

WINTER 2026

TAYGETA PROVINCE PLEIAD

Delta Theta Chi



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A Message from the President

HELLO, MY DEAR SISTERS. I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS, AND THE NEW YEAR IS TREATING YOU ALL WELL SO FAR.

I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AGAIN FOR YOUR TRUST IN ME TO LEAD OUR PROVINCE. I HAVE BIG SHOES TO FILL FROM ALL OF THE AMAZING SISTERS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE ME, BUT I KNOW I CAN RELY ON ALL OF THEM AND YOU FOR GUIDANCE. I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO ME OR ANYONE ELSE ON THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS.

WITH THE START OF THE NEW YEAR, I WILL BE PLANNING OUR SPRING BOARD MEETING (DETAILS WILL COME SOON). I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE. IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE BOOK CLUB MEETINGS, THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. EVEN IF YOU DON'T READ THE BOOKS, IT IS A GREAT TIME TO SEE SISTERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND HAVE SOME MUCH NEEDED AND VALUED "SISTER TIME".

**IN SISTERLY LOVE,
LINDSAY RAGSDALE
TAYGETA PROVINCE PRESIDENT**

Oklahoma Alpha Susan Yeilding Reporter

The yearly OK Alpha Christmas Party always includes laughter, game playing, enjoying food, exchanging gifts, and giving to others. This past Christmas party was no exception. Except.....this year, we had an ugly sweater contest as well. It was handily won by Kat Rhoades in her homemade front/back, before/after story of the naughty gingerbread man that ate all the stocking candy and drank too much of Santa's wine. The back side depicted the after effects!

We played "Christmas Code Break", "Roll a Christmas Tree", "Who is Most Like Santa", and "Christmas Code Break". Prizes were won! We enjoyed appetizers, dinner and a little wine, and a rousing round of "Dirty Santa". In appreciation of our blessings, we passed the basket to collect money for Clarehouse, a hospice and our choice for a civic project this year. Some of our fun is recorded in the pictures below.



Judy Stone/Kat Rhoades



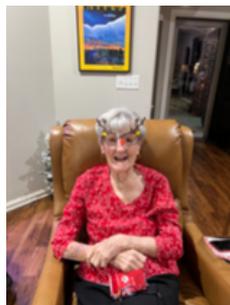
Judy Stone



Rebecca Lindsey/Tiffany Sutton



Judy Stone, Marlene Penn,
Tiffany Sutton, Kat Rhoades,
Victoria Ziegler



Betty Reid



Fran Tebow

Oklahoma Beta

Amy Seerey-Reporter

OK Beta has certainly been busy this year! We donated items to a local women's shelter and had the opportunity to attend our Province Convention—four of our sisters attended, and we had a blast. While there, we proudly celebrated the initiation of our newest sister, Natalie Hendrix.

We shared a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner graciously hosted by Kim Lair, during which our very own Dionna Barker shared her personal story. Dionna lost her sight several years ago and courageously learned to navigate life without sight. Her strength and perseverance make her a true inspiration to us all. Our poinsettia sale was a great success, and we wrapped up the year with our annual Christmas dinner, hosted by Lou Ella Berry. We were especially thrilled that Barbara Blouin was able to join us. Since Barbara has moved to Ponca City, her visit was a very special treat for everyone.

As we look ahead to the winter and spring, we are excited about the many events we will share with our sisters. This past year has helped us appreciate one another even more, and we are actively discussing new fundraising ideas to expand how we can support and serve our community and state.



Dionna Barker



Jackie Henderson, Faye Lee Dingler
and Barbara Blouin



Tracy Campbell,
Amy Seerey,
Kimberly Lair and
Natalie Hendrix

Oklahoma Epsilon Vaughn Cille Wiedner- Reporter

We had a great time at our Christmas party and Secret Sister Reveal in December at the beautiful home of Carmel Garvin. Again this year, we gave monetary assistance to an "at risk" grade school class for their Christmas party. In January, Becky Cooper was our host and she chose to take us to Inspirations Tea Room for our meeting. This is a lovely sitting and we had a wonderful time with our Sisters. We are enjoying our theme we chose this year Women of Mystery - Authors since we all enjoy reading. We are also enjoying our unseasonal "spring" here in Oklahoma City after the 8" snow we had a couple of weeks ago.

We are looking forward to an interesting and fun 2026.

Oklahoma Delta Carilyn Beebe-Reporter

Hello fellow sisters!

We made it through December, so everything's going to be all right!

Our first meeting in July had a positive outlook, as we had some leads for new memberships. We continue to come together in friendship and sisterly love as we plan for our next year. Summer disappeared and fall was upon us as we dug out our sweaters. The applications notice for our national scholarships was posted in our local newspaper in October. November blew in our Taygeta Province Fall Convention – “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!” That’s exactly what four of our Oklahoma Delta Chapter sisters did!

Making memories & growing our knowledge. Blessings tightened our circle of sisters at our Thanksgiving social, where Carilyn Beebe exchanged her pledge pin for a membership pin with Shirley West officiating. The “Reason for the Season” lit up our December with Christmas gifts for one man and one woman, who are residents of Enid Senior Care of Enid. As we spread joy, so it came back to us as we celebrated Christmas together with fabulous food, fun and fellowship.

Here’s to the New Year and 2026. Cheers!



Oklahoma Zeta

Linda Elkins-Reporter

The Ok Zeta Sisters finished the year with a bang of sisterhood. Though December is always a hectic time of year, we managed to gather three memorable times between December 1st and 14th.

On December 2nd, we held an intimate meeting at Jeanne Reid's home with perfect 100% attendance. After a delicious lunch, we watched a compelling documentary about Linda Ronstadt.

On December 8th, we met for a delightful lunch at Ted's for authentic Tex-Mex cuisine. We were joined by two special guests: Vicki Cramer's sister and Teresa Cole's talented longtime friend who is a hobbyist photographer. After lunch, we drove a few blocks to picturesque Five Stones Garden, where we toured the lush hothouse overflowing with vibrant poinsettias. The attached photo captures one of our cherished group photos from that day. I don't think anyone left without a stunning plant.

On December 14th, we gathered at Teresa Cole's home for a festive Christmas dinner surrounded by elegant Christmas décor. We enjoyed our beloved annual Secret Sister Gift exchange followed by spirited games. Our meaningful philanthropic Christmas project benefited Positive Tomorrow, with generous additional donations collected at this meeting.

The calendar year brought heartbreaking losses with the passing of so many Sisters; yet I felt we ended the year with abundant Sisterly Love.

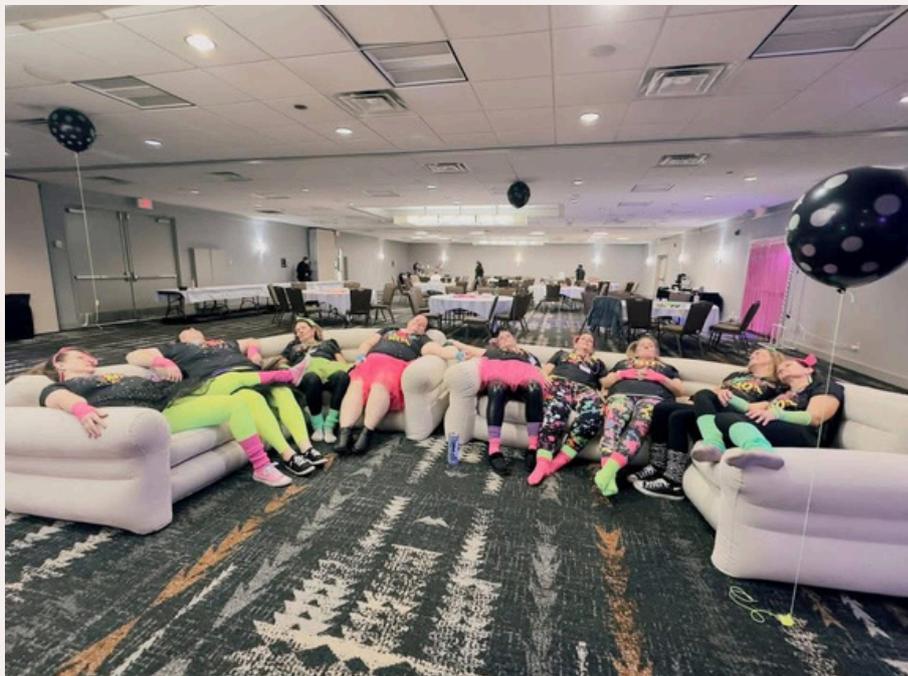


(Left-Right) Teresa Cole Deguisti, Vicki Cramer, Linda Elkins, Becky Kueffer, Laura Kitchen, Diane Moss, Bobbie Jones, Darcie Kelso and Lynn Yenzer

Oklahoma Kappa Keri Garon-Reporter

The OK Kappas were thrilled to host our recent Taygeta fall convention. We had a great turnout and lots of fun memories were made. Thank you to all who joined us.

We are looking to finish out our year strong with some fun themed meetings and an end-of-the-year party.



Texas Beta June Butler-Reporter

TX Beta Buzz

Thanksgiving Blessing Bags were delivered to sixteen senior residents at The Villas of Calloway Creek in Hurst, Texas on Wednesday, November 26, 2025. The residents are low-income and often in need of food supplies. The bags consisted of a whole roast chicken with all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner: dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn, Jello, canned fruit, rolls, and pie to name a few of the goodies. June Butler and Gigi Phillips delivered the bags to Annette, the manager, who passed them out to the residents later that morning.

Texas Beta sisters held our December social at Rio Mambo, a Mexican restaurant in Weatherford, Texas on Thursday, December 18th. We had beautiful Texas weather for our lunch. It was a great time of togetherness and good food. We love our Tex-Mex! We got some early Christmas hugs from our sisters, and we had loads of fun with our annual Christmas ornament gift exchange. The “Santa in the Hot Tub” ornament was stolen the most!



Texas Zeta

Patty Hetzendorfer-Reporter

TEXAS ZETA WINTER 2026 As we are experiencing a drastic cold front here in the Dallas area, we are warmed by the sisterly love in Delta Theta Chi and our chapter. We call each other sisters for good reason, we are women who are part of a special family. There are regular chapter meetings with our intimate family and then, province conventions and national conventions much like a “family reunion”. All these gatherings are opportunities to visit, to laugh, to listen, to share with one another's lives. Then there are times that we go even further in the lives of one another; we take the time to help our sister in a special need, or take the time to just visit a sister. These are the heartwarming parts of the “sisterly love” I have experienced and observed in other sisters.

One such instance in our chapter are sisters visiting a Life Member among us, Darlene Meinke (now a Texas Zeta). This sister joined DTC in 1989 (37 years ago) while living in Missouri, she was originally a Missouri Delta. Darlene gave many years of her time, efforts, and love. She held several leadership roles, the “work” part of any successful organization: President of her chapter, Corresponding Secretary then President of her Province (Electra), and served on a National Educational Committee. It's our turn to give back to her. She no longer can physically attend all of our meetings. So, in small groups, we have brought her lunch to visit, share and enjoy her wonderful company. We have put it in our yearbook as one of our “socials”. And most recently, we all tagged onto Dona Wallace's gift of a Birthday celebration complete with lunch and cake in December (26th). It was so fun! In a time of what appears to be people are only interested in their own self interests and needs, it warms our hearts to have an organization that gives and shares with others. Darlene said her favorite parts of DTC are the Province and National Conventions. This always was a “learning” experience and gave her the opportunity to meet and develop a stronger friendship with her sisters.

What a wonderful summarization of our organization. And now, our Chapter and Province, in the next couple of years, has the privilege to host our Province Convention and as Taygeta, host the National Convention. We are working hard to give a wonderful opportunity for our sisters to meet and “develop” stronger friendships. So in closing, on behalf of Texas Zeta, we look forward to enjoying all our Province and Nationwide sisters! It will warm our hearts to see all of you!

Texas Zeta Patty Hetzendorfer-Reporter



Darlene Meinke and Dona Wallace

Texas Nu Melissa Arney-Reporter

Texas Nu has enthusiastically embraced the 2025-2027 National Education Outline, "Searching for Women of Intrigue," by shining a spotlight on local figures of character and influence. Our journey began with a road trip to the historic Slaton Harvey House to explore the legacy of the Harvey Girls. These resilient young women brought a refined standard of service to the Santa Fe Railway, and we were captivated to discover that several were secret innovators who secured patents while working the frontier. By visiting one of the few remaining Harvey House locations, we connected deeply with these early pioneers who helped civilize the American Southwest.

Continuing this theme of impactful leadership, our November Founder's Day program featured Marsha Sharp, the legendary Texas Tech coach. She shared her transition from winning national championships to founding the Sharp Academy, a school dedicated to helping students with learning disabilities thrive. Her story of building confidence in others—from athletes like Patrick Mahomes to students who learn differently—perfectly mirrors our focus on women of influence. We are also investing in the next generation of leaders through our support of Camp Rio Blanco. By partnering with the Camp Rio Blanco Circle of Friends, Inc., we are helping young girls gain the outdoor educational opportunities and life skills necessary to become the "women of intrigue" of tomorrow.

Our chapter remains equally committed to community service and literary enrichment. Recently, we gathered books for the Texas Tech Wee Read Program and supported the Meals on Wheels pantry, while our monthly programs kept us inspired. Two sisters shared the meaningful symbolism of holiday traditions, and another member kicked off the new year with a moving review of Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*. Whether exploring the history of the Harvey Girls or supporting modern-day educators, Texas Nu is dedicated to celebrating women who lead with heart and purpose.

Texas Nu Melissa Arney-Reporter



Members from left to right: Ketha Crozier, Mariel Stucker, Brenda Bobo, Charlie Tate, Bettye Griggs, Penny Blackerby, Jane Harrell, Pat Quinn, Barbara Welch, Mary Gerald, Elaine Squire, Joyce Stewart, Melissa Arney, and Kay Richardson

**“Non Progerdi Est Regredi”
“No Progression is Retrogression”**