

1964-1974

The second decade of Delta Theta's existence began where the first decade left off: need for funds, decisions about memberships, and development of operating procedures. More projects were introduced, closer ties to the school districts were formed, and the chapter began to take on a larger role in the region and in Alpha State.

Fundraising was still a major chapter activity between 1964 and 1974, but members vowed to make their fund-raising efforts FUN. They still sold fruitcakes, but making a chapter cook book for sale, selling school T-shirts and a Make-or-Bake were also suggested. By the October 1964, the treasury had dwindled to \$31.10. So they ordered sweatshirts to sell, but they had to be sold off campus at Port Neches-Groves High. In January of 1965, the treasury was even lower at \$30.12, so they sold more sweatshirts. Financially, things began to improve until the 1969-70 chapter year when the membership voted early in the year to place a treasury "surplus" of \$500 in a savings account to draw interest. That special account still exists today. However, fund raising activities continued to be "fun."

Service projects included putting magazines in an Indonesian library, collecting cancelled stamps to be redeemed overseas for food, and sending old stockings to Japanese war widows. They also saved canceled stamps for the World Council of Churches to sell to get food for needy children overseas. They made donations to each of the libraries of the three communities and to a school in Groves for mentally challenged children and adults of the three communities not provided for through public schools.

Programs continued to focus on the interests of the members and professional affairs. Examples of programs during the decade included book reviews; a "Show and Tell" program, indicating how talented many of the members were; and several programs featuring students in the schools and talents of members. Music was emphasized in solo and group singing of official songs.

The annual Christmas parties were still held at members' homes. Margaret Smith continued to lead the chapter in Christmas carols and someone usually read a traditional Christmas story before gifts were exchanged. In December of 1967, the annual party was held at the home of new member Charlene Williams.

In 1972, a request was made by the Nederland members asking Delta Theta to sponsor a new chapter in Nederland. This meant dividing Nederland and Port Neches teachers into two chapters. The new chapter would be composed of 17 members from Delta Theta and eight new members to be installed at the organizational meeting of the new chapter. On September 4, 1972, Delta Theta Chapter of Mid-County sponsored a new chapter, Iota Rho of Nederland.

Ruby Sutton was the first Delta Theta Achievement Award winner in May 1969.

The second decade ended with a feeling of "a task well done" with members looking forward to even brighter times ahead. By the end of the decade, 42 teachers from the Port Neches-Groves schools comprised the membership of Delta Theta.