

# The Eta Gazette

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## Presidents Notes



Greeting Sisters, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on changes that will occur within our Sorority. If you are anything like me, I welcome change; especially if it is of benefit to me. However, these changes will be of benefit to all of us. As I stated in the October Edition Newsletter, we are about to enter a new year, and with a new year comes change for the better. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the list of changes that we are in process of implementing.

- Membership Intake:

As you know this is a great concern of mine to improve our membership status.

To do this I will be sending each active state, advertisement to be distributed at meetings, activities and any opportunity that arises for distribution to all interested parties.

- We will continue with Bi-Weekly Meet & Greets (dates & times vary).
- We will utilize “free” advertisement opportunities (e.g. online newspapers) this will help to increase publicity and knowledge about our organization.

- Revamping our Website:

- More change will come to our website, the following changes will include:
  - Announcement Section
  - About Eta Pi Nu Sorority, Inc.

- [Our Mission/vision/principles](#)
  - [Our objectives](#)
  - [Our history](#)
  - [FAQ](#)
  - [Philanthropy & Services](#)
  - [Sisters Profiles](#)
  - [Membership Information](#)
  - [Our National Board](#)
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- [Becoming a 501 \(c\) 3 is something that is imperative to our organization. This is a priority that can no longer be put on hold. The main issue that we are facing with not becoming a 501 is simply cost. The cost to become a 501\(c\) 3 in the state of Oklahoma is approxiately \\$500. This will be funded partly out of our Membership Dues\\*.](#)
    - [Fundraising activities is highly encouraged and I recommend all active members to par take in this activity. \(Please contact Eta Pi Nu Headquarters, for participation forms, products & instructions\).](#)
  - [Membership Dues: This issue is one that has not been enforced by National Headquarters simply because of our low membership turnout; however collection will be enforced beginning January 2010.](#)

- It will be mandatory that membership dues be paid monthly. As you know the cost is only \$ 10 per month per member (\$120 yearly). New member will pay a one time fee of \$50 at time of acceptance into the organization and \$10 per month after initial acceptance. All funds will be placed into our Bank of America Account. We will have a posting of all available funds and cost statements.
- Symbols
  - Shield: we will maintain our original seal, however the wording “Women of Color” will be replaced by “Women of Distinction”
- Flower: we will have an official flower which will be the Protea.
  - Protea Facts
    - Pronounced PRO-tee-a. 300 million-year-old fossils indicate that Protea are one of the most ancient plants in the world. The name "Protea" is derived from the mythological Greek Sea God, "Proteus," who had the power to spontaneously change his shape. Appropriately named, there are over 1,500 types of Protea, originating from Australia, Southern Africa and South America. Protea thrive in the windy weather.
- Jewels: we will have official Jewels which will be the Tigers Eye and Black Opal.
  - Tigers Eye: <http://gemstone-dictionary.com/tigers-eye.php>
  - Black Opal: <http://gemstone-dictionary.com/opal.php>
- Logo: Eagle
  - Denotes self-confidence, intellectual freedom, pursuing unconventional concepts or issues the eagle can symbolize the thymus center of the body which is related to love. In America the eagle stands for freedom with responsibility. It is also the symbol of Mexico. The eagle also represents baptism and high flying is seen as Christ's ascension. It is the symbol of triumph of light over the darker forces. It represents energy, renewal, contemplation, acuity of vision, royal bearing, and justice.

# POETRY CORNER

**i carry your heart with me by E. E. Cummings**

i carry your heart with me(i carry it in  
my heart)i am never without it(anywhere  
i go you go, my dear; and whatever is done  
by only me is your doing, my darling)

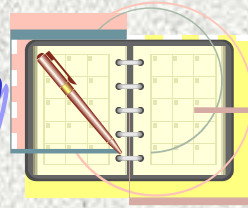
i fear

no fate(for you are my fate, my sweet)i want  
no world(for beautiful you are my world, my true)  
and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant  
and whatever a sun will always sing is you

here is the deepest secret nobody knows  
(here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud  
and the sky of the sky of a tree called life; which grows  
higher than the soul can hope or mind can hide)  
and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

i carry your heart(i carry it in my heart)

# Upcoming Events



*November 7 & 14, 2009*

*Meet & Greet*

*Spencer, Oklahoma*

*(405) 834-5404*

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*Offices Closed*

*November 25-29, 2009*

**Friday December 4, 2009 will be the beginning of a "Founder's Day" celebration weekend for Eta Pi Nu Sorority, Inc. Please check our website for further info.**

**<http://etapinutorority.info>**