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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Kris Trapp
National President

The countdown is on! In just a few months, we'll gather in beautiful Newport News for the 2026 National Convention, themed "**Red, White and Blue with a Dab of Green.**" Your National Officers recently met for Midyear, and every Officer and Committee member continues to work tirelessly for Delta Theta Tau.

This past year, your extraordinary light has shone across every state and chapter. You've welcomed new members, strengthened sisterhood, and served your communities with open hands and full hearts. Your efforts, big and small, have created momentum felt across our entire organization.

Convention is our chance to bring that light together. It's where stories spark ideas, friendships deepen, and every chapter's voice and vote help shape the future of Delta Theta Tau. You belong in the conversations that guide our growth. Your voice matters. Your presence strengthens us.

I warmly invite every chapter and every member to join us in Newport News. Come celebrate the women who lift you up. Come learn, laugh, and lead alongside sisters who share the joy and purpose of our work. Come add your light to the collective glow that makes Delta Theta Tau shine.

Kris

National President, Delta Theta Tau
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MIDYEAR CONFERENCE



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2026 Midyear Meeting

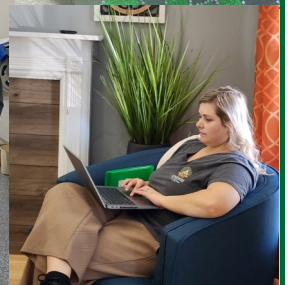
Our National Officers recently gathered in Martinsville, Indiana for the annual Midyear Meeting. It was a weekend filled with purpose, collaboration, and the shared commitment that keeps Delta Theta Tau moving forward. Throughout our time together, we focused on how best to support our members and chapters. We were delighted to welcome Mary Jane Litz, PNP, to the table and celebrate the energy and experience she brings to her new role as Director of Expansion and Growth. A tour of Executive Secretary Beth Wallis's office deepened our appreciation for her daily work that supports our chapters nationwide and keeps our organization running with such care and consistency.

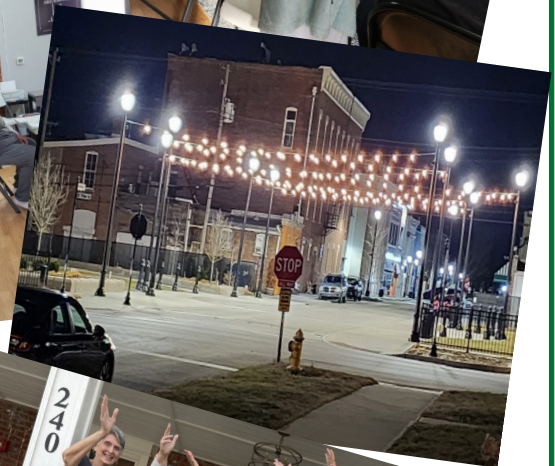
As we moved through reports and discussions that included goals, marketing, growth, budget, legislation, forms (yes forms!) our attention turned toward the 2026 National Convention. Terry Riester, PNP, has done an outstanding job as Convention Coordinator planning for our annual business meeting / gathering in Newport News, *"Red, White and Blue with a Dab of Green."*

Please join us in Newport News, VA, July 8-12, 2026. Come share your voice and help shape the future of Delta Theta Tau. Laugh, learn, and celebrate with women who lift you up. Come add your kindness and light to the collective glow that makes Delta Theta Tau shine.

Kris Trapp

National President, Delta Theta Tau
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National Vice-President



Junior Cruea
National Vice-President

Happy Spring, Sisters! Here in Ohio, it's been a cold winter, so I'm eager for warmer weather. I'm also looking forward to July's National Convention in Newport News, Virginia. This year, America celebrates its 250th birthday—happy birthday to the United States!

I'm encouraging each of you to invite a friend or relative to join our philanthropy efforts this year. With 1,248 Delta Theta Tau members, we have room to grow. Let's put aside our phones, connect in person, and renew our commitment to engaging with others face-to-face.

Our National President, Kris, has provided exceptional leadership and guidance. Her vision has inspired Delta Theta Tau, and her patience and diligence have helped us grow as National Officers. ***"Kindness Ignites, Light Inspires"***

Junior Cruea

National Vice-President

Kindness Ignites, Light Inspires

Secretary, Board of Trustees



Dana Anderson
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Delt Sisters,

I was lucky enough to attend multiple Province Conventions last fall. I was truly amazed on the amount of money donated to Philanthropy and our volunteer hours serving our communities.

What makes our Philanthropy truly special is not just the funds we raise, but the unity we build in the process. Working side by side for a cause greater than ourselves strengthens our bonds and reminds us why we joined this sisterhood in the first place.

As we continue, remain committed to serving with integrity, compassion and heart. We prove that sisterhood is not only belonging, its giving back. Because when women come together with purpose, there is no limit to the difference we can make.

As Secretary of the Board of Trustees, it has been a privilege to serve you and this wonderful organization.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Virginia this summer!!

Dana Anderson

Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Chairman, Board of Trustees



Evonne Albert
Chairman, Board of Trustees

NAILED IT: NOTES FROM THE BOARD

As my year as Chairman, Board of Trustees comes to an end, I reflected on everything I have learned in my journey as a national officer so far and I've decided there just aren't enough pages in GRIT to cover it. For those of you who have considered running for a national office position, please don't hesitate any longer. It is not only wonderful and eye-opening to learn about the operations of Delta Theta Tau but also a great opportunity to meet new people and form new bonds in our sisterhood.

Here's what I've learned about the current national officers – they are all okay with me creating and revising more spreadsheets. For instance, some of you have given me suggestions and I have revised Form 6, Chapter Treasurer Report for you to use starting June 1, 2026. Look for more updated forms on our website soon and please contact me if you have suggestions for more edits.

I think you will all be pleased with the new Form 1 – Chapter Registration. The lines are now large enough that you won't have to find your magnifying glass to read them. I think I earned some bonus points with Beth Wallis when I changed this form. That never hurts!

QUICK REMINDER: Form 6 – Chapter Treasurer Report for year ending 5/31/26 is due to Dana Anderson, Incoming Chairman, Board of Trustees by June 15.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our **Red, White and Blue** (with a dab of **Green**) Celebration in Virginia!

Evonne Albert

Chairman, Board of Trustees

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Meet Our New Director of Expansion & Growth



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What an honor to be appointed to the Director of Expansion and Growth "DEG" position! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with such a talented and dedicated team of women! I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to grow and build Delta Theta Tau's membership. It takes a TEAM and you are all on the TEAM. I can not do this alone! How lucky to have a Board and Council to collaborate with as a group and on a personal level. Having 8 Province Expansion and Growth (PEG) Delts to work with, who know their own areas, we can develop a plan for each Province to grow and expand. AND having all of you to reach out to and help develop membership will be amazing. Please don't hesitate to give me your ideas and thoughts along the way by email, mail, a text, a phone call or just a conversation at conventions and meetings.

I have been a member of Delta Theta Tau for 48 years. Remembering as a child, peeking over the edge of the stairway, seeing those beautiful women having a sorority meeting. Delta Theta Tau is in my blood, with my late Mom, Naomi Johnson, daughter, Monica, and granddaughter, Brooke also holding membership in the Sorority, reflecting a legacy of commitment and service.

Sorority has been one of the biggest influences that developed me into the woman I am today. Sorority has introduced me to so many wonderful women who have become great friends across the United States, with a common goal and a great heart. Over the years I have had the privilege to be a member of 3 chapters: Zeta, Bloomington, Indiana, Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, Arizona. I held many local and Province offices before elected to National Board and Council. The friendships I have gained throughout my entire Delta membership has been the greatest gift of all. Thank you Delta Sisters!!!

Now down to business.....In my professional career, I have had extensive work in sales, marketing and membership in restaurants, manufacturing and non-profits. I am semiretired but still have a healthy catering business, that I love & enjoy. Although, today is different in how we plan and execute sale and marketing, I know it is NOT easy. I have a lot of experience and plan to bring it to the table but I also have a lot of learning to do. I will work hard to combine the "old" and the "new" to expand and grow our Delta Theta Tau. I am excited to bring my skills, experience, and passion for the organization and I am committed to fulfilling my role to the best of my abilities.

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DELTA THETA TAU JEWELRY



CONVENTION CHARMS

QTY AVAIL.		QTY	PRICE EA	TOTAL
19	2025 Birds of a Feather, Pres Theme, Tucson, AZ date (metal gold)	_____	\$20.00	_____
3	2025 Birds of a Feather, Pres Theme, Tucson, AZ date (metal silver)	_____	\$20.00	_____
13	2024 Live a Lasting Legacy, Pres Theme, Orlando, FL date (metal gold)	_____	\$15.00	_____
17	2024 Live a Lasting Legacy, 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 & date Oakbrook, IL (metal gold)	_____	\$5.00	_____
7	2021 Antiq Sew Machine, Pres Theme, City & date, Columbus, OH (metal gold)	_____	\$5.00	_____
15	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	_____
7	2019 Rose, Pres Theme, City and date Phoenix, AZ (metal gold)	_____	\$5.00	_____
8	2019 Rose, Pres Theme, City and date Phoenix, AZ (metal silver)	_____	\$5.00	_____
6	2017 Cupcake, GK DTT, Pres Theme, Albuquerque, NM and date (metal silver)	_____	\$5.00	_____
1	2014 Moose, GK DTT, State and year Vancouver, WA (metal gold)	_____	\$5.00	_____
1	2014 Moose, GK DTT, State and year Vancouver, WA (metal silver)	_____	\$5.00	_____

USED JEWELRY

1	DTT8 Pearl Gavel Guard (GP)	_____	\$ 29.00	_____
10	DTT9-16,18,21 Pearl Gavel Dangle (10K)	_____	\$ 36.00	_____
2	DTT19/20 Pearl Gavel Guard (10K)	_____	\$ 54.00	_____
2	DTT23/33 Gavel Guard (10K)	_____	\$ 34.00	_____
2	DTT24/25 20 yr. Pin w/ Guard (10K)	_____	\$ 36.00	_____
1	DTT30 Plain Badge (10K)	_____	\$115.00	_____
1	DTT36 Pledge Pin (SS)	_____	\$ 14.00	_____
1	DTT32 Badge w/ Pearl Gavel Guard (10K)	_____	\$144.00	_____
1	DTT37 Badge w/ Gavel Guard (10K)	_____	\$151.00	_____
1	DTT43 Plain Badge (10K)	_____	\$115.00	_____
1	DTT44 Corresponding Guard (10K)	_____	\$ 37.00	_____

NEW JEWELRY

2	Pledge Pins (SS)	_____	\$ 25.00	_____
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National Philanthropy Committee

On February 1st, your National Philanthropy Committee gathered at the West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk, IN. We're grateful to the community center for generously donating the space for our meeting. Members were able to attend both in person and online, ensuring full participation.

In attendance were Chairman Julie Swoveland PNP, Secretary Claire Burkart, 3rd Member Nichole Crowe, National Secretary of Philanthropy Sharon Miller and National President Kris Trapp.

This year, we received a record number of grant applications, with 11 submissions! It's encouraging to see so many qualified candidates interested in our counseling grant. Please continue to share this wonderful opportunity with those pursuing counseling degrees.

We also reviewed two exciting submissions for our National Philanthropy Yearly project. We look forward to showcasing these remarkable organizations at our National Convention in July!

This year's slogan from our National President, "Kindness ignites, light inspires," truly resonates with the work we are doing. Our sorority is making a significant impact in our communities by embracing this message. Remember to share your experiences and post pictures in our National Members Only Facebook group to inspire others and spread kindness!

National Philanthropy Committee

Chairman, Julie Swoveland, PNP,

Secretary Claire Burkart,

Third Member Nichole Crowe

Reminder: It is time to renew your Chapter Liability Insurance

2026 Chapter Liability Insurance Form (page 21)

or on our website is a fillable Form 10.

The annual premium is \$70. The due date is June 15, 2026

Please send Form 10 to:

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Please follow the instructions on the form.

Important Deadlines:

**June 8, 2026 - Registration / National Convention -
(Delegates & Non-Delegates)(& Form 7 to Beth)(or Online)**

June 15, 2026:

1 - Form 1 - National Dues, (Delta Home, GRIT)(& Form 7) (to Beth)

2 - Form 10 - Liability Insurance Form (to Dana)(& Form 7 to Beth)

3 - Form 6 - Chapter Treasurer (June 1 '25 - May 31 '26)(to Dana)

2026 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The National Nominating Committee presents the following list of Nominees for National Office 2026 –2027.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Kappa Xi of Brookville, Ohio presents Junior Cruea as a candidate for the office of National President. Junior has been an active member of Delta Theta Tau for 25 years. During these years, Junior has held a dedicated role as a chapter officer as President (2024-2025, 2013-2014), Vice President (2023-2024, 2012-2013), Secretary (2010-2011) and Treasurer (2007-2008, 2021-2022, 2022-2023). On a National level, Junior has excelled in the following roles: National Vice President (2025-present), National Secretary (2024-2025), Chairman, Board of Trustees (2017-2018), Secretary, Board of Trustees (2016-2017) and 3rd Member Board of Trustees (2015-2016).

Junior has been an active and hands-on member of the Dayton Postal Employees Credit Union (Board of Directors, 1995- 2009) and the Brookville Community Theatre (Board of Directors 2000 - present).

She and her husband Larry have been married for 46 years. They have 2 daughters, Lisa (Keith) and Jodi (Andy), 4 grandkids and 4 great-grandkids.

Junior will work hard to help recruit and nurture new members and pray for the continued success of Delta Theta Tau.



NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Xi Phi of Marissa, IL presents Evonne Albert as a candidate for the office of National Vice-President. Evonne has been an active member of Delta Theta Tau for 34 years. In her time with the Xi Phi Chapter, Evonne has held the offices of Corresponding Secretary (1994-1995), Recording Secretary (1996-1998, 2016-2018), Pledge Supervisor (1998-1999, 2013-2015), Historian (2016-2018), Vice-President (2000-2001, 2008-2009, 2019-2020), and President (2001-2002, 2009-2010, 2020-2021). On a National level Evonne has done a fabulous job as National Secretary (2020-2021), National Treasurer (2021-2022), Secretary of Philanthropy (2022-2023), 3rd Member Board of Trustees (2023-2024), Secretary, Board of Trustees (2024-2025), and Chairman Board of Trustees (2025-2026).

Evonne is a member of Marissa Township and has acted as the Township Clerk from 2004-present. She is a Special Education teacher with 18 years of experience as well as having 40 years of bookkeeping experience. She has been married to her husband, Mark for 37 years and they have 2 children, Sadie (Andrew) and Wyatt (Brooklin) and 4 grandkids, Waylon, Merritt, Shepherd, and Weston. Evonne enjoys reading, puzzles, and babysitting her grandkids.

When asked about her thoughts on improvements for Delta Theta Tau, her response is “I’ll just surprise all of you”.



NATIONAL SECRETARY

Lambda Nu of Mooresville, IN presents Debi Hamblet as a candidate for the office of National Secretary. Debi has been a member of Delta Theta Tau for 10 years. She has been a member of Alpha Omicron and Lambda Nu and has held offices in each chapter Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary for Alpha Omicron and Pledge Supervisor (2019, 2022), Recording Secretary (2023), and President (2025-2026) for Lambda Nu. She has also served as Alpha Province Chairman (2022-2023, 2023-2024). She was the National Secretary for 2025-2026.

She is an active member of Alpha Xi Delta social sorority (held office of Secretary and Publicity Chairman) and Church Council (served as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President and President).

Debi has an extensive working knowledge of computers, internet and printers.

Debi has been married to her husband, Craig, for 9 years in July. She has two adult stepchildren and two wonderful grandchildren. The grandchildren keep her busy watching their activities in football, swimming and volleyball. Debi enjoys traveling, especially on a cruise, reading, playing cards and needlework.

Debi states that serving this past year as National Secretary has been eye opening and seeing things at the National level of the sorority has brought everything full circle. If re-elected she



will be dedicated to helping Delta Theta Tau grow and continue to be the organization that thrives on helping others!

NATIONAL TREASURER

Alpha Omicron of Terra Haute, IN presents Karen Allen as a candidate for National Treasurer.

Karen was initiated into Alpha Omicron in November, 1989 and has remained an active member for 37 years. She has served her chapter as Treasurer (her first and favorite office), President, Vice-President, Pledge Supervisor, and Publicity Chairman. She attended her first National Convention – Nashville, TN – in 1992.

In 2004 she was elected Alpha Province Chairman and she knew then that she wanted to be a National Officer! The next year she ran for Eastern Counselor and was elected to Delta Theta Tau National Council in Richmond, VA in 2006. She continued on National Council and Board of Trustees until 2013 when she served as our National President in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

Karen has also served as Editor of GRIT from 2014-2019 and was the National Convention Coordinator for the 2024 National Convention held in Orlando, Florida.

She has been married to her husband, Lynn, for over 40 years and they have 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Karen retired in 2016 as Payroll Manager from the Vigo County School Corporation and has served as Treasurer on the Board of Team of Mercy since January 2021. She also served as Treasurer of El Shaddai Emmaus of Illiana from 2020 to 2024.

Karen enjoys going to plays, traveling, reading true crime books and spending time with family and friends.

When asked about the future of Delta Theta Tau, Karen states she would like to see membership grow and would like to encourage more members to participate at Chapter, Province and National levels.

THIRD MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Zeta Zeta of Plymouth, Indiana proudly presents Paula Neidlinger as a candidate for Third Member, Board of Trustees. Paula has been an active member of Delta Theta Tau for 40 years. In this time she has held several chapter offices and performed many roles including President, Vice-President, Publicity Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, and Pledge Supervisor. On a National level, Paula has acted as National Treasurer (2025-present), National Secretary of Philanthropy (2024-2025), National Secretary (2023-2024), National Editor of GRIT (2011-2014), Beta Province Chairman (2016).

Paula has been a National Board Member of Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (2021-2025). She has working experience in education, website design, google applications, and video and audio production.

Paula is a retired teacher and administrator, she is also a published author who enjoys reading, traveling, gardening, and cooking. She stays active through tennis, golf, pickleball, and daily walks. She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 40 years and have two children and two grandchildren. Paula credits her mother, Virginia Benefiel, as the guiding light behind her lifelong love of Delta Theta Tau.

Paula will strive to serve with dedication and heart, always mindful that our purpose is greater than any one individual; it is about preserving and advancing the legacy of Delta Theta Tau for generations to come.

NATIONAL SECRETARY OF PHILANTHROPY

Alpha Omega of Brazil, IN presents Cindy Crowder as a candidate for the office of Secretary of Philanthropy. Cindy has been an active member of Delta Theta Tau for 23 years. She has held the following chapter offices: President (2022-2023, 2023-2024), Vice-President (2021-2022), Corresponding Secretary (2018-2019), and Treasurer (2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009).

She has also served as Alpha Province Chairman for the 2025 Province Convention.

Cindy is a member of the Marching Band Boosters and Leadership Team for her church youth group. She has great experience of working well with others, budgets, and recruitment in her university administrative roles.

Cindy and her husband, Jay, have been married for 32 years, and they have one daughter, Julia (age 16). Cindy enjoys gardening, quilting, cooking, and reading. She is a Business professor at Indiana State University.

For the sorority, Cindy has stated that she would like to work on increasing interactions between local chapters, both socially and through philanthropic projects.



NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Delta Kappa of Anna, Illinois proudly presents Jennifer Eastman as a candidate for the National Nominating Committee. Jennifer has been a member of Delta Theta Tau for 7 years. In her chapter she has fulfilled the position of Treasurer (2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025) and President (2025-present).

Jennifer has been married for 25 years and she has three daughters ages 20, 18 and 15. She is a Navy Veteran. In the Navy, Jennifer served as a Cryptologic Technician Administrative (CTA) where she managed sensitive information and provided high-level administrative support requiring precision, discretion, and integrity. After the military she has held positions as a cabin rental business owner, assistant manager at a local bank and administrative assistant at the local high school. She has continually demonstrated leadership, organization, financial responsibility and a strong commitment to services in her roles.

For Delta Theta Tau she would advocate for continued growth while preserving the unity and strong sense of sisterhood that defines our organization.



3 SITES TO BE VOTED ON FOR 2028 NATIONAL CONVENTION:

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM - Birmingham, Alabama

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON HUNTSVILLE - Huntsville, Alabama

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON NASHVILLE SE - Murfreesboro, Alabama

July 12, 2028 – July 16, 2028 (all)

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON BIRMINGHAM

2300 Woodcrest Place

Birmingham, Alabama

(866) 238-4218

July 12, 2028 – July 16, 2028

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/bhmwces-embassy-suites-birmingham/>

The Embassy Suites Birmingham is a 5-minute drive from downtown Birmingham and the Birmingham Zoo. The hotel is offering a flat rate of \$169 plus 10% room tax per night. This rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after convention. The Birmingham Convention & Visitors Bureau is offering a Business Incentive of \$4 per room night (50-199) or \$5 per room night (200-349) that we can use to donate to a local philanthropy activity in Birmingham in the name of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc.

Transportation – The Embassy Suites is 7 miles (10-40 minutes by car) from Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport. There is no shuttle provided by the hotel. Uber costs approximately \$20-\$40 one way. Self- Parking at the hotel is \$10 per day.

Hotel Features – The hotel features spacious all-suite accommodations with cable TVs, microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker in every modern suite. All suites include a living room with sofa bed, air conditioning, laundry, digital key, and choice of 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds. There are 8 floors, 3 elevators, an indoor swimming pool, and a fitness center. The last renovations were in the spring of 2025. From 5:00-6:30 pm, the hotel provides an Evening Reception where guests (ages 21+) are offered two free drinks per person along with appetizers and snacks.

Dining – The Embassy Suites offers a free breakfast buffet including made-to-order omelets. The onsite restaurant is Ruth Chris offering dinners, and they do all of the catering for the hotel. Ruth Chris will provide grab and go lunches of sandwiches, wraps, and salads for \$20.

Attractions - Located closely is Homewood Soho Square with many restaurants and shops. It is a 15-minute walk from the hotel; however, be cautioned it is a busy road so you may want to drive or uber. The restaurants are unique such as O'Carr's offering fresh daily soups, chicken salad, fruit, sandwiches and desserts. A new fun restaurant is the Little Donkey with lots of character and outdoor patio seating. Savage's Bakery offers snacks and pastries. Homewood Toy and Hobby is a fun retail store that is not a chain store. One Last Thing is a store run by volunteers selling items made by Senior Citizens with proceeds going back to the Senior Citizens. They make wooden toys, benches, tables, quilts, birdhouses, trivets and jewelry. Other attractions are the Birmingham Zoo, Botanical Gardens, Arlington Antebellum Home & Gardens, American Colonial Style Village, Birmingham Civil Rights District, Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum, Birmingham Museum of Art, Sports Hall of Fame, Jazz Hall of Fame, Vulcan Park and Museum, Alabama Peanut Company, Holocaust Education Center, two golf courses, The Summit Birmingham Mall, and the Protective Stadium featuring concerts.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON HUNTSVILLE

800 Monroe Street Northwest

Huntsville, Alabama

(256) 539-7373

July 12, 2028 – July 16, 2028

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/hsvses-embassy-suites-huntsville/>

The Embassy Suites Huntsville is connected by skybridge to the Von Braun Center, and within a mile from the heart of Huntsville. The hotel is offering a flat rate of \$179 plus 9% room tax per night. This rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after convention.

Transportation – The Embassy Suites is 12.5 miles (16 minutes by car) from Huntsville International Airport. There is no shuttle provided by the hotel. Uber costs approximately \$15-\$20 one way. Self- Parking at the hotel is \$10 per day.

Hotel Features – The hotel features spacious all-suite accommodations with cable TVs, microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker in every modern suite. All suites include a living room with sofa bed, air conditioning, laundry, digital key, business center, and choice of 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds. There are 10 floors, 2 elevators, an indoor saltwater swimming pool, and a fitness center featuring a Peloton. The last renovation cost \$27MM in 2024. From 5:30-7:00 pm, the hotel provides an Evening Reception where guests (ages 21+) are offered two free drinks per person along with appetizers and snacks.

Dining – The Embassy Suites offers a free breakfast buffet including made-to-order omelets. The onsite restaurant offers lunch and dinner. The hotel is located in a very nice area with trails, parks, and restaurants within walking distance such as Co/Op Community Table Bar, Harvest Moon, Catacomb 435, Pane E Vino, Melt Huntsville, Purveyor Huntsville, Jack Brown's Beer & Burger Joint Huntsville, Rhythm on Monroe, Moe's Original Bar B Que, Commerce Kitchen, Phat Sammy's, Innerspace Brewing Company, and Pappos Pizza plus many more.

Attractions – Huntsville Space & Rocket Center, Lowe Mill (Boot Factory) Artists Booths, Bird on the Mountain, Art Museum, Concerts in the Park, Stove House, Boutiques Downtown, Bridge St. Outdoor Mall, Food Tours with Denise on History of Downtown, Ryan Amphitheater, The Camp (Food Trucks), Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt Downtown, Veteran Museum, Botanical Garden, Weeden House Museum & Garden, Harrison Brothers Gallery, and Old Town District.

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON NASHVILLE SE

1200 Conference Center Boulevard

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

(615) 890-4464

July 12, 2028 – July 16, 2028

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mbteses-embassy-suites-nashville-se-murfreesboro/>

The Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, Tennessee is just steps away from shops and restaurants at The Avenue Murfreesboro and located 30 minutes from Nashville, Tennessee and 30 minutes from Franklin, Tennessee. The hotel is offering a flat rate of \$179 plus 9.75% room tax per night. This rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after convention. New carpet was installed in 2026. The hotel is attached to the Conference Center.

Transportation – The Embassy Suites is 28 miles (30 minutes by car) from Nashville International Airport. There is no shuttle provided by the hotel. Uber costs approximately \$50-\$65 one way. Self- Parking at the hotel is \$10 per day.

Hotel Features – The hotel features spacious all-suite accommodations with cable TVs, microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker in every modern suite. All suites include a living room with sofa bed, air conditioning, laundry, digital key, business center, and choice of 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds. There are 5 floors, 3 elevators, an indoor swimming pool, and a fitness center. From 5:30-7:00 pm, the hotel provides an Evening Reception where guests (ages 21+) are offered two free drinks per person along with appetizers and snacks.

Dining – The Embassy Suites offers a free breakfast buffet including made-to-order omelets. There is a Gateway Grill on site that serves dinner only. There is a Starbucks on site, and they will provide Grab & Go Lunches. There are many restaurants within walking/driving distance (Subway, Chicken Salad Chick, Penn Station, McDonalds, Buffalo Wild Wings).

Attractions - Oaklands Mansion Historic House Tour, Cannonsburg Village (Historic life in Tennessee from 1830's to 1930's), Stones River National Battlefield, The Avenue Shopping Mall, Buc-ees, 30 Minutes from Nashville, Tennessee (Grand Old Opry and Opry Hotel), 30 Minutes from Franklin, Tennessee (Civil War Battle site and Home Tour, Boutiques), 2 hours from the Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, and 90 Minutes from Chattanooga, Tennessee (Rock City & Ruby Falls).

Delta Home Program Directorate



Brenda Watkins

Promotional Committee Chairman

Delta Home Directorate

“Kindness ignites; light inspires” is this year's President's theme. As we move into a new season of growth and renewal, it's a powerful reminder that every act of kindness can light a spark, inspiring others to act and creating a circle of positive momentum. As we move into a new season of growth and renewal, how will you let that spark move you to act?

Spring is a season of fresh starts. Buds unfold, days grow longer, and possibilities seem to multiply. In that same spirit, how will you let kindness move you to action? What new steps will you take to support a sister, encourage a friend, or lift up someone who feels alone?

Here's one simple way to turn that inspiration into action this spring. If you or your sister is struggling financially, consider the Delta Home benefits that may be available to you. Delta Home is committed to making it easier for members to qualify for assistance. At our 2025 meeting, we reevaluated our allowances to better align with current cost-of-living levels. We want to help every woman we can, but we need you to take that first step and apply—let's keep this momentum growing!

Whether it's assistance with mortgage payments, heating or cooling costs, phone/internet bills, or other essential expenses, we're all about serving one another so that every sister can feel financially secure and supported. Don't hesitate to reach out for yourself or a fellow sister who might be in need. As we focus on renewal and new beginnings, let's also focus on making sure every sister has a safe and comfortable place to call home. Who can you think of that might need a helping hand? Is it you? A fellow sister?

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 are current in paying their Delta Home dues each 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, to request an application or 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, respecting your privacy and security.

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 over a certain amount**. It's important to be aware that once a sister goes on Medicaid, Delta Home assistance may negatively impact Medicaid assistance. Talk to us—we want to ensure you have all the information you need to make the best decision for your situation.

Delta Love,

Brenda Watkins

Promotional Committee Chairman - Delta Home Directorate

Front L-R: Brenda Watkins, Becky Lyles, Bev Edwards, PNP, Laura Gullett, PNP

Back L-R: Rise Buzzard, PNP, Jean Stomberski, Marcia Swift, Terri Shannon, PNP



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with a dab of GREEN**

Delta Theta Tau Sorority
2026 National Convention

Marriott Newport News City Center
740 Town Center Drive
Newport News, VA 23606

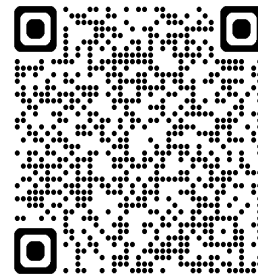
July 8-12, 2026

**!!! DON'T WAIT !!!
! BOOK YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW !**

Phone: **866-329-1758**

Be sure to mention you want to book in the **Delta Theta Tau** block.

On-Line: Scan this QR code and go directly to the webpage created for Delta Theta Tau reservations. You can also find a link on our Delta Theta Tau website.



- Room Rate per Night: \$169.00 + 15% + \$1.00 / Free Parking for DTT
- Check-in time: 4:00 pm / Check-out time: 11:00 am
- Indoor Pool / Fitness Room
- Bar / Restaurant / Lots of space to sit and visit
- In-room Safe / Mini-frig / Complimentary Wi-Fi
- City Center's water fountain walk and summer activities
- Nearby restaurants

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Our room rate is good between July 4th - 15th! Come early. Stay late. Join the Semiquincentennial celebration in historic Virginia!

FOR THOSE FLYING TO VIRGINIA

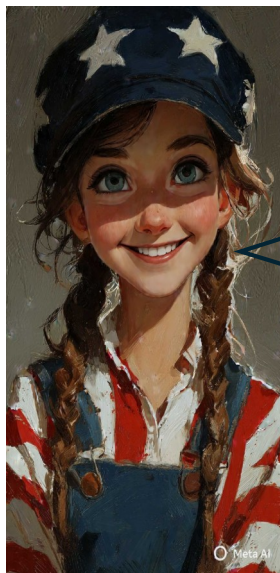
Please visit these websites for information on rental vehicles and ground transportation to the hotel.

Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport (PHF)

app. 5 miles from hotel – <https://newportnewsairport.com/transportation/>

Norfolk International Airport (ORF)

app. 28 miles from hotel – <https://www.flyorf.com/ground-transportation/>



Hi! My name is Delta!
I'm excited to share all things
RED, WHITE, and BLUE with a
dab of GREEN with y'all! Look
for me on the Delta Theta Tau
website and Facebook page.
I can't wait to see y'all in
Virginia in July!

!!! CONVENTION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN !!!

To register on-line, look for the link on the DTT website.

To register via snail mail, look for the registration in this issue of GRIT, on the DTT website, or request a copy by emailing DTT26NationalConvention@gmail.com.

CONVENTION TOURS

Convention tour planning is in process. Watch and listen for Delta to share more information on the DTT website, Facebook page and through email.

GREEN AND WHITE TICKET:

Small green and white raffle tickets were distributed in the invitation bags at the 2025 National Convention. Did you put your ticket in a safe place? Don't forget to bring it to the Freedom & Fortune Room while attending RED, WHITE, and BLUE with a dab of GREEN.



July 8-11 ★★ ★ Stars, Stripes, and GRIT Forever

Lambda Nu, Mooresville, IN, Alpha Province, is eager to welcome y'all at registration with smiles, hugs, and special bags.

July 8 ★★ ★ RED-y, Set, Picnic (Mixer)

Omicron Omega, Murfreesboro, TN, Theta Province, invites y'all to join the fun and games of a community picnic. Get your cameras ready for lots of photo ops.

July 9 ★★ ★ Operation White Rose (Informal)

Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH, Gamma Province, invites y'all to salute those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

July 11 ★★ ★ Rhapsody In Blue (Formal)

Zeta Chi, Dunkirk, IN, Beta Province, invites y'all to dress in blue, sparkle and shine, and bring your enthusiasm as you prepare to win fabulous raffle prizes.

July 8-11 ★★ ★ Freedom & Fortune Room (Raffle)

Alpha Omega, Brazil, IN, Alpha Province, invites y'all to bring your green and visit the raffle room where you'll have the freedom to find your fortune.

2026 HANDS-ON PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT:

Delta Theta Tau philanthropy spans across the USA and this year it includes our National Convention community and veterans. Following the 2025 National Convention, we started making Patriotic Key Ring Decorations that will be donated to the VA Medical Centers in the Hampton Roads area in Virginia. Take a look at the instruction sheet to get started on your donations. We will bag them with a note at the convention, so don't forget to bring them with you. BTW - Your hours can be counted for philanthropy and if you purchase the supplies and donate them, your receipt is a pass-thru donation. You can find the instruction sheet on our DTT website or you can send an email to DTT26NationalConvention@gmail.com for a copy.

SALUTE TO OUR MILITARY DELTA SISTERS AND RELATIVES:

Do you have a Veteran in your chapter? Are you a Veteran? How about a Veteran in your family? We've been collecting names, information, and photos of Delta Sisters who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. We'd like to expand on the idea and ask you to provide the same information and a photo of your relatives (parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling) who have or are serving in the United States Armed Forces. Please send this information to DTT26NationalConvention@gmail.com.

QUESTIONS? Contact us at DTT26NationalConvention@gmail.com

“RED, WHITE, and BLUE with a dab of GREEN”
2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION / DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY, INC.
JULY 8-12, 2026
Newport News Marriott at City Center, Newport News, Virginia

STATUS: DELEGATE _____ NON-DELEGATE _____ NON-MEMBER _____

If non-member, guest of whom _____

NAME _____
 Name - Last, First _____ Email Address _____

ADDRESS _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CHAPTER _____
 Name _____ City _____ Phone _____

_____ CURRENT NATIONAL OFFICER: Office Held _____

_____ CURRENT NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER: Committee _____

_____ CURRENT PROVINCE CHAIRMAN: Province _____

_____ PNP: Year _____ | _____ PNO: Year _____ | _____ HONORARY MEMBER: Year _____

PLEASE CHECK FUNCTIONS YOU WILL BE ATTENDING: (MANDATORY FOR DELEGATES)

Wednesday, July 8th..... RED-y, Set, Picnic (Mixer) (Picnic Boxed Lunch)..... \$45.00 \$ _____
 Choice: Veggie Wrap _____ Chicken Salad Croissant _____ Ham & Cheddar on Onion Kaiser Roll _____

Thursday, July 9th Operation White Rose (Informal)..... \$65.00 \$ _____
 Southern States Buffet – Fried Chicken and BBQ Rubbed Pork Loin (no need to choose)

Saturday, July 11th..... Rhapsody In Blue (Formal)..... \$79.00 \$ _____
 Choice: Mesquite Grilled Chicken Breast _____ Grilled Pork Chop _____

REGISTRATION FEE \$ 10.00

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please list any dietary restrictions. _____

DELEGATES: PLEASE submit this registration form with a check covering the required events; Convention Fees of **\$189.00** and Registration Fee of \$10.00 (Total \$199.00) by **June 8, 2026**. Chapters must pay full amount of Convention Fees and Registration Fee whether delegate attends all functions or not. Please include payment and Form #7, REMITTANCE ADVICE, with this registration form.

NON-DELEGATES AND NON-MEMBERS: PLEASE submit this registration form on or before **June 8, 2026**. Please include payment for all functions you plan to attend plus Registration Fee of \$10.00 and Form #7, REMITTANCE ADVICE.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION - MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc. and
MAIL TO: Beth Wallis, Executive Secretary, 500 S Colfax, Martinsville, IN 46151-2309.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

Please go to the link on the DTT website to complete your on-line registration form and pay your registration fees.

All Members must present a paid-up dues book for identification to register at convention.
Failure to comply results in a \$15.00 fine imposed in accordance with the National Bylaws.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Reservation deadline is **June 8, 2026**. Please make hotel reservations by calling **866-329-1758** and ask to book in the **Delta Theta Tau** block or book on-line by scanning this QR code. Newport News Marriott at City Center, 740 Town Center Dr, Newport News, VA 23606. Standard King or Two Double Beds, rate is \$169.00 per night, plus 15% tax + \$1.00. **Rooms are limited.**
Please make your reservations as soon as possible.



CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation of Registration for any event must be made by **June 22, 2026**. Cancellation notice must be sent to Convention Coordinator, Terry Riester, at 317-509-5523 or DTT26NationalConvention@gmail.com.

LIABILITY INSURANCE FORM

ALL CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN THE LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM.

THE ANNUAL PREMIUM FOR EACH CHAPTER IS **\$70.00**.

Step 1: Complete the following information and submit this form **no later than June 15, 2026** to the Incoming Chairman, Board of Trustees, Dana Anderson, 9263 Smyrna Rd., New Paris, Ohio 45347 or via email at dttdana@gmail.com

Step 2: Complete Form #7 and *remit payment **no later than June 15, 2026** to Executive Secretary, Beth Wallis, 500 S. Colfax, Martinsville, IN 46151-2309.

*Your chapter may pay for Liability Insurance along with your dues on Form #1.

CHAPTER NAME: _____

CHAPTER CITY/STATE: _____

NAME OF CHAPTER PRESIDENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

The insurance certificate will be provided upon payment. You can collect it at National Convention or receive it via the above listed email address.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER SPORTING EVENTS.

List below all moneymakers and dates for 2026-27 Sorority Year.

This completed form, payment, and Remittance Form #7 must be received by the 2026-27 Chairman, Board of Trustees by **June 15, 2026**. A twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine will be assessed if not paid by the deadline per National Bylaws Article X, Section 2.

VENDOR SPACE NATIONAL CONVENTION 2026

July 8-12, 2026

Is your chapter interested in selling your moneymaker at
National Convention in Newport News, Virginia this summer?

“Red, White and Blue with a dab of Green”

Reserve your spot early as space is limited. Spaces will be assigned by postmarks, starting after the
National Jewelry and Merchandise.



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

Chapter Name _____

Chapter City, State _____

Chairperson Name _____

Address _____

City, State/Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Description of Items you are selling: _____

_____ Will you take orders? _____

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO selling of any items EXCEPT in the designated areas. The only
raffle to be held at National Convention is the Official Raffle, Freedom & Fortune-2026.

The VENDOR ROOM WILL BE OPEN on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 1:00 pm for set up; earlier if
the room becomes available.

**Please mail this Form along with a Remittance Form #7 and a check for balance due, payable
to Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc., by June 1, 2026, to:**

Kathy Haralson
Third Member, Board of Trustees
221 Oak St.
Seneca, IL 61360

Please do not hesitate to ask questions: dttkathyharalson@gmail.com or 815-325-4708.

2026 ALPHA PROVINCE CHAIRMAN

Hello Delta Sisters!

If you're like me, WELCOME SPRING! Winter has been pretty to look at, but a real challenge! I have been a member of Lambda Epsilon for 8 years. Serving as Recording and Corresponding Secretary and Ways & Means Chairperson for 7 years. Truly my passion! It has been my pleasure meeting and sharing with my sisters at Province and National events.

I am thrilled and honored to welcome everyone to Alpha Province 2026. The Beta Sigma Chapter has been working hard on **"Trick or Treat" Delt Style** on October 30 thru November 1 in Greencastle, Indiana. Gee, wonder what tricks they are planning.?

Hope to see you there!

Delta Love

Becky Musick, Alpha Province Chairman 2026

rkmusickjams@gmail.com



Photo of me (on the left) and Becky Chenault (on the right). Becky is the one who introduced me to DTT.

Friday Mixer "Monster Mash"

Saturday Breakfast "Witches Brew"

Saturday Lunch - "Pumpkin Pail Lunch"

Saturday Night "Masquerade Ball"

TRICK or TREAT
DELTA STYLE

Raffle Room - Lots of fun and prizes!

We'll have a
Monsterous
Sweet Time

Alpha Province Convention
October 30 - November 1, 2026
DePauw Inn, Greencastle, IN
Hosted by Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN

Tau & Zeta Zeta Welcome You

Q MARK YOUR CALENDAR X

BETA PROVINCE

***"Beta Girls
Weekend 2026"***

OCTOBER 16-18,
2026

SWAN LAKE RESORT
PLYMOUTH



"Unwind & Connect: DTT Wine-Down Mixer"

"Shop 'Til You Drop Raffle"

**"DTT GIRLS' GAME DAY
LUNCHEON"**

**"SISTERHOOD
WEEKEND
REGISTRATION"**

"SPA-TACULAR MOVIE NIGHT BANQUET"

2026 BETA PROVINCE CHAIRMAN

Greetings Delt Sisters:

My name is Yvette Downey, and I have the honor of being your 2026 Beta Province Chairman. I am currently the President of Zeta Zeta Chapter in Plymouth and since retiring early due to a disability I have spent the last decade dedicating myself to helping others. I have 2 grown children, Kelsey and Keaton, and an 11-year-old grandson and I found out last week that my daughter is expecting my second grandbaby on my Birthday in September! Also, I'm married to Eric, the love of my life!

Besides Delts, I currently serve on The Board of Directors at The Marshall County Office of Aging, manage a volunteer booth during Plymouth's Blueberry Festival, and serve as a Court Appointed Youth Advocate for Children in Need (CASA), as well as other miscellaneous volunteering. Additionally, I absolutely love animals and currently have 3 dogs and 2 kitties.

Please join us as we Celebrate Delt Sisterhood at our **"Beta Girls Weekend"** October 16-18, 2026, at Swan Lake Resort located at 5203 Plymouth Laporte Trail, Plymouth IN. "Beta Girls Weekend" will be Co-Hosted by Zeta Zeta, Plymouth and Tau, Valparaiso.

I'm so excited to see everyone in October in my Jammie's and look forward to meeting new Delt Sisters.

Yvette Downey

2026 Beta Province Chairman

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2026 GAMMA PROVINCE CONVENTION

Gamma Province is returning to the heart of Amish Country. We will be staying at the Berlin Grande Hotel in Berlin, OH, November 13-15, 2026. The rate is \$169.00 plus 13% occupancy tax and is valid for Thursday night, November 12. Reservations are open NOW and may be made through October 1, 2026, by calling the hotel direct, 877-652-4997, and using the group name "Delta Theta Tau Sorority".

Xi Gamma invites you to make the scene by joining us **"Rocking through the Years."** We will be cruising in on Friday evening with our 50's Sock Hop Mixer. Wear your Poodle Skirt, bobby socks and scarves and leave your shoes at the door. Be there or be square! Next, make the scene at our 60's Beatlemania Luncheon at the groovy Berlin Farmstead Restaurant. It's a real happening! Don't forget your Go-Go Boots. Later, boogie down as we finish our Saturday evening with our 70's Saturday Night Fever Banquet, complete with your Bell Bottoms and Disco Ball and the far out drawing of our valuable treasures from the Rock and Roll Raffle. Before you ride like the wind home from the Rocking Through the Years Gamma Province on Sunday morning, please join us for the totally rad 80's Breakfast Club Brunch. Let's remember the epic era of Big Hair, leg warmers and shoulder pads, "fer sure!"

Hope to see you all and if you have any questions please call **Convention Chairman, Karen Mace**, 330-603-9335 or email karenmacedtt@gmail.com.



2026 DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION



All Deltas are invited to "Olive the Deltas" Dela Province Convention October 21 – 23, 2026 at the Fairfield Inn by Marriott in Lodi, CA. Mu Lambda will welcome you for a fun weekend with an olive oil tasting followed by Charcuterie and Sangria at our Mixer on Friday evening.

Saturday will be our meeting organized by Delta Province Chairman, Charlene Bonita. The luncheon will serve delicious soups and beverages with dessert before we continue our afternoon meetings.

On Saturday evening, Mu Lambda will escort everyone to Papapavlo's Greek Restaurant for dinner and we will return to the hotel for raffle drawings to end the festivities.

The hotel offers a free breakfast for all those booking a room at the hotel. We look forward to entertaining all of you. This newer hotel is located near Costco and Starbucks in Lodi on Rocky Lane. More information will be available in the fall.

Jenny Wade, PNP



2026 EPSILON PROVINCE CONVENTION

The ladies of Pi Alpha invite you to step into the game of Clue during the **Epsilon Province Convention on October 9-11, 2026, at The Regency Conference Center in O'Fallon, IL.** Mrs. Peacock will welcome you at the Friday night mixer, while the Saturday luncheon will be hosted by Professor Plum. It all culminates with the Murder Mystery Banquet on Saturday night!

Katie Wiley, Epsilon Province Chairman, also looks forward to a productive business meeting!



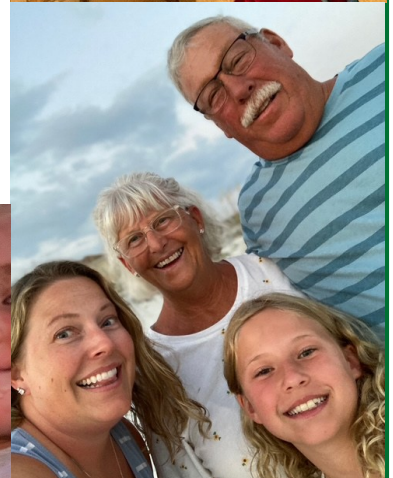
2026 ZETA PROVINCE CHAIRMAN

Hello from Zeta Province, Hurst, Tx! Well, guess what? We have an early spring here in Fort Worth! Temperatures are great right now, but it'll be a hot summer here for sure. I'm so glad we will be in Virginia in July!! Brenda and I are looking forward to it! You will even get to meet my husband there. Brenda will be there early for Delta Home, and I will be serving as delegate. Oh, and more new news here; I am now the PEG for Zeta Province. I am going to try to grow our Province, so if you know of anyone in Dallas, Longview, or Houston, send me their names. That would help us so much, and I could reach out to them, then we would all be able to meet for National Convention together. Zeta is also looking forward to doing other philanthropy projects with Parkwood Village Nursing Home and our sorority has been helping my private school by volunteering and supporting our school! Our Province convention will be at Penny's house again on November 7, 2026. Attached are pictures of us four and our families. We don't have many pictures together, but we love sharing the pictures of our loved ones with you! See you in Virginia!

Delta Love,

Denise Custer

**2026 Zeta Province
Chairman**



2026 THETA PROVINCE CHAIRMAN



Theta Province 2026 will be here before we know it, and I want to introduce myself as your 2026 Theta Province Chairman.

My name is Kim Hart. I am a 12-year member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Lambda Theta Chapter, Martinsville, IN. I have been married to my husband Terry for 20 years and we have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild due this July. I love sorority and will forever treasure the many wonderful sisters I have and all the wonderful work we do as a group.

I look forward to serving Theta Province in 2026 and can't wait to see you all again. We are sure to have a great time in store with our sisters from **Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN** in charge. See you **November 20-22, 2026.**

Delta Love,

Kim Hart

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Theta Province Convention

Hosted by

Theta Zeta Chapter

At the

**Hilton Garden Inn
Columbus/Edinburgh, IN
November 20 - 22, 2026**

Theta Zeta Chapter would like to invite you to save the date for our 2026 province. We will have a mixer on Friday night followed by lunch and dinner on Saturday. Meal plans will be announced soon!

Bring your lucky charms and get ready to play **BLINGO** with us!

We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

2026 ETA PROVINCE CONVENTION

The sisters of **Xi Epsilon, Yakima WA** invite you to **ETA Province Convention, October 2-4, 2026 in Yakima WA at The Ledgestone Hotel.**

We are a short 2.5 hour drive east from Seattle and we also have an airport with connecting flights to Seattle. We would love to have you join us for some Delta fun! Bring your red, white, blue and green and join us for a weekend of fun! Please contact Janie Story, ETA Province Chairman for more information.

Delta Love,

Janie Story

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2026 PROVINCE CONVENTION INFORMATION

Alpha October 30 - November 1, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Beta Sigma, Clinton, IN Convention CH: Kendra Castleberry Location: Greencastle, IN Alpha Prov Ch: Becky Musick "Trick or Treat - Delt Style"	Gamma November 13 - 15, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Xi Gamma, Cuyahoga Falls, OH Convention CH: Karen Mace PNP Location: Berlin Grande Hotel, 4787 Township Rd 366, PO Box 449, Berlin, OH 44610 Gamma Prov Ch: Jean Brower, PNP "Rocking Through the Years"	Eta October 2 - 4, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Xi Epsilon, Yakima, WA Convention CH: Jeri Elliott, PNP Location: The LedgeStone Hotel 107 N Fair Ave, Yakima, WA 98901 Eta Prov Ch: Janie Storey
Beta October 16 - 18, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Zeta Zeta, Plymouth, IN & Tau, Valparaiso, IN Convention CH: Kris Trapp & Paula Neidlinger Location: Swan Lake Resort, 5203 Plymouth Laporte Trail, Plymouth, IN Beta Prov Ch: Yvette Downey "Beta Girls Weekend"	Epsilon October 9 - 11, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Pi Alpha, New Athens, IL Convention CH: Susan Juenger Location: The Regency Conference Center, 400 Regency Park Dr, O'Fallon, IL 62269, 618-624-4499 Lodging: Hampton Inn, w/overflow @ Hilton Epsilon Prov Ch: Katie Wiley	Theta November 20 - 22, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Theta Zeta, Seymour, IN Convention CH: Rebecca Sims Location: Hilton Garden Inn Columbus/Edinburgh; 12210 N Executive Drive, Edinburgh, IN 46124 Theta Prov Ch: Kim Hart
Delta October 23 - 25, 2025 Hostess Chapter: Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA Convention CH: Jenny Wade, PNP Location: Delta Prov Ch: Charlene Bonita "Olive the Deltas"		Zeta November 7, 2026 Hostess Chapter: Xi Omega, Hurst, TX Location: Penny Black's home Zeta Prov Ch: Denise Custer

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2027 PROVINCE CONVENTION DATES

Alpha November 5-7, 2027 Hostess Chapter: Beta, Elwood, IN Convention Chairman: Laura Ash Location: Alpha Province Chairman: Beta October 22-24, 2027 Hostess Chapters: Alpha Delta, Huntington, IN; Sigma, Marion, IN Convention Chairman: Rise Buzzard, PNP Location: Beta Province Chairman:	Gamma October 15-17, 2027 Hostess Chapter: Gamma Pi, New Paris, OH Convention Chairman: Jean Brower, PNP Location: Gamma Province Chairman: Eta October 1-3, 2027 Hostess Chapter: Lambda Alpha, Tacoma, WA Convention Chairman: Bev Edwards Location: Tacoma, WA Eta Province Chairman:	Theta October 8-10, 2027 Hostess Chapter: Zeta Lambda, Shelbyville, IN Convention Chairman: Doris Sanders Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Edinburgh, IN Theta Province Chairman: Zeta date
Delta October 29-31, 2027 Hostess Chapter: Lambda Sigma, Phoenix, AZ Convention Chairman: Mary Jane (MJ) Litz, PNP Location: Delta Province Chairman:	Epsilon September 24-26, 2027 Hostess Chapter: Xi Phi, Marissa, IL Convention Chairman: Kay Neal Location: Epsilon Province Chairman:	

CHAPTER NEWS

Bakersfield, CA - Gamma Xi

Gamma Xi members were thrilled to be able to attend Delta Province Convention in October. The meeting was very enjoyable and well planned. The interactions with sisters from other chapters were heartwarming.

In November, Gamma Xi hosted our annual Chinese Auction at our favorite Bakersfield restaurant. We were very pleased to have 58 guests and a very enjoyable auctioneer. Our proceeds this year supported Honor Flight Kern County, and we were honored to be joined by a veteran who had been on Honor Flight. Preceding his leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance, he was able to share his experiences on Honor Flight. His remarks were very well received by the guests. Thanks to the generous bids of our guests, we were able to donate \$3500 to Honor Flight. The response from our guests was so positive, that we are arranging another auction for late April. It will also benefit Honor Flight Kern County. All our members are happy to support such a worthwhile cause.

Pamela Moore

Bloomington, IN - Zeta

With all the snow outside (12 inches and counting!), it's a bit surprising to be writing about warm weather events. Bloomington has many organizations that help those in need, and our small chapter supports several local groups that assist teachers and students, provide food for those who are food insecure, and help low-income earners keep their homes. As spring gets closer, we start planning our three major annual fundraising events: the Dairy Bar at the County Fair, our Fall Garage Sale, and our December Holiday Boutique. We're always on the lookout for other ways to help our community, which is why we also partner with the Real Estate Association to host their Parade of Homes.

During this quieter time, as we plan for what's to come later this year, we're also working hard to gather top-notch items for our upcoming sales. Our sister, Susan Snider Salmon, is incredibly creative and hardworking—we can always count on her to give old items a new life, like turning old reusable grocery bags into beautiful tote bags or advertising a great collectible on Facebook Marketplace, all of which benefits our sorority and the community.

As spring approaches, we'll renew our commitment to Delta Theta Tau by taking on leadership roles within our chapter, volunteering whenever we can, collecting cans (every little bit helps), repurposing gently used items for resale, and enjoying the benefits of our sisterhood.

Carol Scholl

Brazil, IN - Alpha Omega

We ended 2025 with a year filled with so many sisterhood memories and giving back to our community. We have so much to be thankful for and are so fortunate to have the sisterhood that we have. When we pull all our talents together, oh, the great things that we can do! We work hard but we always have a fun time too! All our profits from our fundraising help fund our many philanthropic projects throughout the year in our community and county. Due to the success of our fundraising efforts, we are able to continue our monthly \$100 commitment rotation to a philanthropy project each month here in Clay County and help with other requests as needed.

As Fall transitioned into Winter, the holiday season was soon upon us, and we kept the momentum going by continuing our tradition of decorating a park shelter at the Brazil Forest Park for the Christmas in the Park festivities and being Chocolatiers at the Holiday Chocolate Walk in Clay City. Our year ended with our much-anticipated Christmas Party. This year's theme was **"There's Gnome Place Like a Delta Theta Tau Christmas Party."** We wore our festive Christmas sweaters, shared delicious food and exchanged gifts which were either home/handmade or purchased at one of our local small businesses.



Photo: **"Gnome" Alpha Omega Sisters**

2026 has arrived and although we are in the midst of a Winter Wonderland, we are eager to get our Delt year started. Our Standing and Project Committees have been keeping busy too as we kick off a new start to the new year. As January brought us to only a monthly meeting, it allowed us to refresh and recharge for a busy upcoming year. And of course, I can't forget to mention the Indiana excitement we had around here. While our community is surrounded among many College Universities and we have many different loyalties among our Sisters, how exciting that our Indiana Hoosiers won the National Championship! What a great way for the State of Indiana to shine and be in the spotlight!

February will have us partnering with the Northview High School band program for our Northview Winterguard Flowergram project. Our Taste Treat Committee has been prepping and planning the past couple of months for our annual Taste Treat Luncheon which will be held Saturday, March 7th. In celebration of America's 250th Birthday Celebration and to coincide with our upcoming raffle duties at National Convention this summer, our theme this year is "Stars, Stripes & Bites". To celebrate the Red, White & Blue, all of our recipes are themed to America. Sisters prepare their recipe to serve two hundred guests and each guest will get to sample 25 recipes and receive a cookbook which contains all the recipes. We are excited to treat our community members to a fun Saturday event with some good recipes and to help start the celebrating of America's 250th Birthday.

With the arrival of Spring soon, we will be getting ready for our Geranium/Flower project. We will soon be taking orders in February/March with delivery just in time for Mother's Day. We will also be delivering our Scholarship applications to our two local high schools. We are able to continue to provide two different Scholarships for either the high school or collegiate level.

As hosts of the Freedom and Fortune Raffle Room at the 2026 National Convention this summer, we Alpha Omega girls invite you all to bring your green and visit us where you will have the freedom to find your fortune. We are getting excited for our raffle duties as we have some really good things planned. So now is the time to be saving up your green for those raffle tickets. We wish safe travels to all Sisters heading to National Convention this summer and we look forward to seeing you!

Happy Spring and Summer to all! And lastly, let's light those candles and throw the confetti, Happy 250th Birthday America!

Melissa McCullough

Chesterton, IN - Alpha Rho



Our Christmas Party 2025. Front L-R: Carol Walker, Lauren Thorstad, Tricia Burns, Jeanine McElfresh, Lori Mark, Sheila Chelf, Ryan Parsons-Rozycki, Linda Waldo, Sue Quinn

Back L-R: Dee Dee Emery, Tammy Banghart, Wendy Marciniak, Karen Wixted, Valerie Adams, Missy Carmichael, Diane Redlarczyk, Dawn Bobrowski, Sue Gore, Stephanie Choucalas, and Kathy Mills.

Alpha Rho is proud of our Philanthropy records receiving awards at National and Province Conventions each year. Hopefully, our efforts will continue to bring hope to those who need it. Each of us Delta's sisters bring our own talents and strengths for helping to present our projects to succeed with our time and dedicated volunteer hours to help our neighbors, friends, and most of all, our community.

Alpha Rho hosts a community night where we present our donations to various Duneland organizations at the end of Spring and in the month of May we have awarded our annual Nursing scholarship, The Joanne Goldman Memorial Nursing Scholarship, to a Chesterton High School graduating senior to study in the field of nursing, and in addition the past couple years we have awarded on High School Senior Night to senior's recipients who have enlisted into the US Military upon graduation.

We all show up when our May project arrives rain or shine, to unload and distribute our May flowering baskets and geranium plants for Mother's Day deliveries. Much success from our other small projects, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple orders reward us with many great products we add and use in our raffle baskets at our big fundraiser in October, our Bunco Party Night. Raise Right script gift cards sales, help cover our general expenses as well as selling handmade pizzas from a favorite pizza restaurant that's always willing to let us use their private dining spaces for most of our monthly meetings. At the beginning of the year, we continue to do a Super Bowl fundraiser board on the football game Sunday.

Clinton, IN - Beta Sigma

What's Happening at Beta Sigma, Clinton



Wow! So much to say! Our little Clinton Chapter is celebrating 100 years and with those years we continue to help our community. With our Halloween on 9th Street and Bingo fundraiser, we sponsor a toy drive for our Marines coordinating Toys for Tots at our Christmas party. It's my personal passion for 3 years; instead of gifting or games with ourselves, we give back to our community. If our group could bless one or more children at Christmas, this is a feeling that lingers. Representing the marines is coordinator Sgt Mario Hodges and members of the 124 Bravo Rifle Company. This is just one of several we sponsor during 'the season of giving': KidKare 1 boy and 1 girl; VCC nursing facility Silver Angel Tree we sponsored 3 seniors this past year; monetary donation to our local FOP for Shop with a Cop. We also sponsor in monthly local food pantry. We enjoy giving back and getting our name out there.

Lisa Clover

Eaton, OH - Theta Mu

The Theta Mu Chapter is proud to congratulate two of our sisters for their many years of dedication and philanthropic service. Rita Jewell joined Theta Mu November 11, 1999, and Terri Schaffer joined on November 21, 2000. Since



joining Theta Mu, both have formed lifelong friendships and irreplaceable bonds with their sisters.

Congratulations to Rita and Terri on more than 25 incredible years

of sisterhood, service, and impact. For a quarter of a century, these remarkable women have

embodied the true spirit of our sorority through their unwavering commitment to philanthropy and their tireless dedication to both their chapter and community. Your selfless leadership, countless hours of service, and heartfelt passions have not only strengthened the causes you support but have also inspired generations of sisters to lead with purpose and compassion.

The time and care you have invested in building, mentoring, and uplifting your chapter has created a lasting legacy rooted in integrity, generosity, and love. Your contributions extend far beyond what can be measured, and your examples remind us all what it truly means to serve with grace and lead with heart. Thank you both for more than 25 years of making a meaningful difference.

Delta Love,

Amy Hauser

Elwood, IN - Beta

This fall, our chapter hosted our annual golf outing and cheeseball making event, both of which were wonderful successes and enjoyed by all who participated. At the Province Convention, we were excited to initiate one new member, McKenna Ash, and warmly welcomed her into our sisterhood. During the winter season, we had the privilege of supporting a local Christmas family by providing clothing and meals to help make their holiday brighter. As we move into spring, we are preparing to initiate new members and host our upcoming purse bingo fundraiser to continue supporting our scholarships and philanthropic work. We are also beginning plans to host the 2027 Alpha Province alongside Eta Lambda of Noblesville.

Delta Love,

Taylor Ash

Franklin, IN - Lambda Eta

The Franklin Delta Ladies have been pretty relaxed the past month or so after Christmas. We were rush rush rushing through the Holidays. Worked diligently with the "Big Guy", Santa Claus of course, to get all the Santa letters printed and mailed out to everyone in time. This is another one of our very old fundraisers. We needed lots of Elves to help with this project. Next was our Sorority Christmas party with food, gifts, and fun galore! However, it was also bittersweet as that seems to be the time when our snowbird flies south for the winter. Not to worry though, she will be back when Spring arrives! (We miss you Jan).

Moving forward we will be having our Spring Crop

coming up in March. This year's theme is Mardi Gras! Lots of plans have been made already including beads, masks, and even King Cake. What Is A King Cake you ask? In two words—sensory overload. But more specifically, it's a frosted seasonal treat that Mardi Gras partygoers eat between January 6 (otherwise known as Epiphany, Three King's Day, or Twelfth Night) and Fat Tuesday, which is the day before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Typically, king cake is made of a rich brioche dough and a wide array of fillings, such as cinnamon, chocolate, and cream cheese. But the rainbow magic is found in the glaze and sprinkles, which are usually gold, green, and purple. Even the colors of the icing (and royal colors of Mardi Gras) have a deeper meaning. Gold represents power, green is associated with faith, and purple illustrates justice. King cake is baked without a center, like your average Bundt cake, except buried inside the batter is a tiny plastic baby figurine. Sorry ladies, we currently have a waiting list for this event!

We are excited and looking forward to this year's Red, White, and Blue National Convention in Newport News. I think they will see more than a "dab" of Green this year once Delta Theta Tau arrives. Let's all show our Sisterly kindness and ignite our Sorority light to inspire everyone we meet. Shine on Sisters!!!!

Dana Marietta

Greenwood, IN - Nu Tau

Is it the Seed, or is it the Soil?

Yesterday we had a Guest Pastor at church and this was the title of his sermon. He and his wife were admiring the beauty of their neighbor's grassy green lawn so he asked his neighbor how he managed to get such a Beautiful lawn. His neighbor then helped him to get started on his lawn. He had to begin at the beginning which means he had to till it all up, prepare the soil to accept the seed and the rest of the process. This time of year, all of us are daydreaming about the beauty that will shortly surround us with color but it is the hard work we all must prepare to do first. It's that tilling of the soil, choosing the right plants for the conditions we have in the area we want to be beautiful. What looked good last year and what did not. What would be better or added this year? Right now, this is what we are doing at Nu Tau. We're brainstorming/dreaming about how our Artisan Craft Fair, which we do every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, can be improved. What went well last year, what could be added or

improved and how to go about ensuring that our dreams come true this year. We must put in the work first before the reward. It is a never ending process whenever we dream, whoever dreams, whatever the dreams are, hard work comes first.

In the meantime, we are busy decorating a dorm room at a facility here in Indianapolis called the Hope Center. The Hope Center is the dream of someone else who wanted to help young women rescued from the Human Trafficking Sex Trade. At this Center young women find safety, security, relief, and new skills that will help them rebuild their lives into a better future.

We continue to find markets where we can sell our Pet Treats (Dog Biscuits and Cat Treats). The Hope Center also holds Hope Markets regularly. This is one of the Markets where we sell our Pet Treats. So, we have been able to help each other make our dreams come true.

As we all probably remember from growing up with Walt Disney every Sunday evening, "A dream is a wish your heart makes"

Something that we are known for at our Craft Fair is our Cheese Spread. The Friday after Thanksgiving we all get together to make it and stuff it into containers to sell at the Craft Fair the next day. It is definitely a lot of work! Here is a photo of that process –



I can tell you who is in this photo but I doubt it will help you to identify any of us as we are disguised with our charming hairnets and rubber gloves: **Robin Randolph-DeClue, Diane Ruyack, Connie Hendricks, Susan Barhan, Shirley Green, Cynthia Bymaster, Janet Clegg, Susan Johnston**, there were also three people I do not even know but who came to help us that day, Bless them all!



And this is a photo of us helping with the Beech Grove Police Departments, "Shop with a Cop" Day at Southport Elementary School. This is an event we support annually.

In the picture you are seeing Charlie Wall (Amie Walls husband who is also a Volunteer who helps us) Connie Hendricks, Shirley Green, Susan Barhan, Amie Walls, Carol Bowling.

Susan Barhan

Lynn, IN - Iota Mu

Iota Mu has been busy with our philanthropy projects. Our big money maker selling Terry Lynn Nuts changed when we were notified they were no longer going to be selling products. We scrambled to find a company to continue selling nuts for our customers. After searching many nut companies, we decided to give another company a try. We will also be selling these nuts at a craft show coming up in March.

Along with nuts sales, we have continued our annual Chicken Dinners with Romer's. We have great success with this fundraiser. This year we have decided to try homemade cookies instead of brownies as our desserts.

Our newest is the Delt-A-Thon January calendar fundraiser. Each member has a January calendar and are selling spots to raise money for our chapter. Each person who buys a spot, receives a ticket to be entered into a raffle in February. Our prize amounts are \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place.

Lindsay Bruns

Marion, IN - Sigma

Sigma girls had a fun time shopping for our angel tree Christmas gifts for schoolchildren. We were able to provide gifts for four children. We wrapped and delivered these to the school, knowing that 4 kids will have a happier Christmas! We were also able to purchase gifts for a Veteran's family.

Members enjoyed our own special Christmas time of



Tammy Thompson, Debra Certain, and Dacia Overbey at the November skating fundraiser for DTT Sigma, sponsored by Idyl Wyld Skating Rink in Marion.

fellowship at the Tomahawk Country Club restaurant in Marion.

Sigma chapter will be paired with Alpha Delta chapter in Huntington, IN to co-host the 2027 Beta Province Convention. Preliminary planning has begun and we are looking forward to this new adventure! Hoping the snow and deep freeze we have now will be gone soon. Our team will be walking for Cancer Services "Walk of Hope" and hosting Rick's Ride in May!

Debra Certain

Martinsville, IN - Lambda Theta

What a wild winter weather season we have had! Lots of snow and super cold temperatures didn't stop us from having tons of fun! We had a fabulous turnout for our annual Breakfast with Santa in December! We have already started painting Christmas ornaments for next year's event and discussing ways to make that day even better! We celebrated Christmas at one of our local restaurants! Not only did we enjoy a great dinner together, we also found out who our Secret Sisters were for 2025! We filled out new Secret Sister forms for 2026 and this fun tradition is in full swing! Goodbye Snow, hello Spring!

Beth Elkins

Murfreesboro, TN - Omicron Omega

As we transition into the warmer months, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the meaningful moments we've shared this winter and to look forward to what lies ahead for our chapter.

We kicked off our winter events with the Angel Tree shopping

event, which brought our families together to spread joy during the holiday season. Our annual Christmas party was another highlight, where we gathered to celebrate the season and enjoy our



Top L-R: Suzanne Palmer, Heather Laflamme, Michelle Whitmer, Caroline Morris, Sarah Goddard, Jeanette Angell; QR code for merchandise fundraiser

Bottom L-R: Suzanne Palmer, Sarah Goddard, Caroline Morris, Michelle Whitmer, Heather Laflamme, Nichole Crowe; Suzanne Palmer

time together.

As winter unfolded, we filled local blessing boxes with ready-to-eat meals, ensuring that those in need had access to food during the cold months. In addition, we were able to assist Isaiah House by providing gift cards to support their efforts in caring for incoming foster children.

Recently, we held our annual retreat, a cherished time for us to recharge and regroup after the hustle of the holidays. This getaway allows us to connect, reflect on our past accomplishments, and strategize for the upcoming sorority year. Spending the weekend together fosters our growth and renews our spirit.

As spring approaches, we anticipate the warmer weather and the opportunities it brings to further our impact in the community. This year, we are excited to launch our Delta Theta Tau merchandise fundraiser! Our merchandise is available for purchase online and will be shipped directly to you. We also have state-specific items to make them even more special. We greatly appreciate your support as you proudly represent our amazing sorority. A QR code for ordering is included in our picture. See you all soon in Norfolk, VA!

Nichole Crowe

New Athens, IL - Pi Alpha

Pi Alpha Chapter walked in the New Athens Lighted Christmas Parade on November 18th. Our float theme was Aloha from Delta Theta Tau and a fun time was had by all!



(L-R): Mindy Hewitt, Katie Main, April Wade, Nancy Stein, Loretta Kramer, Lisa Wiegand, Amy Drake and Susan Juenger



Delta Theta Tau Annual Christmas Party Dec 14th. We have a full attendance and such a wonderful time celebrating Christmas with our sisterhood!

Back row L-R: Brandy Brown, Rachel Buehler, Sherry Main, Katie Main, Susan Juenger

Third row L-R: Mindy Hewitt, Renae Coffman, Erin Wilson, Lisa Juenger, Lisa Wiegand, April Wade

Second row L-R: Amy Drake, Jamie Seiber, Tammy Lappe, Diane Sinn

First row L-R: Jennifer Ray, Stevie Price, Nicole Carroll

The sisters of Pi Alpha partnered with The Bull Pen for a Valentine's Day celebration. Dinner was served from 3 - 8 p.m. with free entertainment starting at 8 p.m. Many memories were made that evening!



Front row L-R: Mindy Hewitt, Stevie Price

Second row L-R: Sarah Damann, Sherry Main, Brenda Roddy, Lisa Juenger

Third row L-R: Tammy Lappe, Diane Sinn, Mary Shoup, Nicole Carroll

Fourth row L-R: Susan Juenger, Loretta Kramer, April Wade, Jennifer Ray, Katie Main, Rachel Buehler, Lori Sinn

Tammy Lappe

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Oh how we can't wait for spring to arrive! Despite the cold weather and snow, Gamma Pi has been busy. In November, we were able to assemble and deliver over 150 fruit and baked goods baskets to people in our community on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. In early December, we held our Christmas party at the New Hope Church. We had a wonderful meal catered by Topsy Hog, which one of our MAL'S sons own. We played Christmas Bingo, had a Christmas ornament gift exchange, and sang Up on the Housetop. Several of our MALs were able to join us for a fun evening of



sisterhood.

Three of our sisters volunteer at our local food bank on Wednesdays in the name of Delta Theta Tau. Sisters Patti Hathaway and Kay Johnson were co-directors of the New Paris Food Pantry Christmas boxes. Gail Wigger also helped with this event.

Gamma sisters stay busy during basketball season at National Trail High School. On home game nights you will see our sisters taking tickets. This is a great way to pick up volunteer hours during the winter. In February, we delivered Valentine cards to area nursing homes. We are busy making plans for our Spring Bingo that will be held on March 24, at National Trail High School. All proceeds go to scholarships for graduating seniors at National Trail.

We are also busy making plans for the Informal, Operation White Rose, this summer at National Convention. We can't wait to see everyone in Newport News!

Jodi Neanen

Noblesville, IN - Eta Lambda

Warmer weather is on all our minds as we look out at large snowbanks everywhere. But summer will be here soon. Our chapter is planning our yearly garage sale in May. It is a good time for us to clean closets and dispose of things that we no longer need and hope someone else will find them useful. This has come to be a major fundraiser for us. We are also planning to sell peanuts and peanut brittle from Texas Roadhouse. We did this last year, and it was very successful for us. Our committee is also looking into some other things we might do to add to our treasury.

At Christmas we donated socks and underwear to our local food pantry, Good Samaritan, and they were greatly appreciated. The homeless are always in need of help.

We are hoping to add some new members this year and that is always exciting. New members bring new and fresh ideas to our group. We wish all our Delta sisters a great summer.

Gail Rogers

Odon, IN - Eta Beta

The ladies of Eta Beta participate in numerous fundraising events throughout the year. The most recent fundraiser was the cookie walk. It was a huge success and the cookies sold out. The arts and appetizers committee has done very well with planning activities of making charcuterie boards,



cake decorating classes, and painting porch signs. We also work hard with selling geraniums and pecans. The next fundraising event will be around Good Friday, where we will be selling luminaries in remembrance of loved ones who have passed. The luminaries are placed around our town lake, and the public is invited to take a stroll and see these beautiful luminaries lit up at night.

As much as we enjoy fundraising, we also love giving back to the Community. Christmas gifts were purchased for individuals from the Angel Tree at our local bank. We remain involved with our town's nursing home by purchasing gifts for the residents and assisting with Bingo. Contributions are made to the Blessing in a Brown Bag program that provides food to children at our local elementary and high school. We also have a scholarship program that gives money to selected high school seniors pursuing college. Around Valentine's Day, cheer baskets filled with fruit and candies are dispersed to individuals that might be going through a difficult season in their life. We love making these baskets and personally delivering them to people that could use some uplifting.

Leslie Swartzentruber

Oxford, OH - Nu Alpha

What a long, cold, snowy winter we've had so far! Spring can't get here soon enough!

Nu Alpha has been a bit quiet the last few months as the weather has not cooperated with our meeting schedules - but our sisters are continuing to volunteer their time and talents. We are currently gearing up for our largest annual fund raiser - PURSE BINGO! This will be held on April 24th, and it is sure to be a good time. Our purse committee has been scouring the area (and states beyond) for the past year to find that perfect purse for a Bingo prize. And they have found some beautiful ones! We hope many of you can join us

for this fun-filled evening. Tickets go on sale March 17th. You can call Carol @ 513-255-7755 to get your tickets.

Try to stay healthy during these last few months of Winter!

Delta Love,

Patti North

Plymouth, IN - Zeta Zeta

Kindness Ignites and Light Inspires in Zeta Zeta This Year

As we move through this year with renewed energy and purpose, we are reminded that even the smallest acts of service can ignite hope and inspire light in our community.

After a busy fall season filled with fellowship and service, we enjoyed a brief winter reprieve. But as spring approaches, the spirit of Zeta Zeta is once again in full bloom. Plans are well underway for our much-anticipated annual Paddle Auction, one of the highlights of our year. This cherished spring tradition brings members and friends together for an afternoon of laughter, generosity, and shared purpose. A heartfelt thank you goes to Herminia Ludwig and Kate Smith, who are already hard at work organizing what promises to be another memorable and meaningful event.

Service continues to be at the heart of our chapter's mission. Each month, members gather to bake cookies for the Bloodmobile, adding a homemade touch of comfort for donors who generously give of themselves. Alongside this effort, we proudly support our Chairman, Kate Smith, as she prepares our famous ham salad sandwiches—made from our own well-guarded secret recipe. Special thanks to Kate and Debi Gidley for chairing this important outreach effort this year.

Growth is another exciting part of our journey. We look forward to announcing new members in the next issue of GRIT, as we look forward to welcoming women who share our passion for service, sisterhood, and community impact.

Looking ahead, anticipation is building for this summer's National Convention, "Red, White, and Blue with a Dab of Green." Preparations are already in motion as members begin crafting patriotic key rings that will be donated to the Hampton VA Medical Center and VA clinics. These small tokens of appreciation carry a powerful message of gratitude and remembrance for the veterans they will serve.

As we continue our work throughout the year, we

are reminded that when kindness ignites, light truly inspires. Together, as Zeta Zeta, we shine brighter.

See you in Virginia!

Paula Neidlinger

Portland, IN - Xi

We have had a busy year of fundraising and volunteering, starting with a Benefit Auction, Ride and Meal for one of our sisters. Our Annual Craft Show in November then Poinsettia sales, A Mandy Thing Event, A Spring Online Auction, and A Pampered Chef Online Party (thanks to Paula Neidlinger).

Our volunteer hours consist of working at those events along with shopping and wrapping gifts for Secret Families Charity, baking for many events, working concessions for Girls Basketball at our local High School, purchasing items for nursing homes and shelters. Working at the Fair and Band Contest, providing meals for Recovery Meetings, preparing hygiene bags for 6 graders and our new member has been helping serve breakfast for the unhoused in Indianapolis. Being a part of Delta Theta Tau has allowed our members to give back to the community in so many ways.



Christmas party including MAL members seated L-R front row

Judy Medler, Joy Fenters, Cindy Iliff and Cindy Shawver middle of middle row.

We were blessed to have these sisters join us. Joy even made all of our favors!

We celebrated Christmas at the home of Cindy Shawver MAL. Cindy's home has a vintage party room that she decorates for the holidays. It was a great night of food, fun games and fellowship. We are so lucky to have such a close and caring group of sisters.

Janis Fritze

Roachdale, IN - Theta Lambda

The first thing I need to do is apologize to Margaret Smith! In the Winter Grit, Margaret was misidentified in our Halloween picture. She is the third person from the left in that picture! Margaret, I'm glad that you have your name back, and I appreciate your sense of humor!



"Christmas Dinner at Almost Home, Greencastle, for the Theta Lambdas."

As Spring slowly makes its way to our landscapes, there are three things that happen to the ladies of Theta Lambda! First, we celebrate our anniversary in Delta Theta Tau! Our chapter was chartered on March 1, 1949, making the Roachdale Chapter 77 years old this year! We will have our birthday dinner, with husbands invited. Duston Spencer does a wonderful job as Social Chairman, with terrific decorating and prize ideas! Brandy Ault and Bronwyn Spencer-Barber are also part of the social committee! I can't wait to see what they all come up with this year for our birthday dinner!

The second thing that happens to the ladies of Theta Lambda in the Spring is that they are involved in our annual Flower Sale! We have new chairs for the project this year. Diana Williams has done such a wonderful job as chairman for several years. She and her husband brought us into the computer and spreadsheet age, along with other positive changes. Diana has stepped down this year, and we will have two new ladies. Dawn Overbay and Rachelle Overbay, a mother and daughter duo, will be taking over the reins of the Flower Sale! We thank them so much for taking responsibility for this project! We totally enjoy the beauty of the big flower delivery and then taking the plants to their new homes. The flowers are extremely pretty and beautify their new areas!

The third thing that happens to the ladies of Theta

Lambda in the Spring is that we assemble items for the shut-ins of the Roachdale area around Easter and then deliver them! Joanie Knapp is in charge of this philanthropic project. She has decided that this year we will place items in mugs for the shut-ins and then deliver them. This is always a project that we enjoy and the shut-ins enjoy!

We will soon have our second and last conference call meeting of the winter. We usually have them in January and February. It is so much easier to have a conference call when there are ladies in Florida for a couple of months and really bad weather conditions here! We have done this for years and it has worked out very well.

I find it hard to contain my excitement for the arrival of Spring! I took down a Christmas wreath at my back door and immediately put up a forsythia one in its place! I hope everyone has a very joyous reawakening of God's land!

Delta love,

Cheryl Marshall

San Jose, CA – Epsilon Rho

Since I missed the last issue of Grit, there is a lot to catch up on. Our September meeting was at the home of Brenda Moore; after the meeting I conducted a workshop on making keychains for the 2026 National Convention. Some of the ladies took supplies home to continue making them and I had to order more beads for some busy hands. We hope to have a bunch to send to convention. Then we had a potluck lunch with BBQ by Brenda's husband, Tony. All our sisters, along with our Delta guys, enjoyed a lovely afternoon in a relaxing garden setting. Brenda ended the afternoon with a fun game.



In October, Brenda and I were off to Delta Province in Bakersfield, CA. As always, we had fun meeting up with our sisters while still taking care of business.

In November, our chapter held its annual Holiday Wreath Fundraiser. We sold tickets for a chance to win \$500.00 worth of gift cards. The lucky winner was drawn on November 30th, just in time for a holiday shopping spree. And the chapter netted \$1700.00 to give away to our favorite charities.

The year ended with a holiday dinner at a local restaurant and the exchange of secret pal gifts.

Now, we are kicking off 2026 with our Bubbles and Bunco fundraiser in March! This has been a very successful FUNdraiser in the past. Besides bubbles, lunch and an afternoon of Bunco., guests can purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win one of our beautiful gift baskets. We are all working hard to make this a fabulous event.

Delta Love

Cindy Gimenez

Seneca, IL – Zeta Upsilon

It seems a bit odd to be calling this the Spring column as the temperature here in Illinois is in single digits with snow on the ground, but here goes!



We had a very successful Christmas Bag event this past December, delivering over 80 Christmas Bags to Seneca residents in need of a little cheering up. Our year ended with our Annual Christmas meeting and gift exchange. We are all grateful for the excellent year we had!

We welcomed one new member: Jane Baker, a Seneca resident. (see New Members for photo)

We began 2026 with much enthusiasm and many good plans. The Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that we can once again give out 12 \$1000 scholarships to deserving HS Seniors here in Seneca.

We ended January with our President, Kathy Haralson, and friends jumping into the frigid lake at Sky Dive America to raise money for Make A Wish.

Zeta Upsilon's popular Valentine Boxes event will be packed and sent to 51 lucky recipients this year. I believe this is a record number of these

enticing boxes sold.

Also in February, we are having a Blood Drive on February 19th here in Seneca. As you may have read, blood donations are very much needed at this time. We hope to be able to help again.

More future plans for 2026 include our very popular annual Flower Sale at the beginning of May. This event is one of our chief fundraisers, and the residents of Seneca look forward to buying the planters and hanging baskets that we sell.

The 2026 Golf Outing is firmed up for May 29th at Morris Country Club again. We hope for a record number of golfers this year. We will have many raffle baskets again this year, and dinner and drinks in the tent after the outing.

At the January meeting, we approved a \$500 donation to Meals on Wheels, and a \$50 donation to the Seneca HS Boosters.

We feel very happy to be able to help these various causes, and very grateful to all our hard-working chapter members who make it all happen.

Phyllis Natanek

Seymour, IN – Theta Zeta



On October 28, 2025, Theta Zeta Chapter hosted their bi-annual Bingo Fundraiser, with over 200 in attendance. Think Bingo, but with bling! Purses and Jewelry galore, along with tables full of donated raffle items, and an awesome 50/50 raffle. Theta Zeta was able to use the funds raised to support our local community. Recently we have given donations to Cops and Kids, Sertoma, The Eagles, Seymour Middle School Drama Program, Brownstown High School Basketball, Jackson County Public Library and the local Humane Society. We also have a few ladies who faithfully volunteer at Provisions Food Bank on a weekly basis. Theta Zeta is gearing up for our next Bingo event on March 24, 2026. If you would like to

attend, contact our chapter to get added to our event email list.

Kathleen Deaton

Shelbyville, IN – Zeta Lambda



Winter weather blasted Indiana sisters with a repeat performance of last year -- brutally frigid temperatures and oftentimes, strong gusts of wind that plummeted air temperatures quite a bit below zero. At one point, Mother Nature's fury gave us 12 inches of snow in one day! Here's hoping that it all melts by May.

Unfavorable weather was dominant in December, too, causing the cancellation of Zeta Lambda's annual Christmas Party. It wasn't forgotten, though. The Christmas Party was combined with the Chapter's Birthday Party in March. Guests attended the events of the evening and were quite positive about becoming members. Sisters shared laughter when playing Christmas games, feasting on birthday cake and celebrating another year of being together to do positive work for the benefit of others.

During the month of March, Zeta Lambda chapter also hosted its popular, well-attended, and very successful all-day, bi-annual Crop & Crop fundraising event. Adult attendees of all ages enjoyed a day of scrapbooking, crocheting, and refining other craft projects they are passionate about while renewing friendships, making new friends, laughing together, sharing ideas, and eating! Chapter members always provide a variety of snacks, breakfast foods, and a delicious lunch. Local businesses donate items for raffle baskets. All profits support various organizations and events within the community. The next one will be in September. Look for details on our Facebook social media page, Delta Theta Tau, Zeta Lambda Chapter, and come join us!

Sisters purchased various hygiene items and bottles of water that were given to the local high school nurse to replenish supplies in her office. She informed us that these items are always needed for students upon request. **LuAnn Mason**

Spencer, IN - Iota Chi

Spring has sprung! I hope so by the time we read this. After the long snowy winter and some of us cooped up in our homes it's time to bloom and spread our philanthropy around.

Iota Chi finished 2025 selling Wicks pies and making and selling our cheeseballs. 2026 started our sales of the Bucklew painting, fair ads for our county fair book, looking at scholarship applications from the school and serving cookies at the winter sports banquet.

Come May with our county elections, we will serve the election board 3 meals for the day. We will have elected new officers, and we will sell cookies at the spring cookie walk which coincides with the local high school choir program. Now then, looking forward to National Convention. See you there.

Tammy Ewbank

Stockton, CA - Mu Lambda

Mu Lambda is busy planning the Delta Province Convention to be held in October in Lodi, CA. Our theme of "Olive the Deltas" has been fun to work with this year. We are sharing ideas for boutique items and hunting for olive items in every store.

Dona Mostafa has been in the hospital but is now out and doing well. Her energy is pretty well spent by evening, so she has been unable to attend our meetings lately. We wish her well and hope good health and energy will return quickly.

Jenny Wade, PNP

Tacoma, WA - Lambda Alpha

Belonging to Sorority holds a life of its own. What a whirlwind this year has been so far. We may be a small chapter and Province, but time stops for no one, and grass doesn't grow under our feet!

When we returned from National Convention, it was time to begin the process of entertaining our Eta Province sisters with the "Holidays Throughout the Year" Eta Province Convention, and many Holidays were celebrated during the weekend. A lively PJ raffle is always a much-anticipated activity and we did not fail!

Following the convention, we worked to complete our annual Butter Braid Sales, and it met with a very successful conclusion. During the year we support many charities, and during Christmas 2025 we volunteered to help the Tacoma Toy Rescue Mission. This organization depends solely on donations to support over 6,600 families in the area. They help to make sure that over 1000 children celebrate birthdays with presents and

cake, and on Christmas morning they find what Santa left under the tree. We volunteered and made 130 "Mom Bags" filled with lotions, creams, makeup items, plus many other items and candy! We also volunteered throughout the year at a Nursing Home helping with their holiday celebrations throughout the year. The residents are a lively bunch, especially when they have musical entertainment!

As you can see, we stay busy and are always looking for an opportunity to spread the good of Delta Theta Tau. Wishing everyone a wonderful Spring and Summer-See you in Virginia!

Susan Knobeloch

Terre Haute, IN - Alpha Omicron

Happy New Year! The Alpha Omicron Sisters had a busy 2025 Fall season. Nut and candy sales, restaurant night fundraisers, attending a "glamping" Province Convention and decorating our park shelter for Christmas and working the holiday train ride. We also found time to help the sisters of Epsilon Mu (Sullivan Indiana) chapter with their Poker Run. And we continued donating our time and money to area organizations.



This year we added to our donation of sponsoring two additional children with Christmas gifts. As busy as we have been, almost every month we find a way to get together for lunch or dinner or to attend other Chapters sponsored activities (Bingo fundraiser, Beta Sigma, Clinton Indiana and Taste Treat Luncheon, Alpha Omega, Brazil, Indiana). Sisters helping sisters helping others and each other. That is what it is all about!

What are the plans for 2026? We have new plans we are currently working on for the spring and year. And we will continue helping others with the donation of our time and money. We are all looking forward to National Convention in Virginia, seeing our sisters and celebrating the 250th Birthday of the United States.

Toni Roloff

Valparaiso, IN - Tau

Tau Chapter proudly hosted its 3rd Annual Delta Dudes event — and it was our biggest and most impactful event yet. Ten dedicated Delta Dudes took the stage representing 10 local nonprofits, rallying support and sharing their passion for causes that strengthen our community.



With a new venue this year, the energy in the room was electric. The space proved to be the perfect setting for an evening filled with creativity, laughter, and heartfelt moments. Attendance was strong, enthusiasm was high, and the support from our community was nothing short of incredible.

We set an ambitious goal — and then surpassed it in a big way. After raising \$25,000 last year with eight participants, this year's expanded event generated a record-breaking \$43,410. It was bigger, better, and a true testament to what can happen when people come together with purpose.

Just as meaningful as the funds raised was the sisterhood on display throughout the evening. The event brought together active members and alumni, working side by side to make the night a success and demonstrating the strength and unity of Tau Chapter.

Delta Dudes continues to grow each year, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make this unforgettable night possible.

Stephanie Edwards

Warsaw, IN - Beta Zeta

Happy Spring! We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Winter Season. Our Fall Butterbraid Fundraiser allowed us to support 2 Christmas families, along with socks and underwear donations to a local elementary school. We enjoyed a home cooked meal and Christmas Party on December 3 at the home of Jennifer Simpson and Dana Hatfield. We celebrated our Anniversary dinner on January 7 at a local restaurant with pizza and games. A good time was had by all!

We will soon be gearing up for our geranium sales, which is our biggest fundraiser of the

year. Last year's geranium sale allowed us to support 8 elementary schools in our community, Habitat for Humanity Women's Build, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Operation Read and Gas Cards for Cancer patients. We anticipate a busy Spring with nomination and election of officers in addition to delivering our geranium orders.

Several of our members have been volunteering with Daffodil Days fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, Combined Community Services, Salvation Army, Operation Read and a local elementary school in their clothes closet. Several members also sew pillowcases, children's toys, taggies, make jewelry and replace zippers in coats in their own home for community projects.

Have a safe and wonderful Spring and Summer!

Delta Love,

Maria McGrath and Kathy Stanley

Waterloo, IL - Pi Theta



L-R: Julie Felix, Kandie Halleran, Trish Rushing, Marla Thorpe, Rebecca Brewer

Pi Theta Chapter in Waterloo, Illinois was chartered on October 11, 2025. Trish Rushing, a 25-year member of Delta Theta Tau relocated, and helped to grow interest in and establish the chapter in Waterloo. Three members, Julie Felix, Kandie Halleran, and Marla Thorpe, were initiated at Epsilon Province Convention, joining Trish as charter members of Pi Theta. The fifth member, Rebecca Brewer, was initiated a few weeks later.

The chapter has been hard at work learning about the sisterhood and organizing their chapter. In November, Pi Theta Chapter joined Xi Phi Chapter in Marissa to make cheeseballs for Xi Phi's annual fundraiser. In December, the sisters enjoyed dinner, sisterhood, and holiday fun at Frederico's Italian Restaurant.

The ladies of Pi Theta Chapter are eager to get started. They have brainstormed fundraising ideas and are actively looking for causes to support in the community.

Rebecca Brewer

Celebrations / Milestones

Clinton, IN - Beta Sigma

Golden Member

It is with pride, honor and privilege to announce Jan Palmateer into the Golden Members Club. Jan has been a blessing to our Beta Sigma, Clinton chapter. Our Jan has held many officer and chair positions with being Pledge Supervisor as her most recent. Her passion in teaching has carried over into our Delts with assisting in the scholarship committee. As a retired schoolteacher, Jan's grace, patience and understanding has anchored us all as a mentor. We are honored that this wonderful sister has reached this milestone.

Delta Love,

Lisa Clover

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Gamma Pi would like to congratulate our Delt Sister Teresa Glander McPherson on being chosen the New Paris Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year. Teresa was honored at a chamber meeting. She is a teacher at National Trail Middle School. Teresa has been teaching for 31 years. She is the daughter of MAL Barb Ferriell. Congratulations! Gamma Pi is very proud of you!!

Jodi Neanen



Seymour, IN - Theta Zeta

Theta Zeta member Brianne Miller is proud to announce that her daughter, Jada, has signed with Iowa Central Community College to play basketball next year! Way to go Jada, we are proud of you!

Kathleen Deaton



Photo: Jada Miller

Union City, IN - Lambda

We recently celebrated these ladies for being Lambda Chapter members for 50 years. Linda Wood, Shirley Dohme, Pat Mote and Betty Oswalt (not pictured). Congratulations!

Susan Frazee



step with our fun, loving organization. I'm thrilled Amanda submitted to my pestering to become my sister and look forward to her initiation at our February meeting. Thank you, Amanda, for coming aboard.

Lisa Clover

Seneca, IL - Zeta Upsilon

We welcomed one new member: Jane Baker, a Seneca resident.

Phyllis Natanek



A Delta Moves

Waterloo, IL - Pi Theta

In April 2025, Trish Rushing moved from Marissa, Illinois to Waterloo, Illinois. A member of Xi Phi Chapter since 2000, Trish has served as chapter historian, corresponding secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. She was a delegate to National and Province Conventions. Trish was the Xi Phi Sister of the Year two times. In her last year with Xi Phi Chapter, Trish had 212 volunteer hours.

Now in Waterloo, Trish has been instrumental in chartering the new Pi Theta Chapter. Her love of the Delta Theta Tau sisterhood and her commitment to the philanthropic mission of the sorority shine through as she leads as the first President of Pi Theta Chapter.

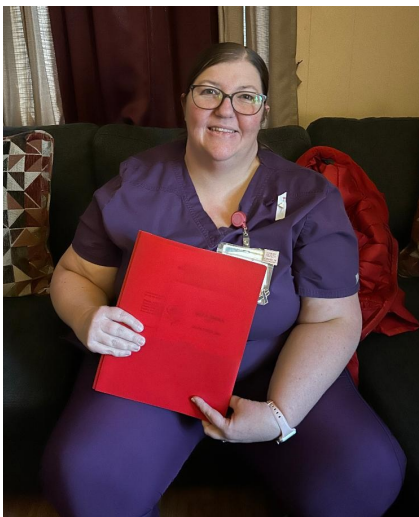
Rebecca Brewer

New Members

Clinton, IN - Beta Sigma

Pledge Alert!

Allow me to introduce our recent pledge Amanda DeWitt of Clinton. With the latest life changes affecting our once-thriving chapter, we are recruiting anew. Wanting to rebuild this wonderful organization in our chapter, Amanda is excited to take this



St. Peters, MO - Pi Gamma



Photo L-R: Alicia Horstman and Sharon Lingle

Pi Gamma had the joy of welcoming two new members into our chapter, and with them came fresh energy, new perspectives, and a shared commitment to service and sisterhood. Alicia was sponsored by Stacey Costin, and Sharon Lingle was sponsored by Debbie Coonrod-Vanoy. We are excited to walk alongside them, learn together, and support them as they begin their journey with us.

We look forward to all that we will accomplish together. "Sisterhood grows stronger when shared—and ours just grew by two."

Stacey Costin

In Memoriam

Franklin, IN - Lambda Eta

Sister **Evelyn Pauline Wells** passed away

on November 15, 2025. She moved to Franklin, Indiana after the birth of her first child. With her husband, she raised her three children here **and** Franklin, Indiana was their home until her work on this earth was complete. She was a long-time member of Delta Theta Tau, Lambda Eta Chapter where she served as President for many years. She also held sorority office on the National level. Even though I did not know her personally, my sorority sisters have spoken about her giving spirit and willingness to serve others. Condolences to all who knew her and her kindhearted Sisterly spirit.

Dana Marietta

Lynn, IN - Iota Mu

Our Delta sister **Brenda Warner** lost her husband John on January 8, 2026. John was a wonderful Delta Pa to our chapter. We extend our sympathy to Brenda and her family.

Lindsay Bruns

New Paris, OH - Gamma Pi

Gamma Pi would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Madge Fosdick**. Madge passed away on July 5, 2025. Madge was initiated into Gamma Pi on Oct. 13, 1955. She was very active holding many offices in our chapter and attending many National Conventions. She was an active member for 35 years before taking several associate memberships and finally became an MAL in 1996. Madge is survived by Barbara & James Mann of New Paris, Ohio; Richard & Victoria Fosdick of New Paris, Ohio; MAL Elizabeth & Dale Toschlog of New Paris, Ohio and Susan & David Steele of Eaton, Ohio, and nine grandchildren.

We would also like to offer our sincere



condolences to the family of **Nancy Keller**. Nancy passed away on October 12, 2025. Nancy was initiated into Gamma Pi in November 1975. Nancy was an associate member from 1989 until she became a MAL in 1991. She was survived by her husband, Robert Keller of Oxford, OH and her son/daughter in law, Bobby and Amber Keller of Eaton, OH, and sister MAL Janet Crelin. She had two grandchildren Hannah and Jakob.

Jodi Neanen

Stockton, CA - Mu Lambda

Our dear sister, **Yvonne Ankele**, a member of Mu Lambda, Stockton, CA passed away in December 2025. Yvonne was initiated in April of 1949 and enjoyed over 76 years of active membership. She was a member in Sacramento, CA and transferred her membership to Stockton when her husband was transferred to a Wells Fargo Bank in Stockton. She served as Western Counselor and the Board of Trustees and was a Teresa McAllister Award recipient. Yvonne was an elementary school teacher and continued her help with education as a member of the Assistance League of Stockton. Some years she had over 900 philanthropy hours! She received awards for the many services she provided as a member of Delta Theta Tau and in the community. Yvonne was a docent at the San Joaquin Historical



Museum and taught in the one-room schoolhouse when elementary school children visited the museum. She was an antique collector and displayed beautiful arrangements of cut crystal. She also loved cats and rescued hundreds of cats over the years. Mu Lambda sends our deepest condolences to friends and her son.

Jenny Wade, PNP



Kings Jewelry Is Headed to Newport News!

Excitement is building as Kings Jewelry prepares to travel to Newport News for this summer's Delta Theta Tau National Convention! We are truly honored and privileged to serve the incredible women of Delta Theta Tau and to be part of such a meaningful and memorable gathering.

This year, we are bringing a beautiful array of Delta Theta Tau jewelry, including rings, necklaces, and bracelets designed to celebrate your sisterhood with elegance and pride. Whether you are looking to add a timeless piece to your collection or searching for the perfect keepsake to commemorate the Convention, we will have something special waiting for you.

We are also excited to introduce a few NEW surprises you won't want to miss! In addition, we will feature specialty pieces inspired by this year's theme, "Red, White, and Blue with a Dab of Green." These exclusive designs will capture the spirit of patriotism, unity, and celebration that make the National Convention such a treasured experience.

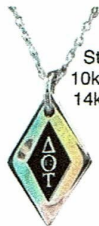
We look forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, meeting new sisters, and celebrating all that makes Delta Theta Tau extraordinary.

See you in Virginia!

Jamie & John Gough



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National Convention highlights/reflections from your Delegate & others who attended will appear in your Chapter News section; introduce your new Chapter Officers; other Chapter News; news for other sections.

Winter—November 10: Chapter News:

Province Convention highlights/reflections from your Delegate & others who attended will appear in your Chapter News section; other Chapter news; news for other sections

Spring/Summer—February 10: Chapter News:

Chapter's philanthropy projects and fundraisers (including projects for Volunteer Hours); other Chapter news; news for other sections.

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS:

- 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:

Subject line of email: City, State, Chapter

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

Submissions by computer:

- A. Attach articles using MS Word or type your article in the body of the email - **NO UNEDITABLE DOCUMENTS PLEASE**
- B. Preferred Format: 12 pt.; Arial Font, Single Spaced

Photographs (jpeg files only):

- A. Identify the people in photograph (example: Front row L-R; Back row L-R)
- 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 each—send payment with Form 7 to Executive Secretary**

Classified Ads:

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

GRIT SPECIAL FEATURES:

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

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

Past National Presidents: "From The Back Row" for sharing where you are and what you are doing - managed by the President of the PNP's.

POST MIDYEAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chairman of Nominating Committee (Deadline March 10th due to Midyear): Spring/Summer Issue—An

introductory article and a 1/4 page article for each candidate along with respective picture will appear in the Spring/Summer Issue.

Philanthropy Committee (Deadline March 10th due to Midyear): Spring/Summer Issue—An article, with the committee's picture, providing a report of the Midyear Meeting.

PROVINCE CHAIRMAN & HOSTESS CHAPTERS

2025 Province Chairmen: Each Chairman is to submit a half-page **review** of their Province Convention **with respective pictures** to appear in the **2025 Winter Issue**. The submission should also include **winners of awards and newly elected 2026 Province Chairman**.

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

For the **2026 Spring/Summer Issue** (may be repeated in the 2026 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!!**

2027 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 2026 Winter or 2027 Spring/Summer Issue.

NATIONAL CONVENTION COORDINATORS:

2026 Convention Coordinator: 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**.

The **2026 Spring/Summer** Issue will provide a complete preview by the Coordinator—including all necessary information regarding the Convention (informational article, Registration Form, Tour information).

*Hostess Chapters may submit brief summary articles with one photograph each for their respective socials and events unless covered in the Coordinator's articles.

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

2027 Convention Coordinator: Ads for the sites and hotels to be considered by the delegates to the **2026 Convention** will be submitted for the **2026 Spring/Summer Issue**.

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2028 Convention Coordinator: Ads for the sites and hotels to be considered by the delegates to the **2027 Convention** will be submitted for the **2027 Spring/Summer Issue**.



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Ashley Dunn
Omicron Pi Chapter
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Marketing Committee
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Recorded Music on CD

\$12.00 includes shipping
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Eta Lambda Chapter
723 Carlin Court
Carmel, IN 46032
317-844-2109
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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 **\$10.45** 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

\$10.45 per order

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

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

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

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

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