

## The ABC's Of Founders' Day

### Delta Tau Chapter- Ohio 1993 (revised 2012 Alpha Delta Chapter)

A is for Austin, Texas, where it all began.

May 11, 1929, following Annie Webb Blanton's plan.

B is for the brass candlesticks we see

To welcome new initiates, on our table they will be.

C is for the candles, three quite tall and slender,

the small ones inside these three each represent a member.

D is for diversity in the founding group. It was quite a feature -

from grade school through college both administrator and teacher.

E is for these educators selected with great care.

They had experience and leadership they were willing to share.

F is for the foundation that was worked on for so long.

Several months of planning created a base that is still strong.

G is for the glamour that marked that special night.

Attired in formal dress to dine, these ladies were quite a sight.

H is for the honor of being among the select few.

Twelve in actual number created this Society new.

I is for initiates marked by signature and vow,

celebrated by our founders much as we do now.

J is for the jeopardy into which themselves they placed;

The Society's secret beginnings ever to them traced.

K is for the key, a keepsake emblem of gold,

designed to be worn by members only, not to be traded or sold.

L is for liberty, which these women sought,

discrimination of female teachers against which they fought.

M is for the meetings that lasted well into the night,  
for the new constitution and bylaws had to be just right.

N is for the many nations, not just the state,  
of Delta Kappa Gamma which began on that date.

O is for the opportunities for women to lead  
in educators' professional groups we can all succeed.

P is for purposes written long ago.  
These seven purposes still help us grow.

Q is for quality, the best teachers desired.  
Working diligently to keep our students inspired.

R is for the rose. Red it has to be.  
Selected as the symbol of our Society.

S is for the sisterhood created long ago.  
Our founders had a vision how large this group could grow.

T is for the twelve whose faces you can see.  
Today we honor the founders of our Society.

U is for the unity of spirit that we feel.  
Hand in hand our loyal band marches on with zeal.

V is for the vision Dr. Annie Blanton had.  
For her courage and dedication, we certainly can be glad.

W is for worldwide; this Society reaches far.  
Much like you and me they try to raise the bar.

X is for the extra effort each of us will do  
To lead, inspire and motivate making dreams come true.

Y is for the youth we educate and serve,  
A better chance in life is the least that they deserve.

Z is for the zeal. The founders' task was great.  
Eighty-three years later, we still recall the date.