

Mississippi

CALL TO CLUSTER

Featuring A Mock Convention

MARCH 10, 2017-MARCH 12, 2017
TUNICA, MS

LOCATION

Horseshoe Casino Tunica
1021 Casino Center Dr.
Robinsonville, MS 38664

HOST CHAPTERS

Clarksdale-Marks Alumnae
DeSoto County (MS) Alumnae
Holly Springs - Marshall County Alumnae
Theta Pi at Rust College



SANDRA K. HORTON
Regional Director

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Regional Representative

Empower Embrace Engage





Dear Sorors of the Dynamic Southern Region!

As we move toward the Cluster Cycle of this new biennium, we cordially invite each of you to the 2017 State Cluster and Mock Convention. We are ready to Empower, Embrace and Engage the Sorors of our dynamic region. The vision is one which includes all sorors, collegiate and alumnae, all having a vital role in advancing the sisterhood. Roles that will **empower, embrace, engage** and enhance each collegiate and alumnae chapter.

- ▲ **Empower members and chapters to better serve our communities.**
- ▲ **Embrace collegiate and alumnae members.**
- ▲ **Engage you in advancing the region.**

The Regional Leadership Team and host chapters are preparing for an informative and enriching Mock Convention and sessions with enjoyable opportunities for sisterly fellowship and fun. Each state will be sending general information, along with the on-line registration link and instructions for registrants in the State Call to Cluster and Mock Convention.

Registration fees are \$85.00 for alumnae and \$70.00 for collegiate members. Each registrant must submit a completed on-line registration form and funds to their local chapter for final submittal. A chapter registration form should be completed identifying all participating members and a chapter check, cashier check, or money order must be submitted for the total registration fee to the host chapter. **There will be NO ON-SITE registration.**

We look forward to seeing you at the 2017 Mississippi State Cluster and Mock Convention. If you have any questions regarding the event or the registration process, please contact *Mississippi State Coordinator Carshena L. Bailey* at mississippicoordinator@dstsouthernregion.com or *Mississippi Facilitator Aliscia Burkett* at mississippifacilitator@gmail.com.

Sisterly Violets and Pearls,

Sandra K. Horton

Jessica M. Shotwell



Southern Regional Director

Southern Regional Representative

Cluster Registration Instructions
(An online registration form must be completed for each attending soror. Please indicate whether a Delta Dear.)

Use the online portal to complete your individual registration. Please follow the instructions below closely:

1. Click on the following link or copy and paste the link into your web browser:
<https://form.jotform.com/dSRdst/2017-mississippi-cluster>

The deadline for registration is Monday, February 27, 2017.
There will be NO ON-SITE registration.

2. Click on the appropriate state registration link.
3. Before clicking submit, print two copies of your completed registration form:
(1) to be submitted to your chapter when you submit payment and
(2) for your personal records.
4. After pressing submit you will receive a confirmation email and a list of Cluster hotels and information.
5. Submit payment and a copy of the form to your chapter to confirm registration.
6. The chapter will submit the appropriate registration fees for all paid and registered sorors. Mail registrations to:

DeSoto County (MS) Alumnae
Post Office Box 1844
Southaven, Mississippi 38671
Attention: Mississippi State Cluster

7. Each chapter will submit a summary form listing each registered soror along with the appropriate fees.

AGENDA OVERVIEW

(TENTATIVE)

HORSESHOE TUNICA CONVENTION CENTER
1021 CASINO CENTER DRIVE
ROBINSONVILLE, MS 38664

Friday, March 10, 2017

(Attire: Cluster T-Shirt)

Registration	3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Membership Services Room	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Vendors	5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Working in Convention	6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Workshop I	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception	9:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Registration	7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Vendors	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

PLENARY I – FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY

8:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
(White attire/no pants)

WORKSHOP II

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

12:45 pm. To 2:45 p.m.

CLOSING PLENARY

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

5:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

CLUB DELTA

9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 12, 2017

Ecumenical Service

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(Red Business Attire)

TENTATIVE LIST OF WORKSHOPS

1. **Collegiate Hazing Prevention**: **Our Image...Their Perception** – A “straight-talk...no chaser” discussion on hazing and the impact it has on your chapter.
2. **Regional Nominating**: **It’s All About Those Tools: Having the Right Tools to Run for Office** – Strengthen your readiness to step up to Delta Regional Leadership.
3. **Program Planning & Development (PP&D)**: **Deltas Evolving By Taking Financial-Freedom & Reclaiming Equity & Earnings** – Changing our lifestyles to become debt-free and taking off the weight that keeps us heavy in debt.
4. **Chapter Compliance**: **It’s Not 24K Magic – How to Get & Stay Compliant** – Assisting Alumnae and Collegiate chapters with effective completion of compliance reports.
5. **Finance**: **Fiscal Officers Training** - Review the fundamentals of finance “training” and “fiscal fitness.” Session intended for Fiscal Officers, Audit Chairs and Advisors.
6. **Risk Management**: **Review the New Process** – Learn the highlights of the new Risk Management updates.
7. **Sisterhood**: **Healing the Hurt** – A powerful workshop designed to analyze sisterhood and the impact of hurt and healing.
8. **Collegiate Topic**: **“S.T.A.R.” Girls** – **S**isterly **T**ransition **A**nd **R**eclamation of our collegiate sorors, from the campus to the community.
9. **Ritual and Ceremonies**: **Preparing for Membership Intake Ceremonies** – Receive guidance on the execution and adherence to the Ritual for the Membership Intake Ceremonies.
10. **Technology**: **TIC Toolkit** – You will receive tips and tools for using technology to bring efficiency to Delta operations, events and chapter meetings. This is intended for Technology Chairs, Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, and website administrators.

2017 Mississippi State Cluster Service Project

"Backpack to Freedom" - R3 The Movement along with the support of community/civic groups, corporations, and church groups has been able to supply "Backpacks to Freedom" to men, women, and children in desperate need during their transition from the snares of human trafficking. These bags are filled with brand new items (clothing, hygiene/toiletry items, snacks, a blanket, etc.) for those being rescued. The bags are provided once they are identified as potential rescues. These are vital, as those being rescued literally only have the clothes they are wearing.



Drop off:
Collection bins will be located in the
registration area

R3 (Reach, Rescue, Redeem) is a non-profit organization which exists to abolish modern-day slavery through a collaboration of resources necessary to reach, rescue, and redeem those affected by human trafficking. The Backpack to Freedom program provide supplies to assist those in desperate need during their transition from the snares of human trafficking to freedom.
www.R3themovement.org

Suggested Items:

Socks, flipflops,
toothpaste, toothbrush,
lotion, feminine products,
deodorant, wet wipes,
fleece travel size blankets,
t-shirts, gummy vitamins,
combs, body wash,
conditioner and shampoo,
gift cards



ORDER YOUR CLUSTER T-SHIRT!

SORORS ARE ASKED TO WEAR YOUR CLUSTER T-SHIRT DURING THE WELCOME RECEPTION!



Small - X-Large - \$15.00 - 2X-Large - \$17.00 - 3X-Large - 5X-Large - \$18.00
Shirts will be ordered and paid for through your chapter.
Shirts will be picked up at Registration.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Size: _____

Please complete this form and turn it in along with your payment and your registration form to your financial secretary.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

HORSESHOE TUNICA
1021 Casino Center Drive
Robinsonville, MS 38664

Horseshoe Tunica Hotel & Casino, with more than 500 rooms including a 14-story tower with 311 dazzling suites with amazing amenities sure to make your Horseshoe stay an incredible one. Whichever you choose, these are Tunica accommodations you're sure to love.

RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE ON LINE BY USING THE LINK BELOW:

<http://www.totalrewards.com/hotel-reservations?propCode=UTU&groupCode=So3DST7>

OR BY CALLING THE HOTEL AT 866-635-7095 AND USING THE GROUP CODE SO3DST7.

RATES:

DELUXE 1 KING - \$159.00

DELUXE 2 QUEENS \$159.00

RESORT FEE

A daily resort fee of \$14.99 per room, per night plus room tax of 10% (tax is subject to change), will be charged in addition to the room rates set forth above. This fee includes:

- Unlimited local phone calls (no long distance or international calls)
- Two (2) Guest admissions per day to the Fitness Center
- Basic WIFI to include two (2) devices per room per day