

**“We are all capable of living each day with a fiery passion and sense of purpose that radiates in our smile and voice.” Robert Cheeke**

October was definitely a busy month for me as state president - well actually one certain week in October. Within an eight day period, I attended four chapter meetings and conducted the Fall Executive Board Meeting. I traveled almost 1200 miles in those eight days!

Saturday, October 15 - I drove to Loveland for the Greater Cincinnati Joint Chapter Luncheon with Beta Nu, Gamma Eta, Gamma Phi, Delta Chi (host chapter), and Delta Psi. I enjoyed the presentation “Eating from the Garden of Eden” by the guest speaker. I was amazed by the interesting facts about foods and herbs shared by Rita Heikenfeld. Thanks to Betsy Foreman and her committee for a most enjoyable afternoon.

Monday, October 17 - I went as far as my sister Kim’s house for Delta Epsilon’s chapter meeting (my chapter). I shared the information about my three initiatives with chapter members as I had previously only given them a quick introduction last year. I have learned so much more about the Imagination Library in the past year that I was able to give them a better understanding of how it works.

Wednesday, October 19 - I drove the four hours up and back that evening to the Tri County Dinner Meeting for Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull counties with seven chapters in attendance: Mu, Alpha Iota, Alpha Omega, Beta Pi, Beta Chi, Gamma Pi, and Delta Delta. The guest speaker, Dr. Gregory Boerio is the director of the RICH Center for Autism on the Youngstown State University Campus. I was very impressed with the services being offered to the students at the center which even includes health care. I also reconnected with some wonderful members that I met last year at this meeting and enjoyed the company of some new ones this year. Thanks to Debbie Van Arsdale and her committee for an enjoyable evening.

Thursday, October 20 - I had a beautiful drive out in the country close to Zanesville for Alpha Psi’s annual auction and Thanksgiving dinner. I have so many friends in this chapter, and it was great to see them all. Beth Archer, Cindy Lawyer, Sue Loader, Molly Tharp, and Nancy Waters, thanks for the warm greetings as it was such a wonderful boost. Thanks to Chapter President Trudy Cultice for the invitation to this fun event.

Saturday, October 22 - the big one! I enjoyed the Fall Executive Board meeting this year as I was better prepared and knew what to expect. Thanks to all that helped set up, volunteered for a job, gave reports, helped clean up and participated in any way not mentioned. It takes a village, not just the state president to put on one of these meetings. A special thanks to Jackie Thase-Burch who is my “recycle soul sister” as she helped with the lunch materials. All committee reports should be on the OSO website as well as the Girls ROX video that you may use at your chapter meetings.

I believe it’s important to share my travels with you. It’s a great way for me to learn more about our chapters and make important connections while looking for future leaders of OSO.

I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with good food and precious time with family and friends.

Debby