. Our chapter like so many others has been staying home and not getting together so as to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are planning to meet the end of February to celebrate Eta Lambda's anniversary. Our chapter will be 75 years old this year. I find that to be quite an accomplishment. Some of us who have been members for over 50 years got to know a couple of the charter members who started our chapter back in 1946 and we thank them for all their efforts to make our chapter what it is today. I am sure if we looked back at all Eta Lambda has done over the years to help other people, we probably would have a hard time adding up all the good things that we have done. We have always given a lot to local charities and also, we have helped people that had unfortunate things happen to them that really turned their lives upside down. Any kind of help we could give was appreciated. We are hoping that when our world gets back to some sort of normalcy, we can continue to help others and get back to some of

our fund-raising projects.

Some of our members have been crocheting and knitting blankets and scarves to donate to different projects. Also, some of the items go to the homeless, who are always in great need of many things.

Most of our members have stayed healthy. So far only one of our members has had to deal with the virus. We are so glad that Deborah and husband Roland are feeling better and getting back to normal. Recovery takes a lot of time. Here's hoping that this year will be much better for everyone and good things abound not only here but all around the world. We wish all our Delta sisters everywhere good health and hope that soon all our chapters will be up and running with all their projects and can continue the good work that Delta Theta Tau is all about.

Gail Rogers

Odon, IN – Eta Beta

Covid has messed up many of our projects and fundraisers this year. Our biggest fundraiser was the Cookie Walk in November at our local school's Craft Show. Unfortunately, this year it was canceled at the last minute. Many cookies had already been made. There is always a ray of sunshine after the rain as we were able to freeze the cookies for use during the Spirit of Christmas Celebration. All the hours and money spent was able to be used that way. Some of the sisters came and helped bag them and even pass them out during the two-day celebration. As they say when life gives you lemons . . .

We were able to do our Pecan sales and we are hoping to do the Art and Appetizers sometime in March or April. We also hope to do the Geranium sales in May. Our projects haven't suffered quite as badly. We will still be giving away our scholarship in May. The local Nursing Home has been closed all this time to visitors, so we haven't been able to bring the gifts into the facility for the birthday party for almost a year now but, the facility still holds the parties so we still make sure the gifts are there for the birthday celebrants. We also used to play BINGO with the residents one Saturday per month but haven't been able to do that yet. In April we will be purchasing a tree for the local park to plant. We have to be careful with our projects as so many fundraisers have been canceled.

We are still trying and hope that things will get "back to normal" soon. Things are beginning to

look up. Our prayer is that God will bless the fundraisers/projects still to come.

Sue Dart

Oxford, OH – Nu Alpha

Warm Winter Wishes from Nu Alpha! Today is Ground hog day (as I write this), and after days, and seemly like weeks of gray dullness outside, we awoke to bright, bright blue skies with abundant sunshine. It was a very welcome sight, but there is no chance the old groundhog didn't see his shadow, so another 6 weeks of winter awaits us! By this time this comes to your door, maybe we will be basking in warm sunshine.

Our chapter continues to meet monthly – via Google meet usually. The meetings are very quick because they are all business. As I'm sure all of you have experienced, it is not a good social outlet, you can't talk or understand people when multiple conversations are being attempted, and the electronic noise is deafening. Our sisters, for the most part, are sheltering at home, though some of us do meet up to do some sorority work socially distanced and masked. We have continued to work at the Credit Union monthly, stuffing the statements into envelopes for distribution by mail. We receive a check quarterly to deposit into our account for our efforts.

Many of us continue to do things as we can at home. Our "buddy bears" project has kept our hands busy. Since beginning in Jan 2019, we have sewn 1471 bears. The further breakdown is: Jan-June 30, 2019, (369 bears), July-June 30 2019-2020, (832 bears) and July – present 2020-2021, (270 bears). As you can see, this too has been affected by Covid. The 2 hospitals we have provided bears to aren't seeing as many patients in house, and there are concerns about giving them out to children. The Salvation Army did accept and distribute 150 bears with their Christmas project and will likely request more for the holidays. So, we will keep sewing, though not as many. We anxiously await the day when we can give the "cute little guys" away!

Some of our sisters continue to volunteer at the local Hospital, and at the schools as they can. Our ability to generate funds has really decreased and we look forward to the day when we can have our Purse Bingo, our Relay for Life event, and meet face-2-face.

We plan to pledge a new sister remotely at the Feb meeting. This might be an interesting endeavor. We have invited Melissa Schaefer to be our sister. We think this is pretty exciting!

It's been nice chatting with you. Stay safe, stay well, and until we can meet, Delta Love to all!!

Debbie Albin

Pana, IL - Zeta Theta

It seems that almost everyone is relieved that 2020 has ended and a new year has begun. February is giving us our first real taste of winter with below zero temperatures and wind chills in much of the country. Between the extremely cold weather and COVID, we are once again using Zoom for our monthly meetings,

In spite of the obstacles, however, we have managed to have a couple of fundraisers this winter. We sold Butter Braids and then the frozen Cake Rolls, both of which were quite successful. There's nothing like all those sweet "comfort foods" to help us get through the isolation of COVID and the cold, snowy winter!

We will be taking orders for the large frozen cinnamon rolls in March with delivery in time for Easter breakfasts. Then in April we will be taking orders for geraniums for Mother's Day...one of our biggest projects of the year!

A card shower will be held to honor the oldest member of Zeta Theta Chapter. February 15, 2021 will be Eleanor Beyers's 98th birthday. Eleanor was initiated in 1960 and is still an active member with all of our projects. Her farm-wife work ethic and her great sense of humor have made her a delight to be around during the past 60 years!

Several of our members have been struggling with serious illnesses and loss in their immediate families these past several months. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of them and to all our DTT sisters who may be dealing with similar pain. May God give you strength and peace.

Delta Love,
Joann Miller

Phoenix, AZ – Lambda Sigma

Even with rollercoasters of the world, Traditions continue.

Greetings from Lambda Sigma

We hope everyone is keeping warm and safe. Arizona continues to bless us with the amazing weather ☐ Our sisters continue doing what we do best by helping others and continuing with our philanthropy annual project of CHEESEBALL MAKING!! Those that were able gathered to make the cheeseballs and join in person for our annual Christmas party. We had some great food, laughs, and games. Those that were not able to be in person, joined in on the festivities via Zoom. Thank goodness for technology. While the world is

still on the slow down, Lambda Sigma keeps makin' it happen with those cheeseballs. Everyone pitched in and the tradition



Left to right: Monica Spielman, Brooke Litz, Nicole Johnson, Mary O'Hara

continues. Proceeds made will continue to fund our other ongoing projects. This year, Lambda Sigma teamed up with a women's and children domestic violence center. We were able to fill and gift children's stockings with snacks and toys. Mary O'Hara was able to deliver these to shelter and all were so thankful.

With everything going on in the world, we can only keep doing the best we can do and help others.



That's what the DELTS do – "Let us be large in word, in thought, in deed". We may be small, but we are mighty.

Nicole Johnson

L to R Back Row: MJ Litz, Monica Spielman, Ami Bowser, Nicole Johnson Front Row: Mary O'Hara, Brooke Litz

Portland, IN – Xi

Xi chapter has supported the Jay County community through the proceeds from the Delts' Holiday Show for the past 34 years. Due to the COVID-19 virus the chapter decided, as most chapters did this year, to not have our major moneymaker project. A MAL member, Cindy Shawver, who is still a major supporter of our chapter and a local shop owner, organized with her daughter, a project she called "Shop Portland like it is the Delts' Craft Show Day." She contacted local shops and asked them to donate a portion of their proceeds from the November 14th shopping day to our philanthropic organization. She explained her idea for the project saying that she knew that for years sales for the downtown stores were always more on the Craft Show day because of the large crowd we drew for our show. She also suggested that we have a "Goodies and Treats" fundraiser in

front of her store to add to our totals. Needless to say Xi Chapter members were very excited with the opportunity to make some money for our philanthropic projects. We are pleased to announce that we made about \$5000.00 for the day. We are very thankful and blessed for a such supportive community.



Debbie Funk PNP

Redkey, IN – Zeta Alpha

Despite the pandemic, our sisters have been working hard this winter doing what we can to stay connected to each other and the community.

We have adjusted to masked meetings, social distance fellowship, wrapped pick-up snacks, and have not let this cold, wintry weather stop us.....

-In rain, wind, snow, we distribute food bags/boxes monthly @ the local Elementary School, to grateful parents, using safe outside drive-thru.



Zeta Alpha sisters, Linda Lowe & Shelbi Louck, fill Santa Buckets for delivery to shut ins/Seniors

Jackie McCollum, Jana Brighton, Mary Miller, Lois Nauman



- Prepared & delivered #60 'Santa Treat Buckets' & #60 fresh fruit bags, to community senior citizens
- What fun to enjoy a 'Snowman Christmas Grab Bag Party- safe distance style!
- members helped with Jay County Winter Home Tours, a community fundraiser
- In January, we started 'Creative Crafts' make-n-take, before each monthly business meeting- courtesy of Bobbi & Shelbi Louck
- February & July our chapter supervises the local Recycle Trailer... \$
- We just started taking orders for Florida fresh strawberries, using Facebook & other media contacts, with delivery in March. \$
- March will be our fun 'White Elephant Auction'...baked goods, surprise bags, anything goes. \$
- April we sell about #800 Geraniums, in 5 colors, with delivery the week before Mother's Day.. \$..... Flowers.... I can't wait!

Zeta Alpha & Zeta Chi chapters are working hard to plan the 2021 Convention mixer 'Cultivating Friendships'.

So mark your calendars for July 7th-11th, plan to join us in Dublin, Ohio for a fun celebration!

Kathy Nelson

Roachdale, IN – Theta Lambda

I am very happy to be writing this article for the spring edition of Grit! It reminds me that spring isn't that far away! However, as I look out my window, I currently see snow on the ground and our weather forecast for the coming weekend is bitter cold!

We had planned to have a catered Christmas dinner and gift exchange in the community building in Roachdale as part of our Christmas celebration in December. However, that did not happen. Even though it was possible to social distance in the building, we just felt that the safe thing to do was to cancel. So, Covid-19 struck again! It was sad to miss out on the fellowship with our sisters. Instead, we had to settle for a conference call meeting. Although we didn't do our gift exchange, we still got our annual goody bags from Annie Cloncs! Thank you, Annie! I look forward to those every year!

Luckily, our Christmas philanthropic projects could continue. Joanie Knapp was in charge of purchasing and organizing delivery of poinsettias to area shut- ins and those in nursing homes. We also purchased Christmas gifts for two families in need. Joanie Knapp, chairman of the philanthropy

committee, had help this year from Tootsie Garriott and Holly Cook in purchasing the Christmas gifts. Amy Cloncs and Nathan Cloncs volunteered, as they have for years, to wrap and deliver the gifts. Our thanks to all who helped!

Our chapter's Delta Theta Tau anniversary is in March. This year, our chapter has been in existence for 72 years! We celebrate that milestone in March with a "Birthday Dinner." This year, we had to postpone that celebration because of Covid and will try to celebrate at our last meeting of the year in June. Diana Williams will be our hostess in her large shed, with huge doors that can be opened to let in fresh air. We are always thinking of Covid-19 protocols! We were originally going to have our annual picnic on this meeting day at Diana's, but will change from a pitch-in to a catered meal! Of course, there will also be cake, my favorite!

Plans have been underway for our annual flower sales. This will be our 25th year for selling geraniums and other flowers as a fundraiser! We are trying a new vendor for our project this year and hope to have another successful sale! Diana Williams is in her second year as chair of this project and has done an outstanding job! We look forward to May 1st when the beautiful flowers will be delivered!

Easter cards will be sent this year to our area shut-ins and nursing home residents. Normally, we assemble and deliver fruit baskets to these people, but the virus has put a temporary stop to that!

Nancy Buser and Judi Blaydes have been in the hospital recently, so we wish both of them a speedy recovery! We hope that they can enjoy spring, when it gets here!

As I have said before, we have been very fortunate this year to be able to continue our normal fundraisers, such as the flower sales in the spring, Rada knife sales and food booth in the fall. We even added a new fundraiser when we sold food at the Roachdale Garage Sales. This has allowed us to continue our philanthropic projects! Our goal to give back to the community in many ways has been attainable, even in a pandemic!

Enjoy Spring!

Cheryl Marshall

San Jose, CA – Epsilon Rho

We were all glad to say goodbye to 2020 and hope that the coming year will be brighter. Due to the restrictions caused by the pandemic, many

holiday traditions had to be forgotten and new ways to celebrate found. But now, many of our sisters have received their first Covid -19 vaccine shots or are scheduled for it soon. This gives us hope that we may see each other in person before long! It has been eleven months, as of this writing, that we have been on “lock down”. For now, we continue our monthly Zoom meetings and wait expectantly for the day we can once again gather in person.

Cindy Gimenez

Seneca, IL – Zeta Upsilon

Dear Sisters,

I hope this finds you happy and healthy. The last year has been hard on all of us. I really miss the face-to-face interaction with my Sisters and others in the community. My mantra has been “Wow, have I learned a lot, about others and myself!”

One of the things I have learned is to reach out to loved ones and friends often. Our mental health, the love and connection to others, is so important during tough times. The Sisters of Zeta Upsilon have continued to show support to friends in our community by assembling and distributing Christmas gift bags to community members. We had to change our game a little, so instead of home baked treats, we donated prepackaged goodies and fruits, like muffins, cereal bars, pretzels, crackers, apples and bananas. Members enjoyed a brief chat (socially distanced, of course) with those recipients, and the feedback was phenomenal! Our sisters continue to “sprinkle goodness” to friends and neighbors, including those in nearby elder care facilities, with thoughtful notes, candies, and beautiful roses.

Another thing I have learned is to enjoy all things, big and small, and to take nothing for granted. Although I miss getting together with friends and family, I have enjoyed the conference calls and Zoom video chats that allow me to laugh and just be with some amazing humans. One such person is our amazing sister Phyllis Natanek, who recently won the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award via the Illinois Secretary of State Emerging Writers Competition! The ability to put thoughts and feelings into words is a gift, so heartfelt congratulations to Phyllis!

Finally, I have learned to just breathe and reflect. Mindfulness, with a positive outlook, takes concentration and determination. I am constantly looking for ways to turn lemons into lemonade, to

turn negative thoughts into positive learning outcomes. My wish for you is to find your peace and tranquility and perhaps be someone’s calm within the storm.

With Delta Love,
Janice Johnson

Seymour, IN – Theta Zeta

Theta Zeta Chapter donated **20 Homeless Care Bags** to be distributed by the local homeless support organization, Waymakers. We were also able to provide financial support to Shop with a Cop, Sertoma’s Christmas Miracle, Community Provisions, Jackson County Clothing Center, and American Legion Christmas Basket fund, Red Sky Animal Shelter, Cold Night Out Shelter and YoJack (youth leadership program). The total amount given in support of our communities was \$1,750.00.

Along with financial support, Theta Zeta Chapter Our Delta sisters helped with Salvation Army bell ringing and assisting a local food pantry in



stocking shelves and food distribution. On 12/13 we recognized sister Carol Lauster’s Birthday.
Rexanne Ude

Shelbyville, IN – Zeta Lambda

The quilt raffle fundraiser I wrote about in the Winter 2020 edition of Grit was a big success for Zeta Lambda’s scholarship fund. Thank you everyone! The \$1,800 raised will support the



scholarships the chapter gives annually to a graduating senior in each of the five high schools in Shelby County. The drawing was live on Zeta Lambda's Facebook page. Two hundred ninety-one tickets filled a bowl, were tossed around for a good 10 minutes by Nancy Cossairt, raffle committee chairman, and the winning ticket was drawn. It belonged to a Delta sister!

We're all optimistic about returning to a bit of normalcy this year, so a date has been set for Zeta Lambda's popular Crop & Craft event. It's a time for friends to gather to share ideas, work on scrapbook projects or other creative outlets, visit, and eat! Chapter members always provide a variety of snacks, breakfast foods, and a delicious lunch of soups, sandwiches, salads, fruit trays, and much more. Local businesses donate items for raffle baskets and a silent auction. All profits support various organizations and events within the community. So, put Saturday, Sept. 18 on your calendars for this all-day event in Shelbyville. Details will be announced in the summer issue of GRIT. Of course, the event will be subject to changes dependent on the state of COVID.

LuAnn Mason

South Whitley, IN - Theta Kappa

The Theta Kappa Chapter of South Whitley have had a successful Terri Lynn nuts sale this fall/winter with delivery amidst more creative ways to deliver and arrange pick-ups of the wonderful/savory treats.

November was our meetings last in person meeting with all other meetings by conference call, which also gets a bit creative to get enough calls two parties and then two of us on a central location. As we continue to keep the safety and well-being of our members the #1 priority, we sure miss seeing each other.

As it is currently snowing here in Northeast Indiana, we await a cheerful Spring and the geranium sales in time for Mother's Day.

Wishing all our Delta sisters safety and happiness!

Delta Love to all,

Janelle Smith

Stockton, CA – Mu Lambda

Hello Delta Sisters:

We Mu Lambda sisters here in CA are looking at six more weeks of winter! It has been cold, in the 50's, which I know sounds warm to those of you in the mid-west, but believe me, for us west coast

girls with our thin blood...we're cold. Our chapter has continued to meet during these difficult times...in the parking lot of the University. It's kind of funny because as we are sitting in our folding chairs and trunks of our cars wrapped in scarves and coats with our coffee and donuts, the many people who are out walking their dogs stop and say Hi. Even the security guy, on his bike, stops to talk to us. People are starved for conversation and worn out with all the lockdowns and stay at home directives. Our philanthropy is limited now but we are filling backpacks with essential items, and a few fun things, to be given to kids who are in the foster care system. We prepare them with age and gender specific items including a fuzzy, huggable teddy bear. Our sister, Yvonne Ankele, has been staying at an assisted living facility healing from broken bones suffered in a fall at her house. She is doing well and looking forward to getting back home. We are optimistically planning for Province Convention this coming November, which should have happened last November and looking forward to seeing everyone this summer at National. Here's to a beautiful spring and many warmer days. Stay safe, diligent, and healthy.

Dona Mostafa PNP

Tacoma, WA – Lambda Alpha

Wow, we have started a new year and with it light can be seen at the end of the tunnel. We hope it is the light of better things to come. We are making our appointments for the vaccines as soon as they are available.

While we were not able to have an in-person meeting in either November or December due to the stay-at-home rules in our State and regarding the meeting size allowed. Even with that we were able to accomplish the work of the Chapter. We had hoped to be able to hold the Initiate Ceremony but again that had to be put off. We decided to try a new fund raiser – Brown Bear Charity Car Wash program. With the holidays approaching it seemed like a good stocking stuffer idea. We ordered 100 tickets, paying \$1.50 each, but agreeing to sell them for at least \$10 each. Each sister agreed to take 10 tickets and our first fund raiser was launched and successful.

Bev and Glenna presented another idea for something to make and sell at convention, Glenna and Dorene are still busy making scarves and hats, which will now be held over for next year. At our December meeting we were forced again to have a virtual meeting and confirmed that we had met our goals for donations during the holidays. We agreed we would wait to reveal our Secret

Sisters until the January meeting hoping the restrictions would be lifted so we could actually get together. Carol reported the Soldier's Home is still not allowing visitors, Marie is continuing to donate her time and collect cans for recycling. Linda was busy putting together holiday meals for those needy in the community, Janice making cards to be presented to residents of nursing homes for the holidays, I am donating time at the Cancer Store in Tacoma.

January rolled around, another meeting, but this time by Zoom so we could finally initiate our pledge, Rachel Turner-Bensen, who has been so patient as we work through the pandemic. Rachel and her husband have also battled COVID, but we are so happy they have made a complete recovery. Glenna agreed to perform the ceremony and made it a memorable occasion for Rachel.

Rachel has been very generous in sharing some of her ability (from her job) to provide funds through gifts for military families in our community. This applies not only to active duty but retired, disabled, or dependents of military who may be homeless and other circumstances. We decided it was time to reveal our Secret Sisters and there were many surprises. Plans were made for deliveries of gifts.

We are hopeful our February meeting will be in person; we have finally entered Phase B which allows some groups to gather. We hope all of our sisters throughout the Sorority are doing well and like us are looking forward to attending National Convention and Province Conventions this year. See you all this summer!

Susan Knobloch

Terre Haute, IN – Alpha Omicron

We pray that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I'm sure we are all glad that 2020 is over!!!



Our chapter sold more nuts and candies

from Terri Lynn this year than we had in a long time! I think the fact that we deliver to people helps. We offered lots of contactless delivery options.

We decorate the Delta Theta Tau shelter at Deming Park every year for Christmas. This year we received \$500 for honorable mention. We also get to sell tickets for people to ride the train in the evenings. We sold tickets for \$1 each 3 nights and made a total of \$832 just in train rides. So total at the park was \$1,332 for little effort. Our committee is already gearing up for this year.

We gathered at Free Life Community Church for our Christmas party. We were able to social distance and had food catered by Olive Garden. It was very good and everyone enjoyed it. In photo are (front row l to r) Mandy Allen, Karen Hendricks, Daphne Newport and Diana Foxworthy. In back row (l to r) Karen Allen, Christina Crist, Ina Collins, Shelly DeLisle, Jolyn Osborne, Toni Roloff and Jaymie Wood.

We also initiated two new members that night – welcome Christina Crist and Jaymie Wood. See our article in “New Members”. We are excited to have them join us. Some of you in Alpha Province might remember Christina from province convention in Brazil a few years ago as her organization, Team of Mercy, received the philanthropy donation that year.

Our Ways and Means committee is looking into planning a breakfast with Santa in December (if things open up in Indiana). Always looking forward!

Hope to see all of you at National Convention in July! Can't wait to get my Delta Hugs!!!!

Until then, remember to Sew Seeds of Friendship!
Delta Love,

Karen Allen, PNP

Union City, IN – Lambda

It is certainly Febrrrrruary here in East Central Indiana! We have bitterly cold temperatures, snow, and more snow on the way! But I realize that while you are reading this, it will be spring. I am so looking forward to that.

Our chapter was able to have an in-person meeting Monday, February 8. It was the first one since October. One of our members recently built a barn for special events and parties. Plus, there is a residence there for her 90-year-old father. It is a perfect place for our meetings with spacious room to social distance. Plus, we all wear masks and use hand sanitizer. It's very warm and comfy.

Spring flower order forms were passed out with a due date of March 7. See, one step closer to spring! We sell hanging baskets and some potted plants. Customers receive them in time for Mother's Day. It's our largest fund raiser and proceeds go towards college scholarships for our 2 high schools. Our chapter members also sent individual Valentine cards to the residents at our local Assisted Living facility.

Pat Mote presented the idea of Dimes for Delts. Each member fills a plastic water bottle with dimes. Once it's full, it should equal about 100 dollars. With 15 members, that is 1500 dollars. We voted to do this easy fundraiser, and a special shout out to the Roachdale, IN chapter for letting us borrow the idea! Again, profits will go to scholarships plus other local charities.

My prayer is that each one of you is happy and healthy. It's been quite a year! But we are strong and always persevere.

Delta Love,
Vicki O'Connor

Valparaiso, IN - Tau

It is hard to believe an entire year has gone by since the pandemic started. It has certainly impacted all of us in one way or another. The sisters of Tau Chapter had to cancel our Christmas Carousel in December and met virtually for a holiday Zoom meeting instead. We shared some laughs and joy answering Christmas questions and stories. It was also nice to include our new Delta prospect on this holiday Zoom, so she could meet some of her future sisters.



The ladies of Tau Chapter are in the process of putting together some future projects and planning our next fundraising event. We are hoping to take part in the "Sunshine Project" where we will be collecting items for care packages, for local cardiac patients. We are also tossing around some new ideas for our next fundraising event that we hope to have in the summer.

We really miss getting together in person for our meetings and events. Get your candy and popcorn ladies-Tau Chapter is going to the movies! At our February meeting, we decided its time to get social. Our hope is to rent out our local movie theater and watch the big screen together-six feet apart and masks on, of course! Tau Chapter is looking forward to spring and warmer weather, in hopes that we can do more with each other and our community, safely outdoors. I will leave you with some words of encouragement from Lady Bird Johnson, "Where flowers bloom, so does hope." Think spring!

Delta love,
Kelly Van Wagner

West Frankfort, IL - Gamma Upsilon

I wish I were writing a fascinating story
Of parties and fundraisers and moments of glory
But instead, I am sitting here racking my brain
As I fear this submission will be rather plain

Our kids are remote, and our sisters are weary
We've had nowhere to go and it's hard to be cheery
We haven't had meetings, we haven't had fun
This has all got to stop cause there's work to be done!

We might sell some knives or some good butter braids.
We've GOT to do something.....money has to be made!
The 'Rona has beaten us down, so it seems!
It's dampened our spirit and killed all our dreams!

At least it hasn't zapped ALL "sister powers"...
We've still managed to gather philanthropy hours!
We've run other's errands to the store and whatnot....
We've also given them rides to get Covid shots!

I hope we see an end to this quarantining...and soon!
I'm tired of all of the despair and the gloom.
I need to see all of my sweet sisters' faces
Sitting side by side in our meeting places!

We need to hear laughter and we all need to pray
That this darn pandemic will soon go away!
Until that happens per the Man up above....
We can all hold tight to our sweet Delta love!

Prayer and Delta Love,
Valarie Coleman

Woodlawn, IL - Omicron Alpha

NEWS FOR OUR CHAPTER IS MINIMAL COMPARED TO OUR NORMAL FALL, WINTER AND SPRING SCHEDULES. COVID - 19 HAS ALL OF OUR AREA IN ISOLATION.. WE ARE NOT ABLE TO HOST FUNDRAISERS AS WE NORMALLY DO, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE OUR APPLE DUMPLINGS. WE DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE CEDARHURST EVENT BUT SOLD THEM THRU MEMBER OUTREACH. WE WERE ABLE TO CLEAR ALMOST AS MUCH MONEY AS WE WOULD HAVE PARTICIPATING IN THE CEDAR HURST EVENT.

OUR SENIOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS WERE DONE DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR. WE PURCHASED MCDONALDS GIFT CARDS FOR 69 SENIORS AND PUT THEM IN A CHRISTMAS CARD AND MAILED TO EACH OF THE SENIORS ON OUR LIST WHICH ENCOMPASSES THE WOODLAWN AREA. WE FELT THAT THIS OUTREACH WOULD LET SENIORS KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING THOUGHT OF AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

WE ALSO PREPARED GIFT BOXES FOR THE MILITARY PERSONNEL THAT ARE SERVING IN VARIOUS AREAS AND OVERSEAS. THESE BOXES HELD ABOUT 25 ITEMS THAT COULD BE USED FOR PERSONNEL NEEDS AND SOME NON-PERISHABLE THINGS. WE PUT A CHRISTMAS CARD AND A THANKYOU FOR YOUR SERVICE IN EACH BOX. OUR MEMBERS ARE THINKING ABOUT DOING THIS AGAIN FOR THE SPRING/SUMMER MONTHS.

WE SPONSORED THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE THIS YEAR BY REACHING OUT TO FAMILIES THAT WERE IN NEED OF GIFTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. 39 CHILDREN RECEIVED VARIOUS GIFTS. WE HAVE A MEMBER THAT IS A TEACHER AT OUR LOCAL GRADE SCHOOL AND SHE PUTS THIS TOGETHER BY GETTING LISTS AND ITEMS EACH CHILD WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. THIS IS DONE VERY PRIVATELY AND WE ARE NOT AWARE OF WHO THE CHILDREN ARE. JANE RICHARDSON DOES A GREAT JOB WITH THIS AND OUR COAT PROGRAM. A SPECIAL THANKS TO HER AND OUR PHILANTHROPY CHAIRMAN, DEBBIE BARTOLOMUCCI AND HER CREW FOR MAKING THIS PROJECT SUCCESSFUL.

WE WERE NOT ABLE TO HAVE A CHRISTMAS PARTY (IN PERSON) BECAUSE OF COVID-19 AND OUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE, LAURA GILLISPIE AND MELANIE SPANGLER ALONG WITH OUR PRESIDENT SHLONDA HORTON SURPRISED EACH MEMBER WITH A VERY NICE GIFT BAG OF ITEMS DELIVERED TO EACH MEMBER.

WE CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR MEETINGS BY "ZOOM" UNTIL MEMBERS FEEL SAFE TO MEET IN PERSON.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEAN STOMBERSKI ON THE BIRTH OF HER GRANDSON (NOLAN), SHLONDA HORTON ON THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT NIECE AND SHERRY WILLIAMS ON THE BIRTH OF HER GREAT GRANDSON AZRA KANE.

SHERRY WILLIAMS

Celebrations

Brookville, IN - Eta Kappa

Linda Sintz is a rock-solid member with 25 years of service in Eta Kappa Chapter. Linda received a white rose and gift celebrating the **25th Anniversary.**

Margo Feebeck



Odon, IN - Eta Beta

Eta Beta will be celebrating our Anniversary this coming April 6. We were chartered in 1941 which makes us surviving for **80 years**. That's a lot of philanthropy. During this time, our membership has dropped but we are still here and are working on getting new members.

Sue Dart

Pana, IL - Zeta Theta

Congratulations to Eleanor Beyers of Zeta Theta Chapter in Pana, IL on her **98th birthday** on February 15th. Eleanor has been a valued member of our chapter since her initiation in 1960 and is still very active with chapter activities and fundraisers. She is an inspiration for all of us!

Joann Miller



Shelbyville, IN - Zeta Lambda

Happy 93rd Birthday JENNY PROCELL!! Jenny remains active in our chapter and there is a special place in her heart for our Annual Gift & Hobby Show. We weren't able to celebrate her birthday on February 5th but hoping someday some it will be safe to do so. **WE LOVE YOU JENNY!!**



New Members

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Gamma Pi initiated another new member on November 18, 2020. We would like to welcome Michelle Wilhoit into our chapter. We are so glad that our chapter is growing despite these unprecedented times.

Jodi Neanen

Terre Haute, IN - Alpha Omicron

Alpha Omicron chapter is pleased to welcome 2 new members to our chapter.

Christina Crist has been married to Adam since 2006 and they have two daughters, Hannah Gean Crist and Sophia Lauren Crist. Christina is the Executive Director of Team of Mercy. She enjoys meeting new people and has a passion for our community and "LOVES ME SOME JESUS!" Her favorite color is Sparkle.

Jaymie Wood is the Executive Director of FSA Counseling Center located in Terre Haute Indiana. She is a long-time resident of the Terre Haute area, graduating from Rockville High School and obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Community Health from Indiana State University. Jaymie has been married to her husband Brent for eleven years. She has a daughter from a previous marriage and two grandsons, ages 11 and 15. She loves spending time with the three of them as she attends all their sporting events, spends time in her pool with them and just hanging out together. She loves spending time with Brent as together they are renovating their 1957 ranch home. She and Brent love spending time with friends and eating out, reading, and just hanging out together.

Welcome to Christina and Jaymie!

Delta Love,

Karen Allen, PNP



L to R – Christina Crist and Jaymie Wood

New Arrivals

Elwood, IN - Beta

Our president, Kelsey Stiner gave birth to a beautiful Delta rosebud. Her name is Ava Lee. She was born on December 9, 2020. Her father Korsen is the proud papa. Her grandmother is Lori Crabtree our chapter treasurer. We are so thrilled for the family and we have all volunteered to babysit!



Beverly Austin, PNP

Lynn, IN - Iota Mu

Iota Mu would like to welcome Rory Samuel Davis. He was so anxious to arrive that he showed up 3 weeks early. All is well though weighing in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and 19.5 in. long. Mother, Victoria Davis; Grandmother, Rita Davis; Aunt, April Davis; and Great Aunt Rachelle Magee are all Iota Mu sisters. The rest of the Iota Mu clan cannot wait to begin spoiling him.

Bobbie Smith

San Jose, CA - Epsilon Rho

It is with great joy, that I can announce the arrival of my first grandchild. Isabel Josephine joined our family on November 17, 2020 at 9:47pm. She has captured our hearts and been the bright spot in a bleak winter.

Cindy Gimenez



Shelbyville, IN - Zeta Lambda

Our Delta sister Ashley Brooks and her husband, Levon, welcomed their second son, Tidus Michael Brooks on December 17 weighing in at 7 lbs 14 oz. His brother, Odin Charles Brooks will be two years old in June and is thrilled with the new arrival to the family along with his grandparents

Cindy and Levon Brooks of Shelbyville, and Mike and Tracy Butler of Greenfield. The new Mister's grandma Cindy and aunt, Jessica Brooks, are also Zeta Lambda sisters.



Congratulations, Brooks family!

LuAnn Mason

South Whitley, IN - Theta Kappa

Kristy Elizabeth Sanders was born September 17, 2020, weighing 8 pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long. She is the first granddaughter of Delt sister Jody Klopfenstein and first child of Kendal Sanders, former Delt sister. God has blessed their family with a beautiful little girl.



Aurora Blaire Macy was born November 30, 2020. Miss Macy weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was

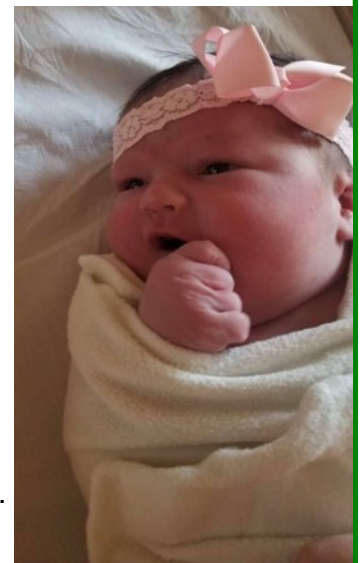


20 1/2 inches long. She joins five siblings and is the 15th grandchild of Delt sister Marty Macy and niece to Delt sister Jami Platt.

Jack Harvey Allen Frost was born January 15, 2020 joining a two-year-old brother, Zane. Master Frost weighed 8 pounds and was 19 3/4 inches long. He is a name sake of his great great grandfather, great grandfather, grandfather, and uncle. He is the fifth great grandchild of Delt sister Marty Macy and great nephew of Delt sister Jami Platt



Abigail Lynnlee Vance was born January 6, 2021 with a good start in life at 10 pounds 11 ounces and 23 inches long. She joins three brothers, 11, 10 and 2. Miss Vance's middle name is a combination of her paternal grandmother and maternal grandmother. She was welcomed into her family by her mother, Delt sister Chelsey Vance; her grandmother, Delt sister Janelle Smith; and great grandmother, Gloria Smith.



Janelle Smith

Woodlawn, IL - Omicron Alpha

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SHERRY WILLIAMS

In Memoriam

Carol Lewis, PNP

**95th President of Delta Theta Tau, Inc.
Member of Eta Alpha Chapter, Portland, OR
Elected at 94th National Convention in Albuquerque, NM
Served at the 95th National Convention in Lexington, KY**



Officers serving with Carol:

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Carol was initiated in 1966 when the new chapter Mu Omicron, Portland, OR, was installed. After the chapter disbanded, she transferred to Eta Alpha Chapter. The first National Convention Carol attended was in 1970 in Atlanta, GA. It was her first plane ride and it was virtually her first time away from home. After that first one, she was hooked and attended as many as possible.

Carol served as Eta Province Chairman for two years and the National Legislative Committee before elected Western Counselor (1986-87). She was Convention Coordinator in 1993 in San Diego, CA and held the offices of Secretary (1989-90), Treasurer (1999-2000), Secretary of Philanthropy and Vice-President twice before being elected National President in Albuquerque, NM in 2001. Her Installing Officers were Charlotte Marengo, PNP, and Christine Smith, PNP. Her theme for the year was "Delt's, Angels in Disguise." Her reception was held in lieu of the mixer at Eta Province Convention in Portland, OR. Attendance was down as it was just a few weeks after the infamous September 11, 2001 disaster.

One of her greatest memories was of her daughter, Darcy, being initiated in 1988 at the National Convention in Portland, OR. She has two grandchildren, Carolanne and Michael who at the time lived just across the street from her. Her daughter was very pregnant when she was initiated and Michael was born 7-22-88.

During her years as a National Officer, she met so many wonderful Delts that she might not have met otherwise. She treasured her friendships and the many memories. One highlight that she mentioned was being able to install the new chapter, Omicron Lambda in Fort Meyers Beach, FL.

Her only regret was losing her stepmother, Ann Hoech, during her year as President. Ann had brought her into sorority and had always supported Carol in all of her endeavors. She lived her life by the highest standards and was Carol's Mother, Delta Sister and mentor. She loved DTT and set an example for everyone.

(from PNP Book - furnished by Debbie Funk, Historian)

Carol was the hub of the chapter. She believed in the goals of the sorority. She is greatly missed by the chapter and province sisters. She was a quiet, private person, who would do anything to help others.

**Anita Vander Meide,
Eta Alpha,
Portland, OR**



In Memoriam

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

The sisters of Kappa Xi must again share the news that we have lost another special, active sister in our chapter. On December 15, 2020, Mary Kerschner passed away at her home under Hospice care with family and friends by her side, at 80 years of age.



Mary became a Delta sister in April of 1988 when she was initiated into Kappa Xi Chapter. In her 31 years of membership in Kappa Xi Chapter, Mary held many offices and chaired many events and special philanthropy projects. She volunteered for many years at our local nursing care center in Brookville in the name of Delta Theta Tau. Mary was a teacher from 1966 until her retirement in 1990.

She was a very essential helper for all the Delta Showboat musical productions, not only singing, but helping with the music prep, set-up, backdrops, etc. She was also a fantastic auctioneer for our annual 'White Elephant' auction, the end of February, which helped gain funding to pay for our rental of the building where we hold our meetings.

Mary leaves one son, Kevin and his wife Beth to mourn her loss, along with all her Kappa Xi sisters. Mary was a 'behind the scenes' person in our chapter, but right out front to all of us with her caring, loving demeanor. We miss you and love you Mary and thank God for our 31 years of you being our sister. Rest In Peace dear sister!

Delta Love,
Vicki Mills

Chesterton, IN - Alpha Rho

It is with great sadness we report the death of a dear MAL sorority sister, Anne Goslin of Alpha Rho Chapter of Chesterton, Indiana. Anne passed away on January 1, 2021. Anne was pledged on February 28, 1983, Initiated on March 21, 1983. She was granted a Membership At Large, January 1996.

She held many offices with Alpha Rho: Corresponding Secretary 1984-1985, Pledge Supervisor 1987, Treasurer 1988-1990 and President 1991-1993. She chaired many committees, Festival of the Dunes 1987-1990

Breakfast with Santa and Chapter Welfare. She attended National Conventions: Denver, CO 1991 served as Delegate, Nashville, TN 1992, San Diego, CA 1993 and St Louis, MO 1994.

She was also honored as our chapters Delta Star in 1992.

Anne along with her husband Neil were very involved in all the chapters events. Anne loved playing the piano and would play our Delta Song at many ceremonies. Anne's daughter Julie Kelchak is a member who went MAL status to dedicate her time towards caring for her Mother. Julie continues to support our sorority and our many fundraising projects in many ways. Our Chapter President Lori Mark became a member because of Anne and Julie true sisterhood to our Delta Theta Tau.

Alpha Rho sends sincere sympathy to Anne Goslin's family.

Karen M Wixted

Lynn, IN - Iota Mu

This past year has taken its toll on everyone including the Iota Mu Chapter. We sadly report the passing of Pat Reitenour MAL in March of 2020. Then in December 2020 we had to say goodbye to JoAnn Austin MAL. Finally, in January 2021 Frances Kenworthy also received her wings. These ladies each left their mark on the community and definitely the hearts of this sisterhood.

Bobbie Smith

Muncie, IN - Alpha

It is with sadness members of Alpha Chapter learned of the death of Barbara Turner Kaufman. She died Friday morning, November 27, 2020 at home. She was a member of our chapter for approximately 2 decades. Barb had a great smile and was lots of fun! As a child her daughter, Shareen, remembers her Mother hosting meetings in their home. She also remembers helping assemble "cast iron" skillet magnets for a chapter fundraiser. Her daughter has Barb's Delta Theta Tau commemorative pitcher dated 1903 - 1978 in her pitcher collection.

Ruth Ann Tolle

Odon, IN - Eta Beta

Eta Beta was very saddened by the passing of MAL member Sue Callahan on December 6, 2020. She had just buried her husband about 2 weeks before. Her passing was very unexpected. Our hearts go out to her family. Her daughter-in-law Mary Callahan was a member of Eta Beta at one time. **Sue Dart**

Portland, IN - Xi

Xi chapter is sad to report the loss of two members. Harriett Kunce died after a short illness on August 8, 2020 and on August 23, Jackie Grady passed away unexpectedly. These women will be missed by their family and Xi Chapter. Both ladies were MALs at the time of their death, but when they were active they played an important part in both philanthropy hour and golden hand projects. Harriett was a very crafty person and could figure out how to make anything and Jackie always had the most volunteer hours of anyone in our chapter with her work at the Pregnancy Care Center and as an auxiliary member at the Jay County Hospital. Jackie was also a recipient of the Teresa McAllister Award.

Debbie Funk, PNP

Redkey, IN - Zeta Alpha

Zeta Alpha extends our loving sympathy to Delta sister, Jackie McCollum & family, with the sudden passing of husband, Jim.

Jim was a kind 'Delta Pa', a willing helper with Fall Festival & Bake Sale tables, a deliverer of beautiful geraniums, Community Thanksgiving meals, Christmas Santa Treat Buckets & fresh fruit bags to senior citizens.....to name just a few.

This 'gentle giant' will be greatly missed. Thanks, Jim.

Kathy Nelson

San Jose, CA - Epsilon Rho

Our chapter was saddened by the tragic losses of family members by some of our sisters. Diana McDonald lost her husband of 44 years, Mac, to cancer on November 25, 2020. Phyllis Thomas's son had also been battling cancer and passed away on Dec 27, 2020. Sharon Vergho's daughter in law unexpectedly passed away in her sleep, on Jan 19, 2021. May they all rest in peace.

Cindy Gimenez

Shelbyville, IN - Zeta Lambda

Delta Sisters extend sincere sympathy, hugs, and prayers to Dayla Thurston who lost her Grandmother, Mareta Wiley on January 19, 2021. Mareta worked over 23 years as a Mail Clerk for the US Postal Service in St. Paul, Indiana. She loved spending time with her family and friends especially when it included playing euchre.

Doris Sanders

South Whitley, IN - Theta Kappa

Emily Deutsch, 80, a former member of Beta Upsilon Chapter in Columbia City and its Alumni Chapter, died Monday, December 14, 2020. Emily was a member for many decades and was proud to support Delta Theta



Tau. Her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and brothers miss her spunk but rejoice in her reunion with her husband and others in life eternal.

Mary Trier, 94, a former member of the Beta Upsilon Chapter in Columbia City and one of its Alumni Chapters, entered life eternal on January 12, 2021. Mary continued to support Delta Theta Tau and any fundraising efforts. Her four generations of family members are convinced that Mary and her husband, Vernon, are now jitterbugging their way across heaven's dance floor. Her smile was contagious, and we will all miss her dearly.



Janelle Smith

Tacoma, WA - Lambda Alpha

Lambda Alpha, Tacoma Washington is sad to announce the loss of our sister Charlotte Grange. Charlotte was initiated in July 1988 at National Convention in Portland Oregon. Charlotte enjoyed hosting many meetings in her home, and was always involved in our chapter's fund raisers and philanthropic projects. Due to failing eyesight, Charlotte became an MAL in 2016, and occasionally would come visit at a chapter meeting. Charlotte leaves a son, daughter, and seven grandchildren that will all miss her dearly. Charlotte was 98 and passed peacefully in her sleep on February 2, 2021. Another rose blooms on the other side of the wall.



Glenna Miller

Terre Haute, IN - Alpha Omicron

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to one of our MAL members.

Norma Ruth Shryock, 92, of West Terre Haute, passed away Friday, November 13, 2020. Norma was born January 28, 1928 in Terre Haute to Wilbur Barton and Hannah Vivian Bradshaw Barton.

Norma was the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Indiana State University. At age 28, after the death of her husband, Norma returned to ISU and received her Bachelor's Degree in 1960. After her retirement, she continued to work various part time jobs, as she enjoyed working. She enjoyed reading and watching sports, and especially loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved babysitting for her grandkids.

Norma was loved and will be deeply missed by all.

Karen Allen, PNP

Valparaiso, IN - Tau

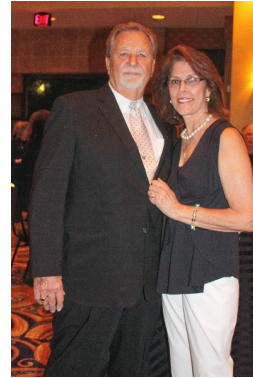
Tau members would like to extend their condolences to the family of Barbara K. Woodruff. She passed away on January 14, 2021, at home with her family. She was married for 54 years to her husband Kenneth Woodruff, who preceded her in death in May 2010. Barbara was a teacher for many years, and an active member in her church. She also was the active secretary for the Tau Gamma Alumnae.

The sisters of Tau Chapter extend their condolences to the family of Carol Lynne Van Senus. Carol passed away on December 7, 2020, at the age of 80. She was an active member in her community and church and had a zest for life. Carol was a member of the Tau Gamma Alumnae.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family members, for both Barbara and Carol.

Kelly Van Wagner

Ventura, CA - Zeta Epsilon Alpha



CARMEN LEE

Carmen was a lady of GRACE! Everyone that met Carmen LOVED her. She brought such JOY into the room, her smile RADIATED!!! You only had to meet her once and she was a sister from that point on. Carmen LOVED Delta Theta Tau. She was passionate and true to her philanthropy. Carmen was always reaching out to people, caring and doing for others. God called Carmen home January 14th, 2021.

Carmen grew up in California and stayed in that area all her life. In fact, a couple years after Carmen and Joe were married, they purchased the house that Carmen's Father and Mother had built and lives there today. Carmen and Joe were married for 38 ½ years. They are surrounded by 6 wonderful children and are blessed with many Grandchildren and extended relatives. As difficult as it was to lose Carmen, the family was blessed with a beautiful Granddaughter an hour before Carmen's passing. Carmen was very in touch with God, she was a devoted Catholic. Carmen was a true servant to God and to her Church. She was the wedding planner for many years, helping those couples plan and execute their weddings. She was an office manager to a Dentist for years and just retired a year ago.

Carmen was initiated at Delta Province Convention in Burbank California in 1991. She was active in her local Zeta Epsilon chapter in Ventura, California. Carmen served in every office of her local chapter, Delta Province Chairman and Convention Coordinator at the Province and National Levels. Carmen always had a smile for everyone and was proud to serve her Sorority in any way she could.



Many of us know Joe, Carmen's husband because he joined her at many many conventions with lots of other Delta Pa's. As I talked with Joe, we recalled so many wonderful memories that we enjoyed with Carmen and everyone at Delta Province. We laughed, we cried, we embraced the wonderful memory with this amazing Woman, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Friend, an extraordinarily beautiful Woman inside and out. It has been my honor and privilege to know Carmen as my sister and my friend. I know many of you share that with me. Thank you for allowing me to honor Carmen in GRIT. She will be missed.

MJ Litz

GRIT DEADLINES

Autumn Issue: August 10
Winter Issue: November 10
Spring Issue: February 10
Summer Issue: April 10

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PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN SPECIAL NEWS SUBMISSIONS:

Autumn—August 10:

- A. Feature delegate and non-delegates' outstanding National Convention highlights and reflections
- B. Highlights and photographs from National Convention
- C. Province Convention information will be duplicated from summer issue (send changes if needed from summer issue)

Winter—November 10:

- A. Province Convention highlights and articles from delegates
- B. Outstanding memories of the year

Spring—February 10:

- A. Chapter's philanthropy projects and fundraisers

Summer—April 10:

- A. Specific accomplishments of the outgoing chapter officers and members
- B. Fall Province Convention information and dates (will be duplicated in Autumn Issue)

REGULAR SECTIONS FOR ALL FOUR ISSUES INCLUDE:

- A. Chapter News
- B. New Members
- C. Milestones
- D. Celebrations
- E. In Memoriam
- F. New Arrivals
- G. A Delta Moves

When submitting an article, please indicate the following information:

- A. Issue (example: Autumn, Winter, etc.)
- B. Section (example: Milestones, etc.)
- C. Chapter Name, City, State
- D. Your name

Submissions by computer:

- A. Attach articles using MS Word - **NO PDF FILES PLEASE**
- B. Preferred Format: 12 pt.; Arial Font, Single Spaced

Photographs:

- A. Identify the people in every photograph (example: Front row (left to right); Back row (left to right))
- B. Photographs requested as part of the issue are published at no cost
- C. **One photograph per section is published at no cost**
- D. **Additional photographs per section are \$5.00—send payment with Form 7 to Executive Secretary**

Classified Ads:

- A. Up to 25 words—\$6.00
- B. Ten cents (\$.10) per additional word for inclusion in 4 issues of GRIT
- C. Additional advertising rates:
 - 1. \$200.00 Full page
 - 2. \$100.00 Half page
 - 3. \$50.00 Quarter page
 - 4. \$25.00 Eighth page(send payment with Form 7 to Editor)

GRIT SPECIAL FEATURES:

National President: The President's Message will be featured in each issue with a photo display of her many activities for inspiring and leading this organization.

Delta Home Directorate: The Directorate may submit articles and pictures in any and all issues.

Past National Presidents and Officers: "If You Could See Me Now" may appear in any and all issues to share where you are and what you are doing.

Chairman of Nominating Committee: Summer Issue—An introductory article and a 1/4 page article for each candidate along with respective picture will appear in the Summer Issue.

Philanthropy Committee: Spring Issue—An article, with the committee's picture, providing a report of the Midyear Meeting.

PROVINCE HOSTESS CHAPTERS and PROVINCE CHAIRMAN FOR 2021-2022

2021 Province Chairman: Each elected Province Chairman is to submit a quarter-page article about herself and send your personal picture to appear in the **2020 Winter or 2021 Spring Issue**.

For the **2021 Summer Issue** (may be repeated in the 2021 Autumn Issue), tell us the exciting plans for delegates and non-delegates to your conventions. Province Convention dates and specific information regarding site, theme, and any additional information pertinent to your convention should be included in the article. Pictures are always welcomed!!

Each Chairman is to submit a half-page **review** of their Province Convention **with respective pictures** to appear in the **2021 Winter Issue**. The submission should also include winners of awards and newly elected 2022 Province Chairman.

2022 Province Convention Chairman: This is your time to shine! Each newly elected Province Convention Chairman is to submit a quarter-page article about herself and send your personal picture to appear in the **2021 Winter or 2022 Spring Issue**.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COORDINATORS:

2021 Convention Coordinator: One page with Coordinator's personal picture, including Convention and Hostess information will be submitted for the **2020 Autumn Issue**.

Coordinator will submit additional information for the **2020 Winter Issue**.

A one-page article and all reservation forms will be submitted for the **2021 Spring Issue**.

The **2021 Summer Issue** will provide a complete preview by the Coordinator—including one picture; a one-page article with photographs from each Hostess Chapter will be submitted; also the reservation forms will be duplicated from the 2021 Spring Issue.

A half-page article of appreciation and a financial statement with photograph will appear in the **2021 Autumn Issue**.

*Hostess Chapters may submit brief summary articles with one photograph each for their respective socials and events.

2022 Convention Coordinator: One page with Coordinator's personal picture, including Convention and Hostess information will be submitted for the 2021 Autumn Issue.

Coordinator will submit additional information for the **2021 Winter Issue**.

A one-page article and all reservation forms will be submitted for the **2022 Spring Issue**.

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2023 Convention Coordinator: Ads for the sites and hotels to be considered by the delegates to the 2023 Convention will be submitted for the 2022 Summer Issue.

APPROVED SUPPLIERS 2019-2020

Pin and Crest

\$45.00 set includes postage and handling
Litz Manufacturing, Mary Jane Litz
Lambda Sigma Chapter
48056 N Coyote Pass
New River, AZ 85087-8166
Allow 4 weeks for delivery

Robes

\$70.00 includes postage and handling
Debbie Coonrod—Vannoy
Omicron Pi Chapter
6479 Hwy 168
Shelbyville, MO 63469

DTT Banner

\$23.00 includes postage and handling
Terri Shannon
Nu Alpha Chapter
169 Hilltop Drive
Oxford, OH 45056

Recorded Music on CD
\$10.00 includes postage and handling
Sherry White
Eta Lambda Chapter
723 Carlin Court
Carmel, IN 46032

DELTA THETA TAU SUPPLIES

When you are ordering supplies on **Form #7**, please check this supply list in each issue of GRIT. Also, please send **\$7.75** postage and handling for each order—record this fee on **Line 43 of Form #7**. Supplies are issued through the office of the Executive Secretary, Beth Wallis, 500 S. Colfax St., Martinsville, IN 46151

PLEASE NOTE NEW INFORMATION!!!

Postage Increase for Supplies

\$7.75 per order

Checks should be made payable to **Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc.**, and they must accompany any and all orders.

No orders will be filled without Remittance Advice Form #7.

Bylaws, each	\$5.00
Replacement Charters	\$1.00
DTT Brochures	FREE
Dues Books	\$1.00
Form #4 Individual Membership Record/sheet	\$0.15
Form #5 Chapter Treasurer's Record/sheet	\$0.15
Form #6 Chapter Treasurer's Record/sheet	\$0.15
Form #7 Remittance Advice/pad	\$0.15
Form #8 Change in Membership Status/pad	\$6.00
Form #11 Chapter Roll Call Record/sheet	\$0.15
Form #41 Chapter Officers Instructions (1 set)	\$5.00
Form #46 DTT Membership Guide (replaces Ten Standard Questions)	\$0.30
Membership Application Forms (each)	\$0.15
Membership Cards—regular (each)	\$0.75
Membership Cards—25 and 50 year (each)	\$0.75
Pledge Cards—members (each)	\$0.05
Pledge Cards—patroness (each)	\$0.15
Delta Prayer (each)	\$0.25
Ritual (if copy lost, \$5.00 fine)	FREE
Delta Song (each)	\$0.15
Delta Loyalty Song (each)	\$0.15
Initiation Song (each)	\$0.15
Golden 50 Club Certificate	FREE
DTT Stationary (12 sheets)	\$1.00
DTT Envelopes (12)	\$2.00

Please Note: Most forms can be found on the Delta Theta Tau Website. Some are "fillable forms".

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Sew Seeds of Friendship

