



# The National Pleiad

## Delta Theta Chi Sorority

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### National President Linda Colton California Eta

Greetings sisters!

It's hard to believe that spring is almost over and summer days are fast approaching. Where does the time go?? Last June, when I began my Presidency, I wasn't sure what lay ahead for myself and the NEC. By September, it was obvious that several important issues were emerging. I'm not going to go into great detail what each of those issues are, but suffice it to say, the NEC is working hard to get through these challenges.

Briefly, our biggest challenge is to improve our financial situation. Our expenses outweigh our income. We have cut some of these costs by not budgeting for our travel expenses - the money is not there at this time. We are encouraging sisters to donate to our “SOS” fund (Save Our Sisterhood) to help cover the administrative costs of our National Office, including essential operations to keep the office running. Without the National Office, Delta Theta Chi will not exist. Please consider donating whatever you can. Two Provinces have already made donations, Celaeno and Alcyone.

Many sisters have asked if new jewelry will be purchased. The bottom line is that to have two diamond badges made, and the accoutrements that go with them, the cost is close to \$6,000. We would like to have these badges by our next National Convention, and hopefully we can. Keep in mind that it is possible we will have to redesign all our badges to more cost-effective, simpler designs.

As mentioned above, travel expenses for the NEC are non-existent at this time. We are planning to have our Mid-year meeting in June by Zoom. That was a difficult decision to make. Meeting in person is always better, but I know we made the right decision. I would like to add here that my NEC board is a talented, hard-working group of sisters, and I appreciate them so much. We always accomplish a lot when we meet!

Speaking of travel, I attended three conventions last Fall - Electra's, Alcyone's and Taygeta's. I recently returned from flying to Indianapolis for Celaeno's Spring Convention, and I just returned from southern California for Alcyone's Spring Open Board. I have enjoyed all the comradery and fun times sharing sisterhood with my sisters. And I am grateful for those who “put me up” in their homes and drove me many miles back to airports so I could get home.

I really don't have any specific travel plans for the summer, other than the Mid-year meeting, but August and September are a ways off, and who knows what might pop up?



Keep holding our torch high! Together we can make our sisterhood grow and flourish!

Linda Colton  
National President

## National Vice President Cheryl Neeley

### Missouri Delta

Dear Delta Theta Chi Sisters:

Summer will soon be upon us, but in the meantime, I am enjoying my beautiful peony bushes in full bloom. I have three color variations. They all have the same basic design, but the first one has sheer soft pink rounded petals at the base with white inner narrow petals rounded up in the center. The second color has dark pink rounded base petals with soft pink in the middle, and the third one has dark pink base petals with white inner petals and a yellow center. They are so beautiful and fragrant. Can you tell they're my favorite flower?

Just like peonies, we all have the same basic "design" but have subtle differences that make us unique in our own way. When we all come together, we share ideas and possibilities... a subtle reminder of the importance of standing tall together, supporting each other, and the many ways we can all contribute to DTC. And *THAT* is a beautiful moment.

I realize several chapters do not officially meet during Summer. However, the Summer months provide unlimited social opportunities we can use to help build Sister connections and potential new member connections, time to enjoy meaningful conversations beyond small talk, and encourage Sisters to **Share Your Story** in a relaxed, welcoming location. Invite guests and potential candidates – encourage them to bring a friend. Remember, **The Power of One** invitation can plant the seed for a lifelong member in our Sisterhood!

Outdoor Opportunities: Organize a weekly walking group; pool and/or garden party; outdoor movie night; community service project (school supply drive).

Indoor Opportunities: Meet for coffee and conversation at a local café or coffee shop; offer fun educational programs and refreshments (poetry, storytelling, journaling, musicians, artist, a favorite opera); summer book review; game night.

Memorial Day: Invite guests to join your chapter to help write notes of appreciation and deliver to local Veterans Hospital (ask permission and plan at least one month in advance); ask local Veterans Cemetery permission to place small US Flags by headstones (ask at least 2 months in advance).

Fourth of July: Attend local parade; symphony performance in the park; BBQ and fireworks party.

Labor Day: The unofficial end of Summer and honoring achievements and contributions of American workers; another opportunity to showcase your grilling and/or BBQ talents with family, friends and guests.

If you are struggling to take your first step or to start something new, just keep this in mind. You don't need to be GREAT to START ... but you need to START to be GREAT!

Whatever your Summer plans are, I hope you take the opportunity to include some of these suggested membership recruiting activities or make plans that better suits your chapter. As always, I encourage each of you to **Stay Connected ~ Stay Inspired ~ Stay Involved**. Best Wishes for a fun and adventurous Summer!



Cheryl Neeley  
National Vice President

## National Trustees

### Alcyone Province Trustee – Cheryl Zarins, Washington Alpha



This summer, I plan to spend time exploring new places and enjoying outdoor activities. I am looking forward to visiting local parks, fishing areas, and hopefully taking a road trip to see friends and family; Along with making memories and soaking up the warm weather. I'll start June by going to Hawaii, to celebrate a friend's 70th birthday, then taking a fishing trip in July, hosting friends/family get together in July, and in August I'll be on 2 fishing trips. I'll end the summer in September by visiting Crater Lake with friends and family, then a drive to California, staying for a few days in Oxnard, CA and ending with a drive-up highway 101 along the CA and OR coast. Just to be clear, I don't fish. Usually, I stay at home with the dogs, but this year I'm accompanying my husband with his fishing buddies. I'll get a lot of reading done during that time. I hope all my Sisters in Delta Theta Chi have a fun summer as well.

Cheryl Zarins  
Alcyone Province Trustee

## ***Celaeno Province Trustee – Deb Hood, Indiana Gamma***

As I wrap up my first year as Celaeno Province Trustee I realize how much I have learned about our amazing sorority. From what I have gleaned I plan to put into action. Since I was in charge of the scholarships, I will be updating the forms for 2027-2028. I also plan to make less errors and be a better guide for my committee. We all learned together that we do our best but sometimes mistakes happen. My committee is an amazing group of women and I would like to share them with you.



Kathleen Hull – Alcyone Province  
Becky Bowman – Celaeno Province  
Shanna Roberson – Electra Province  
Kristy Moreland – Maia Province Representative  
Kristine Dundas-Rankin – Merope Province Representative  
Termia Jones – Sterope Province  
Bobby Jones - Taygeta Province

Again, many thanks to the National Scholarship Committee and I want to let them know next year will be easier as I will have ironed out the bumps (Wink) of understanding how we function. Enjoy your summers sisters.

Deb Hood

Celaeno Province Trustee

## ***Electra Province Trustee – Cathie Barber, Kansas Beta***

Let the summer fun begin with all my DTC Sisters! My summer plans are to travel and see more of this wonderful country that we all live in! I've already been traveling to Texas, Nebraska and Kansas doing quilting Shop Hopping. A brief thank you to those sisters who met me for dinner and/or let me stay overnight with them!

I'm writing my article for the Pleiad in the middle of updating it with the articles that have come in thus far. We had such a wonderful turnout last issue, and I would love to see that happen again! So when your committee representative requests an article for the National Pleiad, please submit one! Pictures are also welcome.

Speaking of pictures, please submit pictures to update your province/chapter for the website. Those should go through your province website representative.



I know this is more the domain of the National Vice President, but we should ALL be working on Recruiting, Recruiting, Recruiting! Just think how much we would grow if EVERYONE brought in at least one new sister in the next year!

Cathie Barber

Electra Province Trustee

## ***Sterope Province Trustee – Karen Kammer, Ohio Mu***

Happy Spring to all of my Delta Theta Chi Sisters. I always look forward to the Spring Pleiad to see the winners of our Scholarships. It is the beginning of these students' journey into their future. It is awesome to see what they are passionate about and where they anticipate life taking them. Good luck to all the winners.

The theme of the pleiad is "What will your plans be for the Summer". I am looking forward to attending the graduation ceremony of our granddaughter, Carrie Kammer, from Miami University Oxford Ohio with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. We are enjoying going to our grandson, Maddux Kammer's baseball games. He will be 12 years old in July. Always fun watching him and his teammates play ball. I will be present for the NEC mid-year zoom meeting to be held in June. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to your Trustee or any one of the NEC members and we will be happy to respond to your inquiries.



Wherever life takes you this summer I hope you have a wonderful time and enjoy every minute of it.

In Sisterly Love,

Karen Kammer

Sterope Province Trustee

## ***Taygeta Province Trustee – Jeanne Reid, Oklahoma Zeta***

My plans for the summer are not very exciting. They include a treasurer hunt in my attic after 24 years of living in the same house, organizing my office and closets, and donating everything my family won't want to deal with at a later date. A few home improvement plans for my dear hubby, so he won't feel left out, are also on the agenda. Fortunately, my chapter has some fun adventures planned for the summer to give me a break from these dreary tasks. I wish all of my dear sisters a blessed and fruitful summer, may we all be able to gather together this Fall for memorable times of sisterhood.



In sisterly love,

Jeanne Reid  
Taygeta Province Trustee

## ***National Executive Secretary-Treasurer – Tammy Cocannouer, Kansas Beta***

As N.E.S.T, it is my duty to remind you of several things before I go on vacation, at least mentally. Please check out all the new forms on the Members Only section of the website. Especially the form to update member status and information (Member Status and Information Change Form). This form is primarily for resignations and deaths. There is also an Address change form that should be filled out when someone moves. The most current Insignia and Supply Order Form is there and has the current prices.

In addition to all these new/revised forms, don't forget to submit your chapter minutes to myself (N.E.S.T.), National President Linda Colton, National Vice President Cheryl Neeley, your Province Trustee, your Province President and your Province Recording Secretary. These people need your minutes to be able to share your wonderful experiences with others to provide ideas for meetings/recruiting/etc.

Now, back to my dreaming about a summer vacation...



In sisterhood,

Tammy Cocannouer  
National Executive Secretary Treasurer



# **Alcyone Province**

## **President Shelley Nelson, Washington Alpha**

### **California Eta – Reporter, Each sister**

My husband and I shared more memorable experiences than I can count over our 20 years together, along with travels both here and abroad – via planes, trains, automobiles, ships and motorhomes – and including a Paris/New York flight on the now-retired supersonic Concorde. Early in our relationship, we made a goal of visiting every state in the Union too, and we had only one left to do...so I put it on my own bucket list... Then LAST summer I fulfilled that last bucket list item for the both of us with a fun family cruise to Alaska! Yes, I saved and dreamed and teared up for that small, but meaningful event. Now what will I be doing THIS summer? I'll be shifting my focus closer to home and health AND concentrating on a new bucket list!

#### **Beth Palmer Fleet**

I have no set plans for this summer. My husband, Denny, and I just returned from Arizona to visit his cousin in Palominas and I spent several hours in Tucson buying beads to create more jewelry for the website I plan to activate later in April. God Willing, in June, I hope to drive to San Diego for a long weekend with a friend to visit the Wild Animal Park and buy more beads from my favorite shops. On my summer wish list, I would love to travel to Grenoble, France, to visit my new great-granddaughter, Jane, born March 28<sup>th</sup>, and her family. I'm looking forward to hearing about my fellow sisters' plans.

#### **Marilyn Burke**

Robert and I are going to Europe to celebrate my upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are starting with a few days in London. Then we are going on a 10-day cruise around the British Isles with stops in Scotland, northern Ireland, Ireland, and England. Then we are taking the train to Paris for a few days at Disney Paris. We are so excited to have these 2 ½ weeks to explore!

#### **Christina Hollowood**

I don't have any major plans for the summer. Dates on my calendar for the months of June through September include theatrical events, meals with friends and a lot of walks at The Huntington (Library & Gardens) in San Marino, CA. Our chapter usually takes the summer months off with the exception of a summer social which I always look forward to. The weather has been so unpredictable this year I'm not sure whether I should be hoping for more rain, less hot temps or the regular So Cal summer of closing the house in the morning and day then opening the windows to let the cooler air circulate in the evening and night hours. As a So Cal girl, me and my wardrobe are ready for it all!

#### **Florence Agcawili**

Summer 2026 is starting to fill up with family and friends scheduling visits with us. This year we decided to not do our annual RV trip to Oregon. The last week of April we are planning a trip to Bryce Canyon and Zion. We will use our RV for that trip. Upon returning, we decided we will RV local as there are the beach and numerous lakes in our area. Larry especially wants to do fishing activities with the grandkids. We plan on visiting family and friends in Florence, Medford and Grants Pass Oregon in mid-July. This trip will be for relaxing, fishing, crabbing, boating, bar-b-queing but not in our RV. This summer will find us home for July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day festivities. I wish all of my sorority sisters a fun filled summer.

#### **Kathy Vernon**

This summer I'll be starting off by helping with summer school. In my new position as a teacher on special assignment, they've asked me to support as needed, so some days I might be the admin and some days I might be teaching, lol. Then the family (the James' & the Warden's) will be heading to Denver, Colorado for the National Educator Association Convention. My brother and I were selected to represent Southern California (San Gabriel Valley area) and Baldwin Park Teachers at the convention. After that the James' will then head to Kentucky to visit Josh's family. We should then be back to start getting ready for the new school year.

#### **Melody James**

### **California Iota – Reporter, Joyce Miller**

Lana Duckett, Joyce Miller and her husband are planning an anniversary trip up to Cambria, with a few more trips to the beach this summer. My son and I are planning a trip to Amsterdam. We are really looking forward to that. Other members are enjoying trips to Disneyland and lunch and dinners with friends. Enjoy your summer.

### California Omicron – Reporter, Cheryl Ward

Sisters Nanette, Cheryl, Pam, Sandy, Ruthi, Susie, Colleen, and Dee Laine share their summer adventures:

My husband, Bill, and I are going on an African Safari to see the great migration.

My dream trip would be a river cruise on the Danube. Maybe another summer.

We might head to Flagstaff to see my family. I am trying to get my yard back in shape. That's about it for this summer. If I could travel, I'd visit the resting places of generations of related folks that have passed on. I've been on ancestry.com for years and have traced direct Family on both sides to Germany (area that was part of Russia, Germany, Russia, and now Poland), England, Ireland, Wales, Kennedy, and Massachusetts also Berrien where I was born. As well as other areas of Michigan as far back as the late 1600s and early 1700s. One of the areas I'd like to see is in Cornwall UK.

No big plans this summer, just continue going out to eat on Friday evenings, exploring the restaurants in our area. We may spend a couple of nights in Oceanside, going to the Surf museum and so forth. I will be spending four days in Newport Beach with two girlfriends from junior high school! Otherwise, staycation is this beautiful place we call San Diego.

My fantasy would be to float down a lazy river wrapped in the arms of a handsome, loving man, who wants nothing more than to make me laugh. The reality is, I will be working on making Holiday gifts for Family. Also visiting, playing board games, attending free concert concerts in the park, and seeing movies with friends and family. A beautiful, simple life.

I'm currently finishing a monthlong RV trip around the coast of Florida. This summer, I will go to San Diego and bring my granddaughter back to South Carolina with me. We will have Nana school every day as we prepare for her third grade. In addition, we will include many trips to Folly Beach for shark teeth hunting, as well as integrating curriculum, and attending the Charleston aquarium, trips to Charlestown, Landing, Low Country Children's Museum, water parks, and some local farms. We will do some photography, exploration, cooking, and arts and crafts. Maybe even write another picture book. Ice cream for dinner and Pickleball. There will be lots of Pickleball. Dart and I are going to Iowa for his 50th high school reunion!

### California Sigma – Reporter, Sandy Torre

Bobbi and I don't have much planned for the summer. We are both so busy getting ready for the Alcyone Province Convention October 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. We hope we can see many of our sisters outside Alcyone, as well as lots and lots of our own members there as well.

### Washington Alpha – Reporter, Shelley Nelson

Our members of Washington Alpha are spread out but sure keep busy.

Our chapter meets monthly via zoom all year long and we still manage to find time for fun summer activities.

**Cheryl Zarins, Annie Taylor, Dorene Brown and Kristine Dundas-Rankin** - are heading out for a cruise to Bermuda in May

**Karen Sorci** - will be rehabbing after her knee surgery today.

**Shelley Nelson** - will be visiting San Diego, CA Orlando, Florida and Minneapolis, Minnesota this summer.

**Julie D'Onofrio** - commented that she is a home body.

**Kendra Merck** - owns a business in Shady Cove, Oregon. Only open for 4 months called "Slightly Tilted Kinda Shady" main focus is baked pizza, Italian dinners and lots of desserts.

She is up for an award "best in southern Oregon" and will be featured in their magazine if they win.

**Lisa Lielasus** - No Reply

**Erica Bishop** - will be spending as much time as she can with the family and taking the kids to fun places like the zoo and parks.

## **Celaeno Province**

*President Sandy Pixey, Indiana Eta*

### **Indiana Gamma** – Reporter, Deb Hood

As reporter for Indiana Gamma Chapter, I will share what our vacation plans are for this year. Actually, each year our chapter takes the end of June, July and August off from meeting. But the normal last meeting of the year is a carry-in lunch at the home of one of our sisters who has a swimming pool. We also invite husbands/significant others and guests. This is a time of relaxation and sharing what we as sisters will be doing until we meet again in September. Hopefully, our guests will find what they are missing and become a part of our sisterhood in the future.

Several of our sisters plan to travel to visit family and friends.

One sister will be moving back to southern Tennessee so she will be organizing her new home. This is a sad time as we will miss our sister. Maybe we should all travel to have a meeting in her new home (SMILE).

Overall, we will begin planning our next year in Delta Theta Chi.

### **Indiana Eta** – Reporter, Susan Yoder

For the past several years, IN Eta Chapter has been taking a bus trip to the quaint lakeside town of South Haven, MI. Susan Yoder works for the local school district and uses one of their buses to accommodate sisters and their guests and we take off in the morning and don't return until evening. There are wonderful antiques stores, dress shops and a variety of other stores that keep everyone busy all day. We ate lunch in an old historic bank building that is now called Clementine's. Delicious food!

But before we head into town, we go to a warehouse that sells all kinds of party goods, napkins, paper plates, etc. at deeply discounted prices. We enjoy a very fun day of sisterhood, laughter and comparing bargains.

### **Indiana Kappa** – Reporter, Becky Bowman

Summer, what will the weather be like? Will we get rain, heat and sun, or will we have nice normal summer weather with hot weather in July and August like normal?

Regardless of the weather, which I hope will be nice and sunny, I will be out and about, socializing with People of Speedway, talking up Delta Theta Chi and all the benefits of belonging. I have great faith that my efforts will be fruitful.

Have fun this summer and "Hold High the Torch". I pray that everyone will be fruitful and multiply!



# Electra Province

President Tammy Cocannouer, Kansas Beta

## Kansas Alpha – Reporter, Janelle Clark

On behalf of the Kansas Alpha Chapter, I will report that our members will be busy this summer spending time and planning adventures with their families, recuperating from medical issues, attending chapter meetings/luncheons/social events, and enjoying each day doing what they can and like. Every sister has their own challenge to overcome but with help from other sisters, friends, and family I believe summertime will be joyful and quickly 'fly-by'.

## Kansas Beta – Reporter, Teresa Carter

Pool time, summer officer meeting, educational contest entry preparation, a construction job and maybe a chapter movie outing!

The Kansas Beta's have a fun and busy summer planned after their final meeting in June. The Kansas Beta's don't traditionally hold meetings in July and August, but that doesn't mean they won't be together doing "chapter" activities.

First there is always Fridays at the pool. Sisters have an open invitation to join Teresa at the clubhouse pool for a cool swim, wine, snacks and of course sister time each Friday evening.

Then Kansas Betas will be meeting to prepare their entry for the Electra Province Educational Contest. This year's rotation theme is music and EP Educational Director Julia Orecky has picked the topic of "women artists who released their debut album in 2000 or later." The Betas have a dozy of presentation planned and it will take all summer to perfect it!

Next the chapter has purchased a kit to construct a "Free Library." The kit is in and the books to stock it are piled in a sister's house. All that is left is securing the final permission from the property owner to put it in place – oh and build the thing! We will be helped on the build by DTC guy Micheal Schmidt, husband of sister Karrissa Schmidt and son of sister Trish Schmidt.

Finally, the Beta's will cool off with at least one trip to the air-conditioned movie theater to watch a summer release! Last year we saw "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret." We don't know what movie it will be yet this summer, but popcorn and soda will be a must for sure.

## Kansas Kappa – Reporter, Bethany Hofmeier

### **Vicky Lignitz:**

My summer plans include attending the National Genealogical Society's 2026 convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana 27-30 May 2026. The conference theme, "America at 250" commemorates the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence and focuses on exploring the stories, communities, and research strategies that illuminate our nation's past. This is my first time attending a conference on the national scale and home to the renowned Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library. Additionally, three of my high school girlfriends will be spending several days in Colorado. We get together every two years or so, and it's like we just graduated from high school. There will be lots of giggles and not much sleep no doubt!

Reminder: Electra's Conclave 2026 will be November 6-8, 2026, in Ottawa, Kansas. More information will be posted on the DTC website soon.

### **Candace Moore:**

MAY: track meets, choir concerts, chaperoning the 8th grade class trip, packing/taking both kids to camp for the summer, cover for several maternity leaves at work

JUNE: coordinate several house renovation projects while the kids are away at camp, celebrate at Gail's much anticipated wedding, maternity leave coverage continues at work

JULY: finish house renovations, maternity leave coverage continues at work

AUGUST: start teaching Caelyn to drive (pray for us), volleyball/cheer season, Connor's senior year starts (pray for us), maternity leave coverage continues at work

And during all the time prepare for the KS Kappa's to host Electra Province Conclave this fall.



**Gail Allen:**

My summer? Fully booked and unapologetically about me—my wedding taking center stage like the main event it is (yes, technically Bill's wedding too... but let's be honest), garden glow-ups in between, a birthday that lasts all month (because one day isn't enough), soaking up every ounce of sunshine, making unforgettable moments, being just the right amount of extra, and catching sleep whenever it fits my schedule.

**Cindy Whiteley:**

I am madly trying to get a 3-dimensional looking quilt done for our grandson's graduation. In August we go to Maine for a celebration of life and of course to see our son in NH.

**Missouri Delta – Reporter, Chris Durbin**

The hot, humid days of summer are almost upon us here in Missouri. Judy and Kristy will be staying near an air conditioner most of those days!! Cheryl said "We are planning on spending quality time with family, friends and Sisters. And hopefully a few new adventures!" Eileen replied, "I will be traveling to a teachers retreat, traveling to visit a childhood best friend, and working on my house this summer." Mindy reported "This summer I will be spending time with my family and enjoying the warm weather with Luke while vacationing." Chris responded "I have several family activities on my calendar, which will take me to the southwest corner of Iowa, about a three-hour drive. I will spend a few days in Iowa during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October. And then it will be time for the holidays with family!!!"

**Nebraska Eta – Reporter, Paula Kohrt**

Its summertime again and the Nebraska ETA sisters are looking forward to the warmth and relaxation.

Our fearless leader Deb plans to go to Bassett NE in mid-June to share a booth at the Craft Show that is part of the Annual Rock County Ranch Expo. July 31-August 2 she will be working at the Fox Hole Tavern for the Wilbur Czech Festival.

Teresa will be teaching sailing school in June. She is hoping to spend quite a bit of time sailing on Alake Manawa this summer and enjoying some of the events at the sailing club. She will also be making trips down to Texas to visit family. Teresa will also be hosting the Nebraska ETAs for a cookout at the sailing club this summer!!!

Julia and Izzy will be going to Arkansas in late May, Disneyland in June and a concert in Denver in early August. They also have plans to attend a few storm Chasers baseball games, as well as attend a Cosmic Baseball event.

Mariah is simply enjoying a summer with no college courses. She will also be attending several plays with her amazing mother and taking her father to see Weird Al Yankovich! She intends to relax and cuddle her two new dogs, Teddie and Billie.

Tiffany intends to relax and catch up on her backlog of video games.

Paula intends to see a few plays with Mariah, try to limit work hours and enjoy her grandbabies as much as possible.

## **Sterope Province**

*President Sharon Osterberger, Ohio Mu*

### **Maryland Alpha** – Reporter, Termia Jones

Unfortunately, we do not have an article or anything positive to report. We are significantly impacted by the on-going government shutdown and most of us are not getting paid and/or working without pay. I am state government employee and the only exception to this nightmare.

Hopefully things will change and soon for everyone's sake

### **Ohio MU** – Reporter, Sharon Osterberger

It looks like Ohio Mu sisters will be busy this summer. Edith Breidenthal is looking forward to attending her granddaughter Amber graduation from Miami University Oxford Ohio with a master's degree. In June, Edith nephew Aaron will be getting married.

Rebecca Rowan can't wait to get busy with her quilting, sewing and gardening now that surgery is over and her thumb has healed.

Karen Kammer is looking forward to her granddaughter Carrie graduating from Miami University. I am hoping that I can see a few baseball games. I have 2 grandsons and 1 great grandson playing on different traveling teams. Also, a little great grandson played T ball for the first time. We are planning on having a business meeting in July.

Hold High the Torch  
Sterope Province President



## Taygeta Province

President Jeanne Reid, Oklahoma Zeta

### Oklahoma Alpha – Reporter, Susan Yeilding

Oklahoma Alpha now holds its regular meetings at Fajita's Grill, in Tulsa. It was a lot of fun! Dinner, sisters, and margaritas! Here are two photos of our gatherings and one of Beverly Lee's 94th Birthday Party.



Photo #1: Judy Stone, Charlene Lenox, Judy Kitchen, Betty Reid, Susan Yeilding, Becky Lindsey

Photo #2: Becky Lindsey, Susan Yeilding Betty Reid, Judy Kitchen, Judy Stone, Fran Tebow

Photo #3: Beverly Lee's 94th Birthday Party: Becky Lindsey, Judy Stone, Judy Kitchen, Betty Reid, Fran Tebow, Beverly Lee, Susan Yeilding.

This summer several of us are planning trips.

Becky Lindsey and her husband just returned from a West Caribbean cruise, where they were part of a Western Dance Group. They are amazing dancers!!!

Fran Tebow is accompanying her kids and grandkids to Disney World. She has said she plans "to make memories and find someone to run over with her red-hot scooter."

Tiffany Sutton is making a first trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the 4th of July. Surely this 250th 4th will be memorable!

Judy Stone is taking a girl's trip to Banff, Canada, where her granddaughter will be part of a wedding. Judy says it's a good excuse to be with her daughter, daughter-in law, and two granddaughters. Banff, Canada, will be amazing!!

Judy Kitchen plans to visit Fayetteville and experience the fabulous Crystal Bridges exhibits with her family.

I am planning to travel to Nashville with my daughter's family. My granddaughter will be attending college at Lipscomb University, where she will be on the track team and begin studies for orthopedic medicine. She is a Salutatorian at Jenks High School.

Oklahoma Alpha will get together for Summer's Fifth Night at Utica Square in July to enjoy the music of Grady Nichols. We may also have dinner at a new restaurant in Tulsa, FoNo Santo, where our own Ben Miner and his Jazzy Boys will play. Ben is the grandson of our departed sister, Linda Miner. We like to "grandmother" him. We hope all of you also have plans for summer fun!

### Oklahoma Beta – Reporter, Amy Seerey

In May, Oklahoma Beta proudly celebrated its 83rd Founder's Day. As we look ahead, we are excited for a fun and engaging summer filled with meaningful programs centered around "Women in History."

Upcoming plans include a presentation by our world traveler, Kim, who will share her experiences visiting the Christmas Markets in Germany. We will also enjoy a lively game of "Who Am I?" featuring notable women from our national outline, as well as a book review of *The Nightingale*.

We are especially proud to support and celebrate our scholarship recipient, Presley Hendrix, and will continue our commitment to The Children's Center in Bethany, Oklahoma through ongoing donations.

In addition, the Beta girls are actively planning and fundraising for our special evening at next summer's National Convention.

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In addition, the Beta girls are actively planning and fundraising for our special evening at next summer's National Convention.



### Oklahoma Epsilon – Reporter, VaughnCille Weidner

It looks like summer may be finally here. We have had a cool spring with our usual tornado season but thankfully our chapter has missed them so far. There is some exciting travel for our ladies this summer. Annette Myers has a trip planned to Kalamazoo, MI in one of their classic Chevys in July; Janet Harris has a trip to Lawrence, KS planned in June for a small family reunion with one of her great grandsons and family; Becky Cooper and her husband, Wayne, are going on an Alaskan cruise in August to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and VaughnCille Weidner and Gene are leaving May 15<sup>th</sup> for two weeks in Daytona, FL. We will be interested to hear all about these travels at our Fall meetings.

This picture of Janet Harris, VaughnCille Weidner and Annette Myers when we delivered the personal items to the YWCA Women's Shelter in April. This is an annual event for us and they are very appreciative.

We hope all of you have something going for this summer and have safe travels.



### Oklahoma Zeta – Reporter, Linda Elkins

Our spring calendar was packed with events that brought sisters together. Spring Board was attended by five of our members and we enjoyed the company of many of our sister chapters.

Saint Patrick's Day celebration, where our hostess Bobbie Jones filled her house with green décor and Irish cheer the festivities continued as we honored Jeanne Reid with a special birthday party, celebrating another year of her wonderful contributions to our sisterhood.

More recently, we marked the arrival of spring with a wonderful lunch hosted by Teresa Cole to celebrate Easter. Lunch was followed by an Easter egg hunt with prizes for finding the Golden and Silver eggs.

The excitement is already building for our upcoming annual Lake Trip in June. We are thrilled to return to Lake Eufaula, where our generous host Becky Kueffer will welcome us for a weekend of boating and lakeside relaxation. This trip is a recharge for plans going into a new year.

Looking further ahead we are planning our Founders Day celebration. We are considering going to the historic First National Center Tea Room, in downtown Oklahoma City. Wherever we land we will honor the visionary women who established our Chapter.

## Texas Zeta – Reporter, Connie Crow

It's hard to believe at this writing we are already 4 months into 2026. Summer will be here soon. Even though we usually take a break from sorority activities at least in July, I think the Summer of 2026 will be different because 2027 is going to be a busy year for Taygeta Province and Texas Zeta Chapter. In June 2027, Taygeta will be hosting the National Convention in beautiful Grapevine, Texas. Tx Beta's June Butler and our own Giedra Brittigan are co-host for this convention. Our two local chapters are in charge of the Saturday night banquet decorations and events. So, it will be all hands on deck to make it a great time for all our sisters... "Deep in the Heart of Sisterhood", here in the Lone Star State. Ya'll dust off your boots and come on down! After the National Convention, Texas Zeta will "take a quick breath" and return our complete focus on our Fall Province Convention which will be held in November 2027. The theme? Well...Hmm...

Our chapter continues presenting educationals at each meeting mostly on women who made outstanding contributions in their fields such as culinary, international spies, music, inventions and more. Always fascinating and informative. However, in November we had a "Let's Talk Turkey" educational presented by Phil Robinson (Jenny's SO) and learned a lot (and had a lot of laughs) about the different species of turkeys, their feathers, turkey calls and we even followed up with a turkey dinner! You have heard about "football season" widows? Well Jenny is a "turkey hunting season" widow. If you look up turkeys in the dictionary, you will see Phil's picture.

While our chapter enjoys socials, that involves an event like a play or a movie or perhaps shopping or attending a craft market, the heart of our chapter is gathering and being with our sisters. Below is a picture of our Christmas Social hosted in Giedra's home. We also celebrated our Life Member Darlene Meineke's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Darlene has been unable to attend meetings, so we have mini lunches and drop-ins with her in her home to keep her updated on chapter activities and lives of our sisters. The ties between the hearts of our Texas Zeta sisters is strong.



Jenny Davidson and  
Phil Robertson



(back l-r) Dona Wallace, Shannon Kelly,  
Jenny Davidson, Jan Coles, Patty Hetzendorfer,  
(Giedra's Lithuanian Costume Mannequin)  
(front l-r) Sheron Braden, Giedra Brittigan,  
Connie Crow and Kay Dungan



Darlene Meineke's  
98<sup>th</sup> Birthday

## Texas Nu – Reporter, Melissa Arney

### **A Summer of Growth and Fellowship**

The temperatures are rising, and the sisters of Texas Nu are gearing up for a productive summer. Our focus is firmly planted on preparation, creativity, and the joy of coming together for a common purpose as we look forward to the months ahead.

With the 2026 Fall Taygeta Convention fast approaching—hosted right here in Lubbock on October 2-4—our summer workshop sessions will be buzzing with activity. Our theme centers on the beauty of a diverse garden, celebrating how different flowers grow and flourish side-by-side. To bring this vision to life, members will spend the coming months crafting various floral elements. These handmade creations will serve as a visual reminder that while we all bring different strengths to the table, we develop something truly spectacular when we work together. It will be a wonderful opportunity for hands-on fun and fellowship that allows everyone who attends to flourish.

In addition to our creative projects, we look forward to our popular Game Night fundraiser to support our convention preparations. Members are encouraged to bring a spouse, friend, or family member to enjoy great food and even better company. For a \$10 contribution, everyone can join in on their favorite board, card, or dice games. Whether you are looking for friendly competition or a "split-your-side laughing" kind of evening, this event is a cornerstone of our summer plans. We truly love this time of fellowship and look forward to the laughter and memory-making that helps us grow closer as a chapter.

**What's a sister to do after the sorority year ends? Well ...**

The TX Beta sisters are planning a trip to Winstar Casino on the TX/OK border – some will spend the night, and some will return home as it is only an hour away. There is a lot of fun games, good food, and a nice pool. One sister might even play golf on their beautiful course (hope she finds a partner to play with).

Sister June is planning a year-end pool party in July in honor of our beloved, Judy Bassler who passed away July 11, 2025. Judy would host our year-end party at her house where we could all enjoy her pool, eat good food and enjoy each other's company. It will not be the same without her.

Here's what's happening with our sisters this summer:

Ann T – gardening and decluttering

Carol G – water aerobics and just visited The Ark with Jerry and Dallie (she said it was fun and interesting)

Donna R – Horse Therapy – she loves working with equine and children

Donna B – Gardening – she switched to container gardening after our guest speaker and redesigning her downstairs craft area

Gigi P – Swimming and going to any beach – maybe practice her golf game

Jeanne D – Gardening and attending a RUSH concert on June 28

Patti W – possible move to retirement home; visit sister in Tulsa and babysitting her oldest great granddaughter

Marilyn T – tending to her massive plant collection and her outdoor flowers

Robin P – heading to Wichita, KS for a week with family and friends while attending her brothers' wedding

June B – maybe a trip to the J5 Ranch in Guthrie OK to hang with my baby brother

We are praying that all our sisters have a fun and safe summer!





## Delta Theta Chi Book Club Hosted by Cheryl Neeley

The DTC Book Club continues to be a meaningful space for connection, conversation, and shared discovery for all Provinces through monthly book reviews and group discussions. Each book offers more than a good read – it opens the door to reflection, dialogue, and exploring new ideas.

We will continue meeting during the Summer months. We encourage all members to participate by reading, sharing insights, and inviting others to join in the experience. Whether you join every discussion or simply follow along, your presence strengthens the learning experience that makes our time together so special.

Each Book of the Month is posted on DTC's Website. Monthly meeting reminders are also posted on the Sisters Only Webpage and Social Media.

All members of DTC are welcome to join the Book Club and are encouraged to make a \$20 donation that covers a two-year period, from National Convention to National Convention. Please mail your donation check to N.E.S.T. Tammy Cocannouer. Checks need to be made payable to Delta Theta Chi with a notation on the check "for DTC Book Club". All donations collected will be donated to a non-profit literacy-based organization voted on by members of the Book Club.

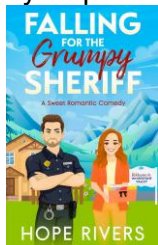
For any questions you may have, or to request to be added to the monthly Zoom invitation email distribution list, or recommend a good book you have read, please contact Book Club Chair [cheryl.neeley@yahoo.com](mailto:cheryl.neeley@yahoo.com).

*Let's keep building connections one Book at a time.*

Happy Reading! Here are the books we have discussed in March and April as well as the upcoming books through August 2026:

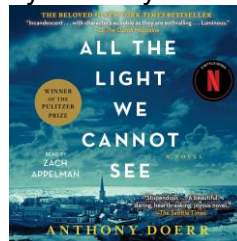
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"Falling for the Grumpy Sheriff"  
by Hope Rivers



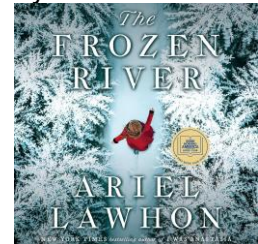
May 27, 2026:

"All the Light We Cannot See"  
by Anthony Doerr



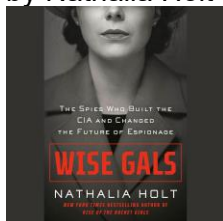
July 29, 2026

"The Frozen River"  
by Ariel Lawhon



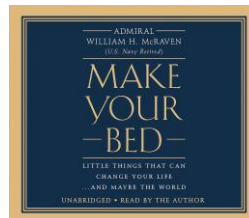
April 29, 2026:

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by Nathalia Holt



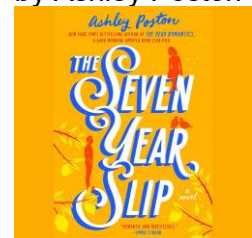
June 24, 2026

"Make Your Bed:  
Little Things That  
Can Change Your  
Life"  
by Admiral William  
H. McRaven



August 26, 2026

"The Seven Year Slip"  
by Ashley Poston



## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

### Recipients of the 2026-2027 National Memorial Scholarships

Kassidy Kirkham is from Hugoton, Kansas  
and will receive one of the Delta Theta Chi National Memorial Scholarship for \$1600.00.

Kassidy has taken science coursework throughout her schooling to prepare herself for her future goal of becoming a nurse.

Kassidy plans to attend Emporia State University to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is currently a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA) and works part time at Pioneer Manor, a long-term care facility. She enjoys giving back to her community while gaining valuable knowledge and skills that will help her in her goal of becoming a nurse.

Kassidy hopes to become a travel nurse for the start of her career, in order to gain a vast experience and knowledge in various settings. She hopes to one day return to rural southwest Kansas to help fill the void in healthcare in the rural areas. Though she has been raised in the feedlot industry and with a mother as a veterinarian, her heart lies within the human health arena. The agriculture industry has provided her with a foundation of a solid work ethic, strong communication skills, and a determination to succeed.



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Danielle Dee is from Carlsbad, California  
and will receive one of the Delta Theta Chi National Memorial Scholarship for \$1600.00



Danielle would like to study Management Science and Engineering, which combines business leadership and engineering or a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Business which depends on the University chosen, Stanford or UC Berkeley MET.

Danielle wants to become an entrepreneur because it would allow her the most flexibility and ownership over seeing societal problems, thinking up a solution, and creating/implementing it. Danielle can have the largest and most depthful impact through engineering technology that will help others.

Helplessness, due to a family member's cancer return, drove Danielle's interest into research. After realizing how few promising discoveries crossed the 'valley of death' between grant-funded research and therapeutics reaching the public, Danielle was galvanized to devote herself to the work Salk's Office of Technology Development.

Danielle taught herself the alphabet soup of contract abbreviations, learned several biological disciplines' jargon to reframe it for business audiences, and soaked up negotiation strategies while preparing materials behind the scenes.

When Danielle heard the team's decision to abandon a patent due to a lack of commercial interest for REDs biomarkers, which could support the first diagnostic and prevent premature ending to athletes' careers, Danielle pushed to implement a new strategy. When tasked with marketing ultrasound neuromodulation technology, rather than sending generic emails to warm contacts, Danielle created tailored company lists and value propositions based on what companies already had in their pipelines. This led to more conversations. New warm contacts, and eventually a prospective licensee.

Seeing time as the limiting factor, Danielle built an automation to process material transfer agreements (MTAs) by parsing researchers from requests, selecting and auto filling the appropriate template, and routing e-signatures after approval, cutting time spent on MTAs by over 90%.

Over time, she noticed other inefficiencies: companies publicizing collaboration interests differing from reality, labs lacking the scope of data for sponsored research, and OTDs returning to the same warm contacts when better-fitting companies can't be found, all of which are fixable through stronger communication.

In college Danielle will work towards engineering a platform that directly aligns academia's research output with the interests of businesses and expand automations that accelerate technology transfer. She hopes to one day eliminate the "valley of death" for the benefit of academia, industry, and humanity, building infrastructure for worldwide research to reach patients faster, including her family member.

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Hannah Zeigler is from Logansport, Indiana  
and will receive one of the Delta Theta Chi National Memorial Scholarship for \$1600.00.

Hannah plans to attend Purdue University where she plans to major in Animal Science and then proceed to obtain her master's or doctorate in Animal Nutrition. Her goal is to become an animal nutritionist to formulate feeds in livestock.

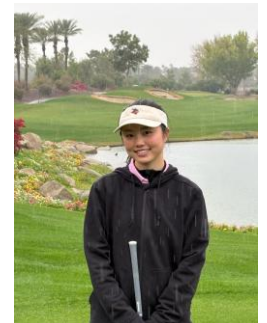
Hannah wants to pursue a college education to better herself with the knowledge that she would gain from going to college. Obtaining this degree will help her in the long run by hopefully landing a job in the future.



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Caitlyn Wang is from Jamul, California  
and will receive one of the Delta Theta Chi National Memorial Scholarship for \$1600.00

Caitlyn has committed to the pre-med track at Berkeley as a Neuroscience major with a long-term goal of becoming a psychiatrist. She Intends to help people overcome their mental health concerns, as well as to advocate for the importance of mental health awareness.

Beyond her interest in helping others with their often-stigmatized problems, she was greatly inspired by her high school Economics teacher, who encouraged her to double major in Economics. She finds fulfillment in studying human rationality when money and markets are involved, and examining such behavioral trends encouraged her to reinforce her decision to become a psychiatrist. Her Econ knowledge acquired from various classes in the past also helped her be successful in her internship over the summer. This tangible experience of seeing education leading to new opportunities solidified her perspective on post-secondary education as both an acknowledgment of her parents' love and hopes for her and a personal investment in her future



Caitlyn's parents grew up in rural Taiwan and were only able to move to the U.S. in pursuit of better opportunities because of their hard work and education. Education was the path to success for her parents and she wants to honor their sacrifices, such as moving away from all support, to offer Kaitlyn and her sister the best opportunities possible.

Caitlyn aspires to learn from them, her biggest role models, to build something out of nothing.

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### Recipient of the 2026-2027 National Marie Miller Graham Scholarship

Maddox Hood is from Amilia, OH,  
is to receive the Marie Miller Graham scholarship of \$1000.00.

Maddox plans to attend the University of Rio Grand in Rio Grand, Ohio. He intends to major in Sports and Exercise Studies (Bachelor), a program that prepares students for careers in health, fitness, and performance-based fields. The coursework combines foundational knowledge such as Human Growth & Development, Nutrition, and Concepts in Exercise Science with practical skills like fitness assessment, exercise programming, and movement analysis. These courses emphasize the scientific principles of exercise physiology, anatomy, biomechanics, and motor learning to support both athletic performance and overall health. Maddox is furthering his education to gain the expertise needed to design safe and effective exercise programs, promote lifelong wellness, and help individuals improve performance while reducing health risks related to inactivity.

Maddox is Deb Hood's grandson, IN Gamma, Celaeno Province.



## Recipient of the 2026-2027 National Sue Drelinger Scholarship

Jackson Hall is from Yukon, OK,  
is to receive the Sue Drelinger scholarship of \$500.00.

Jackson will be continuing his education at the University of Arkansas, majoring in graphic design. The University of Arkansas describes the graphic design program as a “Bachelor of Fine Arts degree that offers students an enhanced focus on human-centered and interaction design, typography, branding, and design research.” Jackson has always had a love for creativity and design, and his hope is to one day work in the art field, where he will have the opportunity to use his creativity as a career to design for others. His dream goal is to be able to use his skills in graphic design and his love of photography together.

Jackson is the son of Bridgette Hall, OK Kappa, Taygeta Province.





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