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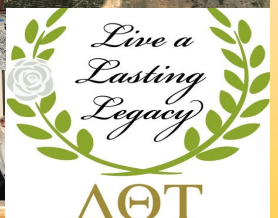
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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



*Jenny Wade
National President*

I attended my first National Convention in Los Angeles in 1976. This was our 68th convention and we had 198 chapters. I left two little daughters home with grandparents as my husband was self-employed and daycare was an issue. I attended a few other national conventions over the years but was not a regular attendee until the past twenty years. I am the fourth member of my chapter, Mu Lambda, to have been elected to a national office. Ten years ago, my Mu Lambda sister, Dona Mostafa, was installed as National President. This year I was honored when Dona was the Installing Officer on our final day of convention.

We have been inspired over the years with the President's theme. The Presidents I have been fortunate to work with have been Jeri Elliott with "Opportunity for Kindness". Anita Waits with "She believed she could, so she did." Bonnie Wells with "Perfect Vision, Clear Mission." Julie Swoveland with "Sew Seeds of Friendship." Terry Riester with "Delts Rock – The Lemonade Tour", and Julie Callis" Gathering, Growing and Giving with Grace and Gratitude." Each theme has provided guidance for the year as a member of Delta Theta Tau. These fabulous women each made their own unique contribution to our sorority.

The theme for 2023 -2024 is "Live a Lasting Legacy" and my hope is that it will cause you to consider that all you do in the name of Delta Theta Tau is part of your own personal legacy as well as the legacy of our organization. We will be 120 years old on October 16th! Don't you wonder if those five high school girls thought of legacies back in 1903? At some point in their lives, as our sorority continued, they must have wondered how it would change from a social club into a philanthropic organization.

We have much to be proud of in the ways we care for each other as well as our communities. We have reached beyond ourselves and discovered new ways to contribute to others' wellbeing. As far as I know, no member of Delta Theta Tau has been affected by ectodermal dysplasia, yet we have become a major contributor to NFED. We continue our relationship with this organization and still contribute to new annual projects every year. Last year we contributed \$610,522.16 and 96,372.9 hours in philanthropy. If you use a minimum wage of \$7.25, those hours convert to \$698,703.53 worth of services provided in our communities. That equals \$1,309,230.29. That is an amazingly awesome contribution from 68 active chapters!

This is YOUR legacy. You belong to Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. which is an active contributing philanthropic organization. Invite someone to join so they can live this legacy. Attend a convention so you can celebrate our legacy and learn how to contribute in new ways to the communities where you live. Delts get to live a legacy of friendship AND philanthropy which is a truly wonderful way to live.

This year, Live a Lasting Legacy with some of the most fantastic women you will ever have the pleasure of knowing!
Oh...and Happy 120th Delta Theta Tau!

*Delta Love,
Jenny Wade
National President*



T-Shirt Order Form "Live a Lasting Legacy"

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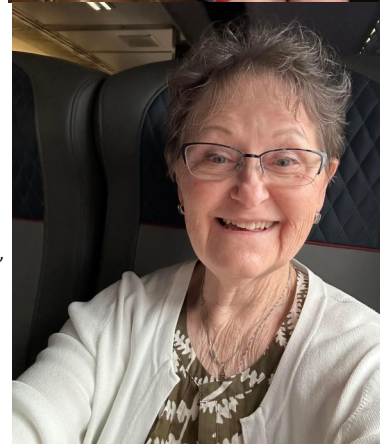
Chapter _____ Province _____

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Shirts will be delivered at Province Conventions or you may have your order mailed if you include shipping costs.

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With Bentley.

Outgoing President's Message



Julie Callis
Outgoing National President

Well, my reign as National President is now over, and oh my, how fast it did go by. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the 115th National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas! It was **AWESOME!** Cathy Stanford did an **AMAZING** job as the Convention Coordinator, and I cannot thank her enough for the time and effort she put into making it a success! Thank you to the Hostess Chapters (& Eta Province) for the **INCREDIBLE** western themed social events, raffle and registration. I know that all who attended had fun! The tours were **WONDERFUL!** The hotel staff were extremely kind and attentive. It was everything I had envisioned for my Presidency Convention. It was an honor and a privilege to serve, and I wish the new National President Jenny Wade and her Officers a very rewarding and successful upcoming year! I will miss serving

with you, but look forward to seeing all you accomplish this year! I look forward to serving as a Past National President. Joining this special group of women is an opportunity that I will treasure. I want to thank my Chapter (Lambda Theta, Martinsville) for your love and support through all of my years on National Board and Council. Thank you for the **BEAUTIFUL** quilt (handmade by two of my Chapter members Bonnie Carter and Sue Roe). I **LOVE** it so much, and will **CHERISH** it always. I am thankful to my family for their encouragement and support, as well. I am so appreciative for the gifts, cards, and words of encouragement I received during and following convention. It is so rewarding to hear the accolades, so thank you! I ask now that all of you going forward live life with grace and gratitude. Ask your friends and co-workers to join your Chapter. During fundraisers, ask volunteers to help and let them get to know your Chapter. They may have admired you from afar, and were just waiting for an invitation to join. A smile or kind word could make someone's day. We can grow our Sorority; maintain our enthusiasm by attending conventions, while continuing to give to those in need in our communities. We are a **MARVELOUS** group of ladies. Who would not want to be in our **SISTERHOOD**? We just have to ask!

The following is the poem I read in my farewell speech at the National Convention:

The year went fast
While I tried my best
My convention was awesome
At the Delts Wild Wild West

We must continue this legacy
Established in 1903
Philanthropy and service
Helping others in need.

A Sisterhood is a bond
We will always share
We will be together in spirit
As we recite the Delta Prayer.

Although my reign is over
Please keep my theme in servitude
While **GATHERING, **GROWING** and **GIVING****
With **GRACE and **GRATITUDE**.**

With Much Delta Love,
Julie Callis, PNP



Boss Juice—
Diet Dr. Pepper



Secretary of Philanthropy



Mandy Allen
Secretary of Philanthropy

First and foremost, I want to say **THANK YOU** for once again entrusting me with the Philanthropy of our organization. Being Secretary of Philanthropy has been a wonderful position and I will strive to continue to fulfill this role to the best of my ability. Thank you to all of the chapters who worked diligently on their Form 52's this year, our goal is to continue to make it easier to fill out each year, so your feedback has been greatly appreciated.

To all of our wonderful Province Chairmen, I wish you a fantastic Province Convention. If you have any questions about your upcoming convention please reach out to them, they are happy to help and love hearing from their fellow sisters. Congratulations to our chapters on putting in so many hours in the name of Delta Theta Tau, it was an honor to recognize our top 10 in each category

at our National Convention. Those chapters not receiving certificates - you are ALL winners in my book. If you gave a single dollar or hour in the name of Delta Theta Tau you are doing it and we appreciate you!

Enjoy your province, have fun, meet new sisters, make new friends, and remember you are **LIVING a LASTING LEGACY!**

Mandy Allen
Secretary of Philanthropy



Director of Expansion & Growth



Kendra Olson
Director of Expansion & Growth

What a fantastic, fun-filled National Convention in Fort Worth; I'm looking forward to the upcoming Province conventions. Below are used paraphernalia that we have at this time.

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|---|----------------------------|
| 10 cotton chair covers | 1 music cassette |
| 1 set of Pin and Crest - black/white in frame | 1 white gavel |
| 1 clear bud vase | |
| 3 brown gavels banner | |
| 1 green DTT banner | 1 brown gavel with board |
| 3 clear candle holders (short) | 2 nice cotton robes w/ties |
| 1 Diamond Years book | 3 old cotton robes w/ties |
| 1 Golden Years book | 6 white rosebuds |

Our list is short because many items were given to the three newest chapters and two chapters that had lost their paraphernalia. If you know a disbanded chapter, would you please encourage them to contact me at kendraolson2004@yahoo.com or 815-794-4200. We have a few possible chapters that may be installed this year and used paraphernalia would help.

Kendra Olson
Director of Expansion & Growth

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14	___	2023 5G w/Bee Dangle, Pres Theme Ft. Worth, TX date (metal silver)	\$15.00	___
19	___	2022 Lemon & spoon, Pres Theme, City and date Oakbrook, IL (metal gold)	\$10.00	___
11	___	2021 Antique Sewing Machin, Pres Theme, City & date, Columbus, OH (metal gold)	\$5.00	___
16	___	2020 Marquee, DTT, Pres Theme, City and date Cancelled (metal gold)	\$5.00	___
1	___	2020 Marquee, DTT, Pres Theme, City and date Cancelled (metal silver)	\$5.00	___
8	___	2019 Rose, Pres Theme, City and date Phoenix, AZ (metal gold)	\$5.00	___
11	___	2019 Rose, Pres Theme, City and date Phoenix, AZ (metal silver)	\$5.00	___
1	___	2017 Cupcake, GK DTT, Pres Theme, Albuquerque, NM and date (metal gold)	\$5.00	___
8	___	2017 Cupcake, GK DTT, Pres Theme, Albuquerque, NM and date (metal silver)	\$5.00	___
3	___	2014 Moose, GK DTT, State and year Vancouver, WA (metal gold)	\$5.00	___
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Delta Home Program Directorate

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If you're going to live, leave a legacy. Make a mark on the world that can't be erased.

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Jenny's theme this year is Live a Lasting Legacy—what a great theme—and it's just what we do in Delta Theta Tau. A legacy isn't what we gain in life; it is what we leave behind. In DTT, we show our families and our communities how much we care with every project we complete and with every donation we make. We create a legacy of kindness, a legacy of compassion, a legacy of commitment to causes, a legacy of making those marks that cannot be erased.

One of the ways you can create a legacy within your chapter is to share how Delta Home helps our sisters financially. Look for signs that one of your sisters might be struggling. Maybe they don't have gas money to get to your meetings. Maybe they haven't been able to help with projects because of a medical condition they can't afford to see a doctor about. Or maybe that's you.

We all know that sometimes Social Security cannot pay all the bills. Sometimes retirement accounts come up short. Sometimes a husband's death leaves us in a tight place financially. These are

all places where Delta Home can step in and help.

So, who qualifies for Delta Home?

A member 60 or older (Except under exigent circumstances), and

DTT members who have been members for at least seven years, and

Members with financial need greater than income, and

Members who have paid their Delta Home dues of \$2 per year (Or paid \$100 instead of annual payments)

If you or someone you know might qualify, please contact Laura Gullett, Delta Home Directorate President, for an application or to ask questions. Give her a call at 260-251-1327 or email her at lagdtt@gmail.com. We take great care to make sure everyone's information remains confidential.

After receiving your application, we'll let you know if you are approved within a few weeks. If approved, assistance can start the following month. The amount of assistance is based on your financial need and Delta Home Standing Rules.

Remember that the most common reason we deny a sister help is when she receives Medicaid assistance. Once a sister goes on Medicaid, Delta Home assistance may negatively impact Medicaid assistance.

As we go into the fall, show your gratitude to those who have paved the way for you to join DTT. Let them know about Delta Home and help them get and complete their application. That is a legacy you can be super proud of.

Brenda Watkins

Promotional Committee Chairman

Delta Home Directorate



Top L-R: Brenda Watkins, Laura Gullett PNP, Marcia Swift

Bottom L-R: Terri Shannon PNP, Jean Stomberski, Bev Edwards PNP

National Philanthropy Committee

National Philanthropy Committee

The good time we had at National Convention in Fort Worth, TX is now just a memory. Summer is coming to an end and Province Conventions are just around the corner.

National President, Jenny Wade's theme for this year is "Live a Lasting Legacy". We have been living it since 1903 and we continue to live a lasting legacy by the hard work to raise funds for philanthropy.

Two projects were presented this year for the National Yearly Project. Lambda Sigma Chapter, Phoenix, AZ presented St. Baldrick's Foundation. This Foundation is the world's largest charitable fundraiser of childhood cancer research grants. Epsilon Rho Chapter, San Jose, CA presented the Pajama Program. This program promotes access to healthy sleep so children may have Good Nights for Good Days. Both projects received \$3,000.

Remember December 10, 2023 is the deadline to submit projects for 2024. The project guidelines are as follows:

- National non-profit organization – must have 501c3 status, include authorization number

- Organization's current sponsors

- Detailed description of:

 - Age groups assisted

 - Type of assistance

 - Length of assistance

- Organization contact information

- Project may be renewed, but needs to be presented each year

- Chapter may present a project each year, may also present more than one project as long as all guidelines are met

Please share ideas for National Organizations at the upcoming Province Conventions as well as your chapter meetings. Our committee looks forward to seeing you at Province Conventions. Thank you for all you do in the name of Delta Theta Tau in our communities as well as what we are able to do nationally. We continue to live a lasting legacy.

Delta Love,
National Philanthropy Committee
Shannon Loughmiller, Chairman
Lindsey Cuneo, Secretary
Julie Swoveland, PNP, Third Member



FROM THE BACK ROW

The Past National Presidents “PNP” are a very special group of Delts. Once you have served on Board and Council and have served as National President, you are installed into the PNP’s. The group meets at National Convention on Saturday morning for a breakfast. The current National President is the guest of honor and installed as a new PNP.

All PNP have a vote at convention and a seat of honor with our names on our chairs in the back row. After serving together on Board and Council, some as officers for up to 10 years, you have a special bond with each other. Being together in the back row helps the PNP’s to stay connected Every year I know I will be sitting by two of my best friends and sisters, one whom I was National Vice President to and the other who was my National Vice President.

I now serve as President of the PNP’s. I was elected right before covid hit. Bonnie, Secretary & Treasurer, and myself decided we would ramp up our communications to our PNP’s. That year we started a Holiday Letter, Birthday cards, more communications letting each other know what was happening in our lives. We checked on each other, we kept encouraging each other that we will make it through. It has been so important to keep in touch and know that we are a strong support system to each other.

As President, I plan the annual breakfast meeting on Saturday morning at National Convention. We usually have around 20 PNP that come together after we have all voted for Legislation. We have annual dues and we use that money for Philanthropy of our choice each year. This year we donated \$1,100 to Founders Memorial Fund to help grow our Sorority.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the PNP. Delta Theta Tau is so dear to my heart and I am so blessed to have so many sisters around the United States. Thank you for all of you!!!

***“A Delta is my sister, a gift to my heart, a friend to my spirit,
a golden thread to the meaning of life.” MJ Litz***



DELTA ROSE CRUISE



TALANT SEARCH FOR THE 2024 BANQUET

**We know you are out there!!!
What is your talent?**

**Do you sing, dance, play an
instrument, do magic, recite poetry, tell jokes?**

The PNP's are hosting the "**Captain's Ball**" on Saturday night next year, 2024. We want to add entertainment to the cocktail hour, the banquet and the new after party party. At your Province Convention, one of the PNP will be asking for volunteers of those of you that have talent **AND** would be willing to perform **AND** will be attending National Convention in Orlando, Florida **AND** would perform for us. Thank You!!

Your PNP Sisters



2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION

“DELTS’ WILD, WILD WEST”

Well, we did it!!!! Many thanks to the five wonderful hostess chapters who helped me bring this event to fruition. The five hostess chapters that hosted the 2023 National Convention were:

Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL	Registration
Eta Province (Tacoma & Yakima, WA)	Mixer
Xi Omega, Hurst, TX	Informal
Xi Phi, Marissa, IL	Banquet
Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN	Raffle

When I started this adventure in 2018, my goal was to make the convention as affordable as possible. Region two covers a vast area of the western United States. Fort Worth, TX, aka Cowtown, was a wonderful selection. It is truly a city with a small-town feel.

I am greatly indebted to everyone that worked with me on this project. It made my job much easier. I want to thank the **2023 National President, Julie Callis**. She was wonderful to work with as well as the other National Officers. My right and left hand, **Jean Stomberski and Eileen Williams**, helped me run the behind-the-scenes operation. They also had my permission to shoot me with a tranquilizer dart if I went into a complete melt down. Luckily, I did not have a meltdown. I was extremely luck to have a **wonderful hotel staff** to work with—they made me look good. We had issues to deal with, but the hotel staff more than went out of their way to accommodate us.

And finally, to **everyone one who attended National Convention 2023**. My hope is that you learned something or things about our great sorority but that **MOST OF ALL I HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT TIME!!!!**

“SO UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU, KEEP SMILING ON TILL THEN”.

Delta Love,

Cathy Stanford

2023 Convention Coordinator



**FINANCIAL REPORT
2023 NATIONAL CONVENTION
DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC
"DELTS' WILD, WILD WEST"
SHEARTON DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH / FT. WORTH, TX
JULY 12-16, 2023
Cathy Stanford, Convention Coordinator**

HOSTESS CHAPTERS

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Eta Province, Tacoma & Yakima, WA	Mixer
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RECEIPTS

"Delta Stampede" Registration	\$ 1,035.00	
"The Delta Rose Saloon" Mixer	\$ 5,158.50	
"Cowgirl Roundup" Informal	\$11,620.50	
"The Great Train Robbery" Banquet	\$12,144.00	
"Delta Roundup" Raffle	\$ 4357.00	
Tours	<u>\$ 7,052.50</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		\$41,367.50

DISBURSEMENTS

"Delta Stampede" Registration	\$ 0.00 (donated)	
"Delta Rose Saloon" Mixer	\$ 5,067.30	
"Cowgirl Roundup" Informal	\$10,948.13	
"The Great Train Robbery" Banquet	\$11,755.95	
2019 National advance/3 site visits	\$ 846.90	
Tour Deposit – Roadrunner Charters	\$ 551.50	
Tours	\$ 3344.49	
Refund to National (9 chapters not attending minus registration)	<u>\$ 1,422.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:		\$33,936.27

TOTAL CONVENTION PROFIT \$7,431.23

DIVISION OF PROFIT TO HOSTESS CHAPTERS

Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL	\$1,486.27 (My 3 cent tip)	
Eta Province, Washington State	\$1,486.24	
Xi Omega, Hurst, TX	\$1,486.24	
Xi Phi, Marissa, IL	\$1,486.24	
Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN	<u>\$1,486.24</u>	
		\$7,431.23

REGISTRATION TOTALS:

Delegates	60 (69 chapters minus 9 not in attendance)	
Non-Delegates	119 (includes 12 National Officers and Parliamentarian)	
Non-Members	<u>28</u>	
TOTAL REGISTERED	207	

Other Transactions at this convention:

PNO Luncheon	\$1,014.37	
PNO Breakfast	\$565.61	
Banquet Purse Auction raised \$2,780.00 for NFED		

2023 National Convention Reflections

Alpha PEG - Terry Riester PNP

Hey Delta Sisters! I hope y'all are as energized as I am after our 2023 National Convention! We laughed, we cried, we hugged, and we learned. We danced, we took care of business and a couple of us even rode a longhorn. I tell ya, there just isn't anything like spending time with your Delta Sisters!

Thank you to Cathy Stanford, PNP and our Convention Coordinator, for gracefully leading us through the wilderness of the "Delts' Wild Wild West". You did a bang-up job and even the tumbleweeds and tombstones didn't stand in our way. I tip my hat to you, Ma'am. Thank you to Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL; Eta Province Chapters; Xi Omega, Hurst, TX; Xi Phi, Marissa, IL; and Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN for the boot scooting, yee-hawing shindigs y'all marshalled for our evenings. Y'all organized a great convention and helped us make wonderful memories that we will cherish forever.

Thank you to Sheriff Julie Callis, 2022 National President, and her fearless posse. Y'all rode right in and roped the meeting. You've been taking care of business all year and you wrapped it up in classic Delta style. What can I say? Y'all Rocked it! I look forward to seeing what y'all do this year with Jenny Wade at the helm. The excitement will swell with the tide as you prepare to "Live a Lasting Legacy" and cruise into Orlando in July 2024.

I am so excited to be serving as your Alpha Province PEG this year. Pat Mote has done a wonderful job for 20 years! I tip my cowgirl hat to her! I know I've got some big cowgirl boots to fill. Thank you, Pat! I appreciate you more than you will ever know.

Thank you to Kendra Olson, DEG, for her guidance in getting me started as Alpha Province PEG. I really enjoyed meeting and getting to know all of the PEGs and Province Chairman at our breakfast. This is a great group of Delts!

So! That being said . . . Here we grow!!! I have goals for Alpha Province. I want to strengthen our chapters. I want to see at least one new member for each chapter AND at least one new chapter in Alpha Province. I'm willing to work to reach these goals and I hope you are too. There ya go, I've put it in writing. Let's go girls! We can meet and beat these goals together. I have FAITH! **F**ully **A**nticipating **I**t **T**o **H**appen!

See y'all at Province Conventions!
Delta Love,

Terry Riester, PNP
Alpha Province PEG

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

Reflections from Jean Claggett:

The 115th National Convention has come and gone but not forgotten. The three gals, Jeanie Claggett, Char

Garret and Jan Gruber, from Kappa Xi Chapter had a wonderful time. We missed the Mixer, but that's a story for another time. HA! Ha! It started off with our Pledge, Jan Gruber, getting initiated in the morning session. We were so very proud, we think this is the first time one of our own was initiated at National. She thought she was gonna be nervous, but everyone was so friendly and welcoming to her, she just truly was able to enjoy the ceremony.

The Informal was a total blast. Everyone had so much fun dancing the night away. The formal banquet started off with an amazing fundraiser, a purse auction. Over \$2,000.00 was raised for NFED. What a very neat idea. The raffle turned out to be a real treat for Char. She won around \$175.00 in cash and a couple other items. So very lucky. But there was a gal also having a lot of luck, they were going back and forth all night winning and winning and winning. President, Julie Callis did an awesome job conducting the meetings, she and the National Officers were hard at work all year long helping to keep our sorority something to be very proud of. Thank you very much. It's always exciting to hear the results of the top ten chapters in the Philanthropy Report. Congratulations to all the winners and to all the other chapters who worked hard raising money and giving it back to their communities to try and make a difference. We are all winners. Thanks to my chapter for the great experience to be delegate again. I encourage everyone to attend the National Convention next year in the beautiful city of Orlando. Delta Love, **Jeanie Claggett, PNP, Delegate**

** The sisters of Kappa Xi Chapter were very happy to send Jeanie as our delegate along with Char going and our now newest member Jan Gruber. What a privilege to have a sister initiated at National and thanks for bringing us back your stories so we could all relive a little part of National Convention! **

Delta Love,
Vicki Mills

New Carlisle, IN - Kappa Rho

I was fortunate enough to be the delegate for Kappa Rho Chapter at this year's National Convention. Simply put, it was an amazing experience. Having joined DTT only a year ago, the Convention gave me the opportunity to really see what the organization is all about. From seeing the opening ceremony, induction of three new members into the sorority, voting on changes to our Bylaws, election, and



Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP, and Kathy Aurenz, Delegate, Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN

presentation of the new National Officers, it was a great experience. I learned how much the Sorority donates in time and hours all year long on a much larger scale than our chapter alone. I learned about our national yearly projects and the Delta Home Fund.

The chapters that hosted our nightly events were amazing. Everyone was very helpful in answering my questions while I was navigating through the daily meetings and work sessions. To hear about the many women who have been a part of Delta Theta Tau for decades was truly inspirational. I am already considering attending next year's Convention as a delegate or non-delegate whichever way works out. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this organization!

Kathy Aurenz

Delegate, Kappa Rho Chapter

Oxford, OH - Nu Alpha

"Gathering, Growing and Giving with Grace and Gratitude" was certainly on full display at this year's 115th Delta Theta Tau National Convention in Ft. Worth, Texas. Held at the Sheraton Ft. Worth Downtown from July 12th-16th. A total of 58 chapters sent delegates from around the country to participate. Not even the 103+ degree temperatures or broken elevators could deter the love and friendship my Delta sisters poured out for this **first-time delegate**.

After some initial opening business, the convention began with the initiation of three new Delta sisters. Though I have seen it before, it is truly special to see at a convention. My fellow Nu Alpha sisters, Laura Haskins and Terri Shannon, did a wonderful job with the ceremony, as did all the initiation team.

This year the memorial service honored 42 Deltas who have gone "beyond the wall." It was heart wrenching to hear the losses named by chapter, with one losing six members this year. However, it also reminded me of the lifelong dedication of service and philanthropy that these Deltas gave to their communities.

Hearing of the many philanthropic dollars raised and donated as well as the countless hours volunteered, made me proud of every chapter and every member of DTT. The distribution of Counseling Scholarships and yearly National projects included NFED, Pajama Program and St. Baldrick's Foundation (children's cancer research). You are all amazing women who truly display the best that is in womanhood!

"Deltas Wild Wild West" wasn't all work, but great fun as



Photo L-R: Laura Haskins, Terri Shannon, Judy Hathaway

well. "The Delta Rose Saloon" mixer and "Cowgirl Roundup" informal presented an opportunity to meet new friends and allow for catching up with old acquaintances. There were even line dancing lessons for those of us with two left feet. "The Great Train Robbery" banquet had everyone in the best western wear as purses were raffled and winners announced. Let's not forget the lovely tours. Even with the heat, they were wonderful. Those Stockyard longhorns were amazing!!

For me, as a first-time delegate, the National Officers installation was the highlight of this year's convention. This was a first for me and a special privilege to witness the ceremony as the new National President and National Officers began their year.

Although this was my first National Convention, it certainly won't be my last! I look forward to seeing my fellow delegates, new and returning, next year in Tucson where we will all surely **"Live a Lasting Legacy."**

Judy Hathaway, Delegate

Plymouth, IN - Zeta Zeta

"Yee-Haw" rang out through the streets of Fort Worth as Deltas from around the country joined together for the "Wild, Wild, West" 115th Delta Theta Tau Convention.

A "Yee-Haw" shout out to the ladies of Omicron Alpha in Woodlawn, Illinois, for a flawless registration. Eta province introduced us to a baked potato bar, Texas style - it didn't disappoint. Xi Omega ladies from Hurst, Texas, put on quite the "Cowgirl Roundup" shindig. Everyone was definitely able to kick up their boots. Thank you to Xi Phi, of Marissa, Illinois, for an evening of fun and excitement during "The Great Train Robbery." Finally, thank you to the ladies of Lambda Eta of Franklin, Indiana, for rustling up an impressive "Delta Roundup" raffle.

Thank you, Julie Callis, for your leadership this past year and during our convention.

Congratulations to our new National President, Jenny Wade. I look forward to your leadership this year as we all work together and **"Live a Lasting Legacy."**

Paula Neidlinger

Delegate Convention Highlights



Ginger Benefiel and Paula Neidlinger at the Magnolia Market at the Silos Outing

Redkey, IN - Zeta Alpha

What a great location for National Convention 2023....thanks Ft. Worth, TX. It may have been 106 degrees outside, but we still enjoyed rides on Molly-The-Trolley, walking the brick streets in the Old Historic Stockyard District, savoring Texas barbecue, touring the shops at The Silos in Waco, and an amazing Waterfall Park within walking distance of the Sheraton Hotel.

A big Thank You goes to Cathy Stanford & all the host chapters for planning such fun events! We experienced something new -Texas style of course - at every meal, and this Indiana girl tried it all. What fun we had practicing our 'Yee-Haw', line dancing the night away, & escaping The Great Train Robbery with non-stop events.

The National Officer skits were delightful once again...Can we learn a lot & have fun? Absolutely! President Julie, you are so appreciated for leading us quickly through all the necessary business.



Ready to line dance in the Wild West
L-R: Pam Robbins, Delegate, Julie Swoveland, PNP, Kathy Nelson

Congratulations, Zeta Alpha, for getting an award by adding 5 new members last year!

Even though this trip was a long-haul by car, taking two days made for sweet conversations with Delt sisters from the Dunkirk chapter. We just can't say it enough ... Once you go to National Convention, you'll be hooked. Friendships made at convention will be special for a lifetime. So, sisters, encourage your chapter members to put Orlando, FL on the calendar now. Call it a vacation with your Delt family... Dr ordered time of renewal... need for sunshine... work break... but make it happen.

I hear there's going to be a Captain's Ball on the Love Boat, so decorate up that hat, and see you there!

Kathy Nelson

San Jose, CA - Epsilon Rho

The Hot Dallas National Convention!

A hot (great) time was had by attendees at National Convention, July 12-16, 2023. Yes, the temperature hovered around 104, but it was a wonderful experience for me! This was **my first National Convention**, and I had the honor to represent Epsilon Rho Chapter as its delegate. I learned so much and experienced true sisterhood. Kudos to Cathy Stanford for ensuring that attendees were well-cared-for, had appropriate meeting information, and had so much fun at the "Delt's Wild Wild West" Convention!

There was much excitement at Registration, especially for those re-connecting with their sisters from other chapters. The entertaining Mixer was especially noteworthy for me. As it happened, I chose a seat next to a sister from Ohio--

another Diana (who also had the same middle name)!!!

Attendees dealt with a full agenda, encompassing 2.5 days of business meetings. The business meetings included introduction of current Officers, introduction of Province Chairs, an Initiation Ceremony to welcome new members, a Memorial Ceremony to honor those who have passed, detailed reports, legislation review, introduction of candidates for 2024 officers, speakers, presentations of special projects, presentation of awards, voting and presentation of new officers. Jodi Reinhardt provided an inspiring report, sharing the good that NFED has provided for those who might not have made it past their toddler years—many a tearful eye viewed pictures of those success stories. Jonathan Allen was the Grantee Speaker, instilling in our hearts that there is always a way to accomplish "good" and share it with our fellow humans. There was a preview of the 2024 Convention to be held in Orlando, FL, July 10-13, 2024. (NOTE: Per the preview, this looks to be a convention not to be missed!) The chapters enthusiastically supported those making presentations—some evoking tears and others evoking resounding applause! It was inspiring to experience the true concern and respect the chapters have for one another. The numerous volunteer hours and those fund-raisers provided funding for NFED and two projects (Pajama Project--Epsilon Rho and St. Baldrick's Foundation--Sigma Lambda).

The free afternoon and evenings provided time for an abundance of fun. Whether one chose the tour to "Magnolia Market at the Silos" (for some retail therapy) or the tour to "Fort Worth Stockyards" (for those adventurous gals) we had a chance to experience Fort Worth. The Great Train Robbery Banquet had ladies shaking in their boots! We experienced a purse heist. (Don't worry, the purses were part of the table decorations!) The purses were auctioned with the proceeds (over \$2500.00) to be donated to NFED! Following the auction, the raffles were held, and the lucky winners took home their treasures.

While each attendee will have special memories of this Convention, a standout for me will be the addresses by the out-going and in-coming Presidents.

President Julie Callis presided with grace, and still possessed the energy to light up the dancefloor at our entertaining evenings; her heartfelt "thank you" speech received so much love from not only her chapter, but from all of her sorority sisters as she assumed her new role as PNP. Jenny Wade, our newly elected President, shared her theme of **"Live a Lasting Legacy"** and her vision for our Sorority and new levels of success. A special thank you to the Officers and Hosting Chapters who spent time prior to the Convention planning and organizing the time we spent with our Sisters. Hopefully you have recovered from all those steps you had to climb while the elevator was inoperable.

The coming year looks bright; the promise for an exciting 2024 National Convention is enticing! Warm Delta Hugs for all the out-going and in-coming Officers and Committee Members!

Diana McDonald, Delegate



Brenda Corral, Diana McDonald, Brenda Moore

2023 National Convention

"Delts' Wild Wild West"

July 12-16, 2023

Sheraton Downtown Fort Worth

Fort Worth, TX

On our way to Fort Worth for convention!



Ft Worth National Convention, Lambda Eta is on our way!!



Triple trifecta trouble Bringin' the heat



PRE-CONVENTION



On our way to National Convention in Ft. Worth, TX



Delta Rose Saloon Mixer
Sponsored by ETA Province
7-12-23





Business Meeting— Thursday, July 13, 2023

Welcome by 2023 National Convention Coordinator-Cathy Stanford, PNP, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL

Opening Ceremony—National Officers in white

Escorting Sgt-at-Arms—Terry Riester, PNP, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN

Flag Bearers: Kelly Marrs, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL and Julie Swoveland, PNP, Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN

3 Initiates: Jan Gruber, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH; Enid Gangler, Lambda Epsilon, Plainfield, IN; and Megan Nowling, Gamma Gamma, Washington IN



Vice-President, Jenny Wade, conducted the beautiful Memorial Service to honor 42 deceased Delta Sisters.

She was assisted by:

Pages: Jean Claggett, PNP, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Bonnie Wells, PNP, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ, Mary Beth Godsey, PNO, Zeta Bloomington, IN and Jeri Elliott, PNP, Xi Epsilon, Yakima, WA

Soloists: Mandy Allen, Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN and Michelle Westhues, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO

Sergeant-at Arms: Glenna Miller, Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA

Credentials Report:

Number of Chapters: 68

Number of Chapters represented at this Convention: 59

Number of elected National Officers: 8

Number of Past National Presidents: 18

Honorary Members who are members of the Sorority: 1

TOTAL number of votes which may be cast: 86



Pat Mote was recognized for 20 years service as Alpha PEG.

Thank you Delta Theta Tau Sorority for 20 GREAT years as Alpha PEG. Thank you Kendra Olson and Terry Riestler for the beautiful silver rose. I am so thankful I came to convention, even though it was a little difficult with my knee pain. It was nice seeing and visiting with many of you. I am still the "Go To Girl" for putting news on the website. Let me know your news!

Thank you Cathy and your hostess chapter for the wonderful time and great food. Thank you to my roommate, Carolyn Skillen. I could not have managed without you! Thank you Terry Riestler for taking over for me. She will do a great job for Alpha Province. Hugs and blessings to my Delt Sisters!

Pat Mote



**NFED—Jodi Reinhardt,
Director of Marketing &
Communications**

**Grantee
Speaker:
Johnathon Allen**



Past National Officers Luncheon



LEGISLATION





Tonight's informal! Cowgirl Roundup!



Xi Omega was honored to host y'all last night!!!! 🍀🍀🍀

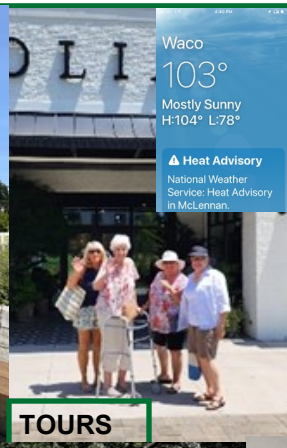


Friday, July 14, 2023



Workshops & Philanthropy

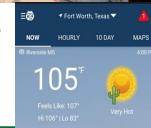




1st 50/50 WINNER!!



Magnolia Market @ the Silos
Fort Worth Stockyards



2023 Teresa McAllister Award was awarded to Christine Digg, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH. Christine has been active



Doris Sanders, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN presents the Rambling Rose to Kendra Olson, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL. Kendra has been active for 42 years and is currently in her sixth year as Director of Expansion and Growth



Gathering, Growing, and Giving with Grace and Gratitude Award

President Julie Callis presented a new annual award called The Gathering, Growing, and Giving with Grace and Gratitude Award. It is to be presented each year to a sister who goes beyond the call of duty and is diligent in growing the sorority. The first recipient of this award went to National Treasurer, Evonne Albert, Xi Pi, Marissa, IL.



For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2022, total money donated in the name of Delta Theta Tau was \$610,522.16 and 96,372.90 volunteer hours were accounted for.



Presentation of 50 Year Membership: Gloria Long, Epsilon Omega, Crawfordsville, IN, was presented with her 50 Year Membership from Alpha Omega Chapter, Brazil, IN. Gloria's chapter disbanded June 15, 2023, and she has been going to Alpha Omega Chapter's meetings and events

TOP TEN CHAPTERS 2021-2022
Awards Presented at 2023 National Convention

TOP TEN PHILANTHROPY DOLLARS FOR 2021-2022

CITY & STATE	CHAPTER	# OF MEMBERS	PROVINCE	TOTAL
1 Franklin, IN	Lambda Eta	8	Epsilon	\$52,022.59
2 Portland, IN	Xi	17	Beta	\$38,024.50
3 Marissa, IL	Xi Phi	36	Epsilon	\$28,162.17
4 Red Bud, IL	Omicron Psi	11	Epsilon	\$22,290.48
5 Lawrenceville, IL	Beta Xi	13	Epsilon	\$22,004.17
6 Alexandria, IN	Delta Xi	31	Alpha	\$21,036.21
7 Brazil, IN	Alpha Omega	21	Alpha	\$20,269.50
8 Mooresville, IN	Lambda Nu	19	Alpha	\$20,066.18
9 Martinsville, IN	Lambda Theta	29	Theta	\$20,063.54
10 Valparaiso, IN	Tau	19	Beta	\$18,504.20

TOP TEN PHILANTHROPY DOLLARS PER CAPITA FOR 2021-2022

CITY & STATE	CHAPTER	# OF MEMBERS	PROVINCE	TOTAL PER CAPITA
1 Franklin, IN	Lambda Eta	8	Theta	\$ 6,502.82
2 Portland, IN	Xi	17	Beta	\$ 2,236.74
3 Red Bud, IL	Omicron Psi	11	Epsilon	\$ 2,026.41
4 Lawrenceville, IL	Beta Xi	13	Epsilon	\$ 1,692.63
5 Mooresville, IN	Lambda Nu	19	Alpha	\$ 1,056.11
6 Greenwood, IN	Nu Tau	14	Theta	\$ 1,045.52
7 Valparaiso, IN	Tau	19	Beta	\$ 973.91
8 Brazil, IN	Alpha Omega	21	Alpha	\$ 965.21
9 Anna, IL	Delta Kappa	15	Epsilon	\$ 846.94
10 Marissa, IL	Xi Phi	36	Epsilon	\$ 782.28

TOP TEN VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2021-2022

CITY & STATE	CHAPTER	# OF MEMBERS	PROVINCE	TOTAL
1 Bethel, MO	Omicron Pi	24	Epsilon	3,504.00
2 Woodlawn, IL	Omicron Phi	18	Epsilon	3,445.00
3 Brookville, IN	Eta Kappa	16	Theta	3,285.00
4 Alexandria, IN	Delta Xi	31	Alpha	3,130.00
5 Greenwood, IN	Nu Tau	14	Theta	3,021.50
6 Pana, IL	Zeta Theta	19	Epsilon	3,007.25
7 Delano, CA	Theta Iota	7	Delta	2,694.00
8 Marissa, IL	Xi Phi	36	Epsilon	2,656.00
9 Franklin, IN	Lambda Eta	8	Theta	2,603.00
10 Portland, IN	Xi	17	Beta	2,600.00

TOP TEN VOLUNTEER HOURS PER CAPITA FOR 2021-2022

CITY & STATE	CHAPTER	# OF MEMBERS	PROVINCE	TOTAL PER CAPITA
1 Delano, CA	Theta Iota	7	Delta	384.86
2 Franklin, IN	Lambda Eta	8	Theta	325.38
3 Fresno, CA	Omicron Delta	4	Delta	262.5
4 Muncie, IN	Alpha	10	Alpha	233.15
5 Greenwood, IN	Nu Tau	14	Theta	215.82
6 Brookville, IN	Eta Kappa	16	Theta	205.31
7 Plainfield, IN	Lambda Epsilon	9	Alpha	205
8 Yakima, WA	Xi Epsilon	12	Eta	200.06
9 Woodlawn, IL	Omicron Alpha	18	Epsilon	191.39
10 Bloomington, IN	Zeta	11	Theta	165.09



MILESTONES:

- 2003: 20 Omicron Pi Bethel, MO
- 1973: 50 Nu Tau Greenwood, IN
- 1968: 55 Nu Alpha Oxford, OH
- 1958: 65 Lambda Epsilon Plainfield, IN
- 1958: 65 Lambda Alpha Tacoma, WA
- 1953: 70 Iota Chi Spencer, IN
- 1948: 75 Theta Iota Delano, CA
- 1948: 75 Theta Zeta Seymour, IN
- 1948: 75 Theta Delta Sparta, IL
- 1928: 95 Gamma Pi New Paris, OH
- 1928: 95 Gamma Xi Bakersfield, CA
- 1928: 95 Gamma Lambda Marion, IL

- 1923: 100 Alpha Rho Chesterton, IN
- 1918: 105 Sigma Marion, IN
- 1908: 110 Zeta Bloomington, IN
- 1903: 120 Alpha Muncie, IN



DEG Awards for Chapter Growth



Newly Elected National President, Jenny Wade



This quilt was pieced and quilted with love by Sue Roe and Bonnie Carter 2023

"Down on the Farm" is presented to Julie Callis in recognition of her tenure as National President of Delta Theta Tau Sorority 2022-2023



Outgoing President, Julie Callis, speech



Thank you to the 2023 National Convention Coordinator Cathy Stanford for making the "Delt's Wild West" convention in Fort Worth, Texas make all my dreams come true as National President! It was an AWESOME convention thanks to you! ❤️

Interesting ways to utilize 1 elevator!

More photos on page 53

Members with 50+ Years of service to Delta Theta Tau Sorority

- Gloria Long, Linda Sheese, Doris Sanders, Janice Modiset, Kathy Smallwood, Charlotte Marengo, Christine Miller, Connie Feagans, Sharon Kitchens



National Convention 2024 Delta Rose Cruise July 10-14, 2024



The hostess chapters for the 2024 National Convention have been working hard to prepare the “ship” for you and your families as we get ready for the **Delta Rose Cruise**. The “cruise” will leave from the Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando, FL on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, and will return to port on Sunday, July 14, 2024.

When you board the “ship” at the hotel, you will be greeted by members of the Alpha Omicron Chapter from Terre Haute, Indiana at the **All Aboard the Delta Rose Registration**.

Be sure to join the Lambda Epsilon Chapter from Plainfield, Indiana for the **Takin’ a Chance Raffle**.

On Wednesday night, Lambda Nu Chapter from Mooresville, Indiana will welcome you to the **Delta Rose Mixer**.

Join the girls from the Epsilon Rho Chapter, San Jose, California at the **Poolside Fun Informal** on Thursday night.

On Saturday night the PNP’s from “that back row” invite everyone to a fabulous evening at the **Captain’s Ball**. At your Province Convention, one of the PNP’s will be asking for volunteers of those that have talent AND would be willing to perform AND will be attending National Convention in Orlando.

Of course, we never want the convention to end, so we will be throwing our inaugural “after party” party. You will want to come to the after party to relax, tell a joke, a story or see who the talent scouts have found to entertain us at the “after party” party.



So, get the family packed up and come on down to the **Delta Rose Cruise on July 10-14, 2024**.

Karen Allen, PNP
2024 National Convention Coordinator

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Kelly Anthony	Brenda Moore	Denise Bedore Custer	Marylynne Winslow
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2023 PROVINCE CONVENTION INFORMATION

Alpha

October 27-29, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, IN

Convention CH: Karen Allen, PNP

Location: Drury Plaza Hotel, 9625 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN

Alpha Prov Ch: Debi Hamblet

“Cheers to 100 years”

Beta

September 29 - October 1, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Alpha Rho, Chesterton, IN & Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN

Co-Convention CH: Lauren Thorstad, Alpha Rho, Chesterton, IN & Bonnie DeMeyer, Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN

Location: Blue Chip Casino & Hotel, 777 Blue Chip Dr, Michigan City, IN 46360

Beta Prov Ch: Kelly Anthony

“Diamonds are Forever”

Gamma

October 13-15, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH

Convention CH: Carla Porter

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 3520 Pentagon Park Blvd., Beavercreek, OH 45431

Gamma Prov Ch: Lynn Denlinger

“Second Hand Rose”

Delta

November 10-12, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ

Convention CH: Bonnie Wells, PNP & Nicole Johnson

Location: Hampton Inn, Anthem, AZ

Delta Prov Ch: Brenda Moore

“The 5 C’s of Arizona”

Epsilon

October 20-22, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO

Convention CH: Tammy Greenwell

Location: Mid-West Premium Entertainment Venue, Burlington, IA

Epsilon Prov Ch: Julia Hayes

dtjuliahayes@gmail.com

Zeta

November 4, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Xi Omega, Hurst, TX

Convention CH:

Location:

Zeta Prov Ch: Denise Bedore Cutter

denise_b248@att.net

Eta

October 6-8, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA

Convention CH: Linda Lamb

Location: LaQuinta Hotel Inn & Suites, Tacoma, WA

Eta Prov Ch: Bev Edwards, PNP

“City of Destiny”

Theta

September 22-24, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Nu Tau, Greenwood, IN

Convention CH: Robin Randolph-DeClue

Location: Hilton Garden Inn Indianapolis South/Greenwood, 5255 Noggle Way, Indianapolis, IN 46237

Theta Prov Ch: Marylyne Winslow

“Happy 120th Edwardian Birthday, Delta Theta Tau”

ALPHA PROVINCE CHAIRMAN

It's a birthday party and I, for one, am excited!!!

Alpha Omicron chapter, Terre Haute, IN, is celebrating their chapter birthday with the 2023 Alpha Province Convention **“100 Years”**. This party lasts the whole weekend of October 27-28, 2023, in Indianapolis, IN.

Friday night you will be greeted in the lobby of the Drury Plaza Hotel Indianapolis Carmel, at the **“They Say It's Your Birthday” Registration**. In the lobby you can enjoy the Drury Inn's Kickback program with snacks and drinks from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Each hotel guest will receive 3 free drink tickets to be used during the Kickback.

After registration, it is mixer time in the Capital Room with the **“Sweet Sixteen” Mixer** with games and cupcakes!

Saturday morning, we will enjoy a **free hot breakfast** starting at 7:00am. This will give us energy for the business meeting to follow.

Lunch time brings us to the **“21 and Tippy” Luncheon** in the lobby of the Drury. A slider station with all the fixings sounds good to me!

After all the business is done, we get to the nitty gritty with the **“Cheers to 100 Years” Banquet** in the Capital Room. Be ready to enjoy a delicious dinner! But best of all, be ready to enjoy laughs and conversations with fellow Sisters!

Make sure to bring your raffle tickets from the **“Birthday Bash” Raffle** held in the Carmel Room!!!! Prepare to win lots of prizes!

October will be here before you know it, so get those reservations in today! **Debi Hamblet - Alpha Province Chairman**

Beta Province Convention



PHOTO L-R: Co Chairmen Lauren Thorstad, Alpha Rho Chapter and Bonnie DeMeyer, Kappa Rho Chapter

Alpha Rho Chesterton and Kappa Rho New Carlisle chapters are looking forward to a bedazzled, fun weekend of Delta Theta Tau Sorority sisterhood, **September 29th - October 1st, 2023, at the Blue Chip Casino in Michigan City, Indiana.**

Please join us for "**Diamonds Are Forever**", where we will celebrate our Delta spirit and the 100th anniversary of Alpha Rho Chapter—Chesterton.

There will be lots of door prizes, beautiful raffle baskets to win and of course FUN! There are lots of things to do in the area, so plan on making it a girl's weekend to make new Delta memories with both old and new friends.

Karen Wixted
Publicity Chrm
Alpha Rho Chapter - Chesterton IN

Gamma Province Chairman

Hello again Sisters,

Now is the time to renew past acquaintances and meet new sisters at the Gamma Province Convention, October 13, 14 and 15, 2023. Your sisters of Kappa Xi Chapter are excited to host a weekend of fun for all attendees.

On Friday evening **Nora's Vintage Mixer** will reveal each team's gracefulness at a fun filled bowling party.

Of course, we will have a sincere and informative business meeting on Saturday with afternoon workshops conducted by our National Officers. These meetings are the roots that make our foundation strong and help our sorority grow.

At the noon break **Ethel's Tea Party Luncheon** will give us a chance to unwind for a short interval. You will enjoy the tea party bingo with some nice prizes.

How did we come up with the convention theme "**Second Hand Rose**"? It is a funny story that will be revealed at **Charline's Soiree Banquet** Saturday evening. An abundance of laughs are planned for the second hand fashion show. Sisters you are invited to participate by wearing and showing off your treasured second hand fashion finds. It is always more fun when sisters play together!

The closing event for this weekend will be our **Olive Us Together Again Brunch**. A lovely fellowship service will be followed by our **Founder's Day Ceremony**.

Upon departure we hope you will be taking home some wonderful things either purchased or won at **Betsy's Boutique and Raffle**.

We will be there and are excited to have you join us.

With Delta Love,

Lynn Denlinger,

Gamma Province Chairman on behalf of your sisters of Kappa Xi Chapter

Epsilon Province Convention

The Sisters of Omicron Pi would like to invite everyone to the **2023 Epsilon Province Convention** for **“A Step Back in Time”** at the **Catfish Bend Convention & Event Center** in **Burlington, Iowa** **October 20-22, 2023**.

Friday night you will be attend the **“Bingo Gold Rush” Mixer** with Hors D’oeuvres and a fun night of bingo. Saturday morning, we will start the day off right with a **hot breakfast** before we dive into the Business Meeting which will be led by **Epsilon Chairman, Julia Hayes**, Theta Delta Chapter, Sparta, Indiana.

We will enjoy a light **Chuckwagon lunch** and after the meetings, you will come back for the **“Era Night Banquet.”** Wear your favorite outfit from the past! If you fancy yourself the Belle of the Ball, a Swinging Flapper, Free Styling Hippie or Straight Up Grunge we want to see it all!

We hope to see everyone Sunday morning at the **“Sunrise Breakfast”** where we can visit and say our goodbyes before parting ways.

All attendees who register early will have their names put in a special drawing for door prizes.

Ashley Dunn

Publicity Chairman

Theta Province Convention



Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc.

Theta Province

120th Edwardian Birthday

Celebration

September 22-24, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn

5255 Noggle Way, Indpls, IN 46227

Young Ladies

Garden Party

Gilded Cotillion

Social

Luncheon

Banquet

Founders Day

Mid-day Raffle

Raffle Drawing

Ceremony

Drawing

Silly Style Show

Friday

Saturday

Saturday

7:00-9:00pm

12:00-1:30pm

7:00-9:00pm

Theta Province Expansion & Growth



As Theta PEG I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge accolades due to Theta chapters. Awards were presented at the 2023 National Convention. Theta revels on the TOP TEN CHAPTERS 2021-2022 list. Philanthropy Dollars: Lambda Eta of Franklin, IN hailed as number one, Lamba Nu of Martinsville, IN ranked as number nine.

Philanthropy Dollars per Capita: Lambda Eta of Franklin, IN hailed as number one, Nu Tau of Greenwood, IN ranked as number six.

Volunteer Hours: Eta Kappa of Brookville, IN held third place, Nu Tau of Greenwood, IN ranked as number five, Lambda Eta of Franklin, IN as number nine.

Volunteer Hours per Capita: Lambda Eta of Franklin, IN stood at number two, Nu Tau of Greenwood, IN ranked as number five, Eta Kappa of Brookville, IN held number six, Zeta of Bloomington, IN ranked number ten.

Communities are stronger due to the diligence of local Delta Theta Tau Chapters. This displays proof that **“Live a Lasting Legacy”** prevails.

Margo Feebeck

Theta Province Expansion & Growth

Zeta Province Chairman



ZETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

November 4, 2023

Hostess Chapter: Xi Omega, Hurst, TX

Zeta Province Chairman: Denise Bedore Cutter

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Denise Custer, Zeta Province Chairman

Delta Province Chairman



Hi Delta sisters! My name is Brenda Moore and I live in Sunnyvale, California (Silicon Valley). Born and raised in San Jose – just a few miles away. Before this Valley switched to the Tech Industry (HP, Apple, Google, Facebook etc etc) it was known for its beautiful orchards of Apricots & Cherries and busy canneries. Things are always changing.

I was delighted to be elected Chairman for 2023 Delta Province. I have belonged to Epsilon Rho San Jose Chapter for 15 years. Our chapter has 15 Delts supporting the community and each other. Great bunch of ladies.

Our host Chapter is Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ. The date for the convention is **November 10-12th, 2023**. The theme is **“The 5 C’s of Arizona”**. (The 5 economic impacts that put Arizona on the map to Statehood). The 5 C’s are: Cooper, Cattle, Cotton, Citrus and Climate.) The convention will be held in **Anthem, Arizona at the Enclave of Anthem** for the meetings and meals and the Hotel will be the **Hampton Inn** for our rooms. The Chapter will also be doing Western Murder mystery which will be so fun (they did a Pirate theme 8 years ago in San Diego and it was really a kick). Hope to have a big turnout for this fun packed event.

Brenda Moore

Delta Province Chairman

ETA Province Chairman

ETA Province Convention – October 6, 7, 8, 2023

TACOMA, WA
CITY OF DESTINY

Lambda Alpha Chapter, ETA Province, Tacoma Washington invites you to our “**City of Destiny**” Convention at the La Quinta Inn and Suites in Tacoma Washington.

Join us Friday night October 6th for the **Heritage of Tacoma Mixer** (to include the “Chinese Reconciliation Park, Job Carr Home and Union Station”).

On Saturday morning October 7th, gather for the morning Business meeting and then join us for **Mt Tacoma Luncheon**.

Saturday evening dinner will be the **City of Destiny Banquet** (to include the “W.W. Seymour Botanical Conservatory, Joint Base Lewis McChord and the Tacoma Art Museum”).

Don't forget your favorite Pajama's as we gather for “**The Heritage of Tacoma Raffle**” and bring an extra suitcase to carry home your winnings. Tickets for the Raffle, Golden Hand Raffle, and the 50/50 Drawing will be available for purchase beginning Friday evening at the mixer, up until drawing time.

Sunday morning October 8th, we will gather for the “**Farewell Brunch**” as we reminisce about the weekend and say our good-byes.

We will also have a **Raffle, the Heritage of Tacoma**. Tickets for the Raffle, the Golden Hand and 50/50 Drawing will be available to purchase on Friday and Saturday.

We look forward to seeing all of you, catching up with sisters, celebrating and making new memories.

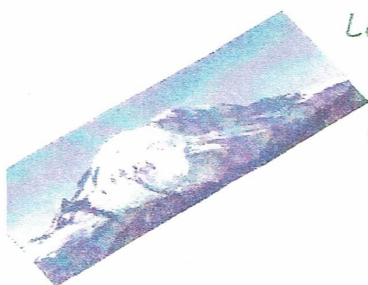
Delta Love

Linda Lamb,

2023 Province Chairman



Point Defiance Park



Lambda Alpha Chapter Invites you to:

ETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

THE CITY OF DESTINY - TACOMA, WA

OCTOBER 6, 7 & 8, 2023

LAQUINTA INN & SUITES



“COME SEE WHAT OUR EXCITING CITY HAS TO OFFER”

CHAPTER NEWS

Anna, IL—Delta Kappa

The sisters of Delta Kappa have been "Living Life In Full Bloom". We were excited to give out 3 scholarships at our local high school, had a fantastic turnout to our Christmas in July Golf Scramble, and **were able to send our two sisters, Jennifer and Heather, to the National Convention.** The girls really enjoyed getting to meet all the wonderful ladies at convention and learning just a little bit more about Delta Theta Tau. We have so many things planned for this fall/winter, so be on the lookout for that.



Heather Craig

Bakersfield, CA—Gamma Xi

Gamma Xi members have begun preparations for our 2 major fundraisers for 2023-2024. We will again be hosting our much anticipated Chinese Auction in early November. Each year we have about 70 guests enjoying the great food, and participating in the live auction. Proceeds are donated to the Thanksgiving Dinner held at St. Vincent de Paul. Many unsheltered people rely on this traditional event.

Spring will bring our 45th Annual Fashion Show Luncheon and Gift Basket Drawing. Sixty to eighty ladies come to enjoy themselves for an afternoon. Some of the ladies have come for many years. This year we will hold the event at a different country club, where the second floor banquet room provides a panoramic view of the entire city.

Some Gamma Xi members hope to travel to Arizona for the Delta Province Convention. Members enjoy attending to be able to reconnect with sisters.

Pamela Moore

Bethel, MO - Omicron Pi

Since our last edition of GRIT, the sisters of Omicron Pi have been busy hosting the Daddy/Daughter Dance, the local Red Cross blood drive, and the Miss Old Settlers Queen Contest and **planning the 2023 Epsilon Province Convention.**

The Daddy Daughter Dance held on April 30th had 50 families in attendance and raised \$515 in free will donations for the NFED. A great afternoon of dancing, crafts and snacks were enjoyed by all who attended.

The Miss Old Settlers Queen Contest had 7 contestants this year. Each young lady presented their philanthropic project to a panel of judges at a Sunday afternoon Tea then had onstage questions the Thursday night of Old Settlers. One of our sisters, Heather Christine's 15 year old daughter, Emma, won 2nd Runner Up along with the People's Choice and Miss Congeniality!

National Convention highlights from Delegate Katie Wiley:

Delts' Wild Wild West 2023 convention was full of boot scootin and important business! Many good memories were made! The ladies of Omicron Pi strengthened our bonds of sisterhood through social time and travel woes. Haha! We also tied new bonds of sisterhood with ladies from other chapters. Cathy Stanford and her crew did an amazing job planning the convention, and everyone in Fort Worth was very welcoming. Julie Callis ran efficient business meetings all weekend long, with hardly a hiccup. It was exciting to hear about how Delta Theta Tau is growing. I cannot wait to see all the new chapters at next year's convention in Orlando! The hostess groups presented a fun preview!



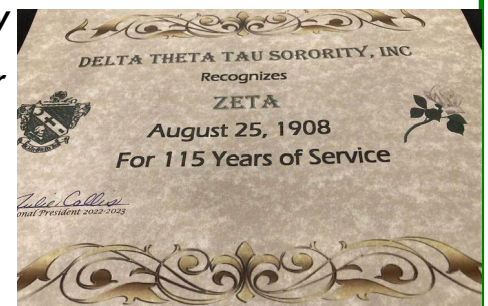
Ashley Dunn

Bloomington, IN—Zeta

Zeta Chapter was thrilled to engage in our annual 4H Fair adventure selling the finest (and only) grilled cheese to be found on the grounds. We take the rare downtimes to catch up with our sisters and appreciate the people watching that can only be found there. The spirits and temperatures were both high, and the rain was kind enough to stay away.

New member (and my Mom) Norma Smith joined sorority officially - think about the ladies in your life who could benefit from our sisterhood and encourage them to attend your next meeting.

Mary Beth Godsey attended national convention as our delegate and returned with a lovely memento of our chapter's service. We don't look a day over 110! Happy Fall! - Marcey Tidwell



Brazil, IN - Alpha Omega

What's new with Alpha Omega? We're always trying to increase our online social media presence and recently started sharing a **"Sister Spotlight" to our page.** **When something good happens to one of our sisters (i.e. job promotion, recognition in their field, new baby) we have been highlighting that sister on our Facebook and Instagram pages. This lets people get to know our Delts and see their contributions to our community.**

National Convention News: Cindy Crowder, delegate and non-delegates, Michelle Bell, Janice Modesitt and Linda Sheese represented Alpha Omega at the national convention in Fort Worth. They reported they once again heard heartbreaking and heartwarming stories of families affected by NFED. It was an honor to renew our commitment to that organization by presenting Jodi Reinhardt with a donation from our Alpha Omega sisters.

Cindy served on the Legislative Committee this year, helping send out the proposed changes to our by-laws to each chapter President and the PNPs. Great discussions on the proposed increase in national and Delta Home dues revealed that many of our individual sisters have been seeing a higher cost of living, but the national officers and budget committees did a great job of explaining how those same expenses have impacted our organization and the sisters who depend on the assistance from Delta Home.

Delegates were given the opportunity on Friday afternoon to visit Magnolia. Much like the Delts' commitment to caring for our communities, Chip and Joanna Gaines returned to Waco to build an element of economic prosperity to their community. Shared hugs and laughter were additional highlights of the convention,

and the promise of a stronger sisterhood re-energized us to return to our own communities to serve.



Photo L-R: Becky Lyles, Michelle

Bell, Cindy Crowder, Janice Modesitt, Gloria Long, Linda Sheese and Annie Cloncs.

We hope all our sisters enjoyed a wonderful summer and are looking forward to fall. President Cindy Crowder chose the theme "Bountiful Promise – Ponder the Path of your Feet" Proverbs 4:26 for our 2023-2024 term. Let us not forget to be kind and always extend a helping hand.

Delta Love,
Cindy McKinney

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

As they say.....in the Good Ol' Summertime! It's hard to believe summer 2023 is almost a thing of the past and we'll be rolling into another season of fall! But that means getting back into gear with those many Delta projects that keep our philanthropy funded and doing for others quite strong.

Kappa Xi has three big events on the schedule for this fall! The first will be our Fall Handbag Bingo on October 17, 2023. The next is our 'Holiday Happening' Craft/ Vendor sale Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th! And...of course our Annual Christmas on the Showboat musical production, Thursday, December 7th! We are all excited to be doing all 3 of these events and working together to make them successful!

At this time, we are working on finishing up choosing our projects to give our past years raised philanthropy money too. Almost done, but so awesome to share that time and funding with so many great, community needs.....all in the name of Delta Theta Tau!

Back to the Spring though! In May our Chapter awarded a graduating Brookville High School student a \$1,000.00 scholarship. We have transcripts with each students' details and a paragraph that they have composed on why they are going into the medical field that they have chosen, but we are not told any name or personal details. We spent time going through each one at our meeting in May and then voted to arrive at a scholarship winner. What a surprise it was for our Chapter when the winner's name was read and the winner was our Kappa Xi sister, Dee Hoops, granddaughter, Lehua Dee Hoops. Such a special honor for Lehua, for Grandmother Dee and for all our Kappa Xi sisters to pick a family member! Please see their picture. We are all proud!



L-R: Lehua Dee Hoops and Grandmother/ Kappa Xi member, Dee Hoops - Receiving Kappa Xi's Annual Scholarship- May- 2023.

Here's hoping each of you continue to have a safe, blessed end of summer and **hoping to see lots of our Gamma Province sisters at Gamma Province Convention in October!**

Delta Love,

Vicki Mills

Clinton, IN - Beta Sigma

As summer begins to wind down, we all know that this means a fun-filled national convention for everyone. Beta Sigma Chapter's president and **delegate, Niki Yates, has this to say about 2023 National Convention:**

This year's convention was just what I needed to renew my Delta Love! From the activities offered throughout, to catching up with everyone, and seeing all the amazing things we have accomplished over the last year, there was never a dull moment. I particularly liked seeing all the smiling faces every time we came together – be that for business meetings, dinners, skits, or simply in passing during down time. It is always apparent that 'sisterly love' and 'Delta Love' take on a special meaning within our sorority.



Photo L-R: Niki Yates, Ruth Meeks, Mona Martin (aunt and cousin)

I was fortunate enough this year to take a few extra days and road trip to and from convention with my cousin and aunt. They felt right at home with everyone and let me know that you all were very welcoming. They were impressed with our sorority and wanted me to pass along how they appreciate everything we do.

Beta Sigma Chapter is looking forward to all the fun we'll have at next year's convention!

Niki Yates

Cuyahoga Falls, OH - Xi Gamma

The National Convention of Delta Theta Tau, Xi Gamma chapter, was attended by members Karen Mace and Diana Siman.

It was held at Fort Worth, Texas. The convention was the usual meetings, voting, donating money to the less fortunate, dress up banquets and site-seeing. One interesting account was there was



only 1 elevator bank for 200+ women and 12 floors that only worked half the time! 😊 Our conference was very generous to NFED and will continue to work with congress to try to pass legislation to cover the congenital health conditions that are severely needed with this awful condition. The conference was an exciting way to conduct the necessary business and wrap up our year of serving.

Our chapter was briefed about the national conference at our July meeting and will continue to brainstorm & fundraise, as the next national conference is in Orlando, FL which is relatively close and of great interest to

persons wanting to attend.

We will continue to meet to conduct our usual business and may change our meeting place as we deem necessary. We're hoping to increase our membership. Also, of great importance we're getting our books ready for our review. We will meet as a group to go over them before Oct when **our Province** is and books reviewed. I am a very proud member of this sorority and as our new President Jenny says we must continue to "Live a life of lasting legacy." We do make a difference as we serve.

Diana Siman

Dunkirk, IN - Zeta Chi

It's so hard to believe it will be Fall when you read this. **Our girls came back from National Convention with fun-filled**

stories. We had 3 girls that were able to attend. Pam Robbins was our delegate and she was joined by Julie Swoveland, PNP and Carolyn Scruggs. Carolyn got to be a part of the Initiation team, which was very exciting. Julie Callis, National



Photo L-R: Pam Robbins, Julie Swoveland PNP, and Kathy Nelson (Redkey, IN)

President, and her team of officers presented a professional and fast paced business meeting. The staff at the hotel were top notch, even with the new construction woes. Molly the Trolley took the girls to many shops, restaurants, and sites downtown. They enjoyed the live music at Sundance Square. And what a treat to go to the Magnolia Silos, and the Stockyards. Thanks to Cathy Stanford and the Delta Chapters who helped make this a fun and memorable event.

It was a pretty quiet Summer, but we were able to donate money to our local swimming pool, Shay's Memorial Ride and Redkey's Gas Boom Days Festival. We also donated school supplies to our local elementary and in September, we donated to Coats for Kids. This supports local children in need of winter coats.

We are gearing up for our annual Main Street USA craft show in October. This is our big money maker, and it takes all of us to make it work. Special thanks to Chairman Rita Flick, who works on this event all year long.

In November, we will be helping the Xi Chapter with their craft show. We will be manning the coat and package room at the entrance. So, be sure to drop your coat and goodies off, so you can shop **with both hands!**

Until next time,
Delta Love **Marla Grady**

Franklin, IN - Lambda Eta

It has been a crazy spring and summer between late frosts, tornadoes and record-breaking heat. It's hard to believe that it is already August; county fair is over, state fair is going on, schools are starting, **several sisters made the long drive to Ft. Worth for National Convention**

and **we are looking forward to Province Convention in September.**

Ft. Worth or Bust!



We are preparing for our Fall Scrapbooking event. Registration is active and we are always brainstorming ways to keep the event fresh and exciting. Plans are underway for the Chapter's longest running fundraiser = celebrating 60 years (1963-2023) of Antique Show and Sale. What were you doing in 1963?

Dakota Rose

Greenwood, IN - Nu Tau

One of my favorite stories when I was a Children's Librarian was *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant. "When they arrived they hugged and hugged. . . ." That is how it is when people who share life get together to make memories.

Right now we, the Nu Tau Chapter, are busy preparing to welcome all of our Sisters for our Theta Province 120th Edwardian Anniversary Convention on September 22nd - 23rd. We will be anxiously waiting to greet all of you just like those relatives who hugged and hugged. We will be meeting you at the Hilton Garden Inn in Greenwood to celebrate our 120 years of Sisterhood.



Our sisters who have just returned from the National Convention report how much fun they had being with all of the sisters from all over the nation. They enjoyed meeting and getting to know sisters new and old. They especially enjoyed the Delta Round-Up Auction at the Great Train Robbery dinner where one of the sisters even sold her saloon girl outfit as part of the entertainment. They also loved the trip to Chip and Joanna Gaines Magnolia Market in Waco, Texas. We are hoping that we can create memorable moments like that with our 120th Edwardian Anniversary theme in honor of how we all began this sisterhood journey

we are all a part of. We hope to make wonderful lasting memories of our time spent together.

In addition to the wonderful memories that our sisters

have shared with us about the National Convention we were also excited to learn that our efforts here have earned a few rewards. The Nu Tau Chapter earned 5th place Recognition of Contributions to Philanthropy with our Volunteer Hours and Hours Per Capita along with 6th place for our Dollars Per Capita. We also earned an award for our 50 years of service, something that would have pleased our President Karen Lackey if she was still with us, more on Karen later in this issue of the GRIT.

Aside from preparing for the **Theta Province** we at Nu Tau are gearing up for our Annual Artisan Craft Fair. This happens every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and is currently at the Beech Grove High School on that day. We are always amazed at the skill and craftsmanship of the Artisans who occupy the booths at our Craft Fair. Their skills are fantastic and their creations are truly those one of a kind things that simply cannot be compared to the mass productions of items you find in stores. Come visit us and see the quality and beauty of their works and find that special item that speaks to you or someone you love. Don't just buy a gift, make a memory.

Susan Barham

Lawrenceville, IL—Beta Xi

We are so proud of our sister Becky Lyles going to convention in Texas. She always represents our chapter with great pride. She will be the Chaplain at our conventions now. She will do a great job. Thanks Becky!

We will be starting our year soon with our first meeting. We always have a fun get-together to start off our new year. Not to mention the desserts and pies we will have. It's a good time to catch up with each other's summer activities. In September we will start our planning for the All School Mixer to be held in October. It is a reunion for our county schools that coincides with Homecoming. It is a time for classmates to meet up and go over old times. WOW! Some of the stories! Our chapter is to host, we supply the food, cheeseballs, and music for a great evening. It is our biggest fundraiser, so we put our all into it.

We are so happy to have our new officers take the reign and get started. Becky Shick, President; Becky Lyles, Vice President; Cindy Seed, Treasurer; and Tina Halter, Recording Secretary. With school starting we



are all getting back into some routine. Fall will be here soon, and we will be glad for the cooler weather. It has been a hot time here in Southern Illinois! **Becky and I are looking forward to Province Convention in Iowa. It's great to reconnect with those girls too.**

Delta Love,
Denise Dickerson

Lewisburg, OH - Phi

As I set here and reflect on the convention and what a great time we had. With a few hiccups along the way, but hey that's what happens when you travel. It was great to see so many sisters gathered together and helping our communities. Always learn a lot along the way. One of the best parts was the skit for next year's convention. It looks like a great time is planned.

Photo Caption:
This was Sue Hall first time flying. I think she enjoyed it!



We are busy helping our community, helping out middle school cheer for two students and helping a gentleman with his gas bill on a monthly basis. We have been having bake sales at the chicken bbq that another group does and those men let us tag along and do desserts. Then starting in September we will have bake sales at the Community Center once a month for bingo.

We are selling vouchers for a local nursery. In October we will be having our pizza sales and making them mid October. Pretzel and popcorn sales have been discussed also.

Hope to see y'all at Gamma in Beavercreek Ohio.

Kathy Leyes

Marion, IN - Sigma

Our annual motorcycle ride fundraiser in May was well attended and a lot of fun! We use the funds raised to support local Veterans and families and the VA food pantry. Also, in May Sigma chapter sisters formed a team for Cancer Services Walk of Hope. We recruited family and friends to join us and raised money for Cancer Services of Grant County. We are excited to try a new fundraiser in September! We will have a booth at a local vendor market at a Marion shopping center, selling fall crafts and baked goods. Hope to do well! This summer we welcomed two new pledges to our chapter, Gennifer Brumley and Amber Bailey. They received their pledge pins on July 19th. We are

so glad to have them. Our president Dacia Overbey is thrilled to become a mother-in-law again in August 2024 when her son marries our new pledge, Amber! **Looking forward to fall fellowship and fun with our sisters at Province Convention.**

Photo caption: Rick's Ride 2023



Debra Certain

Monticello, IN - Delta Chi

We had two members Kathy Altman and Nora Andrews attend the National Convention in Dallas

in July. They were delighted with the sights and sounds reminiscent of the Wild West! From the National Officers donning cowboy boots with their white dresses, to a staged train robbery, they pulled out all the stops. Kathy and Nora had a wonderful time and came home enriched.



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Andrea Buck



Mooreville, IN - Lambda Nu

Lambda Nu had a great Crafty Bear Fare this year which included just over 100 handmade crafters. We began expanding our event this year by including food trucks and entertainment. The additions to our event were a success! We plan to continue growing our event and adding more family fun for next year's 40th anniversary. **Three members went to nationals this year.** We were so excited when our delegate, Debi

Hamblet, came back with three awards for our chapter. We look forward to hosting the 2024 mixer in Orlando.

At the end of July, we promoted a backpack give-away on our Facebook page. We were happy to award 13 backpacks. On August 5th, we also held our annual Flag Town 5K Run/Walk.

Although this event was smaller than years past, we hope to find ways to revitalize our community's interest in the event or focus our efforts on other fundraising ideas. Between fundraisers this year, a few member changes happened for Lambda Nu. We gained a new sister, welcomed an associate sister back, and wished the best to 3 more sisters as they went associate.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Province Convention.

Kaylee Riester

Muncie, IN - Alpha

Hello...wishing you all a beautiful Fall from Alpha Chapter in Muncie, Indiana. It has been a productive year for our chapter in terms of fundraising and volunteer hours. Our members will be making and selling cheeseballs again this year. We are also going to continue our tradition of selling Wicks pies again. Our members donate holiday greeting cards to residents living at two extended care facilities in our community. We have received very positive feedback that residents enjoy getting them. One of the facilities requested an increase in the number of cards we deliver! For many, many years our sorority has been meeting in the evening at a member's home. Our chapter members recently decided to meet in the afternoon (2pm) in a room at the Yorktown Public Library on a trial basis. Stay tuned for the final decision.

Alpha Chapter in Muncie and Alpha Omicron in Terre Haute will be co-hosting the Alpha Province Convention in 2024. It will be held November 1 and 2, 2024, at the Muncie Horizon Center. Hotel accommodations will be at the Marriott Courtyard which is adjacent to the Horizon Center. At the 2023 Province Convention in Indianapolis, Alpha Chapter will be giving attendees a "Welcome to Muncie" bag. We look forward to seeing all of you at Province in November 2024!

Debbie Funk, Past President and the current Historian for Delta Theta Tau on the National level, attended our meeting at the home of member, Jan Marsh. Debbie shared Delta Theta Tau memorabilia from years past including pictures, scrapbooks, books, and **the original first Grit Magazine**. It was fascinating and thoroughly



enjoyed by our members.

Margaret Ann Montano, the longest standing member in our chapter, changed her membership from an active member to MAL. She was initiated on November 22, 1954. Thank you, Margaret, for your time, effort, involvement, and participation for so many years! We appreciate you!

Wishing you all a happy, healthy Fall!

Ruth Ann Tolle

Murfreesboro, TN - Omicron Omega

Omicron Omega had **two of our sisters attend National Convention this year**. They had a great time meeting sisters from around the country, learning about business meetings, and breaking out their cowboy boots!

Photo L-R: Michelle Hoover and Suzi Palmer

Thank you to the convention chair and hostess chapters for all of the hard work you put into convention!

Delta Love,
Michelle Hoover



New Carlisle, IN - Kappa Rho

Kappa Rho Chapter began our new year with our Annual Golf Scramble in June. Once again it was very successful, and many teams asked us to keep a spot for them the following year. We have two major fundraisers each year. Our second one is our Annual Purse Auction which is Oct. 8th. We are getting busy gathering our purses and the goodies we put inside them. This project seems to grow each year, and everyone has a good time.

We are also co-hosting Beta Province with Alpha Rho Chapter, Chesterton. Hope we will see many Beta Sisters in Michigan City Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Alpha Rho will also be celebrating their 100th birthday and we are happy to be able to help them celebrate.

This last year we have welcomed four new Sisters! They are a great addition to our chapter bringing new



ideas and friendships. We also make sure to Sister Time during our year. For several years we have "Sisters Night Out" twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Whether it's going out for pizza, out to dinner, learning a new craft by taking a class – time to be Sisters. Last spring, we learned how to do stained glass, quite a learning experience but we sure enjoyed it.

Wishing all the chapters a great start on another year – new members, new projects, and new ways of helping others.

Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

As I write this article it is hard to believe I will be back in school teaching next week. This summer has went by so fast! It was great seeing so many sorority sisters at National Convention. **14 of us from Gamma Pi traveled by planes, trains, and automobiles to Ft. Worth, Texas for the National Convention!** What stories and experiences we have to tell! All of us enjoyed the fellowship with our sorority sisters from all over the country. Congratulation to Julie Callis for running a successful convention. Congratulations to Jenny Wade on becoming our new National President. **We are so proud of our member Christine Diggs for winning the Teresa McAllister Outstanding Service Award. Christine has been an active member of our chapter for 67 years and the chapter presented her with an honorary membership in 2020.**



In May we were able to give four scholarships to graduating seniors from National Trail High School. We also had several Gamma Pi kids graduate from high school and college. The following graduated Owen Baumann, Olivia Baumann, Ana Betscher, Alex Stevens, Burgen Hoffman, Ava Miller, Beau Miller, and Grace Miller. In June, our chapter was able to gather for our annual picnic at the park in New Paris. Spending time together and enjoying delicious food is always a great time! On July 23rd, we met for our annual breakfast at the home of Jody Betscher. We started our day with great food and fellowship! Gamma Pi gearing up for the Apple Fest which is held in New Paris each September. We are in charge of several contests and sell apple dumplings during the weekend. We will start making apple dumplings in early August.

We would like to congratulate and thank our officers for continuing to lead our chapter.

Delta Love,

Jodi Neanen

Noblesville, IN - Eta Lambda

Eta Lambda is back after taking a month off from meetings. We are still discussing the possibility of changing our status to an Alumni Chapter. It is a big decision for a chapter as old as we are. Our chapter was 77 years old this year and has seen lots of changes in that time. Some good and some not so good. But we are still "plugging" along. It is difficult to find fund raisers in this world today. And our members are getting older so working some of the projects is just not feasible. We have had a couple small fund raisers so that has helped. We shall see how things go this year.

Our summer has been fairly uneventful except for some very sad news about one of our members. **Tracee Coy has been a devoted member for almost 20 years. She is now facing a serious illness. She has a rare form of cancer that has also affected her heart. So, we want all our Delta sisters to keep Tracee and her family in your prayers. Tracee is the Granddaughter of one of our charter members, Rosalyn Roudebush.**

Debbie Feliciano attended convention this summer and had a great time and she said she learned a lot. And she is looking forward to the convention next year in Orlando.

We wish all our Delta sisters a safe and happy summer.

Gail Rogers

Odon, IN - Eta Beta

Hello from the sisters of the Eta Beta Chapter in Odon, Indiana! I hope you all had relaxing and memorable summers. I know we did - a lot of our members were out of town on various trips to fun destinations including Alaska, Germany, Minnesota, Texas, Niagara Falls, New York, Florida, and the Smoky Mountains to name a few! A lot has happened since you last heard from us in the Spring issue. We enjoyed giving back to the community by delivering 29 cheer baskets to those in need of comfort and extra love in February. In March we hosted an "Arts and Appetizers" cupcake decorating class and had a great turnout and profit. Easter weekend we held our 2nd annual Luminary service along the banks of the Odon Lake at dusk. This year there were over 100 luminaries sold and shining in remembrance of loved ones in our community. In April, we celebrated our chapter's anniversary with a Hawaiian Luau themed night in the home of member Kathryn Callahan for a night of fun, food, and fellowship.

A local graduating senior was awarded a \$500 scholarship by our chapter in May, and we also had a successful Geranium sales fundraiser, selling 233 plants. We had fun with our annual secret sister reveal

and gift exchange at our May business meeting and resumed volunteering at our local Nursing home every 3rd Saturday to call BINGO for the residents (now that Covid restrictions have finally been lifted)! We represented Delta Theta Tau in a white Jeep decorated with green and white balloons and white roses in the Odon Old Settler's Parade, and at our August meeting we initiated our newest member, Holli Murie, into our sisterhood. An interested pledge, Danielle Julian-Klier, was also in attendance at our August meeting with plans to attend our next meeting and to pledge her membership. It's great to see our organization and group of likeminded women growing!

We had one delegate, Carla Smith, attend the National Convention in Fort Worth, TX this year! She returned with so much to share and a real fire for bolstering our philanthropy, including many new ideas for increasing our giving to our community. In Carla's words: "I learned so much about the history of the sorority, the bylaws, and why they're important. The biggest thing I took away is that this big group of beautiful women across the nation rallies together to earn money then gives it all away! It's both amazing and humbling to see what everyone has accomplished throughout the year. You all have spunk and **GRIT!!** I'm so honored to be a part of such a wonderful organization!"

Many members of our chapter will be attending the Theta Province Convention in September hosted by the Nu Tau Chapter in Greenwood, Indiana. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Kathryn Callahan

Oxford, OH - Nu Alpha

Hello Sisters!

By the time you are reading this, the -ber months will be here. Where has this year gone? The summer sure flew by and left us with many memories- from national convention to philanthropy projects. **Now we turn our attention towards province conventions and the celebrating of Founder's Day.**

This summer has brought with it many exciting adventures for our sisters. **Several members of our chapter were able to attend National Convention in Texas** and reported having a rip-roaring good time! For our delegate, this was her first time attending a national convention, which is always exciting! It is good to hear the report of the business accomplished, the memories made, and the renewed and lasting commitment to sisterhood that is afforded us each July.

As the summer winds down, our philanthropy continues to heat up. Some of the projects that we have been working hard on include: sewing buddy bears and dinosaurs to be donated to local hospitals, dressing up bears for the Salvation Army, donating items to the local women's care center and the local community resource center, helping sponsor two local 4th of July community events as well as the Oxford Senior Citizens Masters Games. Of course, our end of summer philanthropy would not be complete without

our wine tasting to raise support for Oxford Relay for Life!

Now that the seasons are changing, many of our members are gearing up for Gamma Province Convention. We know our sisters of Kappa Xi will have a wonderful weekend planned, full of both work and play. Once we have again commemorated those five high school girls from Muncie, whose vision and legacy still hold us together, it will be time to turn to our holiday campaigns and season of cheer. Until then, wishing all of my delta sisters a wonderful Autumn full of philanthropy and fun!

Sarah Dickerson

Pana, IL - Zeta Theta

Zeta Theta Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority of Pana, IL were **privileged to have four of our members attending our National Convention** this year in Fort Worth, Texas. Those attending were Delegate Joyce Morgan, Linda Dressen, Marie Bloemer and Mona Eddy. As you can see in the photo, they are enjoying some of the free time to visit sites near Fort Worth.

It is always a privilege to attend conventions and learn how much Delta Theta Tau chapters contribute to help their communities. Thanks to our hard-working members. Our Chapter continues to have profitable fundraisers allowing us to contribute to many needy causes in our community!



Jan McMillen, Publicity Chairman


Phoenix, AZ - Lambda Sigma

The gals from Lambda Sigma were at it again dancing the night away in bright and sunny Texas. **Bonnie Wells, MJ Litz, and Nicole Johnson traveled afar to see their family of sisters** and were able to partake in some viddles and fun for the evening for the mixer. The food all around was **AMAZING !!**

We all enjoyed the gathering together to continue to make our sorority strong



and look to the future for more endeavors. The heat didn't keep us down as we continue to Live a Lasting Legacy. We, as well as many others, were able to take in a little of what Fort Worth Texas has to offer. Some shopped, some danced, and some just caught up with others and got some rest. The meetings were held in true Delta fashion and business was conducted accordingly with our now Past National President Julie. After each day's meetings were over, we got to cut up, have some great food, and did some line dancing and raised money for NFED. Congratulations to all that took home all that bounty—What a raffle!! We want to thank all of the host chapters for a fantastic job well done and we enjoyed all of it. Cathy did a wonderful job even with all of the unexpected

adventures  Congratulations to all of our newly elected officers and board members, we cannot wait to see what new and innovating ideas you have for our wonderful and loving sorority.

We all cannot wait until next year's convention in Florida to see everyone again. **For those that will be attending Delta Province Nov 10-12, 2023, in AZ—we'll see ya sooner.**



Delta Love,
Nicole Johnson
PPC, Lambda Sigma

Plainfield, IN - Lambda Epsilon

Yeehaw! Seven members from Lambda Epsilon attended the convention in Ft. Worth, the largest group in a long time. We were honored to have our newest member, Enid Gangler, was initiated at National Convention. It was a hot day in Waco, but we enjoyed the various shops at the Silos. Mum sales are next on our agenda as well as planning for 2024 National Convention in Orlando. Our chapter will be bringing you raffle items galore. Bon Voyage!



Photo L-R: Carolyn Cottrell, Dayna Beaman, Cathy Hofmann, Kim Knieriem, Becky Chenault, Enid Gangler. Connie Cornish not pictured.

Carolyn Cottrell

Plymouth, IN - Zeta Zeta

Hello from the Zeta Zeta Chapter in Plymouth, Indiana! **The word we received in Indiana from our delegates who traveled to Ft Worth for the national convention was they were having a great time and surviving the 106 degrees temperatures!** We were excited to get the news that our Delta Sister, Paula Neidlinger, was elected National Secretary! Congratulations to Paula and all the new National Officers and we wish you all a successful year.

In July we enjoyed our annual summer picnic with our alumni sisters, and it was a huge success. The weather was a little warm, but a new park pavilion proved to be the perfect spot for a great meal and fellowship. We welcomed 3 new sisters, Kim Powell, Irene Kelley, Alice Ruiz and a returning sister, Gwen Calvert, entertained us all with their pledge skit, their rendition of the nursery rhyme "Ten in the bed and the little one said, roll over, roll over".



Kim Powell, Alice Ruiz, Irene Kelley and Gwen Calvert preparing to perform their pledge skit.

This fall we will not be slowing down as we continue to assist with the American Red Cross Bloodmobile, prepare for our first Rummage Sale in September and our annual Style-Show (which may have a new twist) to be held in late fall.

In preparation for Thanksgiving, we will once again be selling our infamous Georgia Pecans. Hard to believe it is just around the corner! Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing this year and we will be happy to ship them to you!

Be on the lookout in the winter issue for more information on our new project coming this spring, a Mexican Loteria.

Happy Fall to everyone!
Gwen Calvert

Redkey, IN - Zeta Alpha

Zeta Alpha has been busy! We sold over 650 geraniums in May & how wonderful it is to still see them blooming all over the community.

In June, we enjoyed a picnic carry-in at the home of Kathy Nelson and enjoyed old favorites as well as new recipes.

July came in with a cloudburst and postponed some 4th celebrations, but a determined group of sisters sold bake goods under umbrellas! Then we unloaded cars at the drive-through Recycling Trailer.... a lot of laughter that day... a forever memory... yes, worth it.

Our delegate really enjoyed the Wild West theme at National Convention in Ft. Worth, TX., traveling with sisters from the Dunkirk chapter, & catching up with those we have missed.

At our July meeting, members brought in Fall theme items for a Gas Boom Days Auction. Every other month we enjoy a chance to be creative....to keep or give. The 4 decorated baskets, & large wreath brought lots of bids / \$ back into the Community!

I am ready for my favorite season-Fall. Now get out there & enjoy it!

Kathy Nelson

Roachdale, IN - Theta Lambda

Every spring, our Theta Lambda chapter chooses the recipients for our Health-Field scholarships, which are awarded to North Putnam seniors. Again this year we were able to award two scholarships. The recipients

are Ashlynn Stacks and Trevor Roseboom. While at North Putnam, Ashlynn was active in Softball, National Honor Society, Softball Youth Clinic and National Technical Honor Society. Her plans include going to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College to study Nursing. She would love to be a Neonatal Nurse. Her sister was born

prematurely and had health problems. Her family believes that her sister would not have survived were it not for the Neonatal Nurses that took care of her!

Trevor was active in Football, Wrestling, Track and Field, PIE Coalition, Champions Together, 4-H for 9 years, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Cougar Power and National Honor Society. His future plans include taking Pre-medicine courses at Indiana University, getting accepted into medical school and specializing as an Anesthesiologist.

Both Ashlynn and Trevor are very deserving of these scholarships! We hope they are successful in their career choices, and we are very happy to help them attain their goals!

Near the end of the 2022-2023 sorority year, we also chose our philanthropy donations. We donated to the Roachdale Library, the Roachdale Food Pantry, the Roachdale Community Center and the Montgomery County Foundation Nourish Program. This is in addition to the other philanthropic donations at Christmas and Easter and our two scholarships. We feel that we make a difference in our community!

President Annie Cloncs attended National

Convention this summer at Fort Worth, Texas, as the delegate from our chapter. She had these comments. "Despite hotel renovation and extreme Texas heat, the 2023 Delta Theta Tau National Convention presented those attending a wonderful time of camaraderie, caring and catching up with sisters. Highlights included Jody Reinhardt's NFED presentation; President Julie Callis' efficient conducting of sorority business; lively and fun mixer, informal, and Wild West Banquet; exploring Magnolia Market at the Silos in Waco; sharing my room with MAL friend Dayna Beaman (her Plainfield chapter sisters didn't know she was coming to convention); and Brazil chapter sisters surprising Gloria Long (from the now disbanded Crawfordsville chapter) with her 50-year recognition." Thank you for your comments, Annie, and for your representation!

For the first meeting of the 2023-2024 year, we normally have a pitch-in. However, this year we decided to go out to dinner at a local Crawfordsville restaurant. We had a great turnout, and our food was very good! Best of all, no one had to cook!

Nancy Buser informed us that she is going to change her status, from an active member to an MAL. We hated to hear this news! Nancy has been a valued active member for 54 years! She has held the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, and Pledge Supervisor. Nancy was married to Wayne Buser for 63 years before he passed away in 2017. They are parents to four children: Joe, Joanie, Jon and Jana. She has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Nancy is a retired teacher, having taught 26 years in elementary school in third grade and fifth grade. The last two years she taught music. She played the piano for the Delta Song during initiations. Nancy has been a hard worker and played a large part in our sorority. We will miss seeing her at all the meetings, but we hope she will come and visit occasionally! We will go visit her, too!

President Annie Cloncs hosted the chapter at her house for a planning meeting in early August. She provided us with a meal, which is always wonderful! We appreciate her hospitality and her talents! Annie gave a detailed report of the National Convention happenings. After decisions were made at the meeting, Annie had our yearbooks printed for the 2023-2024 year, including a list of officers, a calendar of meeting dates and events, committees, and addresses, telephone numbers, emails and birthdays for each member, along with Associate Members and MALs. This is a great reference book that we use all year.

We also discussed preliminary plans for Rib Fest, Covered Bridge, Halloween and Christmas fundraisers that are coming up, starting in September.

I hope everyone has a great fall!

Cheryl Marshall



Scholarship Winner Trevor Roseboom, Theta Lambda President Annie Cloncs, and Scholarship Winner Ashlynn Stacks.

San Jose, CA - Epsilon Rho



As we began our new year, 2023-2024, it was time for a change of officers for our chapter. We want to thank Brenda Moore, our outgoing president, for her five years of service, leading us through some difficult times. From getting us all to "Zoom" our meetings during the Covid outbreak, to then finding places to have our meetings and setting a time that best worked for all, she nudged us forward. She has always encouraged us to find ways to do the work of our sorority. We know you will be great at your future endeavors with the sorority.

Three of our members, Brenda Moore, Brenda Corral and Diana Mc Donald, went to the National Convention and had a great time. When they are not otherwise occupied, you will find them shopping, so the heat in Waco didn't stop them from leaving with full shopping bags. Read Diana's delegate report in this issue for all the details.

We are all gearing up for the return of a great fundraiser, Bubbles and Bunco, to be held on September 9th. It is a fun event with lunch, punch with lots of bubbles, then bunco games and a raffle of gift baskets provided by our members. In November, we will have our gift card wreath raffle. Just for fun, our sisters and some Delta Pas, gathered this spring to play bocce ball and have lunch. Everyone had a great time. At the end of August, we will try Top Golf, but more about that later. And NO, we are not an athletic bunch !

Since our chapter was chartered in October 1932, the first time we could send a delegate to national convention was 1933. The 28th Annual Convention was held in Detroit, Michigan, on June 29-30 - July 1, 1933. The Epsilon Rho delegate was Katherine Franz and she submitted a seven page, typed, single spaced report. I would like to share some of the highlights of her report. She boarded a train in Oakland, CA on Saturday evening, June 24th. A special Pullman car was reserved for Delts and at other stations, she was joined by members of other chapters. Upon leaving the Sacramento station, " we adjourned to the men's dressing room, of which we had the exclusive use, sat around and talked, smoked cigarettes and some liquid refreshments were enjoyed". Bridge was a favorite pastime also. During a six hour layover in Lincoln, Nebraska, arrangements

had been made for the ladies to go for a swim. "He had a taxi drive us to the club which was about 8 miles from town, wait for us while we had our swim, then take us back to town. Boy, the swim was good, especially the shower after. It felt grand to be clean again. I don't think I ever enjoyed a bath so much." On Wednesday, they arrived in Chicago. Katherine was met by relatives and given a tour of the town and dinner. Others went on to Detroit and some went to the World's Fair. "Thursday morning- first day of convention. We arrived at Detroit at 7:50 AM. We were taken to the Book-Cadillac in cars supplied by the Detroit chapter. During the first session of the convention "According to the constitution, a \$5.00 fine is imposed for national convention dues which are not in on time. However, since this has been an unusual year with the banks closing, a motion was carried to waive the fines." **With the country in the midst of the Great Depression, these Delts still found a way to have a national convention.** There is much more in this lengthy report, but I will end here. For Me, it gives a glimpse of life at that time, and of the workings of the sorority at that convention.

Cindy Gimenez

Seneca, IL – Zeta Upsilon

Hello, sisters. Let me introduce myself: I am Phyllis Natanek, and I will be the Publicity Chairman for the Zeta Upsilon Chapter, Seneca, IL. Janice Johnson has done such a great job for the last 3 years, and has been a huge help getting me started! Here we go:

These past few months have been very busy for Zeta Upsilon. In May, we elected our new officers. President Pauline Kirkton passed the gavel to our new President, Kathy Haralson. (Some of you know Kathy as our new DTT National Treasurer). Our new corresponding secretary is Margi Weber, our new Treasurer is Amy Johnson, and our new Sergeant-At-Arms is Jen Brown.

May 13th was our Annual Flower and Bake Sale. It was a huge success, with most of the product selling out early. Seneca residents look forward to this every year.

Carol Witte and her committee reported profits from the sales of \$1900+ this year.

Monday, June 5 saw our first ever DTT Golf Outing become a reality. Kathy Haralson and Amy Johnson



TOP: Chris Poyler, Anne Bruno, Brady Barla, Calvin Meierhofer, Ashlin Jackson, Taylor Stenzel

LEFT: Kathy Haralson, Margi Weber, Kendra Olson. CENTER: Kendra Olson, Janice Johnson, Bonnie Olson, Gail Heath. RIGHT: Kathy Altobello

and their committee worked long and hard to put this event together. We had 48 golfers and 102 dinner guests. We made a profit of more than \$8000, and \$4500 of that we donated to Make A Wish.

July was the DTT National Convention in Texas!

Three of our sisters were in attendance: Kathy Haralson (our President and now DTT National Treasurer), Margi Weber (our Corresponding Secretary and our Delegate to the Convention) and Kendra Olson (DTT Director of Expansion and Growth). All three thoroughly enjoyed the DTT experience and hospitality in Texas. And: our **Kendra Olson was the recipient of the Rambling Rose this year, a great honor!**

On July 24, we were honored to have 6 of our 7 DTT Scholarship Recipients at our monthly meeting (one of the 7 was on vacation with her family). These 7 young people (chosen from 13 submissions) are pursuing their life goals and are surely going to make our world a better place. We are happy to be a party to their future.

We wound up this part of the year with a booth at our National Night Out here in Seneca on August 1. Our chapter had many wonderful giveaways for the kids at this very popular event and a number of our sisters helped at the booth throughout the event. We were so pleased to see so many of our Seneca residents and their children enjoying this evening.

Phyllis Natanek

Seymour, IN - Theta Zeta

I, **Gerri Smith, delegate and Jenny Pridgen, MAL, represented Theta Zeta Chapter in Ft. Worth, Texas** with President Julie Callis residing. We want to give a big thank you to Convention Coordinator Cathy Stafford along with Julie and all the National Officers for such a fun and educational convention. One of the best we have attended!

With 59 of the 69 chapters present, we were able to take care of business as well as present some deserving chapters with awards for donating their time, finances, and even recognized some for their longevity!

Theta Zeta is pleased and proud to personally give annually to NFED and this year was no exception. Thank you, Jody, for everything you do to keep the "spark" going which helps in the research of new technology and ways to help those affected by by this condition.

Congratulations to Kristine Dicks, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH who was presented the prestigious Teresa McAllister Award! See you all next year in



Gerri Smith, Theta Zeta Chapter presenting a donation check to Jodi Edgar Reinhardt, Communication Specialist for NFED

Orlando, mark your calendar for July 10-14, 2025!!!

With Delta love and respect

Gerri Smith

Shelbyville, IN – Zeta Lambda

The unusually hot weather this summer may have slowed some people down, but not the sisters of Zeta Lambda chapter in Shelbyville, Indiana. Sisters scurried around town to deliver checks in-person to leaders of seven community organizations from philanthropy money the chapter earned last year through the early months of this year. Additional donations were also mailed to multiple other groups.

Delt sisters seen in the photo making in-person donation deliveries are: (top row, left to right) LuAnn Mason, left, presenting to Envoy Shannon Benner of the Shelbyville Salvation Army; Nancy Cossairt, left, with David Finkel, executive director of The Strand Theatre; Deborah Baker, right, with Janet Wallace, director,



Shelby County Public Library. (bottom row, left to right) Nancy Cossairt, right, with leaders of The Bridge Ministries; LuAnn Mason, center, presenting two checks to Holly Forville, left, for The Senses sensory gym for youth and The Arc of Shelby County. Forville is the director of Senses and president of The Arc. Also in the photo, Don Collins, past president of The Arc. Finally, Kathy Schmucker, center, with Lucinda Franklin, left, assistant director Shelby County Cancer Association, and Donna Harrell, right, director. Presentation to Rupert's Kids, not pictured.

The giving hearts of members continued as they shopped for undergarments and socks that were donated to the Golden Bear Pre-School of Shelbyville Central Schools Corp. to be available to students in need.

Our delegate to National Convention, Veanna Kessler, was all smiles

when she reported that "The Wild, Wild West National Convention was "hot"! The temperature outside was hot, but inside, it was amazing. Our National officers led by Julie Callis were organized, motivational, and inspirational. It was an opportunity to walk away with ideas on philanthropy and celebrate what our sorority does at the chapter and national levels."

The chapter hosted the second of its bi-annual Crop & Craft fundraising event on Sept. 16 and has plans well underway for its 51st Annual Christmas Gift & Hobby Show coming on Nov. 4 inside the Shelbyville Middle School, 1200 W. McKay Road, Shelbyville, from 9 a.m. -3 p.m. No charge for admission. Profits from each of

these community events help fund scholarships that are awarded in May to one graduating senior at each of Shelby County's five high schools. Stipends are also given to various non-profit organizations throughout Shelby County.

LuAnn Mason

South Whitley, IN - Theta Kappa

Our chapter was able to give a \$500 scholarship to 2023 Whitko Graduate, Hailie Logan. She will be attending Purdue Fort Wayne for a Designing Degree. Her ultimate goal is to open her own Design Firm. She has been caring for her nieces and nephews daily to help her family out and is very organized. We are thrilled that we were able to provide another scholarship this year.

Our chapter takes July off since there are so many festivals, fairs and vacations. But Sisters Marty Macy, Jody Klopfenstein and Jami Platt went to Camp Whitley and served pizza to teenage girls at camp on Wednesday, July 19th. Oh to have that energy! They even sang a couple of their camp songs for us. (Photo attached)



L-R: Marty Macy, Jody Klopfenstein & Jami Platt

We are looking forward to Beta Province Convention and showing our skit for next year's Convention. We are co-hosting with Beta Zeta Chapter out of Warsaw, IN.

We are gearing up for our annual Terry Lynn Nut Sales and Theresa Cheeseball Sales which are in October and November. These sales help us to give to local food banks, scholarships, our seniors in both of our communities as well as so many more community needs. We will be sponsoring another Christmas Tree to be auctioned off at the Walk of Trees in South Whitley, IN in December. Also in December, we will have our Christmas Party at sister Lin Metzger's house again. She always has a very unique way of celebrating together and fun is always had by all.

Our oldest sister, Carolyn Eberly, is gracious and opens up her home each meeting so she can continue to attend. She just celebrated yet another birthday on July 4th and is definitely a firecracker!

Jami Platt

Spencer, IN - Iota Chi

What a wild time the Delts had in Texas. Getting close to our sisters (in the elevators) we hadn't seen in

a year, the steamy temperatures and no swimming pool didn't put a damper on all the info we brought back to our chapter. Looking forward to our new year which starts off with bringing in new members and our Apple Butter Festival. **We are looking forward to Theta Province in Sept.** and planning on Orlando, FL next year.



Iota Chi, Spencer, IN enjoying the Saloon scene in the Wild Wild West in Texas. Tammy Ewbank, Donna Kay, Kim Frazier and Barb Winders.

Tammy Ewbank

Tacoma, WA - Lambda Alpha

WOW, this summer is flying by! **What a wonderful National Convention in Ft. Worth, TX.** Even with the temperatures over 100 degrees, and my unfortunate mobility issues, the Convention was wonderful. Julie did an excellent job of presenting the business of the Sorority. The chapters sponsoring the different functions came up with new and exciting "games" for all to enjoy. Cathy did an outstanding job of working with the hotel and the chapters to make sure all meetings and functions were on target. The Hotel staff was friendly and helpful, and all around showed the hospitality of Texas. Our Chapter Sisters, Bev Edwards, Glenna Miller, and Susan Knobloch came home telling wonderful stories.

After returning from convention, **we got back on track of working on ETA Province Convention, "City of Destiny", coming up in October. We are working on having wonderful functions and look forward to greeting our Sisters at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Tacoma on October 6-8, 2023. We will portray, through the weekend, what makes Tacoma the "City of Destiny". We know that Bev Edwards, will do a great job as Province Chairman, and Linda Lamb as Convention Chairman.**

We continue to work with the Soldiers Home with Carol O'Brien leading the Music Program, various Senior Centers helping with things like Banana Splits on a hot summer day, card making DIY so the residents can make cards for family and friends and celebrating various holidays through the year. Janice Arnold is our outstanding card maker and makes kits to help.

It won't be long, and we will be selling Butter Braids for the Holidays, working with the Toy Rescue Mission, making contributions to various charities, and giving help wherever it is needed. We wish everyone a great year! Delta Love, **Susan Knobloch**

Union City, IN - Lambda

Hello ladies. Where did summer go? It's officially still summer though until September 20 so still time to enjoy pool time, cookouts, walking, etc.

Many of you **attended National Convention in Ft. Worth, TX where I heard it was very hot!** Pat Mote was our delegate, and she came back with a lot of info to share with our chapter. Pat recently retired after 20 years as Alpha P.E.G. She received many gifts and praise for her hard work and dedication. Thank you, Pat, for being our delegate. We really appreciate you.

Our chapter has been meeting at our Harter Park in Union City, IN. It's a beautiful park and it's really nice to enjoy being outside. The Committee for our Christmas auction and craft show has been working hard planning this annual event. It will be held November 11 and it's our biggest fundraiser. We are also considering selling mixes for dips at our community's shopping days, and a Christmas tour of homes may happen as well.

We have royalty in our midst! Gracie Lee, daughter of Michelle Lee, was crowned Randolph County 4H Fair Queen. Gracie just completed her year of service as

the Indiana FFA state reporter where she traveled for one year going to different schools across the state during FFA week, speaking at chapter banquets, facilitating several camps and conferences at the FFA center and was a Speak Ag Pioneer for the National Women in Ag conference held last fall. Her career



ended at Purdue University with her retiring address at the 94th Indiana FFA state convention. She will now begin college at Purdue this month to major in Agricultural Education where she plans to become an Ag teacher, FFA advisor and 4H leader in the future. We are all very proud of Gracie and looking forward to hearing about her bright future.

Josslyne Thornhill, granddaughter of Sandy Thornhill, is going to compete in the Ohio High School Rodeo Association. If she makes it to the Finals, she will get to compete in Gillette, WY. Our chapter donated to her sponsorship and our crest will be stitched into her jacket which she wears for all of her performances. Josslyne has been rodeoing since she was 13; she's 16 now. She does barrel racing, pole bending, break away and goat ties. She is a self-taught first generation cowgirl! Good luck, Josslyne. We are very proud of you!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and fall.

Delta ♡ Love, **Vicki OConnor**

Valparaiso, IN - Tau

Life may not always seem like a fairy tale, but the ladies of Tau Chapter made some dreams come true at our second annual Fairy Tale Ball, this past June. We used our time, talents, and magic wands to make this event



even more successful than last year. Princesses and princes of all ages were treated to a memorable day of eating, crafting, dancing, taking pictures with their favorite characters, and horse-drawn carriage rides. Our fairy tale ball couldn't have happened without the support and donations from local sponsors, as well as the talented individuals that dressed up and performed for our guests. They looked and sounded amazing-this was evident in the children's faces as they watched in awe. Our event was able to raise approximately \$22,000! We are so excited to present a huge portion of these proceeds to our charitable organization Dressed for School. It is a non-profit organization that provides new clothing for elementary students in need. The ladies of Tau Chapter once again volunteered many hours to make this event such a huge success.

Shortly after we completed our largest fundraising event, **four of the Valparaiso Deltas packed their bags and headed south to Texas for National Convention.** The heat and humidity couldn't keep these ladies from having a good time. They were happy to report back to the rest of our chapter about the line dancing, Great Train Robbery, purse auction, and awards presented to all chapters. Tau Chapter was honored to be recognized for Increasing New Membership Award, Dollars Per Capita Award, and receiving 10th place in Philanthropy Dollars. Well done, Deltas, and thank you to everyone that helped make Convention a wonderful experience!

As the days get shorter, the kids head back to school, and pumpkin spice overtakes all drive-thru beverages, it can only mean one thing...it's time for Tau Chapter's annual mum sale. We look forward to this fundraiser each year because these beauties practically sell themselves. Our loyal customers know they are going to receive huge canopies of gorgeous, fall colors when they order. Proceeds from this sale help support scholarships given to local high school seniors in May.

Enjoy the remainder of the warmer months!

Kelly Van Wagner

Warsaw, IN - Beta Zeta

Happy Fall! Hope you had a great Summer!

We had a successful Spring geranium fundraiser. With our profits we were able to donate gas cards to Warsaw Cancer Center, money to Joe's Kids (provides physical, occupational, & speech therapy to children), Magical Meadows (therapeutic horseback riding), and Room at the Table foster closet. We also support various projects for Healthy Families, which help young mothers and their children.

Brenda and Jean attended National Convention in Fort Worth Texas July 12-16. They enjoyed visiting with Delta Sisters from other parts of the country. They were all winners with Brenda being the biggest winner of all. They also attended informative meetings and enjoyed riding a trolley downtown and shopping. They had a hot time on the town!

We will be selling Butterbraids and Cake Rolls in October & November. Have a safe and fun filled Fall!

(L-R) are Warsaw Beta Zeta officers for 2023-24: Jean Whitenack (President), Maria McGrath (Sergeant at Arms), Lauren Ormsby (Corresponding Secretary), Marcia Randolph (Vice-President), Kathy Stanley (Recording Secretary), Brenda Arnold (Treasurer)



Delta Love,
Maria McGrath

West Frankfort, IL - Gamma Upsilon

I know that it is not yet time for the Olympics, but "Passing the Torch" seems to be the theme for our Gamma Upsilon Chapter lately. By that I mean that we have had new members accept leadership roles by accepting officer positions for the first time, and **our delegate to National Convention was a first-time attendee.**

At our Secret Sister Reveal Party this spring, **a few of our veteran members talked about how special it is to attend National Convention--** the meeting of new Delts from throughout the country, the making of lasting friendships, and the learning how our Sorority works at the national level. We were able to send 4 members this year to the Convention in Fort Worth, Texas; two members were attending for the first time. They both felt honored and excited about this new experience. One was Laura Hill, our delegate, and the other was Beth Williams. Laura stated, "Aside from all I learned about the inner workings of this sorority, I will forever cherish all the connections and friendships made. They inspire me to serve more and to be better." Beth echoed those sentiments, "Being welcomed by so many women from all works of life was an experience I

will never forget and will always cherish. All of the knowledge shared by my new acquaintances gave me a better understanding of the core of Delta Theta Tau." (Proof of the passing of the torch.)

A skit was presented there about what families should do with pins no longer being used, and a jewelry case was shown where they could be stored with a note giving directions on how they should be returned. Our former President, Debby Bussler, was the person who made these and will offer these at Province Convention for sale for \$10. Following Province, they will be offered nationwide by special order. The proceeds will be used to assist with expenses for next year's National Convention and to encourage even more members to attend.

We have some important fundraisers coming up this fall. Our Blingo is scheduled for September 16 at 1:00 pm at St. John's Community Center, 110 S. Monroe St., West Frankfort, IL. We are also having a Cusamano food box sale on October 14. Proceeds from both of these will be used for our Scholarship Fund.

We are also happy to announce that we have pledged a new member on July 6 with Tonya Helfrich becoming the newest member of our sorority. Getting new members to join gives us the opportunity to "Pass the Torch" and to keep up our philanthropy outreach in the community.

Jo Linda Marlow

Celebrations / Milestones

Bethel, MO - Omicron Pi

Now an item that receives super special recognition is that Omicron Pi was able to create a new scholarship honoring one of our charter members; Debbie Coonrod Vannoy! Debbie has always been an advocate for children and education, so we felt it befitting

Debbie Coonrod Vannoy presenting Clay Cook with his scholarship



Photo L-R Bottom: Gayle Lawrence, Laura Hill; Top L-R Debby Bussler, Beth Williams



that we honor the high school graduating seniors of Delta Sisters with a scholarship under her name. How special that several Delta sisters got to travel to where Debbie is now living with her daughter to surprise her for a day of visiting and presenting the scholarship plaque to her. Debbie was beyond thrilled that this had happened. She even got to present the first honoree, Clay Cook, son of Delta Amanda Cook, with his Debbie Coonrod Vannoy Scholarship!

Ashley Dunn

Redkey, IN - Zeta Alpha

HAPPY 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY wishes go to Redkey Zeta Alpha sister, Linda Lowe & husband David, who

were married August 26, 1973 at Oak Grove UMC. They celebrated spending the weekend with their 3 children, 8 grandchildren, & 2 great-grands. Best wishes for many more wonderful adventures! ♡



Kathy Nelson

Seymour, IN - Theta Zeta

Gerri Smith, Delegate for Theta Zeta Chapter at National Convention 2023, proudly accepted a Milestone Certificate recognizing Theta Zeta for 75 years of service as a chapter. Theta Zeta was “born” on August 31, 1948! What an exciting and momentous time for our small chapter. Many ladies throughout the last 75 years are responsible for this award. We want to acknowledge their hard work and dedication to keep our chapter alive. Being a small chapter has its challenges, but when you work together for a common goal it sure is rewarding!



Lisa Zike

Delta Star

Redkey, IN - Zeta Alpha

Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN, honors **Sharon Hammers** for 68 years of active membership. She has served as our Pontifex Prima for at least 60 years. She is surrounded by new officers (front): Susan Louck



-Secretary, Kathy Nelson-Treasurer, Lorrie Younger-Vice President, SueAnn McLaughlin-President, Lois Nauman-Parliamentarian, Bonnie Seward-Historian, (back) Lisa Arnold-Corresponding, Sydney Arnold-Stoff Arms.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP SHARON! And always being willing to serve Delta Theta Tau.

Kathy Nelson

New Members

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

Kappa Xi Chapter is excited to introduce their **newest Delta Sister, Jan Gruber, who was initiated at National Convention, July, 2023, in Fort Worth, TX.** Jan has already been a great asset to Kappa Xi in all their endeavors of philanthropy by helping at our many functions and events and learning the ways of ‘Delta Giving’! She’s a longtime Brookville girl and many of us knew her for a long time...but we all feel so blessed to have her as our Delta Sister! Welcome Jan...we love you!



L-R: Char Garrett-Kappa Xi 2022-2023 Past President; Jan Gruber-New DTT Member initiated at National Convention July 2023; Jeanie Claggett-Kappa Xi 2023-2024 President

Delta Love,
Vicki Mills

Chesterton, IN - Alpha Rho

Alpha Rho Chapter recently welcomed two new members **Laura Finke and Dee Emery** at our chapter’s banquet. We are excited our chapter continues to grow! We are very hopeful to pledge

another few ladies who could possibly join Delta Theta Tau at **Beta Province Convention**.

Photo L-R: Lori Mark, Past President; Dee Dee Emery and Laura Finke; Diane Redlarczyk, Pledge Supervisor; and Valerie Adams, President **Karen Wixted**



Dunkirk, IN - Zeta Chi

Zeta Chi is proud to welcome our newest member, **Nancy Lininger**. I'm not sure she knows what a crazy (and wonderful) group she's joined. Anyway, we are so happy that she joined us. Welcome Nancy!

Marla Grady

Monticello, IN - Delta Chi

New member **Sheri Fell** was installed just before our summer break. Sheri is a successful real estate broker and is well connected in our community. Sheri has already lended some wonderful ideas to our fundraising roster and has helped us fine tune existing events. Welcome Sheri!



Andrea Buck

New Carlisle, IN - Kappa Rho

Kappa Rho Chapter welcomes our newest member, **Shawna Janski**. She is the daughter of member, Linda Sikorski. She was initiated May 24 and was immediately involved in our Annual Golf Scramble on June 8. We are looking forward to having her be a part of our Chapter.

Bonnie DeMeyer, PNP

Roachdale, IN - Theta Lambda

The ladies of Theta Lambda are thrilled to announce the addition of our newest member, **Nancy Holsapple**! Nancy was initiated on May 9, 2023, by Chapter President Annie Cloncs and Pledge Supervisor Donna Tippin. We feel very lucky to have Nancy join us in our philanthropic endeavors!

Nancy currently works as the State Special Education Director for the Indiana Department of Education, a position she has held since 2018. Prior to that, she was the Director of Old National Trail Special Services in Greencastle, Indiana, for 15 years. She has been a

Special Education Teacher also. In all, she has 37 years of Special Education experience.

Nancy is married to her husband, Brien, and they live on a farm

outside of Roachdale, Indiana. They have two children, Emmett and Emma. Emmett is the wildlife biologist for Lake Monroe. Emma is a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at Cloverdale Schools. She is also the mother of Nancy's grandson Brooks, who is a little over a year old. Nancy and both of her children are graduates of North Putnam Community Schools.

Nancy is fun-loving, very kind and compassionate, and a natural leader. We are so excited to have Nancy as a part of our chapter!

Cheryl Marshall

Seymour, IN - Theta Zeta

The Theta Zeta Chapter of Seymour, IN would like to welcome our newest member, Catherine Horton. Catherine and her husband Tim reside in Seymour and have been married for 29 years. They have two children Brady age 20 and Lucy age 17 as well as three feline fur babies Oliver, Skittles and Rhys. Catherine loves reading, spending time with her family and friends but also has a great love of helping her community. We are thrilled to have a new sister and friend to embark on our journey to help others.



Lisa Zike

In Memoriam

Eaton, OH - Theta Mu

Our chapter mourns the loss of our dear sister, **Neoma M. Bulla**, she left us on April 21, 2023, at age 83. Neoma was initiated in January, 1968 to Delta Theta Tau Sorority. She later transferred her membership to

L-R: Annie Cloncs, President; New Member Nancy Holsapple; and Donna Tippin, Pledge Supervisor.



our Alumnae chapter in 1992. We recognize her faithful service over her 55 years and 3 months membership. She enjoyed getting together with her sisters. Neoma loved living in the country, gardening beautiful flowerbeds and cooking especially for her grandson Corey. She was a sweet, kind, loving and beautiful person with a caring heart. However, during the last few years she was unable to attend meetings due to her battle with a couple of serious health issues. Even though she had struggles, she was always keeping in touch with us and supporting our chapter. We also never forgot her through our prayers, phone calls, and cards. Her battle is over but we know she lives on and we will greatly miss her.



This second photo from Magnolia Market spoke for Karen's story that is now on a new chapter



the Safe Haven Baby Box which will be installed soon in Beech Grove. The very last quilt that Karen made will also be given to that Safe Haven Baby Box in her honor. The quilt was unfinished at her death but her good friend, neighbor and a new Nu Tau Sister candidate, Sue Jones, finished the quilt in honor of Karen.

Karen had the most wonderful smile and ability to accept each of us as we are without any hesitation. She made us want to live up to our better selves and encouraged each of us to do that. She was the heart and soul of Nu Tau and we will carry on her legacy of philanthropy, but we will miss her always. She is probably in charge of Guardian Angels as her next adventure.

Susan Barham

Monticello, IN - Delta Chi

Our Delta Chi chapter has been hit hard with loss this past year of several beloved alum and MALS. At convention they honored their memory with the presentation of a white rose to those representing our chapter. It was a very moving ceremony as long time, valued sisters **Erma Musall, Shirley Buschman, Connie Richardson, Carol Moore, Ruth Crutchfield and Marilyn Paschen** were remembered.



Andrea Buck

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Gamma Pi would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Madonna Mantoath**. Due to her health, Madonna had to take an Associate membership. She was initiated on November 2, 2016. She served our chapter as Corresponding Secretary in 2019-2020. During her brief time in our chapter she was a hard worker and was willing to do anything she could for Delta Theta Tau. She was a loving and caring person who always had a smile on her face. Madonna will be greatly missed in our chapter.

We also would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Phyllis Wesler**. Phyllis was an MAL member of Gamma Pi. She was initiated on November

Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Gordon, daughters Pamela Shade and Kimberly Gardner (Rex Bolten), grandson Corey Gardner, stepchildren Susan (Charlie) Swihart, Doug (Cheri) Bulla, and Sarah (Angela) Bulla; step-grandchildren Jared, Taylor, Peyton, Luke, and Aria Bulla.

Linda Woesner

Greenwood, IN - Nu Tau

The Nu Tau Chapter is sad to share that **Karen Lackey**, our President and only remaining founding member, has passed on to her next adventure. Anyone who met Karen could not help but be impressed with her selflessness, generosity, and genuine love for life and others. Heaven must have needed an Angel when she left us.



Those of us who knew her well know how passionate she was about gardening. She was always open to letting us meet at, and enjoy, the sanctuary she called home where those gardening skills were on full and bountiful display. Karen has left us a wonderful legacy of philanthropy in action. We had recently celebrated her 50 yrs of service to our chapter and we cherish our memories of that celebration.

Over the years Karen sewed several hundred quilts to donate to those in need via the B.I.B.S program, the Beech Grove Senior Citizens Center and others. In her honor, Nu Tau has donated \$1,000.00 to

21, 1978 and became an MAL on February 20, 1991. Phyllis was a hard worker and was willing to lend a helping hand to others. Phyllis retired from Centerville Elementary School in Centerville, IN after 32 years as a music teacher.

Jodi Neanen

Noblesville, IN - Eta Lambda

Eta Lambda is deeply saddened to report that our sweet **Tracee Coy** has passed away following a very brief battle with a rare form of cancer that also caused heart failure. She passed away August 17, 2023. She had been a member for almost 20 years and was a third generation Delt. Her Grandmother was Rosalyn Roudebush and her Mother, Tammy is an MAL.

Tracee had held several offices in the chapter and always stayed very active and helped with all our projects even though she was extremely busy with her day care that she operated from her home. She was a wonderful care-giver of numerous young children as well as infants. They all loved her. She and her husband Ted, had two daughters, Taylor and Caitlin. They enjoyed their country home where they always had a large garden and were always sharing garden "goodies" with friends. Whenever we had a meeting at her house during the summer, we could count on going home with some fresh veggies. She and Ted enjoyed going on cruises for their vacations.

Tracee was only 53 years old and was taken from us too soon. We will miss her great smile and her willingness to help with anything that was asked of her. All of her Eta Lambda Delta sisters wish her family lots of love and caring in the months ahead as they deal with their loss.

Gail Rogers

Roachdale, IN - Theta Lambda

It is with sadness that the ladies of Theta Lambda announce the passing of member **Martha Boruff** at the age of 92. Martha was an active member of our sorority for 52 years! She joined our sorority in 1963 and was an active member until May of 2015, when she became an MAL at the age of 84!

Martha graduated from Arsenal Tech High School. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Indiana University. She married John Boruff in 1953. They had four children (Yvonne, Audrey, David and Kenneth), 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Roachdale Presbyterian Church, where she served as deacon and elder. She also served as an EMT, as a scout leader for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, was a member of Town and Country Home-Ec Club, The Society of Decorative Painters and Alpha Delta Pi Sorority at Indiana University. She retired



from North Putnam School Association as a bus driver and substitute teacher and was a swimming instructor at Crawfordsville High School for the elementary schools.

In our chapter, Martha held the offices of President, Recording Secretary, Historian, Publicity and Pledge Supervisor. She was also on the initiation team for years, where she sang the solo of the Delta Song.

Martha was a very talented artist and painter who used her skills to design the pictures that were used for several years on Roach Buttons. These were sold by our sorority as a fundraiser when Roachdale had Roach Races during its annual 4th of July celebrations. She also made other items that we sold. During our "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" philanthropic events for the community, Martha was one of the ladies who dressed in the Easter Bunny costume!

During the 52 years that Martha was an active member, she was a valued member, using her many talents to serve the sorority. We are glad to have known Martha and we miss her!

Cheryl Marshall

Terre Haute, IN - Alpha Omicron

Alpha Omicron is saddened to announce the passing of our dear friend, aunt to some, and sister to all

Daphne Sue Newport.

Daphne was called to her final resting place on June 7th, 2023. Daphne served our organization as a Province Chairman and held many offices in our chapter. Daphne was the life of the party and everyone who met her loved her. As a chapter we plan to keep her memory alive, if you see us riding luggage carts just know we are doing her proud and she is smiling down at us.



Mandy Allen PNO, PPC

Vice President- Alpha Omicron Chapter
National Secretary of Philanthropy

New Arrivals

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

Longtime Kappa Xi member **Jean Claggett** and her husband Ken welcomed another grandchild June 5, 2023! **Lena Joy Claggett** was born at 4:49 pm weighing 7lbs



and 2oz and measured 20.08 inches long. This precious little gal's parents, are Jeanie & Ken's son Wesley and his wife, Bahieh Claggett! Another awesome gift from God!

Kappa Xi Chapter is once again flourishing with more grandbabies! Kappa Xi sister **Char Garrett** and her husband Keith were overjoyed and blessed to welcome their 1st grandchild on April 10, 2023. Granddaughter **Sunny Dean Garrett** arrived at 12:42 pm, weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 19 1/2" long. She is the daughter of Char and Keith's youngest son Arron and his wife Tori. She is Grandma & Grandpa's pride and joy and they love spoiling her and cherishing every opportunity they have to spend time with her.



Delta Love,

Vicki Mills

Monticello, IN - Delta Chi

Longtime sister **Nancy Terry** welcomed another grandbaby on August 2. Daughter Hannah's baby arrived early at 35 weeks. He is ok but in NICU so his lungs can get a little help. 5 lbs. 8 oz. 19.5 in long. He looks like a little doll!

Andrea Buck



Mooreville, IN - Lambda Nu

Lambda Nu member **Gina Sichtung** holding her new grandson, **Leroy Augustus Steward**. He was born May 21, 2023 at 10:31am. He weighed 6lbs 15 oz and 20 inches long.

Kaylee Riester



Redbud, IL - Omicron Psi

Our Delta sister, **Tabitha Rolerkite** and husband Colin welcomed their son **Henry Eric Alan Rolerkite** into the world on April 27th. Henry weighed in at 9 lbs and 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Big sister **Aubrey** is crazy over her little brother.

Mary Havel



Redkey, IN - Zeta Alpha

Redkey Delt sister **Bobbi Louck** is the proud grandmother times two, and proud Aunt is **Shelbi Blankenbaker**. I see a lot of cuddles ahead with these two cuties 🥰

Welcome little ones....

Scottie Marie Newton

12-18-22



Briggston Jay Muhlenkamp

5-7-23

Kathy Nelson

Seymour, IN - Theta Zeta

Cindy Winslow of Theta Zeta Chapter, Seymour, IN would like to introduce her first grandbaby to Delta Theta Tau Members.

LILAH MAE WINSLOW arrived May 24th at 3:37pm. She weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces and was 18 inches long. We foresee a lot of spoiling for this little cutie!

Lisa Zike



Shelbyville, IN - Zeta Lambda

Delt sister **Edie Keesling** expanded her role as a great -aunt and her mother, Delt sister **Sara Keesling**, gained another great-granddaughter on May 4. **Elodie L. Cox**, came into the world weighing 9.1 pounds. She is the daughter of Jerrica Cox and Steven Townsend, and sister to 3-year-old Everly Grace Cox. Congratulations!

LuAnn Mason

Jami Platt welcomed a great grandson/great nephew born on April 28, 2023. He weighed 5lbs 4 oz and was 18" long. His name is **Luka Calvin** and is absolutely handsome. Both mom and Luka are doing well.

Jami Platt



South Whitley, IN - Theta Kappa

Our sorority sister, **Marty Macy** and sorority sister,



Molly the Trolley

"The Delta Theta Tau Cow had her ego deflated, but a request for her presence for photos helped her rise to the occasion." Bonnie Wells PNP

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/reflections (**for Chapter News**)
- 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 (**for Chapter News**)
- B. Outstanding memories of the year (for Chapter News)

Spring—February 10:

- A. Chapter's philanthropy projects and fundraisers. What Projects does your Chapter do and/or Volunteer Hours? (**for Chapter News**)

Summer—April 10:

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

REGULAR SECTIONS FOR ALL FOUR ISSUES INCLUDE:

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

When submitting an article, please indicate the following information:

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

Subject line of email: City, State, Chapter

Submissions by computer:

- A. Attach articles using MS Word or type your article in the body of the email - **NO PDF OR GOOGLE DOCUMENTS 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 Executive Secretary)

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: "From The Back Row" for sharing where you are and what you are doing - managed by MJ Litz

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 or Summer Issue—An article, with the committee's picture, providing a report of the Midyear Meeting.

PROVINCE HOSTESS CHAPTERS and PROVINCE CHAIRMAN FOR 2023-2024

2023 Province Chairmen: Each Chairman is to submit a half-page **review** of their Province Convention **with respective pictures** to appear in the **2023 Winter Issue**. **The submission should also include winners of awards and newly elected 2024 Province Chairman.**

2024 Province Chairmen: This is your time to shine! Each elected Province Chairman is to submit a quarter-page article about herself and send your personal picture to appear in the **2023 Winter or 2024 Spring Issue**.

For the **2024 Summer Issue** (may be repeated in the 2024 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!!**

2025 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 **2024 Winter or 2025 Spring Issue**.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COORDINATORS:

2024 Convention Coordinator: One page with Coordinator's personal picture, including Convention and Hostess information will be submitted for the **2023 Autumn Issue**.

Coordinator will submit additional information for the **2023 Winter Issue**.

A one-page article and all reservation forms will be submitted for the **2024 Spring Issue**.

The **2024 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 2024 Spring Issue.

A half-page article of appreciation and a financial statement with photograph will appear in the **2024 Autumn Issue**.

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

2025 Convention Coordinator: One page with Coordinator's personal picture, including Convention and Hostess information will be submitted for the **2024 Autumn Issue**.

Coordinator will submit additional information for the **2024 Winter Issue**

A one-page article and all reservation forms will be submitted for the **2025 Spring Issue**.

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2026 Convention Coordinator: Ads for the sites and hotels to be considered by the delegates to the 2026 Convention will be submitted for the **2025 Summer Issue**.

APPROVED SUPPLIERS 2023-2024

Pin and Crest

Robes

\$70.00 includes postage and handling
Debbie Coonrod-Vannoy
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St Peters, MO 63376
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DTT Banner

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When you are ordering supplies on **Form #7**, please check this supply list in each issue of GRIT. Also, please send **\$9.65** postage and handling for each order—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

\$9.65 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/sheet	\$0.15
Form #8 Change in Membership Status/sheet	\$0.15
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. Many are "**fillable forms**".

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