

**96th Epsilon Province Convention
November 15-17, 2024
Effingham, Illinois**

The 96th Epsilon Province Convention of Delta Theta Tau Sorority Inc. convened at 9:02 A.M., November 15, 2024, at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham, Illinois.

WELCOME

The Province Chairman, Julia Hayes called the meeting to order and introduced the Convention Chairmen, Eileen Williams, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, Illinois, who thanked Patty Green with Keller Center for all the hard work and understanding in the planning process of Province and making it a wonderful event. The Province Chairman Julia Hayes, opened the business meeting with the Delta Opening Ceremony and Delta Prayer.

INITIATION CEREMONY

A model initiation ceremony was performed by Epsilon PEG, Natalie Hand's team. Her team consisted of:

Installation Officer – Kelly Mars, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Sgt-at-Arms – Natalie Hand, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Member – Stacey Inamm, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Pianist - Debby Bussler, Gamma Upsilon, West Frankfort, IL

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Patty Jo Nierste, Vice President, conducted the Memorial Service for the following deceased Delta Sisters:

1	Tanya "Jo" McPherson	8/9/2021	Beta Phi	Mt. Carmel, IL	MAL
2	Jean Givenrod	3/7/2024	Gamma Upsilon- Gamma	West Frankfort, IL	MAL
3	Paulette Purcell	7/31/2021	Epsilon Upsilon - Beta	Peoria, IL	MAL
4	Marilyn Wright	1/7/2024	Zeta Theta	Pana, IL	MAL
5	Linda Dunseth	1/12/2024	Zeta Theta	Pana, IL	MAL
6	Louise Brucker	7/1/2022	Zeta Upsilon	Seneca, IL	MAL
7	Rosie Frisch	9/11/2024	Xi Phi	Marissa, IL	Associate
8	Betty Wells	4/21/2024	Omicron Alpha	Woodlawn, IL	Associate
9	Joyce Halterman	4/18/2024	Omicron Pi	Bethel, MO	Active
10	Charleen Huber	6/13/2022	Eta Sigma	Bridgeport, IL	MAL
11	Roberta "Bobbi" Ortegren	9/3/2023	Kappa Omicron	Wood River, IL	MAL

OBJECT OF PROVINCE

Province Secretary, Jeanne Stamm read the Object of the Province.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair introduced the following National Officers in attendance:

President, Karen Mace (appeared late to speak briefly)
Vice President, Patty Jo Nierste
Secretary of Philanthropy and our Assigned Officer, Paula Neidinger (sick, attended
afternoon session)
Treasurer, Kathy Haralson
Chairman Board of Trustees, Kris Trapp
Secretary Board of Trustees, Evonne Albert
Editor of Grit, Doris Sanders

The Chair introduced the following Past National Presidents, Past Province Chairmen, and National Committee Members in attendance:

Evonne Albert, Past Province Chairman
Pat Carlson, Past Province Chairman
Linda Dressen, Past National President, Past Province Chairman
Kathy Hayes, Past Province Chairman
Amie (Sneed) Jackson, Past Province Chairman
Christine Miller, Past National President, Past Province Chairman
Arline Snow, Past Province Chairman
Melanie Spangler, Past Province Chairman
Cathy Stanford, Past National President, Past Province Chairman
Mekalia Cooper, Nominating Committee
Jeanne Stamm, Nominating Committee
Jean Stomberski, Delta Home Directorate Secretary
Marcia Swift, Delta Home Directorate Member
Kendra Olson, Past Expansion and Growth
Eileen Williams, Past Webmaster
Natalie Hand, Epsilon Province Expansion and Growth
Margo Feebeck, Theta Province Expansion and Growth

The Chair introduced the following Delts serving at this convention:

Assigned Officer, Paula Neidinger, Secretary of Philanthropy, Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN
Epsilon Province Secretary, Jeanne Stamm, Omicron Psi, Red Bud, IL
2024 Convention Chairman, Eileen Williams, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL
Sergeant-at-Arms: Shlonda Horton, Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: Gayle Lawrence, Gamma Upsilon, West Frankfort, IL

Tellers: Julie Trout, Omicron Psi, Red Bud, IL
Stephany Hoehner, Delta Kappa, Anna, IL

Page: Denise Dickerson, Beta Xi, Lawrenceville, IL

Stand Rules Committee: Johnna Huggins, Omicron Psi, Red Bud, IL
Kay Neal, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Brandy Steely, Theta Delta, Sparta, IL

Philanthropy Committee: Amy Lohman, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL
Mekalia Cooper, Theta Delta, Sparta, IL
Jennifer Rheinecker, Theta Delta, Sparta, IL

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Jeanne Stamm called the roll with twelve (12) chapters and ten (10) other voting members present. The chair declared a quorum. Three (3) chapter, was absent. There were two (2) first time delegates and six (6) first time non-delegates in attendance.

MINUTES

Chair announced that the minutes of the 2023 convention have been approved by the Assigned Officer and there was no request to read the minutes.

National President, Karen Mace, stopped in to address the delegates and delta sisters before leaving due to injury. She presented awards to Gamma Upsilon, West Frankfort, IL, and Delta Kappa, Anna, IL for their 95th birthday and Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL for its 85th. She reminded us to remember those sisters who came before us but to also continue looking forward and keep growing. She provided sisters with heart sugar cookies and apologized for her early departure.

Vote to excuse the absent chapter was postponed until the afternoon session.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Province Secretary, Jeanne Stamm read the Convention Rules. No second is required since the motion came from a committee. There was no discussion.

National Treasurer, Kathy Haralson, discussed the items contained in the delegate folders

The Chair read the Province Financial Report.

Standing Rules Committee

Johnna Huggins, with the Standing Rules Committee stated there were no proposals for new legislation or changes to existing legislation submitted prior to province. No proposals from the floor.

Philanthropy Committee

Mekalia Cooper, with the Philanthropy Committee reported that one philanthropy project was submitted pursuant to Epsilon Standing Rules by Omicron Pi, Bethel, Missouri, and introduced Katie Wiley from said chapter to discuss the project. The project was Shoes from the Heart and stated we will vote on the project after lunch.

PEG Presentation

Natalie Hand, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL, Province Expansion and Growth gave a report regarding growth in our Province Chapters. She presented awards to the following chapters:

2023-2024 Awards for Chapter Growth:

3rd place – Zeta Epsilon, Seneca, IL

2nd place – Gamma Lamda, Marion, IL

1st place – Pi Alpha, New Athens, IL

Delta Home Report

Jean Stomberski with Delta Home Program Directorate read the Delta Home Report. The full report is attached.

COMMUNICATIONS

Province Secretary, Jeanne Stamm, read letters from Junior Cruea (National Secretary), Dana Anderson (Third Member Board of Trustees), Beth Wallis (Executive Secretary) and Michelle Westhues (Webmaster).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced the raffle room would stay open until noon and that lunch would not be ready until noon as well.

The meeting was recessed at 11:10 am and reconvened at 1:00 pm.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Workshops

The national officers held the following workshops:

Acceptable Volunteer Hours

Welcome Back to School

Facts and Questions

Philanthropy Project

The chair stated that Shoes from the Heart will be named the province philanthropy project if there were no objects. With no objects being made, the elective ballot was cast and Shoes from the Heart was declared the Epsilon province philanthropy project.

Motion to excuse/not excuse absent chapter

There was a motion made by Evonne Albert to excuse Gamma Lambda and Epsilon Lambda from the meeting. The motion was seconded and discussion incurred. The motion was called for vote by Cathy Standford, failed.

Gamma Lambda and Epsilon Lambda were not excused and registration and fines are due.

Philanthropy Awards

The Chair announced the philanthropy award as the National Secretary of Philanthropy, Paula Neidlinger, and National Vice-President, Patty Jo Nierste, presented the awards. A copy of the Philanthropy Summary Report is attached.

Xi Phi, Marissa, Illinois, received the Theta Delta (Sparta) Plaque for having the highest philanthropy fund contributions.

Attendance Banner

Secretary Jeanne Stamm called roll of the delegates to determine the number of members in attendance. The Attendance Banner was awarded to Zeta Theta, Pana, Illinois, with 45% of their members in attendance.

Financial Report

The Chair reported a beginning balance of \$0.00 in the Philanthropy Fund and \$150.00 in the General Fund for a total beginning balance of \$150.00. During 2023-2024 the General Fund received \$240.00 in dues and .06 in interest for a balance of \$390.06. In the Philanthropy Fund during 2023-2024 there was \$1015.00 received for dues, \$15.00 for fines, \$950.00 (\$875 payable to DTT, \$75 payable to Shoes from the Heart) for donations, and \$240.06 transferred from the General Fund for an ending balance of \$2,220.06 to be donated to Shoes from the Heart. This was the largest amount donated to a province project out of all provinces in 2024.

National Philanthropy Committee

National Secretary of Philanthropy, Paula Neidlinger, gave the report for the National Philanthropy Committee. A complete report is attached.

2025 National Conference

Evonne Albert, Secretary Board of Trustees, shared information about the National Convention to be held July 9-13, 2025, in Tucson, Arizona.

Nomination for Province Chairman

One nomination was received pursuant to the Epsilon Standing Rules prior to province. Katie Wiley was nominated by Ashley Dunn, Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO. Being that no other nominations were received before convention, the Chair declared the nominations closed and the Convention Secretary cast the elective ballot and Katie Wiley is the 2024-2025 Province Chairman.

Bids for Convention City 2026

There were no nominations prior to province to be the 2026 hostess chapter. Nominations were taken from the floor and Pi Alpha, New Athens, Illinois, will be the hostess chapter in 2026.

97th Epsilon Province Convention

Zeta Upsilon (Seneca, IL) and Beta Xi (Lawrenceville, IL) gave a presentation about the 2025 Epsilon Province Convention to be held in Effingham, Illinois, at Keller Center. The theme for this is the Wizard of Oz and the Emerald City. We hope to see all of you on October 10-12, 2025.

Installation of 2024-2025 Province Chairman

Krist Trapp, Chairman Board of Trustees installed Katie Wiley as the 2024-2025 Epsilon Province Chairman. Katie thanked the assembly and gave her contact information:

Katie Wiley, 9518 Highway J, Philadelphia, MO 63463

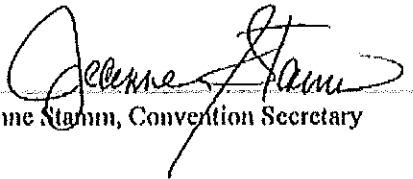
Katie.wiley.01@gmail.com

(573) 515-0418


Announcements

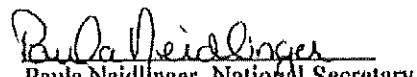
It was announced that there was 64 delts registered for the province convention. The chair thanked the hostess chapters.

There being no further business, the 96th Province Convention was adjourned at 3:29 pm.
The meeting was closed in due form with the Delta Closing Ceremony.


Jeanne Stamm, Convention Secretary

Approved:


Julia Hayes, Province Chairman
December 14, 2024


Paula Neidlinger, National Secretary
of Philanthropy
December 14, 2024

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**"True Giving From The Heart
Is An Expression Of Love ."**

-CARA STEIN

Who Are We?

Shoes from the Heart, a non-profit organization headquartered in Macon, Missouri, is dedicated to providing new shoes to at-risk children. Since its inception in 2012, Shoes from the Heart has expanded its reach from the local level to encompass every county in Missouri and 21 additional states.

What We Need

With our rapid growth and the escalating demand to aid children in need, we have innovated a new approach to grant "instant access" to shoes by installing shoe closets in elementary schools within our community. To facilitate this initiative, we are seeking support from local businesses and organizations to fund the project.

The Shoe Closet



Tailored to meet the unique requirements of each school, our comprehensive proposal entails the installation of a fully stocked shoe closet.



For smaller schools, the closet will house 24 pairs of brand-new shoes, while larger institutions will benefit from 50 pairs. These shoes come in a diverse range of sizes, designs, and colors, ensuring that every child finds the perfect fit and style.



Renowned for their exceptional quality, the shoes we provide are enthusiastically embraced by both students and their families, fostering a sense of comfort, confidence, and belonging within the school community.

We Need Your Help!

SMALL SHOE CLOSET: \$336
LARGE SHOE CLOSET: \$700

Sponsoring a shoe closet entails a contribution of \$336 for a small school or \$700 for a larger institution. As the sponsor of this project, you will have the opportunity to participate in the shoe delivery event, during which we will capture photos that can be utilized in your marketing materials. Additionally, these images will be shared across our social media platforms.

One of the significant benefits of your sponsorship is the assurance that your donation remains within the community, directly benefiting local children in need. We sincerely hope that you will consider sponsoring a shoe closet at your local elementary school, and we eagerly anticipate your response.

Talk To Us!



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DELTA HOME PROGRAM DIRECTORATE
FACT SHEET
August 2024

Seven (7) individuals are presently receiving assistance. One is on the Special Gift Fund only.

5 live in their own home, apartment or with family members

1 lives in a retirement community

1 lives in an assisted living or health care facility

Membership Status:

2 Active members

2 Alumnae

3 Members at Large

They reside in Arizona, Indiana, Nevada and Washington.

Total benefits of \$45,796.49 were paid in 2023-2024 from the Delta Home Fund. Since the start of the program in 1972, \$3,355,349.00 in benefits has been paid.

Gifts disbursed from the Special Gift Fund totaled \$945.00 in 2023-2024. This fund is used for birthday and Christmas presents, chapter and alumnae dues, GRIT subscriptions, National and Province Convention registrations along with unexpected expenses.

The Directorate held its annual meeting just prior to National Convention and financial updates were reviewed and the business of the program was completed.

The investments for 2023-2024 were managed by Nuveen Investments, Chicago, IL, Robert Bernstein Associates, New York, New York and Jackson Annuities and Insurance. Morgan Stanley Consulting Group, Indianapolis, IN holds the securities.

The Directors are as follows:

Laura Gullett, President

Brenda Watkins, Vice President

Jean Stomberski, Secretary

Terri Shannon, Treasurer

Bev Edwards

Marcia Swift

Iota Mu, Lynn, IN

Xi Omega, Hurst, TX

Omicron Alpha, Woodlawn, IL

Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH

Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA

Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN

PHILANTHROPY REPORT SUMMARY 2023-2024

Number of chapters in Province	14
Number of chapters in Province reporting	14
Number of chapters not reporting	0
Number of active members in Province reporting	246
Total Philanthropy Dollars	\$246,533.75
Total Volunteer Service Hours	31,391

Total Province Membership reporting as of 6/1/2024 250

Philanthropy Awards for **contributions to philanthropic projects** – top 5 chapters.

Place	Chapter – City	Amount
5.	Zeta Theta – Pana, IL	\$12,681.98
4.	Pi Alpha – New Athens, IL	\$16,393.29
3.	Zeta Upsilon – Seneca, IL	\$29,576.24
2.	Delta Kappa – Anna, IL	\$55,651.69
1.	Xi Phi – Marissa, IL	\$71,024.40

Philanthropy Awards – top 5 chapters per capita

Place	Chapter – City	Amount
5.	Zeta Upsilon – Seneca, IL	\$1,056.29
4.	Pi Alpha – New Athens, IL	\$1,092.89
3.	Pi Beta – Mascoutah, IL	\$1,103.50
2.	Xi Phi – Marissa, IL	\$2,152.25
1.	Delta Kappa – Anna, IL	\$3,478.23

Philanthropy Awards for **philanthropy hours** – top 5 chapters

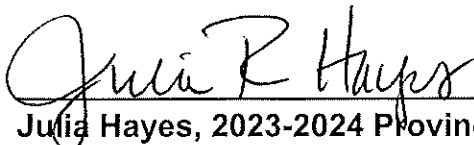
Place	Chapter – City	Hours
5.	Xi Phi – Marissa, IL	3,385.5
4.	Zeta Theta – Pana, IL	3,539.5
3.	Gamma Upsilon – West Frankfort, IL	3,855.0
2.	Omicron Pi – Bethel, MO	4,887.5
1.	Omicron Alpha – Woodlawn, IL	6,255.5

Philanthropy Awards – top 5 chapters per capita


Place	Chapter – City	Hours
5.	Beta Xi – Lawrenceville, IL	148.88
4.	Gamma Upsilon – West Frankfort, IL	154.20
3.	Zeta Theta – Pana, IL	168.55
2.	Omicron Pi – Bethel, MO	222.16
1.	Omicron Alpha – Woodlawn, IL	312.78

EPSILON PROVINCE 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>PHILANTHROPY</u>	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Balance received from previous Chairman	\$	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>			
2024 Province Dues 238 X \$5.00	\$ 1,011.00	239.00	\$ 1,250.00
PPC Province Dues Pd	4.00	1.00	5.00
Interest		0.06	0.06
Fines	15.00	0.00	15.00
	_____	_____	_____
RECEIPTS & CARRY FORWARD	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 390.06	\$1,420.06
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>			
Award & Memoriam Certificates	\$	\$ (.00)	\$ (.00)
Postage		(.00)	(.00)
Supplies		(.00)	(.00)
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ -0-	\$ (.00)	\$ (.00)
	_____	_____	_____
Balance as of November 15, 2024	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 390.06	\$ 1,420.06
<u>CONVENTION RECEIPTS</u>			
Philanthropy Donations	\$ 950.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 950.00
Transfer from General Fund	240.06	(240.06)	0.00
	_____	_____	_____
TOTALS	\$ 2,220.06	150.00	\$ 2,370.06
<u>POST CONVENTION PAYMENTS</u>			
2024 Philanthropy Projects Payment	\$ (2,220.06)	\$	\$ (2,220.06)
Transfer to 2024-25 Province Chairman	_____	\$ (150.00)	\$ (150.00)
	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL POST PAYMENTS	\$ (2,220.06)	\$ (150.00)	\$ (2,370.06)
	_____	_____	_____
Balance as of November 17, 2024	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00



 Julia Hayes, 2023-2024 Province Chairman



 Date

2024 National Philanthropy Committee Province Presentation

In 1903 five high school girls from Muncie, Indiana got together and formed Delta Theta Tau Sorority. I wonder if any of them knew the impact they would still have on so many others by spreading their wings of kindness.

Our National President, Karen Mace's theme is "Birds of a feather, soar together". Delta Theta Tau sisters have been soaring together since 1903. Sisters continue to soar together by impacting the lives of others by donating time, our philanthropy hours, and money for philanthropic projects. We are truly birds of a feather in all of our philanthropic efforts, both locally and nationally.

This year's National Yearly Philanthropy money was split between two projects. Head for the Cure, raising awareness of brain cancer received \$3,000 and Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which provides children with beds, received \$3,000. The National Philanthropy Project is NFED receiving \$5,000 giving them a total since 1997 of \$295,248.64.

Discuss within your chapter projects that may be submitted for the National Yearly Project. They must be on the national level and have a 501 (c) 3 affiliation. The deadline for sending proposals to the National Philanthropy Committee is December 10, 2024.

The opportunity to receive an Educational Grant in the area of Counseling is offered each year. This year there was one applicant that applied and met the requirements and received \$7,000. If you know someone working toward this degree make sure they are aware this grant exists. The deadline for applying is December 10, 2024. The application can also be found on our website.

Keep up the good work sisters! We are all Birds of a Feather, Let's soar together!

Delta Love,

National Philanthropy Committee
Lindsey Cuneo, Chairman