

Minutes of Gamma Province Convention 2024

Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc.

The 2024 Gamma Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., convened at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Beavercreek, Ohio.

Province Chairman, Kathy Leyes, Phi Chapter, Lewisburg, OH, called the meeting to order and introduced the 2024 Convention Coordinator, Linda Schlotterbeck, Phi, Lewisburg, OH.

The Chair opened the business meeting with the Delta Opening Ceremony and Delta Prayer.

The Chair introduced Gamma PEG, Tanya Stover, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, who introduced the following members that conducted the long form initiation ceremony:

2024 Initiation Team Gamma Province

Pontifex Prima – Laura Haskins, Nu Alpha, Oxford OH
Chaplin – Jodi Neanen, Gamma Pi, New Paris OH
Questor – Lisa Starr, Nu Alpha, Oxford OH
Pontifex Secunda – Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris OH
Scriba – Dee Hoops, Kappa Xi, Brookville OH
Delta – Tina Cassel, Kappa Xi, Brookville OH
Theta – Cindy Myers, Kappa Xi, Brookville OH
Tau – Judy Hathaway, Nu Alpha, Oxford OH
Pledge Supervisor – Terri Shannon, Nu Alpha, Oxford OH
Sgt. at Arms – Debbie Cole, Nu Alpha, Lewisburg OH
Sister Delta – Sandy Thomas, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
Soloist – Terri Shaffer, Theta Mu, Eaton OH, and
Joyce Willis, Theta Mu, Eaton OH
Music Operator – Junior Cruea, Kappa Xi, Brookville OH

The Chair welcomed the three new members, as did those in attendance. Welcome Susan Snyder, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Dianna Rohrer, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH and Deanna Carr, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH.

National Vice President, Patty Jo Nierste, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN, conducted a beautiful Memorial Service to honor:

Penny Ulrich, MAL, Theta Mu, Eaton, OH 02/23/2024
Barbara Gray, Active, Theta Mu, Eaton OH 7/27/2024

The Convention Secretary, Jeanie Claggett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH read the Objective of the Province.

The Chair extended a warm Welcome to the assembly.

The Chair introduced the National Officers present at the convention.

National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
National Vice President, Patty Jo Nierste, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN
National Secretary, Junior Cruea, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
National Treasurer, Kathy Haralson, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL
Secretary of Philanthropy, Paula Neidlinger, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN
Chairman, Board of Trustees, Kris Trapp, Tau, Valparaiso, IN
Third Member Board of Trustees, Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH
Executive Secretary, Beth Wallis, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN
Editor of Grit, Doris Sanders, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN

The Chair introduced other Past National Presidents, National Committee Members, Past National Officers, Past Province Chairmen, Honorary Members and Alumnae Associates who were in attendance.

Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, National President, Past Province Chairman
Jenny Wade, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA, Past National President
Julie Callis, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN, Past National President
Terry Riester, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN, Past National President
Terri Shannon, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, Past National President, Treasurer, Delta Home
Directorate, Past Province Chairman
Jeanie Claggett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past National President, Past Province Chairman
Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Past National President
Junior Cruea, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Gamma PEG, Past Province Chairman, Co-Assigned
National Officer & Parliamentarian
Beth Wallis, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN, Honorary Member, National Executive Secretary
Zelda Maxel, Phi, Lewisburg, OH, Past Province Chairman
Sandy Thomas, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Province Chairman
Laura Haskins, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, Past Province Chairman
Kim Fields, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Past Province Chairman
Lisa Starr, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, Past Province Chairman
Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Province Chairman
Tanya Stover, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Province Chairman, Gamma PEG
Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Past Province Chairman, Co-Assigned National
Officer

Char Garrett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Province Chairman
Marcia Swift, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN, Delta Home Directorate
Margo Feebeck, Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN, Theta PEG

The Chair introduced the Deltas the served this convention:

Convention Secretary – Jeanie Claggett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
Sergeant-at-Arms – Kathy Smallwood, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms – Deb Frank, Theta Mu, Eaton, OH

Pages:

Tina Cassel, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
Cindy Myers, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH

Tellers:

Ruthie Cunningham, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
Carla Porter, Kappa X, Brookville, OH

Standing Rules Committee:

Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Chaiman
Char Garrett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
Jodi Neanen, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH

Philanthropy Committee:

Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Chairman
Kim Fields, Gamma, Pi, New Paris, OH
Terri Shafer, Theta Mu, Eaton, OH

The Chair thanked everyone for serving this convention.

The Convention Secretary called the roll. Six (6) chapters, Present Gamma Province Chairman and three (3) Past Province Chairmen were present for a total of ten (10) voting members.

The Chair declared a quorum was established. Delegates were,

Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris OH
Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH
Judy Hathaway, Nu Alpha, Oxford OH
Lorrie Ullery, Phi, Lewisburg OH
Terry Shaffer, Theta Mu, Eaton OH
Sue Lefler, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Other voting members:

Kathy Leyes, Phi, Lewisburg, OH, Present Gamma Province Chairman
Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Gamma Province Chairman
Char Garrett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Past Province Chairman
Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Past Province Chairman

The Chair asked how many are attending the convention for the first time. There were four and the three new initiates for a total of seven.

The minutes of the 2023 Province Convention were approved by the Assigned Officer and were not read as no request was made.

The Chair asked if there was any objection to changing the order of the business if deemed necessary? There being no objection, the order of business may be changed.

Standing Rules Committee Chairman, Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, read the Convention Rules. Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, made a motion to #12, by scratching that Delta Theta Tau shirts are acceptable apparel for convention meetings. Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, made a second, motion passed unanimously. A Motion was made by Char Garrett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, to approve the amended Convention Rules. Terri Shaffer, Theta Mu, Eaton, OH, made a second, motion passed unanimously.

The Chair read the Preliminary Financial Report of Gamma Province. She stated that an updated report will be attached to the Gamma Province Minutes.

National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, talked about the legislation that Gamma Province presented to Theta Province. It was voted down by the delegates of Theta Province. Karen explained the reason was because the legislation was limiting Gamma Province to only sharing a convention with them and no other province. She stated that one Province could contact any other Province to see if they might want to double up on a convention. The cost being required by the hotels today is getting extremely expensive.

Philanthropy Committee Chairman, Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, presented two projects that were submitted.

Jacob's Ladder submitted by Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH
St. Mary's Backpack Program submitted by Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH

Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, read a presentation about Jacob's Ladder and Judy Hathaway, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, presented information about St. Mary's Backpack Program. Both projects were very worthy of assistance.

Jean Brower, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, made a motion to add to the ballot, to split the funds 50/50 between both projects. Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, made a second. The Chair called for a vote and the motion passed.

The Chair mentioned again that there is \$340.24 in the Philanthropy Fund. That sparked the outpouring of our sisters to donate more money for the fund. It was suggested that we wait until all the donations were counted before a vote would be taken on the projects.

The National Philanthropy Report was given by National Secretary of Philanthropy, Paula Neidlinger, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN.

National Treasurer, Kathy Haralson, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL, gave an update on the 2025 National Convention to be held at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, Tucson, AZ to be held July 8 – 12, 2025. Convention Coordinator, Bonnie Wells, Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ, and the hostess chapters welcome everyone to the "Gems of the Universe" Convention.

Delta Home Directorate, Terri Shannon, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, gave a very rewarding report about Delta Home.

Through the generosity of several sorority members and chapters, extra money was donated to the philanthropy project. Included are the donor's names and donations:

Phi, Lewisburg, OH - \$100.00 in Honor of National President, Karen Mace
Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH - \$50.00 in Honor of the National Officers
Theta Mu, Eaton, OH - \$35.00 in Honor of National President, Karen Mace
Theta Mu, Eaton, OH - \$80.00 in Memory of Barb Gray & Penny Ulrich
Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH - \$115.00 in Honor of Third Member Board of
Trustees, Dana Anderson
Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH - \$50.00 in Honor of National President, Karen Mace
Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH - \$177.00 in Honor of National Secretary, Junior Cruea
Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH - \$50.00 in Honor of National President, Karen Mace
Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH - \$200.00 – Philanthropy Projects
Char Garrett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH - \$62.76 in Honor of her Granddaughter
and National Officers
Tanya Stover, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH - \$50.00 in Honor of the Initiation Team
National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH – \$20.00 –
Philanthropy Projects

Chairman Board of Trustees, Kris Trapp, Tau, Valparaiso, IN – \$20.00 In Honor of National Secretary, Junior Cruea, Third Member Board of Trustees, Dana Anderson and National President, Karen Mace, Officers of Gamma Province National Treasurer, Kathy Haralson, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL and Paula Neidlinger, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN - \$25.00 – Philanthropy Projects Editor of Grit, Doris Sanders, Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN National Secretary, Junior Cruea, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, and Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH - \$75.00 – In Honor of National President, Karen Mace Jenny Wade, PNP, Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA - \$50.00 in Honor of the National Officers Terry Riester, PNP, Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN - \$400.00 in Honor of all the PNP's at the convention Julie Callis, PNP, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN and Kim Hart, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN - \$75.00 in Honor of National President, Karen Mace Kathy Smallwood, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH - \$25.00 – Philanthropy Projects

With the generous donations from those mentioned above it brought the total to be given out to the 2024 Philanthropy Projects to \$2,000.00. The Chair thanked everyone for their wonderful donations.

Convention Secretary, Jeanie Claggett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, read communications received:

Secretary Board of Trustees – Evonne Albert, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Web Master – Michelle Westhues, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO

Gamma Province Coordinator, Linda Schlotterbeck, Phi, Lewisburg, OH, gave several announcements about the “Gobble ‘til ya Wobble” Luncheon and the 50/50 Raffle and the Raffle Room.

The Chair announced that the Workshops will begin at 1:30 p.m. and Delegates are required to attend. Non-delegates were encouraged to attend.

The Chair recessed the meeting until 1:30.

AFTERNOON MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The Tellers reported the voting results and that the Philanthropy Money will be divided equally between Jacob's Ladder - \$1,000.00 and St. Mary's Backpack Program - \$1,000.00.

The Chair turned the meeting over to the National Officers to conduct the workshops.

The workshops were EXCELLENT. Highly informative, interesting and fun. The topics included: Volunteer Hours, Let's See What You Know and Where to Find It, FAQ and Form 4 Skit written by our own Junior Cruea!

Gamma Province PEG, Tanya Stover, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, with the help of some of her chapter members put on an awesome skit titled "Birds of a Feather Soar Together, Our National President's Theme. Tanya addressed us as Birds. As birds gather so do we and bond for a cause to make the best of womanhood. We get together to share our time, feelings and knowledge and in turn we network and do fundraisers to give back to our communities.

She first named the Peacocks they walk the walk. Next was the Bluebirds of Happiness. They gather new members and take our chapters to new heights. Then we have the Owls. We value and revere our older and wiser members. They nurture and mentor our Hatchlings. Now we come to the Big Birds. These birds stand out and make a difference. Tanya finished the skit by stating "We need to keep gathering new members because together we do Stand Out and make a difference.

National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga, Falls, OH, assisted the Chair in handing out the 2023– 2024 Philanthropy Awards. The report is included as an attachment to the minutes.

TRAVELING AWARDS

Silver Bud Vase Award, given by Nu Beta, Silver Spring, MD, for the highest Total Golden Hand Fund went to Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH

White Bible Award, given by Alpha Tau, Cincinnati, OH, to the chapter for the highest per capita Golden Hand Fund went to Phi, Lewisburg, OH

Silver Candle Snuffer Award, given by Alpha Xi, Columbus, OH, for the highest total volunteer hours went to Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH

Gavel Award, given by Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH to the chapter for the highest per capita volunteer hours went to Phi, Lewisburg, OH

The Chair called for a count off for the total members in attendance for each chapter. Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, had 17 members in the room which added up to 80% of their membership. They were awarded the Attendance Banner.

The Chair presented a special gift to Theta Mu, Eaton, OH for their everlasting commitment to our sorority. She gave them a Miss Theta Mu doll crocheted by Lynn Denlinger, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH.

National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH, also awarded Theta Mu, Eaton OH, with a Milestone Certificate for "75" Years in Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the 2025 Gamma Province Convention Chairman. Delegate, Judy Hathaway, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, submitted the name of Debbie Albin, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, as a nominee for 2025 Gamma Province Chairman. No other nominations were received, therefore, Gamma Province Convention Secretary, Jeanie Claggett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, cast the elective ballot for Debbie Albin, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, as the 2025 Gamma Province Convention Chairman.

Terri Shannon, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, Convention Coordinator and members of Nu Alpha Chapter, Oxford, OH, did a wonderful presentation inviting everyone to attend the, "All Around The World" 2025 Gamma Province Convention, October 10th – 12th, 2025, to be held at the Warehouse Hotel Spooky Nook Sports Complex, 600 N B Street, Hamilton, OH 45013. Phone number is 513-273-8160, Room Rate is \$159.00 for Queen Beds.

Terri Shannon's contact information:

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Installation of Debbie Albin, Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH, the 2025 Gamma Province Chairman was performed by National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Debbie's contact information is as follows:

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The Chair turned the floor over to National President, Karen Mace, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. She gave a very inspirational memory about the passing of two longtime active members and her very close friends in a span of three years, PNP, Melony Heyn and Karen's sister-in-law, Brenda Dannemiller both of Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. She mentioned how she knew she would

have to step up to try to, hold her chapter together, be strong and try to grow with new members. This all played a huge part in selecting her theme, Birds of a Feather, Soar Together. Karen also mentioned that the National Officers are working on getting online registrations for the national and province conventions.

The Chair thanked everyone who helped her throughout the year. She said she truly appreciated you all. She also wanted to give a big shoutout to Phi Chapter, Lewisburg, OH, for all the hard work they put into the Convention. Great Job!

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting adjourned and closed with the Delta Closing Ceremony.

Jeanie Claggett

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2024 Gamma Province Convention Secretary

Kathy Leyes

Kathy Leyes, 2024 Gamma Province
Chairman

Junior Cruea

Junior Cruea, National Secretary and
Co-Assigned Officer

Dana Anderson

Dana Anderson, Third Member Board
Of Trustees and Co-Assigned Officer

Attachments: (2)

Financial Report of Gamma Province October 12, 2024

2024 Gamma Province Philanthropy Summary