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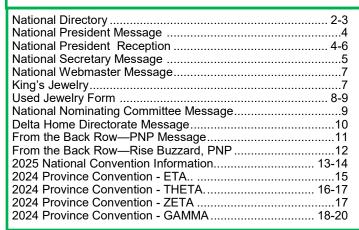


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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Karen Mace National President

Province season is over, and I had the privilege to attend 7 out of 8 province meetings. I enjoyed having the opportunity to chat with so many of my sisters across the country. The Q & A portion of the workshops were enlightening and will be discussed at midyear with your National Officers.

Recapping very important announcements made at all the province meetings. The Nominating Letter & Form will not be mailed by the U.S. Postal Services. Each chapter president and vice president will receive the information in their email. The form and letter will also conveniently be found

in GRIT and on the website.

The Teresa McAllister award application deadline is due to me by February 1st.

From January 8, 2025 to April 10, 2025, my winter address is: 15005 Windward Dr. #202, Corpus Christi, TX 78418. If you call me, please leave a message with your phone number and I will call you back.

2024-2025 Convention T-shirts are still available to purchase. Please see the order blank in GRIT and on the website. Proceeds of the sale of T-shirts will be split between the GRIT fund and Founder's Fund.

I would like to take this time to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New

Year!

Delta Love, Karen Mace National President











National President's Reception



National Secretary Message



Juníor Cruea Natíonal Secretary

Delta Sisters,

Thank you for electing me as your National Secretary. It will be my honor to serve Delta Theta Tau Sorority in this capacity. I have been an active member for over 24 years now and I still have a huge passion for our organization. For the past 4 months I have been getting up to speed with my duties and all that is involved in being a National Officer. A lot has changed since I served on the Board of Trustees. The girls that are on, and have been on, Council and Board, have worked very hard to better the progress of our duties to ensure all is done correctly for our Sorority. I have been overwhelmed by their unselfish support whenever I have asked them a question. These girls are tireless in their efforts to be the best they can be.

Delta Theta Tau is truly unique in so many ways. I encourage all my Sisters out there to attend your local Province Conventions and your National Conventions. They help you grow to be a better Sister for your Chapter and yourself.

As National Secretary, I want to remind you to be aware of Nominating and Legislation deadlines in the very near future. Look for information about this from your Chapter Presidents.

The 2024 Nominating Form is now on the website only. Your Chapter will not be mailed a copy.

I have been receiving Province Convention date choices for 2026. Please don't forget to send those to me as soon as you have them. I will be assigning them at first come first serve.

Think about National President Karen Mace's theme "Birds of a Feather, Soar Together". It really says it all, doesn't it. Because when we are together, we are as one, thus - Birds of a Feather - And when we are working on a Philanthropy Project, we - Soar Together -

Happy Holidays Sisters Delta Love to you All!

T-Shirt Order Form "Birds of a Feather Soar Together"

Name	Phone	
Address		
Email		
Chapter	Province	

Please write the quantity of shirts next to the size you wish to purchase.

All shirts are Heather Royal Blue, short sleeve, adult unisex cut, designed with the National President's theme on the front and all 2024 Province Conventions and the 2025 National Convention on the back.

Shirts will be delivered at Province Conventions.

If you would like your shirt mailed, please pay shipping cost.

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	SMALL	\$	20.00	
	MEDIUM	\$	20.00	
	LARGE	\$	20.00	
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SHIPPING - If you want your shirt mailed to you, please add \$8.00

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If paying via check: Please complete this form and mail it, along with your check, made payable to Delta Theta Tau, Xi Gamma, to Karen Mace, National President, 8489 Greenwich Rd. Lodi, OH 44254.

If paying by Venmo: Search for @Karen-Mace-35

You are not charged a fee if your Venmo account is attached to your bank account. A service fee will be added to your purchase if you use a credit card. **ALSO** – Please complete the order form and email it to **karenmacedtt@gmail.com** with a note that you paid via Venmo.





National Webmaster



Míchelle Westhues Natíonal Webmaster

Happy November everyone! As we end our Province Conventions and head into the winter months, I am reflecting on my time spent at Delta Province. It was a great joy to celebrate with everyone and I was able to give an additional workshop on marketing your chapters at Delta.

I want every single member to know that the National Officers care very deeply about each and every one of you, those we have and have not met, and we want each of your chapters to continue to grow. Growing takes a little bit of work and vulnerability to communicate about Delta Theta Tau, but I love the organization so much that I enjoy sharing with as many people as I can. Know that if you need help or want tips or advice

- myself or Mandy Allen (Director of Expansion and Growth) and our wonderful Province Expansion & Growth Chairman would also be happy to help. Please note that I am just a phone call away at 573-473-7764 or available via email at dttmgreenwell@gmail.com

But I cannot grow each of your chapters on my own, if we work together as a team and collaborate, we can do amazing things. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need help. PS. Don't forget that you can order brochures for your chapter to pass out or give to potential members, just contact Executive Secretary Beth Wallis and pay postage.

Michelle Westhues Natíonal Webmaster



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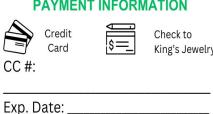
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CONVENTION CHARMS

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14		2024 Delta Rose Cruise, Pres Theme,		
		Orlando, FL date (metal gold)	\$15.00	
18		2024 Delta Rose Cruise, Pres Theme,		
		Orlando, FL date (metal silver)	\$15.00	
14		2023 5G w/Bee Dangle, Pres Theme,		
		Ft. Worth, TX date (metal gold)	\$10.00	
10		2023 5G w/Bee Dangle, Pres Theme		
		Ft. Worth, TX date (metal silver)	\$10.00	
16		2022 Lemon & spoon, Pres Theme, City and date		
		Oakbrook, Il (metal gold)	\$5.00	
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	
10		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	
7		2017 Cupcake, GK DTT, Pres Theme,		
		Albuquerque, NM and date (metal silver)	\$5.00	
2		2014 Moose, GK DTT, State and year		
		Vancouver, WA (metal gold)	\$5.00	
2		2014 Moose, GK DTT, State and year		
		Vancouver, WA (metal silver)	\$5.00	
		USED JEWELRY		
1		Pearl Gavel Guard (Gold Plated)	\$24.00	
7		Pearl Gavel Dangle (10K)	\$30.00	
1		Pearl Gavel Pin (10K)	\$45.00	
3		Pearl Gavel Guard (10K)	\$45.00	
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National Nominating Committee

Greetings Sisters,

The nominating forms for 2025 National Offices will be sent to you in a new updated email version versus regular mail. Each chapter(s) President and Vice President will receive the information by November 30th. If you haven't received an email from me, please reach out to me so I make sure that I have the right email address that was listed on form 1 that was submitted in June 2024. If you have any questions about the new application process, please reach out to me at Dairyq2010@gmail.com or 618-317-7430 cell number. Just as a reminder these forms are due March 1, 2025 to be considered for nominee at the 2025 National Convention.

Delta Love, Mekalia Cooper Chairman Ina Collins Jeanne Stamm



Dear Delta Sisters:

This form must be filled out, signed by the Chapter President, Chapter Recording Secretary, and the Candidate. The Form must be returned by March 1, 2025 to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Only one person from a chapter may be nominated for office. Please do not mail the form. Submit it electronically through the submit button below. Please take it to your next chapter meeting and it can be signed by the officers at the Chapter meeting via computer or phone. If you have any trouble or issues please contact Mekalia Cooper, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Her contact information can be found below.

Qualifications as stated in the National Bylaws Article XV:

- Who has been continuously active for at least two (2) years immediately prior to nomination. Who has served as President, Secretary, or Treasurer of a chapter for at least one (1) year.
- Have sufficient training, time, and qualifications. Nominees for Treasurer shall have a working knowledge
 of QuickBooks or a current financial records program.
- · Who has regular access to a flash drive, compatible computer, printer and internet access.
- Who is not currently serving as Province Chairman.
- Only those members who have served a minimum one (1) year on the National Council and have completed
 the three-year term on the Board of Trustees shall be eligible for the office of President or Vice President.
- Nominee Consideration:
- Nominee should be able to have regular access to a computer with internet and computer skills.
- Each National Officer has her respective duties to be fulfilled, and an officer must be able to devote a few hours each day or a few days each week to handle her responsibilities
- Each officer is expected to make chapter visitations
- Serve as an Assigned Officer for 1 Province Convention
- Attend Mid-Year Meeting (in February), Pre-Convention & Post-Convention meetings in conjunction with National Convention each year
- There are many great members in our sorority who are capable, well qualified and who have the time
 necessary to be a National Officer. We would like to have at least two (2) or more nominees for each office
 this year and have their qualifications published for the consideration of the chapters.
- NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE
-Mekalia Cooper, Chairman dairyq2010@gmail.com
-Jeanie Stamm
-Ina Collins

SCAN TO FILL OUT THE OFFICIAL NOMINATING FORM OR GO TO DELTATHETATAU.ORG





Delta Home Program Directorate



Birds of a feather soar together is this year's President's theme. Here's something interesting about cardinals from the Farmer's Almanac:

"When European settlers arrived in North America, they noticed these birds' bright red hue and how closely it resembled the red vestments of Roman Catholic leading bishops.

Coloration is not all that makes cardinals a key figure in different spiritual beliefs. It is common folklore that a visit from a cardinal represents a

sign from a loved one who has passed. While this belief cannot be traced to a single origin, birds have often symbolized heavenly visitors, messengers to the gods, or even the gods themselves in feathered form."

What do you want to be remembered for? How about taking care of your fellow Delta Theta Tau sisters? Did you know that when you pay your Delta Home dues each year, that is what you are already doing? Delta Home "flies" in to help sisters in financial need. We help with mortgages, electric bills, phone bills, assisted living costs, healthcare insurance, and more!

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 \$5 per year (Or paid \$100 instead of annual payments)

If you or someone you know might qualify, please get in touch with Laura Gullett, president of the Delta Home Directorate, for an application or to ask questions. You can reach her at 260-251-1327 or lagdtt@gmail.com. We take great care to ensure that everyone's information remains confidential.

After receiving your application, we'll let you know within a few weeks if you've been approved. 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 starts receiving Medicaid. Once a sister goes on Medicaid, Delta Home assistance may negatively impact Medicaid assistance.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are blessed to have each other.

Brenda Watkins

Promotional Committee Chairman

Delta Home Directorate

Top L-R: Brenda Watkins, Marcia Swift, Bev Edwards PNP

Bottom L-R: Laura Gullett PNP, Terri Shannon PNP

(not pictured: Jean Stomberski)



FROM THE BACK ROW

BIRDS OF A FEATHER, SOAR TOGETHER



WISHING ALL OF OUR DELTA SISTERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT YEAR AHEAD!!

THE PNP'S HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON

AND A LOVELY TIME FILLED WITH

FUN, CHEER, LAUGHTER, LOVE,



2024 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS



FROM THE BACK ROW

Rise Buzzard PNP 2004-2005

As I reflect on my time in sorority, I realize what a big part of my life it has been! My mother was a Delt, so as a child I saw all the sorority sisters coming to our home for meetings. She was always working on a project to raise money, so we grew to know the importance of helping others. Mom took us kids with her to numerous National Conventions and made them into family vacations. She then took me to National Convention in Phoenix Arizona where I was initiated in 1981. Two years later my sister joined, and soon after that 2 sisters-in-law. It indeed turned into a family affair. As a member mom and I traveled to many conventions and saw so many places and shared so many memories. I ended up running for national office in 1997 and eventually became National President in 2004-2005. As a National Officer my husband attended numerous conventions and events with me, so he ended up becoming a part of Delta Theta Tau also. He has made many friends along the way and enjoys meeting all the girls!



2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION "GEMS OF THE UNIVERSE"

July 9-13, 2025





Come join your Hostess Chapters as we celebrate the riches of Tucson. Eighteen different gems are mined in Arizona, gold, silver and copper also. Our vast universe of stars and planets are celebrated nightly by Tucson. These gems are visible due to the 'Dark City' Status of Tucson: (No unnecessary night lighting.) The Delt Convention has never been to Tucson and they can't wait to meet us.



WHO — Delta Theta Tau Sorority, sisters and families

WHAT — 117th National Convention

WHEN — July 9-13, 2025

WHERE — Loews Ventana Canyon Resort -- https://www.loewshotels.com/ventana-canyon

WHY — Business, sisterhood, share ideas, promote our sorority

REGISTRATION — Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ: will welcome us at the What's Your Sign? Registration table.

MIXER — Eta Province will stargaze with us Delts Under the Stars Mixer.

INFORMAL — Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH will entertain us at the <u>Jewels</u> of Ventana Canyon Informal.

FORMAL — Theta lota, Delano, CA is set to honor us at the Delta Gems Formal Banquet.

RAFFLE ROOM — **Epsilon Rho, San Jose, CA** is ready to make our wishes come true at the **Wish Upon A**<u>Star</u> Raffle Room and 50/50.

OUR ASSIGNED WEBSITE FOR RESERVATIONS:

loewshotels.com/ventana-canyon/group-2025-national-sorority-convention

IF YOU DO NOT BOOK ONLINE Call 520-299-2020, OPTION 1

Group Name-2025 NATIONAL SORORITY CONVENTION

Group Code is — **NSC705** — if you have the above information-you may not need this.

2025 Convention FYI

Registration Forms:

Forms will be printed in GRIT- ONLY IN THE SPRING ISSUE

Forms will be available online www.deltathetatau.org, as fillable forms, or you may print them and fill them in by hand.

Forms will NOT be mailed in paper form. Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents will each receive these forms in <u>their e-mails</u> to share with their chapters.

Forms will be emailed to all PNP's rather than USPS.

Reasoning behind these changes is to reduce the cost of USPS postage, reduce the number of GRIT pages for print, and reduce the chances of receiving multiple printed copies in the mail.

Tours and Entertainment for Delts and families:

There will be Friday Excursion information in the Spring issue of GRIT.

For our golfers, we are looking into rates at several local courses as well as the on-site course. Look for more info in the Spring GRIT.

For all our attendees, a representative from Visit Tucson® will be onsite Wednesday and Thursday with information on things to do in the area for families and spouses.

Shhhh! ...It's a secret, Friday night, weather permitting, your hostess chapters would like to invite all to a Flash Mob Pool Party. We will have more information in GRIT.

Weather permitting-Astronomers are on-site Wednesday and Friday nights for free star gazing.

Special Room Requests:

If you need an ADA Room or are planning on arriving before the 9th, use the phone reservation line.

There is limited availability of rooms prior to and after the convention.

The 'Gems of the Universe' are ready to shine for us in Tucson July 9-13, 2025.

Bonnie B. Wells, PNP 2025 National Convention Coordinator dttbonnie@gmail.com

2024 Province Conventions

ETA PROVINCE

"Gifts from the Heart" was celebrated September 27 - 29 2024 in Yakima, WA. Xi Epsilon was there to greet everyone at the home of **Jeri Elliott** for a delicious "LASAGNA LOVE" mixer. Lasagna dinners are prepared and delivered in the

community to help make their day a little easier. Eta Province celebrated special memories of **Raelene Truax**. So many fun stories to make you smile.

Saturday morning we opened the business meeting and introduced our special guest and Assigned Officer Charlotte Marengo, PNP. Charlotte performed a beautiful Memorial Service for Raelene. New member Jesenia Ramon, Xi Epsilon was introduced and welcomed to Eta Province. We learned more about Xi Epsilon's "Gifts from the Heart". They make cards to share with local care centers to brighten their days. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at the "HEARTFELT EXPRESSIONS" luncheon before joining Charlotte at a very informative workshop on the National By-laws.

Philanthropy Awards were presented to **Xi Epsilon and Lambda Alpha**. Thank you for all your time. Beautiful quilts were displayed at the "**SEW MANY GIFTS**" banquet. The quilts are made by members of Xi Epsilon and donated to local Fire Departments and Child Protective Agencies. Reminded everyone to come to Tucson in July 2025 for National Convention.

The raffle and pajama party followed the banquet. Sunday morning it was time to say goodbye to a great convention, have safe travels home and we are looking forward to seeing you next year in Tacoma.

Delta Love, Bev Edwards Eta Province Chairman



THETA PROVINCE

Celebrating the 70's was quite memorable! Who would think that Indiana would be affected by Hurricane Helene, but we were. Friday night a transformer blew due to high winds and rain, so our Mama Mia Mixer was enjoyed under generator lighting, but we had a FABULOUS time singing Dancing Queen and many other 70's hits. Centerpieces of a McDonald's Kid Meal box (founded in 1979) filled with 70's snacks like ding dongs, twinkies, Boston Baked Beans, pop rocks, etc. were raffled off. Due to sporadic lighting in the hotel, some guest rooms had lights and power, and others did not. The next morning (following cold showers due to no hot water), we all met for the business meeting, which Province Chairman Kim Hart and Assigned Officer National Treasurer Kathy Haralson commanded without a hitch. Our Philanthropy projects were Hope House and Donor Organ Hero Camp. Both presenters gave heart-felt presentations that moved us all. It was decided to split the \$1,500 between the two. Greased Lightening Luncheon was a buffet of soup and salad followed by Groovy BINGO and Grease Movie Trivia. Delicious 70's themed cookies (smiley faces, peace signs and VW vans) were favors and dessert. Following lunch, the hotel informed us that the septic was almost to capacity, and they were going to have to evacuate. I will admit that I could not stop the tears! However, the love and support that the Theta Province Chapters showed us was the most heart-warming experience I have ever had. There were no complaints about the lights, cold water, or early exit. I received the most caring hugs and words of encouragement. Very few people asked for a refund on the banquet and brunch, so we were able to make a wonderful donation to two very deserving projects with our profit. Lambda Theta donated \$2,600 to Donor Organ Hero Camp, a camp for children dealing with grief of a loved one who has donated their organs, and \$2,400 to Lifeline Christian Ministry, to package food and send it to disaster and famine areas. We will be providing food to those in need following the hurricanes in Florida, as well as Indiana and other areas in the country and world. We will have the opportunity to package the food as a chapter giving us hours and bonding time while giving back. God works in mysterious ways with the hurricane affecting our convention and yet we were able to contribute to help those in need because of it.

Following the meeting, we had two hours to distribute the over 80 raffle items to the winners, raffle off the centerpieces from the Bell-Bottom Banquet of 70's albums and Tiger Beat magazines and the centerpieces from the Brady Bunch Brunch of macromere lanterns. Favors of pet rocks were also distributed. National Chairman of the Board Kris Trapp generously donated the winnings of the 50/50 back to the Chapter. So much love was shown to us, and we truly appreciate it! Although our chapter was heartbroken with the early departure, we realize that things could have been much worse as with the devastation that North Carolina and Florida endured. Our prayers continue for everyone affected by the hurricanes. We are thankful that we got the meeting completed, and the events we did get to have, were totally GROOVY and OUT OF SIGHT!

Delta Love to you All,

Julie Callis — Theta Province Convention Coordinator



Total Philanthropy Fund Province Total: \$210,736.51

- 1- Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN- \$90,861.16
- 2- Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN-\$20,639.36
- 3— Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN— \$19,615.02
- 4— Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN— \$17,473.43
- 5— Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN— \$12,827.29

Philanthropy Fund Per Capita Total: \$1,164.29

- 1— Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN— \$7,571.76
- 2— Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN— \$1,092.09
- 3— Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN— \$980.75
- 4— Zeta, Bloomington, IN— \$972.83
- 5— Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN— \$916.24



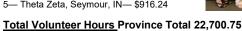
Kim Hart, Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN. Province Chairman & Kathy Haralson, Zeta Upsilon, Seneca, IL. National Treasurer, Assigned Officer and Theta Province Parliamentarian



Attendance Banner: Theta Zeta,

Seymour, IN

Lambda Theta, Martinsville. IN and Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN



- 1— Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN— 3,337
- 2— Iota Chi, Spencer, IN— 2,505
- 3— Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN— 2,306.5
- 4- Zeta, Bloomington, IN-2,247
- 5— Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN— 1,989.25

Volunteer Hours Per Capita Total 125.42

- 1— Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN— 192.21
- 2- Zeta, Bloomington, IN- 187.25
- 3— Eta Kappa, Brookville, IN— 166.85
- 4— Iota Chi, Spencer, IN— 156.56



PEG Awards for growth:

Eta Beta, Odon, IN (2 new members)

Eta Kappa. Brookville, IN (1 new member)

Lambda Theta, Martinsville, IN (1 new member)



2025 Theta Province Convention

Eta Beta, Odon, IN Hostess Chapter

New Harmony Inn & Conference Center, New Harmony, IN

October 3-5, 2025

Lorie Hacker — 2025 Theta Province Chairman, Lambda Eta, Franklin, IN



ZETA PROVINCE

Zeta Province held its annual province meeting on November 9th at the home of member **Penny** Black, who served as our secretary. Denise Custer was the delegate, Brenda Watkins was the Province Chair, and **Melodie Bourassa** was the Philanthropy Chair. We will be making a donation to the Special Needs Christmas Event and working at their event in December.

While we enjoy each other's company, please let Mandy know if you have any relatives in the Texas area who might like to start a chapter and help grow our province!



GAMMA PROVINCE

We had 4 members attend Gamma Province at Brookville, Ohio. It was a great conference starting with The Presidential Reception for Karen Mace, chapter Treasurer. It was a wonderful reception, and we all had a great time celebrating Karen. An unusual turn of events happened where, the Past National President, Jenny Wade, had a medical emergency and Karen was able to assist!!! All was well and the reception continued with gift opening. Xi Gamma would like to thank all that attended!

A Mixer followed with bingo. Then the conference continued the next day with legislation, a nice luncheon and more legislative activities. One main topic we discussed was maintaining our business casual for the business meeting. The discussion about this was members wanting to wear "sorority tee shirts" to the meeting. After much discussion and bringing to a vote, the vote was in favor of "keeping business casual" for all business meetings. No sorority tee shirts, jeans or shorts. U may wear your sorority tee shirt on Sunday morning. The evening banquet was a Halloween theme, and we all dressed up to celebrate and have a good time. Sunday was a nice breakfast and Founders Ceremony. This Province was well attended and a great time to get together with all of our delta sisters from all over the country. May Xi Gamma of Cuyahoga Falls wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and let's start the New Year with determination and strength to be "Birds of a feather that soar together", we all will work together to make our sorority the best it can be!

In soaring Love, Diana Siman

Reception Photos pg 4-5



Linda Schlotterbeck, Phi, Lewisburg, OH — Province Coordinator

Kathy Leyes, Phi, Lewisburg, OH, Province Chairman

Jeannie Claggett, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, Convention Secretary

Dana Anderson, Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, 3rd Member Board of Trustees, Past Province Chairman and Co-Assigned Officer

Junior Cruea, Kappa Xi, Brookville, OH, National Secretary, Past Gamma PEG. Past Province Chairman and Co-Assigned Officer & Parliamentarian



GAMMA GIRLS!!





Philanthropy Project: Jacob's Ladder submitted by Gamma Pi, New Paris. OH and St. Mary's Backpack Program submitted by Nu Alpha, Oxford, OH each received \$1,000.

Presenting the check to Jacob's Ladder from Gamma Province Convention 2024

This was a \$1,000.00 philanthropy project 💗

The other Philanthropy Project for Gamma Province Convention 2024 St Mary Back Pack Program \$1,000.00 check delivered by Judy Hathaway Nu Alpha Oxford Ohio I am so thrilled for the outpouring love the ladies gave at Convention







"All Around the World " Gamma Province 2025 Oct. 10-12, 2025 Warehouse Hotel Warehouse Hotel
Spooky Nook Sports Complex
513-273-8160
\$159.00 Hotel Rate (Queen beds)
Hosted by Nu Alpha
Convention Coordinator:
Terri Shannon, PNP
513-255-5043 shannot1@miamioh.edu

GAMMA PROVINCE PHILANTHROPY Number of Chapters in Province. 6

TOTAL PHILANTHROPY FUNI)
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1. Gamma Pi, New Paris, Ohio	\$11,244.87
2. Kappa Xi, Brookville, Ohio	\$9,925.16
3. Nu Alpha, Oxford, Ohio	\$7,917.00
4.Phi, Lewisburg, Ohio	\$7,018.49
5. Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	\$1,435.00

PHILANTHROPY FUND PER CAPITA

1. Phi, Lewisburg, Ohio	\$701.84
2. Gamma Pi, New Paris. Ohio	\$535.47
3. Kappa Xi, Brookville, Ohio	\$522.38
4. Nu Alpha, Oxford Ohio	\$263.90
5. Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	\$151.40

TOTAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

1. Gamma Pi, New Paris, Ohio	2303.50
2. Kappa Xi, Brookville, Ohio	1852
3. Nu Alpha, Oxford, Ohio	1744.75
4. Phi, Lewisburg, Ohio	1143.50
5. Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	472.2

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS PER CAPITA

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1. Phi, Lewisburg, Ohio	114.35
2. Gamma Pi, New Paris, Ohio	109.69
3. Kappa Xi, Brookville, Ohio	97.5
4. Nu Alpha, Oxford, Ohio	60.16
5. Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	52.69





Debbie Albin



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

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.



BETA PROVINCE

The hostess chapters, Theta Kappa, South Whitley and Beta Zeta, Warsaw put on a great convention. From the Grazing Good Time Mixer to the great Frosty's Festive Banquet, ugly sweater attire. I know I heard so much laughter, and the table I was at may have been the loudest.

We also initiated 3 new members, welcome sisters!

I wanted to let you know every chapter in the Province was in attendance. That was so wonderful to see.

I want to thank everyone for letting me be your Province Chairman and letting me be a-part of sharing in the accomplishments that each chapter did with philanthropy and volunteer hours. We are amazing women. Thank you so much!

Sharon Miller, Beta Province Chairman

Total Philanthropy for Beta Province 2024 \$176,270.37

White Bible presented to the chapter with the highest per capita in Philanthropy went to Tau, Valparaiso with \$1960.60

Philanthropy Project: Caring Clothing Co- Op



New Members:

Debra Arvin, Delta Chi, Monticello, IN

Karen Devries, Tau. Valparaiso, IN

Angela Twigg, Xi, Portland,

Philanthropy Awards:

Total Philanthropy:

1—Tau, Valparaiso, IN	\$47,054.96
2 — Xi, Portland, IN	\$34,562.50
3 — Alpha Rho, Chesterton, IN	\$17,877.10
4 — Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN	\$15,115,97
5 — Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN	\$13, 591.00

Total Philanthropy Per Capita

1—Tau, Valparaiso, IN	\$1960.60
2 — Xi, Portland, IN	\$1920.14
3 — Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN	\$1007.73
4— Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN	\$ 849.44
5 — Eta Zeta, Lagrange, IN	\$ 656.15

Total Volunteer Hours

1 — Xi, Portland, IN	2840
2 — Delta Chi, Monticello, IN	2054.5
3 — Tau, Valparaiso, IN	1784
4 — Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, In	1697.5
5 — Zeta Alpha, Redkey, IN	1362.5

Total Volunteer Hours Per Capita

1 — Xi, Portland, IN	157.78
2 — Delta Chi, Monticello, IN	128.41
3 — Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN	113.17
4 — Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN	110.58
5 — Kappa Rho, New Carlisle, IN	82.19

It was my privilege to be the Zeta Zeta Chapter Delegate to this year's Beta Province Convention held in Warsaw, Indiana.

This year's host chapters were Beta Zeta – Warsaw, and Theta Kappa – South Whitley and the theme was Changing of the Seasons. Great meals were provided and as always there was an awesome raffle event held on Ugly Christmas Sweater night. I was lucky enough to win 2 prizes this year!

Zeta Zeta Chapter came to Province with 7 of their 17 members and we had a blast. We made new sister friends from Valparaiso and Portland. Barb from Valpo even taught us a new card game during our down time!

\$1,150 was raised and will be given to the Charity Clothing Co-op in New Carlisle, Indiana, "Lifting others with helping hands". Three new members were initiated, and a memorial service was held for all members that passed away over the year.

Our chapter place in four different award categories: 3rd in volunteer hours per capita, 3rd in philanthropy dollars per capita; 4th in total volunteer hours; and 4th in total philanthropy dollars.

By being a delegate or just attending a province convention you can learn more in one weekend than you can ever imagine. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Yvette Downey VP Zeta Zeta Chapter



Debbie Funk, PNP, Xi, Portland, IN, Convention Secretary

Sharon Miller, Xi, Portland, **IN 2024 Beta Province** Chairman

Evonne Albert, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Xi Phi, Marissa, IL and Assigned Officer



Total Philanthropy for Beta Province \$176,167.77

Total Volunteer Hours for Beta Province 17,068



Photo: Paula, Kelly, Ginger, Hermenia, Yvette, Irene and Gwen showing off their ugly sweaters.



DELTA PROVINCE

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CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

I would like to thank the Epsilon Rho Chapter for hosting a wonderful fun weekend at the Mariott Courtyard in Cupertino/San Jose. Pallie Zambrano, the Convention Chair did a fabulous job coordinating the entire event from beginning to end. Pallie is a newer member and hadn't even attended a convention ... you are amazing. All of the members participated in this event, and it was wonderful that so many that do not travel were able to enjoy seeing old friends. The Friday night mixer "Pool Side" was very fun and of course the Bikini T-shirts showed up again. Good 50 & 60's music, you can't go wrong. We had great food by the firepit on the patio and played California Trivia. Thank you, Brenda Corral & Mary Sheldon, for putting this night together. Our Surf'n USA lunch was enjoyable and great job done by Jody Levattro and Sharon Vergho. Our dinner was a night Under the Boardwalk hosted by Cindy Gimenez and Diana McDonald and a fun night of Bingo and Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Raffle (won by Nicole Johnson). Charlene Bonita, our new Province Chair for 2025/2026 was also



Photo: Pallie Zambrano, Convention Chair and Brenda Moore, Delta Province Chair

a big winner of Raffle prizes. It was terrific having Kris Trapp (my assigned officer/Angel), Karen Mace- National President, Michelle Westhues - Webmaster and Tammy Greenwell. I am very proud of being part of this chapter and enjoyed all their hard work. Thank you – Pallie, Mary, Brenda C., Yvonne (60-year member), Bobbie, Nancy, Jody, Sharon, Nina, Cindy, Diana. Thank you for all your support in so many ways.

Delta love,

Brenda Moore - Province Chairman 2024



Delta Theta Tau Province Convention, October 18-19, 2024

The Delta Province came together in October for a few Hot Summer Nights! The stories we shared, and memories we

made in sunny California will stay with us for years to come. Personally, I was inspired to watch old friends come together and really understood how deep the friendship among sisters can be. Yvonne Cabral, Epsilon Rho, was honored for her sixty years of service. But as moving as the ceremony filled with white roses was, it was inspiring to see her spend time with fellow Delta Theta Tau sisters whom she has known for all those years.

Surfin' USA and Sitting on the Dock made for special times, but so did learning about how other chapters serve their communities. It is the friendships built in service that make Deltas so special!

Pallie Zambrano

Epsilon Rho



ALPHA PROVINCE

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The Alpha and Alpha Omicron chapters certainly picked an appropriate theme for the 2024 Alpha Province Convention — "WE GATHER TOGETHER". The convention was held November 1-3. The plan for the weekend was to bring everyone back to where Delta Theta Tau was founded and to renew our Friendships with our Delta Sisters. From Registration and the Mixer, organized by Alpha Omicron, Terre Haute, to the Luncheon/Banquet and Brunch, planned by Alpha, Muncie, the weekend was a blast. Both Alpha and Alpha Omicron organized the raffle. Friday night was the Mixer. We enjoyed eating pizza, playing games and building lego flowers. Saturday was our day of business. We learned so much from the Workshops. Congratulations to Debi Hamlet on a great meeting. You have done a wonderful job serving as Alpha Province Chairman. Congratulations to Cindy Crowder who was installed as the new Alpha Province Chairman. Next year's Alpha Province looks to be a fun time with a Camping Theme with the Lambda Nu Mooresville and Lambda Epsilon Plainfield's Chapter.

Delta Love,

Diana Foxworthy Alpha Omicron Delegate



EPSILON PROVINCE

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CHAPTER NEWS

Bakersfield, CA - Gamma Xi

The first Sunday of November Gamma Xi members were proud to host the return of our Chinese Auction, which we were forced to cancel last year because of illness and loss in our group of sisters. We were pleased that 56 guests joined us for the auction and dinner. Proceeds will again help provide Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless at the local St. Vincent de Paul facility.

Gamma Xi members are looking forward to being able to host another fundraiser in the Spring of 2025. Our Spring fundraiser has been a luncheon and fashion show for the last 44 years. The event has been held in several different venues over the years, however, we are still in the planning stage. Our members appreciate the support of the many friends and family who attend our gatherings, to make our philanthropy projects possible.

Pamela Moore

Bloomington, IN - Zeta

The leaves have turned beautiful colors and there's a crispness in the air here in Bloomington. Our Zeta chapter held it's annual garage sale in mid-September and we had a very successful two days. Its a great way to recycle gently used items and benefit our chapter and local charities.

A new Purdue extension program, Strengthening Family Ties, has begun this Fall in Bloomington. Our chapter had a presentation by the teacher earlier this year, and we helped them with a home-cooked dinner for their group on October 7th. We celebrated Founder's Day on October 16th at the home of Linda Stipp, this year's recipient of the Teresa McAllister Outstanding Service Award at National Convention. It was a wonderful evening, with dear sisters, that reminds us of the history and value of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority. We finished out the month of October by helping with our local builders' and realtors' Parade of Homes. We spent an afternoon or two house-sitting beautiful new homes and greeting visitors. It's a pleasant way to help our community, build volunteer hours and to add funds for our chapter.

November and December come and go so quickly because of the holidays. We held our annual Holiday Boutique at the Monroe County Fair Grounds in early December. Like our September garage sale, we have many returning customers who enjoy perusing our new and gently used holiday items, and home-made treats. It's a very fun event which really helps usher in the Christmas season. Our December meeting and holiday party was held at the home of sister Carol Scholl. We toasted the season, ate delicious food, and had a Naughty Santa gift exchange. 2024 has been a good year and we feel blessed to be together. Here's to a great 2025!

Linda Stipp enjoying her Outstanding Service Award Back row/L-R: Mary Oglesby, June Taylor, Cindy Vlasman, Carol Scholl, Marcey Tidwell Front row L-R: Mary Beth Godsey, Linda Stipp, Norma Smith

Carol Scholl



Brazil, IN - Alpha Omega

While we are in the midst of celebrating our 100 Years and as the year-end approaches, we Alpha Omega girls have been keeping busy. We try to be very visible in our community and while we always can't make it to every event, we always try to have Delt representation. In addition to all of our philanthropies, we continue to provide our monthly philanthropy needs to our local area schools, food pantries and Humane Shelter. Our Chapter is so fortunate and blessed to have sisters who give of their time and to our community. For several years now, our Chapter Welfare Committee has mailed out birthday and anniversary cards to our sisters. And, just to add a little sparkle factor to our special days, if it is your birthday month, you get to pick out a box of "movie candy" and if it is your anniversary month, we ask our sister to bring her wedding photo and share a special memory.

Hard to believe summer ended and just like that, Fall arrived here in Indiana with all of its beauty and suddenly it was September. On Sunday, September 8th, we partnered with our sister Terre Haute Chapter – Alpha Omicron to host the Junior Department of the Womens Department Club for their monthly business meeting. Over 60 local girls from our area high schools were in attendance. We provided a Delta Theta Tau presentation of the character and history of Delta Theta Tau. All were treated to cupcakes as both of our Delt chapters have reached their 100th milestone. Items were collected for PINK of Terre Haute to be given to cancer survivors. The girls were encouraged to continue their charity and fellowship beyond high school with opportunities like Delta Theta Tau. We continued our presence among the high school girls, when we presented flowers to the fall homecoming court of one of our local high schools. Other September activities included participating with the United Way Power of the Purse and working at the Pepsi booth at our Brazil Main Street Festival.

In October, our monthly meeting concluded with our Founder's Day Ceremony. This is always a special time for us to reflect and remember our founding sisters. We were also excited to pledge a new member! Our Taste Treat Committee has been in the planning stages for our March 2025 Taste Treat Luncheon. They gave us an insight as to what our luncheon theme will be and advised us to be looking for recipes which will be due at our November meeting. October concluded with us participating in the Clay County Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat event on Halloween evening.

First time delegate Danielle Riddell commented "I was honored to be chosen as Alpha Omega's delegate for the Alpha Province this year. It was a delightful weekend to

gather together with sisters from across our province. I met new sisters and got to know familiar faces even more. There were several memories that I'll take from the Province weekend: our impactful philanthropy giving, chapter awards, fellowship during our meals, and collaborative lego-building. The core memory for me as my first time chapter delegate was the honor to receive our Chapter's 100 Year Certificate. Alpha Omega is celebrating big all year long, and it was a pleasure to receive this award recognizing our history as a Chapter at the Province convention. I always appreciate time at conventions to hear about all the great work Delts are doing in our areas and the impact we are having in our communities".

November kicked off with us having 6 sisters attend Alpha Province in Muncie, IN. Front L-R: Linda Sheese and Daniell Riddell. Back L-R: Cindy Crowder, Michelle Bell, Nicole Tipton

and Shannon Loughmiller.

Our last major fundraiser for the year is Cheeseballs. Cheeseball making day is November 16th, just in time for Thanksgiving. We will meet at a local elementary school cafeteria.



and we will make around 1,500 cheeseballs. While it is a working fundraiser, it also allows us to have some fellowship among our sisters. Thank you to our Cheeseball Committee for prepping and organizing this fundraiser. We will make an estimated profit of \$5,000.00.

As this year winds down, we still have quite a few things planned for the remainder of November and December and this will wrap up our fall and winter season activities for 2024. Stay tuned to the next Grit article to find out how we concluded our 100 Year celebration. Till then, we Alpha Omega girls wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Melissa McCullough

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

Wow! Kappa Xi Chapter has been a frenzy of activity this past fall. Several of us...actually 80% of our girls attended Gamma Province Convention that was hosted by Phi Chapter of Lewisburg, OH. We all had a great time, and all the special events were tops. The meeting was also just awesome, informative and included a beautiful Initiation ceremony, where our chapter gained 2 new Delta sisters. Dianna Rohrer and Susie Snyder had been Pledges to Kappa Xi for several months and having them initiated at a convention was very exciting!

We came home on Sunday, October 13th and set-up for our Annual Fall Bingo event on Monday the 14th. Fall Bingo was then held Tuesday, October 15th and was again a sell-out event for us! Among other philanthropy projects, we went right into preparing for our 2nd Annual "A Holiday Happening Craft Fair", which was to be held November 2nd, 2024. It too was a huge success with 48 Vendors and 3 food trucks. One unique thing about our craft fair is the ruling that all items are handmade/homemade and not something

commercially produced such as: Tupperware, Scentsy etc. Our shoppers caught on to that as they came through and shopped at the sale and were able to find such unique items. We are already planning for 2025!

We are now getting in the holiday spirit with the coming practices for our annual Christmas Showboat program that will be held on Thursday, December 5th at 7:00pm. There's no cost, but folks are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for our local food pantries!

We will all also be preparing for lots of family/friend celebrations and we want to wish all of our sisters a very Happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year! Be safe and remember the 'Real Reason for the Season'...the birth of Christ Jesus!

Delta Love to our sisters from Kappa Xi Chapter... and **Vicki Mills**

Chesterton, IN - Alpha Rho

Autumn colors and warm days are coming to an end here in Chesterton in Northwest Indiana. Alpha Rho has had a wonderful successful year with our Philanthropic projects and the monies we gave away to our Duneland community this past year.

Pictured in our photo are a few of our members stopping to pose with some plants. It's a very busy morning unloading the May flowering baskets we sale each Springtime and reward us



with nice profits to help us fund our High School senior scholarships. Everyone shows up and some Delta husbands are on hand. Sometimes the weather is not good, but this day it was.

We kicked off another Bunco game night that was loaded with lots of fun and players and a tremendous amount of \$\$ success! We have continued to contribute desserts each Wednesday to our local Westchester Meals that are delivered to our neighbors and help donate to the food drives at the holidays. We had members who attended National Convention in Orlando, FL, and Beta Province in Warsaw, IN reconnecting with friends and making new friends and memories.

A special shout out to our dedicated member Diane Redlarczyk, DTT Beta Prov PEG who is stepping down from this position. She is truly a Delta sister, and kindness is so much a part of her.

We will be covered in snow and chilly cold temps soon, as this Winter Issue reaches everyone's mailboxes, so we want to wish all our Delta sisters near and far a safe and healthy Happy New Year.

Karen Wixted

Cuyahoga Falls, OH - Xi Gamma

We started this quarter with working on our fundraisers for the year. We did a raffle of gift cards and made a good bit on that one. Our chapter volunteered at a mystery dinner in our town, where we served dinner and sold raffle tickets. It was a fun evening for us, helping another organization raise money for their projects. Our chapter donated to Warmth for the Homeless, through Terri, one of our members. We're donating to the fund for WNC through Samaritan's purse. Our chapter is also working on Christmas for Kids and have adopted a family. All of us are having a fun time shopping for the family, especially the children.

Our chapter was very excited to have Karen Mace elected National President at the National Convention in Orlando. We will help and encourage her as she fulfills her duties for this year! As u read in the other articles of Gritt, Karen has been attending The Provinces of all the other chapters. To my



knowledge she only missed one, due to a conflict with another Province. "It has been a fun time" Karen says but she is a bit tired. We will have her rest before we start off the new year. Our chapter is also working on the National Conference in Tucson, AZ. Two of our members, Karen Mace and Diana Siman, are on the committee for The National conference in Tucson Az, and our chapter is in charge of the informal titled "Bring your bling and do your thing" at The Jewels of Ventana Canyon Informal. Dress up with rings and things!

We are working very hard on making it a fun time to get together with our delta sisters!

Lastly our soup cook off was Dec 8th to benefit Tunnels to Towers. We also had a 50/50 raffle and a board where u pick a number and can win \$500. Our soup cook-off is a lot of work but a fun time to work together. We will end our year with a nice Christmas party where we will reveal our secret sister. Looking forward to seeing what other activities we can do to fundraise and give to others in need, next year!

In Delta Soaring together,

Diana Siman

Delano, CA - Theta lota

I was fortunate to have been selected as the delegate for a lovely Delta Province held in Cupertino, Ca. The weekend was filled with fun-filled activities including Friday night patio mixer with a firepit with appetizers and trivia games about our state! The business meetings were held with legislation, NFED speakers, a delicious lunch and fantastic awards presented. The

highlight for me was our own longtime member, Charlene Bonita being nominated and elected as 2024-2025 Delta Province Chairman. Congrats Charlene!!!

The weekend ended with dinner and raffle that evening with Charlene and Nicole winning the majority of raffle prizes. Great job ladies!!! Looking forward to next year where we will host here in Bakersfield. Thank you, San Jose ladies for a wonderful convention!

Outstanding memories of the year: One of our members, Liz Marshall had her first grandchild this year, which was quite a thrill! We are in the middle of our See's Candy project at the present time. Thanks to Charlotte for being the chairman of our See's project and Anita Waits for the chairman of our Bear Project!

Debby Waits

Dunkirk, IN - Zeta Chi

Beta Province was a lot of fun. 3 new ladies were initiated, and the memorial service was touching as always. Our Vice President, Rita Flick was a first-time attendee, and we put her right in the delegate chair. She did a great job. Rita thought the meeting and the workshops were very informative. She really enjoyed meeting new sisters from the other chapters. We brought 2 other first timers, Nancy Lininger and Michele Dotson. 10 of us were able to attend this year, which was great. Some of us came home with raffle prizes as well. Thanks to Beta Zeta, Warsaw and Theta Kappa, South Whitley for a great "Changing of the Seasons."

Front row:
Kendra
Stouder,
Shelly
Miskinis,
Marla Grady,
Christy
Curts, Rita
Flick, and
Pam Robbins
Back row:
Carolyn
Scruggs,
Julie



Swoveland, Nancy Lininger, and Michele Dotson

On a side note, Warsaw has one of the largest Dollar Stores in Indiana and we had a ball going there...more than once.

Our Fall and Winter activities are in full swing. Our Main St. Craft Show was a success, with over 40 vendors. We participated in Dunkirk's Trunk or Treat, handing out candy to over 500 kids.

We are doing the coat and package check for the Craft Show put on by the Xi chapter in Portland.

We always sell Terri Lynn Nuts and Wick's Pies for the holidays.

We are trying some new projects. We're selling mums and Merrywood Candles and we're hosting a Painting Party. The guests have the choice of painting a snowman or a highland cow. Both are really cute.

PNP Julie Swoveland made a beautiful quilt that she donated to our chapter. We are raffling it off on November 19. All the proceeds will go into our scholarship fund.

On December 1, 2024, we will be going to Albany Winter Market. We will be selling snack mixes and our dishcloths.

We will finish the year with our annual Christmas Party, which is always a good time.

I can't believe it. This year has absolutely flown by! Happy Holidays and God's Blessings to you all in 2025!

Marla Grady

Franklin, IN - Lambda Eta



Our group took on a new challenge this year. We adopted a room and remodeled it at the Hope Center in

Indianapolis. Sister Paige Borders spearheaded this project. Even though it was somewhat of a demanding job, the sisters pulled through with great success and a feeling of satisfaction and achievement.

We had a great time in Brown County for Theta Province Convention. If you thought the 70's were a CRAZY time, you should have seen us this Fall! We were crazy busy doing what we do. Fundraising and having fun!



Front: Kelley Hartman, Paige Borders

Back: Connie Holzhausen, Jan Johnson

We held one of our

largest scrapbooking fund raisers in September. Thank you, Kelley Hartman, for all your organizational skills and great ideas, each year gets bigger and better. We also couldn't forget our Shelbyville Sisters just down the road. Some of us were actually able to relax and enjoy their scrap event the very next

Scrap Pink Ball Dana Marietta and Kelley Hartman



weekend. That's a lot of scrapping!

Dressing Up is so much fun. We sponsored a table for The Scrap Pink Ball held in Brown County Indiana. This was a charity event for the Little Red Door Cancer Agency. We were all gussied up in lovely long evening gowns and had a night out on the town. Wish we had remembered all those line dances we learned in Texas.

Then in November we had our 61st Annual Antique Show. Connie Holzhausen put in hours and hours

getting ready for this event. Way to go

Connie on another successful year despite all the roadblocks that popped up. We will never forget those fun Noodle Nights!

61st Antique Show: Serving in Kitchen Kelley Hartman and Chef Sherri Cave



(along with the hand and finger cramps)

Dana Marietta

Greenwood, IN - Nu Tau

In your next letter I wish you'd say
Where you are going and what you are doing
Elizabeth Bishop

Here is what the Sisters of Nu Tau here in Indy/Greenwood are doing right now. We are preparing to present our 49th Artisan Craft Fair on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, as usual. We are baking tempting treats for people as well as our tempting dog treats. We are also making our Cheese Ball Spreads to sell. We have built a Good Reputation with our treats and Cheese Ball Spread. Our Artisan Craft Fair also stands as a 49-year testament to our ability to attract wonderful artisans who produce high quality products that put smiles on many faces in many places on Christmas morning. It will be held at Beech Grove H.S. again as it has been for many years now. By the time you read this it will be over, but you can still plan on attending it next year when we will be celebrating 50 years of providing Craft Fair for our community.

Some of us attended the 2024 Theta Province at the Brown County Inn in Nashville which was adversely affected by the winds of Hurricane Helene. The power went out on Friday night which then led to canceling the remainder of the weekend at lunch on Saturday. All who were there and all who worked so hard to put together a wonderful weekend celebrating and remembering the 1960's were disappointed but Mother Nature sometimes has her way regardless of



Amie Walls, Robin Randolph-DeClue and Connie Hendricks "The 60's Chicks"



our plans. There is a saying that has been true so many times in my life - "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans." - John Lennon

A few of us also attended the National Convention in Florida where Nu Tau received top honors for the total number of hours in Volunteer Service. We are proud of that honor and continue to look for ways to be of service to our community.

Susan Barhan

Lawrenceville, IL - Beta Xi

Our sisters have been getting ready for a new year of work and friendship. We have renewed our officers, and they are ready to go. All of our committees are filled out for the year. Our annual Lawrence County Alumni Mixer was a huge success this year. We had alumni from our county and around the country. It is a time of renewing old friendships. We serve our smokey links in our famous sauce. I can say that because I make it! And of course, our renowned cheeseballs. We have a DJ for the younger crowd. It is a great evening had by all. Becky Lyles and I are excited to go to our province next week. We will have our province in Effingham, Illinois next year and it is our chapter's 100 birthday. Big plans will be made. We also do some homecoming parade judging for our county. We give \$100 to each class with the winning floats. This year both junior classes were the winners. Thanks, girls, for your time doing the judging. We help with one of the football dinners and feed a large crowd of hungry boys and families. Thanks to Tina and her sister for making it run so smoothly. Our next endeavor will be our Special Christmas Gifts. We get names from our elementary school and purchase gifts for about 40 kids. The shopping committee has the best time doing the shopping and wrapping. We are looking forward to a busy, productive year.

Delta Love,

Denise Dickerson

Lewisburg, OH - Phi

We are so grateful Gamma Province went well. We were fortunate to have this year's National President at our Province. Karen Mace was in attendance along with 9 other National Officers at our Happy Fall Y'all convention and was attended by 78 guests.

Kathy Leyes did an outstanding job as our Gamma Province Chairman. Thank you to all that attended and dressed up for the Fright Night Costume contest. You all were great!

Phi Chapter will be busy in November. We have three Saturdays in a row for projects. We are blessed to Honor the Veterans by donating donuts, muffins, cookies and coffee cakes for breakfast at our Community Center. We have the bake sale items for the Chicken



BBQ held by the Trailriders Club, that evening we will have the bake sale items for Bingo at the Community Center. Our fundraiser of Pizza sales was just finalized, and the pizzas will be made the third weekend.

With the Holidays fast approaching our chapter wishes all of our sisters and their families a Blessed Holiday season and Happy New Year.

Delta Love Sharon Brown

Lynn, IN - lota Mu

Alpha Province was a grand gathering of sisters. Patricia the pumped-up pilgrim made her debut. (If you know, you know!) It's my favorite time of the year to visit with all my sisters. Thank you, Jan Marsh and Karen



Allen, for great planning so that all of us could just enjoy ourselves. Our fall chicken dinner fundraiser is fast approaching, and we are taking Terri Lynn nut orders as well. Both of these activities fund our upcoming Christmas families and local shut-ins. Recently, we honored Founder's Day, played games during our social, and made pumpkins out of old sweaters, all the while munching on a charcuterie with fabulous desserts. We are small but mighty over here in Lynn. Sisters from lota Mu wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year!

Delta Love, Treva Gough

Marion, IN - Sigma

Fall has been full of activity for Sigma members! We made 300 aromatherapy sprays for stress relief kits provided to Veterans at VA Northern Indiana Healthcare, at Marion and Ft. Wayne campuses. We also helped assemble the kits, containing all kinds of donations from the community. In October members

participated in a Color Me Pink fun walk to raise funds for free mammograms through Grant County Cancer Services. We had a great fundraiser for our chapter at Hometown Petals, a local florist. We filled her shop with over 20



Photo: Dacia Overbey, Tammy Thompson, Debra Certain, and Amber Carothers at the Breast Cancer Walk. Also, Mammary Mary the breast cancer awareness skeleton, on Dacia's jeep!

people and each of us got to create our own floral arrangement in a pumpkin!

Six members attended the Beta Province convention at Warsaw. We had a great time and learned a lot of tips we have already put to use. We had extra good luck this year, winning several prizes! Thank you to our hosts Theta Kappa and Beta Zeta chapters!

Debra Certain

Marissa, IL - Xi Phi

In September, Xi Phi Chapter hosted our 2nd Annual Delta Dude Pageant. Five contestants competed in five categories and raised funds for the charities of their choice. The contestant who raised the most was crowned Delta Dude. Brandon Brown was this year's

winner. We held a bake sale in conjunction with the Masonic Lodge BBQ. We picked up 6 bags of trash during our Adopt a Highway cleanup.



In October, Xi Phi Chapter hosted the city-wide yard sale, we sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts and distributed maps of the yard sale stops. We held a bake sale in conjunction with the Masonic Lodge BBQ. We celebrated Founders' Day. We offered face painting at the American Legion's Fall Festival. We participated in the town's Trunk or Treat event. We hosted a wine tasting fundraiser for Wine for Humanity.

In November, we hosted a Trivia Night to raise money towards a walk-in freezer for the Marissa Food Pantry. 16 tables played and there were many amazing raffle items, resulting in over \$6,500 raised. We held a 5k race and 1 mile fun run during the Toast of Marissa, a wine tasting event held on Main Street with four

Southern Illinois wineries, vendors and live music. We had 41 5k runners and 6 1-mile runners. We are currently selling our famous cheeseballs that we will be making in December. We will be hosting a Glo Bingo for Jozie Kraemer, a 7-year-old girl who underwent surgery to remove a brain mass. Several members plan to attend the Epsilon Province Convention in Effingham.

Chelsea DeMange

Martinsville, IN - Lambda Theta

It's almost the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! We are busy painting Christmas Ornaments for our Annual Breakfast with Santa coming up on December 7th! Santa will be available for pictures, everyone will enjoy a donut, milk and a hand painted Christmas ornament! So much fun for all of our sisters and the community! We will also be enjoying our sorority Christmas Party in December, where we will have dinner and find out who our Secret Sister has been for 2024! So much fun and excitement coming to our little chapter next month! We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Beth Elkins

Murfreesboro, TN - Omicron Omega

Three Omicron Omega sisters. Nichole Reel. Heather Laflamme, and Michelle Hoover. attended the Theta Province Convention. enjoying a wonderful time reconnecting with sisters despite weather and electricity challenges. Each event, along with the awards, was a lot of fun! A special thanks to Julie and all the chapters for hosting such a memorable gathering and for the thoughtful prizes and goodies.



Now, Omicron Omega is gearing up for our holiday projects, including Greenhouse Ministries' Thanksgiving Mobile Food Pantry, writing Santa Letters, and sponsoring Angel Tree kids. Wishing all our sisters a joyful holiday season!

Delta Love,

Suzanne Palmer

New Carlisle, IN - Kappa Rho

I would like to report that our annual purse auction fundraiser was a success. In addition to all the awesome purse and basket donations we had a dollar raffle for various wallets, a table with gently used purses and bags for a good price and new this year we did a wine pull that was a huge success. We served delicious

food and refreshments that was enjoyed by everyone. Wainscott Auctioneers were amazing. They kept the crowd entertained with lots of laughter and fun. I would also like to report that four of our sisters Leanne Hendricks, Sue Reilly, Bonnie DeMeyer, and Chelsea Javbar attended the Beta Province Convention. Chelsea Jaybar served as our delegate. We always love hearing all the good ideas and new information from the conventions. In December we will be having our first annual cookie walk fundraiser. Stay tuned to see how it went.

Shawna Janski

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Fall is always a busy and exciting time for Gamma Pi. We start making apple dumplings in mid to late August to sell in September at the New Paris Apple Fest. National Trail Local School District allows us to use their elementary kitchen and ovens to make the dumplings. We worked several evenings to make them, and it took two evenings to bake the dumplings. We always have fun working on this project and a good time together making over 1,300 apple dumplings. We also have a cake walk during the festival which is always a hit with the locals. Several members also work at the Preble County Pork Festival in September. You will see our members taking tickets at the home National Trail High Football games.

Fourteen of us had a great time at the Gamma Province Convention. It was so good to see so many of our Gamma sisters attend the convention. Jean Brower, Teresa Glander McPherson, and Gail Wigger were present when **Province** Chairman Kathy Leves presented



Photo L-R: Jean Brower, Gail Wigger, Jennifer Couch, Kathy Leves, and Teresa Glander McPherson.

Jacob's Ladder with a check for \$1,000 from the Gamma Province Philanthropy Project. On November 22, some of our sisters will be elves in the Old-Fashioned Christmas in the Village parade. We are getting ready to make our Thanksgiving baskets for 150 plus citizens of our greater area the Sunday before Thanksgiving. On behalf of Gamma Pi, I would like to wish all of our sisters a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Delta Love.

Jodi Neanen

Noblesville, IN - Eta Lambda

is making it difficult to get in the holiday mood. Our delegate to Province, Deborah Feliciana, reported that she had a great time at the convention and the host chapters did a wonderful job. Eta Lambda is planning to initiate a new member at the next meeting and we welcome her and hope she enjoys being part of our group. We will be having another fundraiser soon when a local restaurant donates part of their profits for one night to our chapter. We have been trying to come up with some other ideas for making money. Our chapter is small and sometimes it is difficult to come up with something that is manageable for a small group. We are also selling peanut brittle and peanuts from Texas Roadhouse. It is a small fundraiser, but every little bit helps to benefit someone. We had a nice profit from our garage sale in September and the weather was good and everyone enjoyed being together.

We will be having our Christmas party in December and at that time we all will bring socks to donate to the homeless. There is always a great need for that and other items to bring warmth to the less fortunate. We wish all our Delta sisters the best of everything in the months to come.

Gail Rogers

Odon, IN - Eta Beta

Hello from Odon! The fall has been a busy time for our group of sisters! In September, several of our chapter members attended the Theta Province Convention in Nashville, Indiana, hosted by the wonderful ladies of Lambda Theta. A groovy time was had by all as we stepped back into the '70s. One of our newest members, Kathy Thompson, attended as delegate. Kathy reported she had a great time and learned a lot! On Saturday afternoon, we had fun playing as contestants on "The Price is Right" with Bob Barker and his "Barker beauties" to announce the theme and details of the 2025 Theta Province convention we are hosting in New Harmony, Indiana.

Outstanding memories from this year included adding three new members (Lori Buccheit, Leslie Swartzentruber, and Kathy Thompson), and inviting several interested ladies to join our meetings. Just this weekend. we baked over 100 dozen cookies to sell at a local **Christmas Craft** Show. As always,



Photo L to R: Lori Buchheit, Carla Smith, Kathy Thompson, Leslie Swartzentruber, Sue Dart, Nina Laughlin, Kathryn Callahan

the Cookie Walk fundraiser was a hit. Our cookies sold out quickly and we made a great profit. We are gearing up to host an Arts and Appetizers cake decorating Christmas is fast approaching, and all this mild weather class, instructed by one of our very own talented

sisters. Until we meet again, we wish you all a safe and Club donates the tree, and our chapter provides the merry holiday season, and a happy new year!

Kathryn Callahan

Oxford, OH - Nu Alpha

Hello and warm winter greetings to all our sisters!

Where did the Fall go?

As the year winds down, we would like to look back on some of the most recent activities we've participated in.

15 of our members attended the Gamma Province

convention in Beavercreek. Ohio in October. During that convention, our delegate (Judy Hathaway) presented one of two philanthropy projects (St. Mary's Backpack Program) and when all was said and done, there was a total of \$2000 to be split evenly between both projects! What a generous donation from all our sisters.





During the convention there was a beautiful initiation ceremony for three new members including our newest member, Deanna Carr. Welcome and congratulations!

We have a few quilters in our chapter, and they delivered 6 boy quilts and 12 girl quilts to the MidWestern Children's home in Pleasant Plain,



OH. Many of our sisters helped with the quilts through donations of materials, quilting and/or sewing. Each quilt had a matching pillow

November is a very busy month for our chapter. We are collecting food Advent baskets for our Oxford community; we are donating to Bunker Hill Haven for Boys to help with Christmas gifts, and we are having our annual Homemade Goodie Auction (which is always a good time and we raise guite a bit of money in the process). This year we are also participating in a Christmas tree project with the Lions Club. The Lions

ornaments, lights, garland and a tree topper. The decorated trees are then given to a needy family.

Happy Holidays from all of your sisters at Nu Alpha! Enjoy the time with friends and family.

Delta Love,

Patti North

Plymouth, IN - Zeta Zeta

Wow, where did 2024 go??!! This fall we have been busy! Card-A-Rama kicked off with not just canasta, but we had enough teams to bring back euchre. We had a successful September Rummage Sale followed by our annual Pecan Sale; everybody loves those Georgia Pecan's! And then we finished off the year with our 2nd annual Purse Auction. It was an amazing time, with the

number in attendance more than doubling from last year. As we look back on 2024, we are so thankful to all those who support our philanthropic work, not just this year, but every year and help us make our events successful.



Photo: Kelly showing off one of the Kate Spade purses, that was up for bid, at our Purse Auction.

We look ahead to 2025 with

anticipation and excitement. A spring fundraising event is in the works – more on that soon; continuing to support local organizations, which are dear to our hearts, with philanthropic donations; plus provide three Plymouth High School Seniors with scholarships. It doesn't get much better than that!

So, as we close out 2024 and walk into 2025, we wish you all a safe, healthy and blessed Holiday Season!

Gwen Calvert

Portland, IN - Xi

We welcomed two new pledges, Emma James and Angela Twigg. Angela was initiated at Beta Province Convention and will be a great addition to our chapter. Emma, daughter of Carrie Funk, Granddaughter of Debbie Funk PNP, Great granddaughter of Joy Fenters MAL will be a fourth generation Delt! Emma was on her Honeymoon in Jamaica and was unable to attend convention. Congratulations Emma and Brad Muhlenkamp. We look forward to initiating Emma very soon!

Our chapter was proud to have member, Sharon Miller serve as Beta Province Chairman with Debbie Funk PNP serving as secretary. Thank you both for conducting a very productive meeting. Our delegate Emily Funk was proud to accept several awards for our chapter. The workshop was fun and informative with a lot of questions



Photo: Debbie Funk PNP Serving as secretary and Sharon Miller Beta Province Chairman working hard!

answered. It was good to see all thirteen Beta Province chapters delegates attend the convention. All of the Delta's Changing of the Seasons functions were a lot of fun! The hostess chapters did a great job. The Raffle items were amazing. Our new delegate was very excited to win the basket filled with Delt items, especially the Delt history books.

We enjoyed a fun evening celebrating Founders Day with our sisters from Zeta Chi Dunkirk and Zeta Alpha Redkey. Our hosts from Zeta Alpha had several craft stations set up for us to create fun Christmas decorations to be distributed to several local nursing homes. Ending the evening with the ceremony. What a great sisterhood.

Janis Fritze

Roachdale, IN - Theta Lambda

The ladies of Theta Lambda were thrilled to initiate two new members at our October 1st meeting! Dawn Overbay and Rachelle Overbay have joined us as our newest members! They are mother and daughter and

are a
wonderful
addition to
our
chapter!
You can
read more
about
Dawn and
Rachelle
in the
New
Members
section.



L-R: President Annie Cloncs, New Members Rachelle Overbay and Dawn Overbay, Sergeantat-Arms Donna Tippin

We have been busy

this fall with four fundraisers and a philanthropic Halloween project! The first fundraiser in September occurred at the Bainbridge Bicentennial Celebration.

We furnished breakfast with donuts, cookies, muffins, cupcakes and drinks at the Bainbridge Fire Station Car Show in the morning. We then served desserts the rest of the day—pumpkin pie, chocolate sheet cake, sugar cream pie, and leftovers from the Car Show.

Our second fundraiser was a food booth at the Rib Fest in Roachdale, also in September, which we have done several times. We served beans and ham, chili, corn muffins, corn dogs, chili dogs, hot dogs, soft pretzels, nachos, pumpkin pie, chocolate sheet cake, cookies/brownies, coffee, soft drinks, water and hot and cold cider. This year the Rib Fest was cut short three hours early because of wind and rain from Hurricane Helene!

Our third fundraiser was a RADA Cutlery order. We turned in an order at the first of November and expect to receive the goods in time for Christmas. Amy Cloncs is the chairman of this project and always does a great job! She has said that RADA is a great company to work with.

Our fourth fundraiser was furnishing lunch for the ladies at a Christmas Stamp Camp, a project and event founded by our own Amy Cloncs. We served chili and cheese, fresh vegetables and dip, corn muffins, and chocolate sheet cake. The lunch ran very smoothly, and we appreciate Amy's business!

This year the town of Roachdale and our own Delta Theta Tau chapter sponsored a new event called Halloween Spooktacular. Our president, Annie Cloncs, helped to organize the event and even came up with the name! This was an outdoor event. held at Roachdale Park. Our chapter



Halloween Spooktacular Workers L-R: Tootsie Garriott, Sally Motsch, Kara Magill, Cathy Mandleco, and Annie Cloncs

provided free food of hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks, water, hot chocolate, hot spiced cider and coffee. There were many activities, including Trunk or Treat, games, crafts, a costume contest, hayrides and a movie. A pumpkin pie eating contest was also planned, but time ran out, so it wasn't held. This inaugural event was well attended, and everyone had a fun time! Plans are underway for next year!

President Annie Cloncs attended the Alpha Province Convention at Muncie as our delegate. Annie brought home a few awards that our chapter earned. We placed first in Total Volunteer Service Hours and third in Volunteer Service Hours Per Capita! We also received a certificate for the Expansion and Growth of our chapter and a recognition certificate for 75 years of Service to Delta Theta Tau! We are very proud to be active in Roachdale, Indiana since 1949! We have

done so many meaningful projects for this community during those 75 years. We feel that we have made a very real difference! There are lots of good memories!

Annie was also privileged at Alpha Province to talk with the National President, Karen Mace, and enjoy a photo op with her!

We are looking forward to our annual Christmas activities, which involve lots of



Alpha Province L-R: Annie Cloncs and National President Karen Mace

giving, our favorite thing to do, especially at Christmas!

Merry Christmas to all and may God bless you with a wonderful 2025!

Delta love,

Cheryl Marshall

San Jose, CA - Epsilon Rho

In October, the sisters of Epsilon Rho were excited to host the Delta Province Convention. Friday afternoon started with registration and everyone getting checked in. The weather was great so the mixer, Summer Nights, was outdoors, in the patio area. Many of us donned our scandalous bikinis for this occasion. Saturday was a busy day with the meeting, the Surfin USA lunch, visiting the boutique and checking out the raffle prizes. We had a relaxing happy hour before the Sitting on the Dock of the Bay dinner. We played bingo, drew for the raffle prizes and 50/50 drawing.

Brenda Moore, Delta Province Chairman, opened the meeting at 9 AM Saturday; we then had the initiation of Ilse Blanco from Phoenix, AZ. We were honored to have three national officers attend the convention: Karen Mace, President, Kris Trapp, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Michele Westhues, Webmaster. During the meeting, we had a father and son from NFED speak to us. It was wonderful to hear about their life's journey of learning to deal with and



treat this disease. Chapter members, Mary Sheldon and Brenda Corral were recognized for ten years of membership and Yvonne Cabral for sixty years of membership. Some of the members of our chapter had never been to a convention before; including Pallie Zambrano, Convention Chairman, her mother Nancy Bain, Delegate, Jody Levratto, Teller and Sharon Vergho, Page. Thanks to all of them, especially Pallie for tackling the job of convention chairman, without having been to one. All of the members of our chapter worked hard to make this a fun event, so we hope everyone who made the trip to the coast had a good time.

August found us and some Delta Pa's at the home of Brenda Moore and her hubby, Tony, for a BBQ. Everyone had a great time, and we did some crafting for the convention boutique. In October, some of our members helped out at Gifts for Teens, packing duffel bags of goodies as Christmas gifts for homeless and low income teens. Now we are kicking off the holiday season with our Annual Winter Fundraiser, a raffle for the chance to win \$500.00 in gift cards. The winner is drawn on November 30th, so they have plenty of time to put those gift cards to use. In December, we will relax and enjoy our Holiday Luncheon and secret pal gift exchange, at a local restaurant. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Cindy Gimenez

Seneca, IL – Zeta Upsilon

It's been a beautiful Autumn so far in Illinois, and Zeta Upsilon Chapter is both reflecting on a very successful philanthropic 2024 so far and looking forward to a busy December.

The weekend of September 20th and 21st was Seneca's Fall Festival and Car Show. Delta Theta Tau had a booth at this event, and we raffled off our Booze Wagon (a fabric wagon filled with snacks and alcohol), and a smaller Booze Basket. This raffle is always a success! We took in over \$1500 for our charities.

October 7th was our Founders Day meeting, held in Dana Flynn's 'She Shed'. We were honored to have Kris Trapp visit our chapter, and meeting us.

In October, we volunteered hours to help our local Food Pantry with their Annual 'Garage Sale'. This event was held on October 19th, and organized by Dana Flynn, with a number of sisters helping. Since this event followed right on the heels of our Dunkin 'Donut sale – organized by Carol

Trunk and Treat. One of our vehicles.



Witte – we were also able to sell even more donuts at the Garage Sale!

Our Bloodmobile Drive in October saw us reach our goal of 50 blood donations. Congratulations.

And what would October be without Halloween! We participated in Seneca's Trunk or Treat at Crotty Park, with 3 decorated vehicles and loads of candy to share with all the children who came by. The costumes were great!

Our November meeting celebrated our Chapter's 85th birthday. Like any good Birthday Party, we had cupcakes, ice cream and a host of other treats. We had two of our members honored for their years of service to Zeta Upsilon: Kathy Altobello – 10 years and Carol Witte- 35 years

Plans are firmed up for our December Gift Bags. We can accommodate 75 recipients this Holiday Season (shut ins, disabled, needy) and all bags are hand delivered. Cheri Hovious and her committee have decorated all the bags, and we will be filling them December 7. Our final meeting of the year will be December 8.

We are continuing to collect eyeglasses for Ortez Eye Care. These glasses are distributed to those in need by Ortez. In addition, we were able to provide NEW glasses for two grade school children in need in our local school under this program. Sue Thorpe oversees this program.

New Members: We are delighted to introduce 2 new sisters here at Zeta Upsion: Susan Warning and Nicole Hebel. Welcome to Delta Theta Tau!

We want to take this opportunity to wish all our sisters a warm and happy Thanksgiving and a great Christmas and Holiday Season.

With Delta Love,

Phyllis Natanek

Shelbyville, IN - Zeta Lambda

The arrival of Santa (Delt sister Veanna Kessler's husband, Gerald) and Mrs. Claus (Delt sister Jenny Procell) delight the crowd every year at Zeta Lambda chapter's popular Christmas Gift & Hobby Show. Just short of 150 vendors provided a shopping experience for more than 1.000 visitors at this 52nd annual event. Who is that



peeking between the shoulders of the Clauses? It's the chapter's very own member Doris Sanders, who is also the GRIT editor.

All right everyone. Take a quiet moment to think about your work with and for Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Did you give yourselves enough time? Are you ready to come up with some answers to a question? All right, then here you go: What does it take to create, plan, and successfully execute a huge event that will be successful to greatly benefit your communities?

Zeta Lambda chapter members have put this answer to that question into action for the past 52 years in the fall to give the community and visitors from surrounding areas the best Christmas Gift & Hobby Show:

Always, no exceptions, give the best of oneself when planning and executing sorority events for the community, and when helping and giving to others. This was the chapter's largest show yet with just short of 150 vendors, due largely to the popularity of this "no admission charged" event by the thousands of shoppers who attend and the quality of items offered for sale by the vendors.

The arrival of Santa (Delt sister Veanna Kessler's husband, Gerald) and Mrs. Claus (Delt sister Jenny Procell) delight the crowd every year, too.

When looking back at months prior to November, Zeta Lambda sisters were grateful to have Cindy Brooks as the chapter Delegate to Theta Province Convention 2024 held at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN. Other sisters attending included Veanna Kessler, Marcia Swift, Doris Sanders, Kathy Schmucker, Debbie Baker, Judy Polley and Sara Keesling.

A Mixer brought everyone together the first evening of Convention and attendees were blessed to finish the entire business meeting and award many raffle items before having to leave on Saturday. The Martinsville Chapter did an amazing job even though convention was cut short.

On a personal chapter level, we were fortunate to be able to give Dana Anderson, the 3rd member on the Board of Trustees, our books so she could take them home and have plenty of time to review them (it's a lot of books. LOL!!) Our visitation was scheduled for the following week. The Office of the Editor of GRIT was also visited the same day.

It was an honor to have Beth Wallis accompany Dana for her very first Visitation as a new National Officer. Zeta Lambda chapter's Executive Committee met with Dana prior to its evening chapter meeting, of which both ladies attended, to continue a review of the books. We were all very proud and appreciative to hear Dana's complimentary words praising our chapter members' hard work and contributions to our community.

LuAnn Mason

South Whitley - Theta Kappa

Theta Kappa in South Whitley co-hosted the Beta Province Convention with Beta Zeta, Warsaw IN,

October 25-27. We celebrated "Delta's Changing of the Seasons" all weekend long. We had all 14 chapters represented at this convention and had over 80 ladies registered. Wow! We had such a great time being with one another, learning new ideas to bring in new members, hearing Evonne's fabulous jokes and eating the delicious food provided by The Kitchen & Co on Friday and Morino with the Palette Restaurant on Saturday for lunch and dinner. We had almost 60 items up for grabs in our raffle room! I had the privilege of becoming the Province Chairman for the 2025 Beta Province Convention. I hope I make my mother, whose been a member for over 50 years, proud and that I served.

We held our annual nut and cheeseball sales and the money goes towards a local high school senior as well as our food banks and other needs in our community. Coming up for the winter months, we will be celebrating our Christmas at our sister, Lin Metzger's home who always has fun games for us. We all bring a dish to share and have a white elephant gift exchange. We have 2 potential new members we are speaking with and so far, both are interested. Fingers crossed we initiate them first of next year! We will celebrate our 76th Birthday in January of 2025 and this year, I hope the weather holds off so we can have the celebration.

We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe & Blessed New Year!

Jami Platt

Spencer, IN - Iota Chi

Theta Province in Brown County was very enjoyable and had a good vibe going when we arrived Friday night. We had our four usual attendees plus two new members that joined last Fall with us. The meeting on Saturday gave the new girls a chance to see the difference in the levels of business we conduct.

Although our time was cut short due to Mother Nature we had a good time. We were extremely excited that almost all of us won a raffle to take home. Always fun and a learning experience.

Tammy Ewbanks

St. Peters, MO - Pi Gamma

Pi Gamma, St. Peters, MO, has had a very exciting beginning:

- 1 Initiated Ginger Klein at our first meeting. She will be serving as our Recording Secretary. We congratulate her on her son's recent wedding and the move into a new apartment. Ginger brings a heart of service and love to all she does, and we are happy to have her join our chapter.
- 2 Amie Sneed and Joseph Jackson were married in a beautiful ceremony. Amie Sneed was an active Omicron Pi, Bethel, MO, member and officer. Her mother, Tina Eitel, is a charter member of Omicron Pi and Amie a charter member and Sgt-at-Arms officer of Pi Gamma.

are Stacey Costin, President; Debbie Coonrod-Vannoy, Vice-President; Pat Kohler. Treasurer: Ginger Klein, Recording Secretary; Nicki Coonrod, Corresponding Secretary; Amie Jackson, Sgt-at-Arms. 4 - Sunday, October 20, Pi Gamma was honored to have Evonne Albert, Secretary, Board of Trustees, make the first chapter visit by a National Officer. Evonne offered great guidance, and we were so happy to have her do our visitation. 5 - Pi Gamma

- 5 Pi Gamma established their Pi Gamma Scholarship for a graduating high school senior, and on October 20 presented this scholarship to Jaden Sneed.
- 6 The October 20th chapter meeting elevated "87" to an amazing duo! Debbie Coonrod-Vannoy, and Dude, the dog, happen to be 87 years old. The two will be taking a program "87, Hit It" to area nursing homes.



Photo: Evonne Albert, Secretary, Board of Trustees, and Pi Gamma, St. Peters, MO, President Stacey Costin, share a humorous moment.



Photo: Jaden Sneed is presented the first Pi Gamma Scholarship by Pi Gamma President, Stacey Costin and Evonne Albert, Secretary, Board of Trustees.

7 – Pi Gamma has found the Spencer Road Branch of the Saint Charles County Library to offer a very lovely meeting room and allows snacks to be brought in.
8 – President, Stacey Costin, had matching DTT shirts made for all members. She also placed a DTT green and white beaded bracelet on each girl's arm.
This industrious chapter of Delta Sisters is on the roll to an exciting chapter of history for Delta Theta Tau. Wishing each a warm and blessed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Debbie Coonrod-Vannoy

Terre Haute, IN - Alpha Omicron

Holiday greetings from the Terre Haute Alpha Omicron chapter of Delta Theta Tau! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just a few weeks away, and Christmas will follow quickly after!

We are just about to wrap up our nut sales, and we have a good start on our plans for decorating our shelter for Christmas, at Deming Park here in Terre Haute. Our chapter will also sponsor the Christmas train rides at the park in December, and proceeds go entirely to our chapter!

We enjoyed the 2024 Province Convention which we co-hosted with Muncie the weekend of November 1st and 2nd. The food and fellowship with our Delta sisters were wonderful! There were lots of good raffle baskets and items, and everyone seemed to have a great time! We are so very proud of our own Christina Crist, who won a seat on our school board at the November 5th election! Christina will be a great asset to our school community, and we know you join us in saying,

"Congratulations!"

The Alpha Omicron Delta sisters had a lovely evening recently as we paired up with Sleep In Heavenly Peace to make tie blankets which will be given away along with the beds they build. It was fun and a neat way to help out those in need.

Wishing you all a very happy and healthy holiday season!



Union City, IN - Lambda

Alpha Province convention was this past weekend. Linda Wood (delegate) and Betty Oswalt attended. We will get a report on all that took place at our next meeting.

We are making final preparations for our Holiday Auction and Luncheon which is Nov. 9th. Members provide soups, salads, and desserts, and provide three crafts or items to be auctioned off. This is our biggest project, and proceeds go to our scholarship fund. We also donate to Secret Families of Randolph County, which provides an entire Christmas including gifts, food, Christmas tree and a bible to over 150 deserving families. Area volunteers help shop, wrap and deliver to each family before Christmas. Several of our members will join the large group to help wrap gifts.

Also, members who can, will help with our town's Community Thanksgiving dinner.

Then, it's on to our next project, which is a food stand at our member Teresa Tillman's family farm sale. We will have time for our chapter's Christmas Party too! An enjoyable evening at member Sandy Thornhill's beautifully decorated home, a meal and a fun gift exchange. And, yes, we all wear our Christmas PJ's!!



Members of Lambda Chapter with Santa at our Holiday Lunch and Auction!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to member Pat Mote who will soon be having hip replacement surgery after having knee replacement surgery this past summer. Wishing you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and joy.

Susan Fraze

Valparaiso, IN - Tau

The holiday season is upon us, and that means its time to reflect on all the wonderful things we Deltas have accomplished in 2024. Tau chapter started the year off with a bang by hosting our first ever "Delta Dudes Pageant." We were so lucky to find such amazing gentlemen from our community, and they were able to raise generous amounts of money, for specific charities. The evening was filled with fun, food, drinks, and of course, each contestant strutting their stuff down the runway. We are currently planning our second Delta Dude event for 2025.

Valparaiso Deltas hosted our annual Fairy Tale Ball at the end of June. It was once again a truly magical day. This sold-out event allowed little girls and boys to live out their fairy tale dreams of meeting princesses and princes, get their picture taken with them, ride a horse-drawn carriage, sing and dance to all their favorite songs, make memorable crafts, and new this year, get their face painted. It's hard to put a price tag on all the memories made this day, but Tau chapter is fortunate enough to hand over a large portion of the proceeds to a deserving organization. This year we partnered with Family House Inc. It is a non-profit organization that provides a safe environment, and healthy interactions for children and their families.

The ladies of Tau chapter barely have time to rest their glass slippers before they start working on the next big fundraiser for our community. The end of July means back to school is right around the corner, and so is our annual mum sale. Fortunately, Deltas don't have too much homework since these beauties practically sell themselves. Competition has increased over the past



few years, but luckily our loyal customers have learned that our mums get an A+ for their large canopies, glorious colors, and late bloomers-mine are still decorating my front porch as I write this in early November! We used our top math skills and raised over \$7,000!

Our new initiates hosted a "Wags and Wine" party on October 14. This social event allowed our new members to get to know each other, as well as help a local pet shelter. Each Delta was encouraged to bring and donate requested items by the shelter. We left with our stomachs and hearts full that night. Great job, ladies!

We have so much to be thankful for, up here in northwest Indiana. Our growing chapter, dedicated members, and successful fundraising events are just to name a few. Tau chapter would like to wish all our fellow Delta sisters a joyous holiday season! Talk to you next year!

Kelly Van Wagner

West Frankfort, IL - Gamma Upsilon

Fall in Southern Illinois includes the colorful leaves falling from the trees, combines in the fields harvesting the corn and soybeans, small town Fall festivals ranging from Apple, Shrimp, Sasquatch, and Vulture Festivals, high school football playoffs, and this year extremely dry and warm weather.

Fall has also brought a lot of activities and one major fundraiser for Gamma Upsilon. We had a Fall party held on September 26 at Madmad's Pizza, one of the newer restaurants in West Frankfort. Our Halloween party was held on October 24 at La Fiesta Restaurant. Many participated by wearing costumes, and prizes were given out in various categories. One costume had a special story behind it and won for Best Original Costume. Joyce Griffin wore a hand-crafted clown costume that her mother had made 40 or 50 years ago when she was also a Delt! It was in excellent shape and fit Joyce perfectly. Imagine keeping it for that long and honoring her mother by wearing it!

Something a little different occurred in our Blingo fundraiser this year. We advertised it as "Dames and Dudes" Blingo and had several prizes for men as well. It was held on October 5 at St. John's Community Center.

As usual we had delicious snacks, desserts, and drinks. A 50/50 drawing was held, and it was announced during the event that the chapter's portion would be donated to the hurricane victims in North Carolina. After a few additional dollars were added, the amount was \$100. Our very own Laura Hill took the initiative of taking our donation along with several others she received and bought the



supplies asked for to help the victims. Pictured you see Laura's full truck that was to be sent the next day.

Another example of our philanthropy reaching people outside of our own community!

Our Epsilon Province Convention will be held in Effingham, IL on November 15-17th. This year's theme is "Weekend in Paris." Our chapter is in charge of the entertainment for Friday evening. A good source informed me that the tourists in Paris will be entertained by mimes, and those watching will get to guess actions like Charades. Sounds like fun! I should be able to include some interesting comments from those involved in the entertainment and from Beth Williams who is our delegate for the first time this year. She has attended several recent conventions and enjoyed just attending as a non-delegate. But in true Delt fashion she is willingly stepping up to accept this new role to represent our chapter. I am sure she will return with a lot of exciting news to report.

It seems as quickly as the beautiful Fall leaves are here and gone that the days between now and the end of December will seem to fly by. Gamma Upsilon will have our Christmas party and Secret Sister gifts to look forward to and will be able to look back on 2024 and see what our chapter has accomplished.

Jo Linda Marlow

Woodlawn, IL - Omicron Alpha

Our chapter has been busy with a variety of fun fall activities. We had a scary good time serving doughnuts, nachos, and pulled pork sandwiches at The Woodlawn Haunted Woods owned by our sister Shari' Copple. We enjoyed watching our local High School volunteers dress up and scare unsuspecting folk and maybe even a few of us! This was a chilly but exciting fundraiser for our chapter.

Our 4th Annual Designer Purse Blingo was held October 13. Besides having a wonderful selection of designer purses, this year we also raffled off gift baskets donated by our members. Helen Beckley, our longest active member, is standing beside our raffle basket display. People are starting to mark their calendars and make this a yearly event for family and friends to attend together. We provide water, tea, and a variety of sweet and savory treats. Winners get their choice of purse (except for the Grand Prize purse), and it's always interesting to see the order in which they

are taken. I don't know who has more fun, the blingo players or our members!

Next is the Epsilon Province November 15-17 in Effingham, II. We're all looking forward to a "Weekend in Paris."



Jane Richardson

Celebrations / Milestones

Greenwood, IN - Nu Tau

We have Celebrated the 45-year membership of one of our members, Susie Anderson, and the 35-year membership of Sherry Eden.

The Sisters of Nu Tau are sad to announce the death of the husband of one of our members, Susie Anderson, who we just celebrated for her 45 years of membership. We also continue to hold the family of our President Marylynne Winslow in our thoughts and prayers as her daughter, Kimberly, battles with Leukemia.

It has been said that "No Man is an island . . . no man stands alone." So, it is when one of us faces the loss of a significant loved one or the life challenge for any member of our family that we need the support of others. At this time, we are hoping to harness the power of prayer for both of our members who are in great need of those prayers at this time. We thank all of you who contribute to our Thoughts & Prayers for

these two sisters and their families.

Susan Barhan

New Carlisle, IN - Kappa Rho

Our Beautiful Sister Linda Sikorski celebrated her 75th Birthday October 11th with a big party with family, friends, and sisters. Linda has been a member of the Kappa



Rho Chapter for five years. She is very caring, loving, generous, supportive, has cute ideas and is always willing to help with whatever needs done. Cheers to celebrating this big milestone!

Shawna Janski

Terre Haute, IN - Alpha Omicron

Alpha Omicron chapter is pleased and honored to congratulate our very own Christina Crist on her election to the Vigo County School Board.

Christina is originally from Kentland, Indiana. She moved to Vigo County in 1996 and has since become an integral part of the community, volunteering for numerous community organizations. Christina is the proud mother of Sophia Crist, a 15-year-old freshman at



West Vigo High School. In 2013, Christina lost her precious daughter, Hannah, to suicide. After Hannah's devasting passing, Christina has dedicated herself to advocating for mental health and suicide prevention.

Since 2016, Christina has been Executive Director of Team of Mercy, a local non-profit organization that supports individuals and families who have lost loved ones to suicide. Christina is certified in Bereavement and Suicide Prevention and Postvention. As Executive Director, she assists individuals suffering suicidal ideations by referring them to licensed mental health clinicians, provides one-on-one grief support and group grief support to survivors of suicide, and offers training to adults and youths to obtain suicide prevention certifications, including to Vigo County School Corporation's faculty and students.

Along with being a member of Alpha Omicron Chapter since 2021, Christina is heavily involved in the community, currently serving on the executive committee of 100+ Women Who Care and President of Vigo County Drug Free Coalition. Christina is a Certified Coordinator for Crisis Intervention Team which provides Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement. Christina is proud of her work on several VCSC school corporation committees that implemented the \$4.2m Project Aware Mental Health grants, helping secure licensed counselors in Vigo County Schools.

In 2019, Christina was named a "12 Under 40" recipient, received the Hamilton Center Award for Outstanding Community Service and was honored as Indiana State University's Social Worker of the Year. In 2023 Christina received the Marquis Who's Who Award in 2023.

Christina aspires to make the mental health of our students and faculty a priority. Christina has firsthand knowledge of how our students struggle with the lack of social and emotional skills because she has been working with students for 8 years, teaching signs and symptoms of suicide and certifying them in skills to help prevent suicide among their peers.

CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTINA!!!

Delta Love,

Karen Allen, PNP

In Memoriam

Oxford, OH - Nu Alpha

Nu Alpha Chapter is heartbroken to pass on the news of their sister who is now blooming on the other side of the wall. **Marilyn Dickerson, PNO**, passed away on Oct. 22, 2024. She was a faithful member of Nu Alpha Chapter of Delta Theta Tau for 41 years. She was initiated in Tulsa, OK the year Jean Luechauer was

National President, a fact she cherished dearly. She was able to serve alongside her sister-in-law. Juaita King, her niece Lisa Starr, and later her daughter, Sarah Dickerson. Being a member of this organization was a foundational keystone of Marilyn's life. She will be missed dearly by her sisters far and wide. Her passing was unexpected but comes after 10 months of living in various nursing homes after taking a nasty fall in September of last



year. It was truly our privilege to know her and to serve alongside her for as many years as we were allowed. Although we are saddened here by our loss, we know there is a joyous reunion coming. Until then, we must joyfully carry on the good work of Delta Theta Tau, a charge Marilyn would want us to take up.

On a personal note, as her daughter, there are no words to express what this organization has meant to my family, but especially my mom. There has never been a time in my life when Delta Theta Tau wasn't a part of it. I was only a few months old when I attended my first chapter meeting. I was six when I found myself in Nashville at my first National Convention. My father also took an active role as a proud Delta Pa. Serving this organization has truly been a family affair. Growing up, I could not wait until I had the privilege of joining this amazing sisterhood, at least formally. I had felt like

I had always belonged. In 2005, I was granted my wish, and I have not regretted one moment of my Delta journey. So many wonderful sisters have made such amazing impacts on me these last 39 years. There is one, however, that will always have done the most. My sister, my friend, my mom. So even though your bloom is now sprouting where earthly eyes cannot see, I know the same great gardener who takes care of my side of the wall tends yours as well. Until we meet again at the greatest mixer of all, I love you. Thank you for the legacy of this sisterhood. It is truly one of the best gifts you could have ever imparted to me.

Sarah Dickerson



Bloomfield, IN - Theta Gamma Alpha

Theta Gamma Alpha is sad to report the loss of two of our members.

Dorothy Small passed away July 14, 2024. She is survived by daughter, Marilyn Daillaire, an active member of our alumnae chapter and sons Lee, Michael, and Terry. Dorothy was initiated on June 8, 1970. she had served our chapter as historian, Sargeant at arms, and chaplain. Unfortunately, Dorothy's health had prevented her from being active in our chapter the last few years.

Susan Holtsclaw passed away September 7, 2024. Susan was initiated on June 18, 1964. She had served our chapter as president, secretary, and treasurer. Susan had been a very active member of our alumnae chapter until her sudden passing. She is survived by her husband, Loren, and daughters Julie Boulay and Sarah Holtsclaw.

Our chapter will greatly miss both of these wonderful ladies who gave so much not only to our chapter but to our community. They were beautiful Delta sisters.

Franklin, IN - Lambda Eta

Our Sweet Sister, **Donna Justice** needs to be lifted up with prayers. On 9-17-2024 she lost her loving husband of 54 years. While talking with her I found out that **William** was in the restaurant business. They moved to Indiana to run a BBQ restaurant. Besides the fact that I love BBQ, I am so glad William had this interest that brought Donna to us! We love her dearly and pray for peace and healing for her loss.

Dana Marietta

Greencastle, IN - Theta Alpha Alumnae

Cheryl Danberry, age 66, Secretary of Theta Alpha Alumnae Chapter, passed away on July 14, 2024 in Greencastle, IN. A faithful Delta Sister, she was an attorney having graduated from DePauw University and Indiana University School of Law. She was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church. A fun side to Cheryl is that she was very good at and enjoyed Ballroom and Square Dancing. Survivors include brothers Kenny Danberry and David Danberry plus nieces and nephews.

Norma Yvonne Braden, 87, of Greencastle, IN passed away on August 29, 2024. She became a Delta Sister in Greencastle's Theta Chapter, then moved to California and was active in Epsilon Rho. She worked with Putnam County Comprehensive Services for many years and was hostess for a group of low vision and blind individuals. Survivors include brothers William Remley and Mark Piquard; sisters Mary Kay Crowthers and Vickie Day.

Marissa, IN - Xi Phi

On September 11, 2024, the Xi Phi Chapter lost a longtime member. Rosie Frisch. Rosie joined the Xi Phi Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority in June of 1989. Her daughters, Julie Trout and Johnna Huggins, are members of the Omicron Psi Chapter in Red Bud. IL. A celebration of life



was held September 27th at the Marissa Township Building. Rosie will be greatly missed.

Chelsea DeMange

West Frankfort, IL - Gamma Upsilon

Gamma Upsilon mourns the loss of our special Delta sister **Jean Young** who passed away on August 16,

2024. She was born in Christopher, IL on July 21, 1926. Jean was 98. She had been an active member for 60 years joining on April 23, 1964.

Jean was a special lady and had a true passion for Delta Theta Tau. She held almost every office in Gamma Upsilon and many of them more than once. Jean was always willing to step up and do whatever she could for her sorority.



Gayle Lawrence, our current President, remarked that Jean so epitomized what a true Delta sister should be and many of our National Presidents' themes were reflected in her own life.

"Sewing Seeds of Friendship"—Jean often became a mentor to the new members in our sorority. She would encourage them to stay active and "spread their wings" ("Birds of a Feather") by attending Province and National Conventions. She talked about the lasting friendships she had made by attending as many of those conventions as she could throughout the years.

Her lasting friendship with Nancy Wade was a true testament to how important being a friend was to her. I am sure Nancy could tell all kinds of stories about their adventures together.

"Bake the World a Better Place"—Jean did so much for her community and church. Jean was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church in West Frankfort. She taught Sunday School and served as their Treasurer. She loved singing in the church choir and participated in "The Living Christmas Tree." She wanted to help those in the community who were less fortunate and was instrumental in starting the First Baptist Church Clothing Room providing clothing to those in need.

In 1964 she joined the First Community Bank as a teller and in 1995 was promoted to Vice-President of the bank making inroads for women to get the recognition and higher positions they deserved. Also for her community to help spread Christmas cheer, she helped raise money for the original Christmas decorations for downtown West Frankfort.

"Gathering, Giving, and Growing with Grace and Gratitude"—Jean deservedly received the Teresa McAllister Award. Her grace and gratitude were demonstrated as she was truly surprised, honored, and humbled by being recognized for being an exemplary Delta Theta Tau member throughout her 60 years of membership. Her family knew how important this award was to Jean and proudly displayed it in her casket at the funeral.

"Living a Lasting Legacy"—Jean's legacy includes her loving family, her many friends, her Delta sisters in West Frankfort and throughout the country. Jean had a big extended family, and she loved them all and would go out of her way to help and support them. She considered her best friend Nancy Wade and the rest of her Delta sisters as "family."

Jean was preceded in death by three husbands and one daughter. She is survived by one son, one daughter, eight grandchildren, fifteen greatgrandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

As Debby Bussler, a former President of our chapter, emotionally summarized, "I can only say, Jean was my mentor when I came into the sorority, as she was to many others before and after me. She loved her sisterhood and was open to doing anything for the betterment of it both locally and nationally. I already miss her beyond description." Sadly, we all do, but to truly honor Jean and carry on her "legacy" we need to embrace the qualities that Jean Young demonstrated throughout her life and during her 60 years in Delta Theta Tau—love, friendship, compassion and "a great woman's heart."

Jo Linda Marlow

New Members

Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

Kappa Xi Chapter received two new Delta sisters this fall during Gamma Province



Photo L-R: Susie Snyder and Dianna Rohrer

Convention at the Initiation on Friday, October 11, 2024. Both girls were pledges for our chapter for several months and got to experience just what being a Delta sister is all about and how we work to serve philanthropy. We are VERY excited and happy to welcome **Dianna Rohrer and Susie Snyder** to our sisterhood! Welcome Dianna and Susie!

Delta Love,

Vicki Mills

Greenwood, IN - Nu Tau

In the past few months, we have initiated two new members to our ranks. Our new members are **Sue Jones and Felicia Hilgert**. We look forward to their involvement with the Nu Tau Sisters.

Susan G. Barhan



Felicia Hilgert & Sue Jones

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Gamma Pi welcomed two new sisters into our chapter on June 5, 2024. Our newest members are Erika Gallaher and Lynn Starks. These girls have jumped right in and have helped with many different projects. They are a great addition to our chapter, and we are so glad they are our sisters.



Jodi Neanen

Oxford, OH - Nu Alpha



Nu Alpha is pleased to announce our newest sorority sister, Deanna Carr! Deanna is a multitalented lady. She is a wife, mother of 3 sons, grandmother of 5, and retired from working in Admissions at Miami University in 2018. Deanna is an active member of DeMolav. Eastern Star and the Oxford Piecemakers Quilt Club. She also has her own business, Deanna's Heirloom Creations.

Welcome aboard, Deanna!

Kathy Amann

Portland, IN - Xi



XI Chapter welcomed our newest member,
Angela Twigg. Angela will be a very valuable asset to our chapter.
She will work hard and join in on the fun too!

Angela is busy volunteering in our community and Asbury United Methodist church youth group and serves on the council.

Janis Fritze

Roachdale, IN - Theta Lambda



Theta Lambda is extremely happy to introduce our newest members, **Dawn Overbay and Rachelle Overbay**. Dawn and Rachelle are mother and daughter, respectively. They were initiated on October 1st, 2024.

Dawn was born in Indianapolis and moved to Putnam County when she was five years old. She has three children, two sons and a daughter, and three grandchildren, two girls and a boy. She has worked at TDS Telecom for 37 years. She has been involved in 4-H for 25 years. Dawn was the Superintendent of the Rabbit barn for eight years at the fair and a 4-H leader for 20 years. She has been on the Putnam County Fair Board for nine years. She loves spending time with her family and friends and loves to travel.

Rachelle has lived in New Maysville, Indiana, her entire life. She has two brothers and two nieces and a nephew. She works at Hendricks Regional Health in the IV infusion center. Rachelle's hobbies include spending time with her family, showing rabbits, shopping with her mom and nieces, traveling and 4-H, which she has been involved with for 25 years.

Dawn and Rachelle are fun-loving ladies and are very dedicated to being members of Delta Theta Tau, which is a great gift for our chapter. They are a wonderful fit for our great group of sisters! Welcome, Dawn and Rachelle!

Cheryl Marshall

Seneca, IL—Zeta Upsilon

We are delighted to introduce 2 new sisters here at Zeta Upsilon:





Susan Warning and Nicole Hebel. Welcome to Delta Theta Tau!

Phyllis Natanek

Valparaiso, IN - Tau

2024 has been a year of growth, within the Valparaiso chapter. We were blessed to initiate not one, not two, but seven—yes **seven lovely ladies** to Tau chapter on May 21. We are so excited to have welcomed the following new members: **Katie Abel, Barb Cherup, Kelli Ciesinski, Rhonda Day, Eryn Leonard, Stephanie Liakopoulos, and Kelly Roberts.** Now, for



L-R: Stephanie Liakopoulos, Eryn Leonard, Kelly Roberts, Rhonda Day, Barb Cherup, Katie Abel, and Kelli Ciesinski

those of you keeping track, that is five "Kellys" in our chapter! Next time you meet a Delta from Valparaiso and can't remember her name, there is a good chance it may be Kelly! Thanks, ladies, for joining our sisterhood-we look forward to working with you for the good of our community.

Kelly Van Wagner

Delta Moves

Noblesville, IN - Eta Lambda

One of our newer members, **Lisa Cordona**, has moved to Ohio to be closer to her daughter. We are sorry to not have her as part of our chapter, but we wish her lots of happiness that she will be close to family. Lisa's new address is 281 W. 8th St., Marysville, OH 43040

Gail Roger



New Arrivals Anna, IL - Delta Kappa

The sisters of Delta Kappa welcomed a sweet new face to their family. Kati and Louis Denny welcomed **Alice Laine** on October 8th, 2024. She weighed 7lbs and was 19.75 inches long. Welcome to the world sweet girl!

Niki and Justin welcomed their sweet little lady **Dani Kate** on 9/3/24. She came into the world weighing 7 lbs 13 oz and 20.5 inches long. Heather Craig

Heather Craig



Brookville, OH - Kappa Xi

On October 28, 2024, Kappa Xi longtime Member Vicki Mills was blessed with her **10th great grandchild! Maxton Ryan Hensley** was born to Vicki's grandson Mikey Hensley and Saharra at 5:45pm and weighed 6lbs. 13 oz.

with a length of 19 inches exactly! Little 'Max' was welcomed home to meet his protective doggy, Maisey, who also dearly loves this little guy! The little family resides in Brookville, and all are doing well! Delta Love, Vicki Mills



Photo: Daddy Mikey on the left. 'Max' in the center and Mommy Saharra on the right!

Dunkirk, IN - Zeta Chi

We are happy to announce the arrival of **Teagan Rose Grady** on August 29, 2024. Teagan was 8lbs 1oz and 19 in long. Teagan is the granddaughter of Marla Grady. Congratulations to Cody and Ambrosia Grady and her big brothers, Kieran and Declan.

Marla Grady



Franklin, IN - Lambda Eta

Everyone loves babies and we have a new one! Sister Sherri Cave is the proud Grandmother. **Cooper Kent** Owsley was born on 9/5/2024 and he weighed 5 lbs 5 ozs and was two weeks early. Sherri said he is a very good baby and he loves his food. He actually moans while he eats.

Congratulations to Sherri and her daughter, Jessica Owsley.



Lynn, IN - Iota Mu

Rachelle Magee announces her newest grandson, **Cade Andrew** born April 30. 7 lbs 9 oz. 19 inches to her daughter Sarah. His big brother Connor is so happy to welcome him home.

Treva Gough



Happy Baby Cooper Kent Owsley

Monticello, IN - Delta Chi





Exciting times for two of our Delt sisters!
Kathryn Springer welcomed a sweet granddaughter **Emberlyn Victoria**, born August 29. Beautiful name for a beautiful baby.

Judy Amsler welcomed her first grandson **Rhett Atlas**. He was born November 4. He was 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 19 inches long.

Congratulations ladies! Welcome to the best club ever!

Andrea Buck



GRIT DEADLINES

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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 in title line
- 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

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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 2024-2025

2024 Province Chairmen: Each Chairman is to submit a half-page review of their Province Convention with respective pictures to appear in the 2024 Winter Issue. The submission should also include winners of awards and newly elected 2025 Province Chairman.

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

For the **2025 Summer Issue** (may be repeated in the 2025 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 welcome!!**

2026 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 **2025** Winter or **2026** Spring Issue.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COORDINATORS:

<u>2025 Convention Coordinator</u>: 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**.

The **2025 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 2025 Spring Issue.

A half-page article of appreciation and photo along with a financial statement will appear in the **2025 Autumn Issue**.

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

<u>2026 Convention Coordinator</u>: One page with Coordinator's personal picture, including Convention and Hostess information will be submitted for the **2025 Autumn Issue**.

Coordinator will submit additional information for the **2025 Winter** Issue

A one-page article and all reservation forms will be submitted for the **2026 Spring Issue**.

The **2026 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 2025 Spring Issue.

A half-page article of appreciation and a financial statement with photograph will appear in the **2026 Autumn Issue**.

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

2027 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

\$69.00 plus shipping

Kris Trapp

Tau Chapter

1756 Potato Creek Ct.

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219-405-3160

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Robes

\$70.00 includes shipping Ashley Dunn Omicron Pi Chapter ashleyvonthun@gmail.com

DTT Banner

Marketing Committee Michelle Westhues, Webmaster dttmgreenwell@gmail.com

Recorded Music on CD

\$12.00 includes shipping Sherry White Eta Lambda Chapter 723 Carlin Court Carmel, IN 46032 317-844-2109 saw11143@aol.com

Specialty Jewelry

King's Jewelry 202 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, IN 46563 574-936-2399

DELTA THETA TAU SUPPLIES

When you are ordering supplies on **Form #7**, please check this supply list in each issue of GRIT. Also, please send \$9.85 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

<u>\$10.45 per order</u>

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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