

1974-1984

The third decade of Delta Theta's history saw the chapter more dedicated to Society goals and chapter programs than in the first two decades, simply because of stability. Membership had grown and diversity among the members brought originality into the chapter's programs. Among those serving as chapter president during the 1974-1984 decade were Carolyn Worsham and Linda Harrison.

Financial woes were finally solved with funding from chapter dinners. Prior to each meeting, members enjoyed a meal prepared by a hostess committee, which changed monthly. Those not on the month's hostess committee paid \$2.50 for the meal (later increasing to \$4), with proceeds going to the chapter treasury. Members began to concentrate on simplifying chapter operating procedures. The hospitality committee made name tags to be worn by the members; they also distributed maps, showing the location of each meeting. When a member was ill or there was a death in the family, a committee was responsible for visiting and sending cards, flowers, or gifts. In addition, the flower and gift policy was revised. A "telephone tree" was set up for quick dissemination of information throughout the chapter. A birthday list was compiled, and each member was honored with a card from Delta Theta on her special day. An ongoing reorientation for all members was begun with a five-minute presentation of facts of the Society included in each meeting.

Programs for the decade were devoted to special interests of women, specifically women teachers. Topics included breast cancer, educational legislation, fire prevention, and crime in our county. An outstanding program for 1979-80 was "Computers: The Newest Trend in Education" An original musical production, which was written by Dixie Tucker and Charlene Williams, was performed for the chapter. Several programs featured foreign exchange students who showed slides and gave members insight into education in their countries.

In 1980-81 Delta Theta joined with the local chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa to host a shower for Dr. Thomas Huff following a fire in his home. This was also the year the chapter began meeting at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church rather than in the homes of individual members.

Dixie Tucker was cast as the leading character in the Port Arthur Little Theater production of *The Curious Savage*, and Charlene Williams directed the 65 participants in the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society's fall production of *Messa di Gloria*. She also sang in the chorus of Beaumont Civic Opera's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

By the end of the third decade, membership had grown to 52 members including Kay Hooper, Charlene Williams, Lynne Hollomon, Linda Harrison, Lynne James, Dixie Tucker, Marlyn Trahan and Beverly Guidroz. Five charter members were still active in Delta Theta in 1984, the year Delta Theta was 30 years old.