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of our Founders*

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Date	Event	Location
July 11 - 17, 2013	51st National Convention	Washington, D.C.

Southern Regional Council of Chaplains Prayer Call

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. EST/11:30 a.m. EST
 Call in: (760) 984-1000
 Passcode: 152747#

Submit prayer requests in advance to
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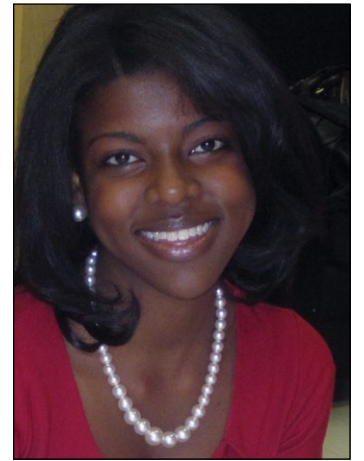
Southern Regional Chaplain's Meditation & Inspiration Line

24 hours - 7 days
 Call in: (760) 984-1099
 Passcode: 152747#

Message from the Regional Director and Regional Representative

10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 Happy New Year!

Millions, all across the globe welcomed in the New Year, with much glee and excitement! Cheers, cannons, fireworks and even gun shots hailed the coming of 2013! Celebrations of all descriptions carried on throughout the night into the wee hours of the morning, leaving only confetti, empty bottles and weary celebrants resting to resume life as normal.



Similarly, members of Delta Sigma Theta cheered as loudly and enthusiastically as the throng of revelers, the celebrations lasted throughout the night, into the wee wee hours: the difference – Deltas have not stopped cheering, celebrating and heralding this 100th year of our Founding.

Excited!! That's an understatement. Sorority members from across the world are thrilled beyond capacity, proud beyond comprehension, and blessed beyond measure to be a part of this history making moment in Delta.

From the Tournament of Roses float, to the Centennial Founders Day Celebration, to the Suffrage March Reenactment, and Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol, to the 22 Torch Tour stops; the enthusiasm, excitement and momentum is contagious, and only mounting as we ready ourselves for the 51st National Convention in the place of our birth – Washington D.C.!

From Delta's beginning in 1913, a course was set to stand up for the rights of others. Because of the perseverance of 22 young ladies, the passing of the torch began. Our 22 Founders set a course of Social Action, righting the wrongs of generations before them and inspiring those who continue to come after them. Over the past 100 years, chapters of the greatest sorority in the world have been born and its members travel the globe lighting the land with a shining example of sisterhood.

As we celebrate our 100th year anniversary, Manica and I congratulate you, my sisters, for your strength and perseverance. Here we are, 100 years later, an organization established by undergraduate students who wanted a new sense and spirit of sisterhood. Because of the 22, our members remain committed women who are willing to give of their time and talents in an effort to always continue to move forward in the name of Delta.

We thank God for you, my sisters. We thank you for your commitment to **“Reclaim, Retrain and Retain”** Deltas across the Southern Region, and throughout our sisterhood. We thank you for your presence as you shower our communities with public service. We thank you for being the catalyst of change and remaining true to “Transforming Lives and Impacting Communities”.

We thank and love each of you for being dynamic Delta women.

Yours in Delta

Cheryl Turner

Cheryl Turner
 Southern Regional Director

Manica Pierrette

Manica Pierrette
 Southern Regional Representative

Message from the Protocol and Traditions Committee

Are you excited? Can you feel the centennial fever? In just a few short months we will descend upon Washington, D.C. in great numbers. Now is time to start preparing your wardrobe. Think about what you may need to complete your Delta attire so that you can attend all the events.

You will need white business attire for the Opening Ceremony. **You may not wear hats or pants to the Opening Ceremony.** Cream is acceptable but make sure it is not beige or light yellow. If the outfit is not white or cream when you leave home, it will not be white or cream when you get to the door. You will need a white outfit for the Ecumenical Service. **You may wear pants and hats to the Ecumenical Service.**

You will need all black, all red, or all white attire to wear to the Memorial Observance. You may not wear a combination of colors, pants or hats to that observance.

You will want your paraphernalia to wear to the Welcome Event and to the Step Show. The Gospel Concert is business attire. The Delta Centennial Honors Concert and the Closing Banquet are very dressy or after 5.

The Plenary Sessions require Delta business attire. **We do not wear paraphernalia to plenary sessions.** Generally the halls are cold. To ensure that you are comfortable, make sure you have a wrap that is not a paraphernalia jacket. A blazer with the Delta crest is acceptable to wear as a covering. A wrap for the Opening Ceremony must be white.

Make sure you have comfortable shoes. You will be walking and standing. Instead of wearing flip flops which are not allowed in the sessions, consider some comfortable sandals. Sandals can be worn in the sessions. You can bring your more stylish shoes and change once you arrive.

By planning early, you will know what items you need to add to your wardrobe. You will be able to catch the spring and summer sales. Everyone will be bringing plenty of red to light up the town. Remember before you pack an item to try it on. The closet and cleaners will shrink your clothes! If an outfit is too short or too tight, leave it at home. We all want to look good as we paint D.C. red!

Carolyn F. Jackson, Chair
Violet G. Lowery, Co-Chair

Message from the Program, Planning and Development Committee

The mission of the regional PP&D team is to E.Q.U.I.P. – Effective, Quality, Unique and Innovative Programs and ‘fuel’ their programs. All aspects of the Five Point Program are not expected to be implemented by every chapter. Decisions about which projects to implement should be based upon the chapter membership, size, resources, interests, and community needs.

For Economic Development programs, choose from:

- Financial Fortitude
- Delta H.O.M.E., The Home Ownership Challenge
- Entrepreneurship

For Educational Development programs, choose from at least one of our signature youth initiatives:

- Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy
- Dr. Jeanne L. Noble Delta G.E.M.S.
- EMBODI

For the youth initiatives, please remember to use the official logos from National headquarters.

For International Awareness & Involvement programs, choose from:

- The TREE Project - Training Resources in Early Education (Durban, South Africa)
- Mission trips
- World AIDS Day (December 1st every year). You can collaborate with your local AIDS organization.
- Water tanks and wells in Africa
- Water for Haiti

Physical & Mental Health is an overall “Journey to Wellness”.

- The 2,013 miles by 2013 reports were due January 13, 2013.
- Integrate physical activities during all Delta meetings and/or informational updates on catching, coping, and conquering chronic diseases which disproportionately affect African-American women.

IMPACT Day was March 9, 2013. This year’s theme was “Fighting Obesity”. IMPACT is an acronym for “Inspiring and Motivating Public Service Advocates for Community Transformation.” The Outstanding Impact Day Program Award will be awarded during the sisterhood banquet at the National Convention. The award will recognize the collegiate and alumnae chapters in each state that have planned and executed IMPACTFUL community programs that further the mission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to raise awareness on Obesity. For submission requirements and instructions, please visit the Southern Region’s website (www.dstssouthernregion.com). The submission deadline was April 15, 2013.

As a reminder, chapter program calendars (and any changes) must be submitted to your PP&D State Coordinator to be (and to remain) in compliance. ALL activities involving youth (i.e. pageants and cotillions) must be included in the Risk Management Plan.

Effective
Quality
Unique
Innovative
Programs



Message from the Regional Arts & Letters Committee

About Arts and Letters . . .



Mission Statement



Established in 1973 by 15th National President Lillian Benbow, the ultimate goal of the National Commission of Arts and Letters has been to boldly advance the Black Experience through arts and letters and to ferret out the contributions of African-American people of the past and lift them to public attention.

Goal

Enhance the quality of life by presenting creative expressions in the performing arts, visual arts, and literary genre.

Objectives to Achieve Goals

- △ Develop a plan to orient the region to the National Arts and Letters Commission.
- △ Develop plans for training chapters in “How to” put on an Arts and Letters event.
- △ Consult, advise and provide resources to chapters in the planning of chapter events.
- △ Organize Literary Café or similar event at regional and state meetings.
- △ Be visionary in planning pre-celebration activities at state meetings.
- △ Develop methods of spotlighting Delta musicians, artists, writers, actors, etc.

Action Plan

- △ Inform sorors that Arts and Letters covers a wide range of aesthetically pleasing expressions.
- △ Compile a resource list of talented sorors
- △ Create a brochure that shares information on the purpose of the Regional Arts & Letters Committee.
- △ Assist chapters in establishing Arts & Letters Committees.
- △ Spotlight chapter activities via an Arts & Letters newsletter. Chapters will submit photos and information regarding the event (on a quarterly basis).
- △ Focus on distributing information on upcoming events in the region.
- △ Present awards at the regional conference in the following areas:
 - Dance
 - Instrumental Music
 - The Written Word
 - Theater
 - Visual Arts
 - Vocal Music

Did You Know . . .

The official color for Arts and Letters is purple.



Official logo of Arts and Letters

Regional Arts and Letters Committee



Lady Shivers Tucker, Chair
Huntsville Alumnae



Maxcine Burnetee
Atlanta Alumnae



Michelle Gibson
Zeta Psi
University of Georgia



Betty Jean Hill-Underwood
Birmingham Alumnae



Dr. Laurie Lawson
Clinton (MS) Alumnae



Bonita Moore
East Point/College Park Alumnae



Maya Lee
Memphis Alumnae



Maisie Reddy
Tampa Alumnae



Tracing the Footsteps of our Founders

It was on March 3, 1913 that the 22 illustrious Founders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated marched the streets of Washington, D.C. in an effort to gain voting rights for women. The 1913 Women's Suffrage March was the sorority's first public act as an organization. The Founders were bold, brazen and determined to use their social influence to shape the political trajectory of women in this country for many years to come. Approximately 100 years later, on March 3, 2013, thousands of Delta women assembled at the nation's capitol to re-enact the 1913 Women's Suffrage March, and to commemorate our Founders legacy in shaping the course of American history.

The theme of the march was "Tracing the Footsteps of our Founders." The opening program began at 9:00 a.m. on the west lawn of the United States Capitol. Soror Gwendolyn Boyd, 22nd National President gave the opening remarks. Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, National Chaplain, gave the invocation. National President, Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre greeted the many sorors and friends in attendance at the march. Soror Daphne Higgins, Secretary for the Southern Region proudly represented a past president at the march. Also, five collegiate sorors had the distinct

privilege of portraying the Founders in the march. Soror Rae D. Grimm of Sigma Chapter at Clark Atlanta University recalled her participation in the march. Grimm explained: "The opening ceremony was the highlight of my day. We were introduced as the re-enacting Founders. I was so excited to stand on stage with so many prominent Delta women. I was also excited to see all of my sorors in the audience; they flooded the capitol lawn with red!"

Soror Shanah K. Sharpe of Eta Chapter at Fort Valley State University said the march shaped her perspective of the sorority in a positive way. "The

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Five collegiate sorors from the Southern Region represented the Founders during the Suffrage March Re-enactment. From left to right: Sorors Rae Grimm, Tierannye Moore, Cecily Rivers, Southern Regional Director, Cheryl Turner, Southern Regional Representative, Manica Pierrette, Shanah Sharpe, Adrienne Smiley.

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march was confirmation that I am a member of the right sorority. From the experience, I learned that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is more than an organization that claims to transform lives and impact the community. Delta women do transform lives and impact the community. My take-away from the experience was the charge issued by our 14th National President, Frankie M. Freeman: ‘We have work to do.’”

The march was open to the public. Many friends and family members of Delta women attended the march. To add, members and leaders from other social, civic, political and community organizations such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., the League of Women Voters, and the National Organization for Women supported the march. The march culminated with a closing rally on the grounds of the Washington Monument. Soror Butler-McIntyre and Soror Marcia Fudge, 21st

National President and member of the U.S. House of Representatives delivered closing remarks to the attendees.

From the Capitol lawn to the White House, thousands of proud Delta women from across the world traced the footsteps of the beloved 22 Founders. The Founders stood against social inequality and unjust discrimination and stood up for voting rights for women during an era when it was unpopular to do so. Through their participation in the re-enactment of the 1913 Women’s Suffrage March, the sorors of Delta honored the Founders spirit of activism. Through their participation in the re-enactment march, the sorors of Delta let Washington, D.C. and the world know that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. still holds powerful social and political influence across the world.



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Social Media Etiquette
 If you decide to share your excitement about our 100th year via social media, you are encouraged to use the #DST100 hash tag. Please adhere to the Delta Internet Guidelines when posting photos, videos, or comments about our sisterhood. We want to represent our Sorority in a way that would make our Founders proud.
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DELTA ★ DAYS AT THE STATE CAPITOL



Over 140 sorors converged on Montgomery, **Alabama**, for the 21st Annual Delta Days at the State Capitol. A kick-off legislative reception was held on Monday, February 18th at the Renaissance Hotel where sorors were briefed on the issues of the day by Social Action Commissioner, Soror Laura V. Hall, who is a member of the Alabama House of Representatives.

Tuesday's activities began with the Beatrice Shackelford-Bell Memorial Breakfast, sponsored by Soror Ella Bell, a member of the Alabama Board of Education. The greetings were brought by Alabama's Lt. Governor, Kay Ivey and the State Director of Finance, Soror Marquita Davis.

State Social Action team members, Sorors Christen Hayes, Esq. and Kendra D. Sheppard, M.D. presented the legislative workshop "Being the Movement not a Monument", designed to educate and empower sorors regarding social action activities they could take back to their communities, while the legislative visiting team made "house calls" to members of the Alabama legislature.

Tears and laughter filled the Dr. Yvonne Kennedy Servant's Heart Luncheon sponsored

by the Alabama Power Company. Soror Gayle N. Williams, Esq., State Social Action Coordinator, presided over the luncheon with over 150 sorors and guests in attendance. The speaker of the hour was Dr. Lawrence J. Pijaux, Jr., President and CEO of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. A special tribute highlighting the early legislative works of Representative Kennedy was offered along with words of remembrance from her colleague, Soror Laura V. Hall and Dr. Kennedy's nieces, Sorors Kamela Kennedy and Sandra Kennedy-Owes, National Heritage and Archives Co-chair. The tribute concluded with a pictorial tribute to Representative Kennedy's years in the Alabama legislature presented by Soror Florence Williams.

Among this year's honorees were Birmingham Alumnae for "Get Out The Vote" and Soror Deborah Anthony, Esq., of Montgomery Alumnae for her years of dedicated service to Alabama's Delta Day at the State Capitol.

The day culminated with the recognition of sorors in attendance from the Alabama Senate and the House of Representatives.



On February 11, 2013, nearly 300 members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. gathered at the State Capitol from every jurisdiction across **Georgia** for the Annual Delta Day at the State Capitol (DDAC). During this centennial year, Georgia sorors once again came to “Stand Our Ground...” on a whole host of vital issues facing the African American community. More than a mere theme-- it was a clarion call to action in the spirit and legacy of the 22 Founders whose first act as a sorority was one of advocacy in their participation in the Women’s Suffrage March in 1913.

The DDAC committee developed its respective legislative agenda within the framework of the sorority’s Five-Point Programmatic Thrust. Since November of 2012, sorors participated in a series of webinars and trainings to better educate and familiarize themselves with the issues when they met with their legislators to discuss education tax

credits, the Foreclosure Rescue Fraud Prevention Act, human trafficking, elder abuse and election legislation.

After legislative briefings and visits from key elected officials, sorors attended the DDAC luncheon, where 23rd National President, **Dr. Louise A. Rice** and National Secretary, **Beverly E. Smith** brought special greetings and remarks. National Social Action Commissioner and Executive Director of Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Soror Janice L. Mathis, Esq. served as the keynote speaker and moved the audience with her electrifying speech.

Honorary Co-Chair Rep. Dee Dawkins-Haigler served as the Mistress of Ceremonies and the other Honorary Co-Chairs Rep. Pam Stephenson and Rep. Shelia Jones brought greetings and presented a proclamation declaring Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

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Day on behalf of the Georgia General Assembly. In addition, DDAC received recognition from the Georgia Senate by Senator Gloria Butler.

This year, DDAC presented awards to chapters and individually to sorors for overall exemplary work in the community.

For Best Overall Alumnae Chapter Election 2012 GOTV Program

- East Point/College Park Alumnae
- Marietta-Roswell Alumnae

The following chapters were also recognized for their creative GOTV efforts, Decatur Alumnae, Atlanta Suburban Alumnae, Albany Alumnae, Columbus Alumnae, Savannah Alumnae, Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae, Atlanta Alumnae, Rome Alumnae, Athens Alumnae, Milledgeville Alumnae and Griffin Area Alumnae.

Most Innovative Alumnae Chapter 2012 Initiative

- East Point/College Park Alumnae won for their 2012 GOTV car stickers. They reached over 2,000 voters with this initiative.

DDAC selected and chose to honor Georgia State Rep. Pamela Stephenson, Soror Pota Coston and Soror LaRae Moore with the DDAC Trailblazer Award. Each of these sorors exhibited a steadfast commitment, outstanding work, and dedicated service in their respective communities. They have truly set a standard of excellence and delineated a path for others to follow.

Finally, Former State Rep. Georganna Thomas Sinkfield presented the Servant Leadership Award named in her honor to Judge Tangela Barrie for her exemplary leadership as a public servant.





The Florida delegation during Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol. Pictured from left to right: Soror Dionne Flynn-Enzor, Soror Heddie Sumpter, Soror Ann Harrell, Soror Donna Burton, Soror Sandra Cooke, Congresswoman Kathy Castor, Soror Lynette Judge, Soror Sandra Soror Fletcher, Soror Jacquelyn Nash and Soror Louversa Herbert.



The Mississippi delegation during Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol. Pictured from left to right: Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, Sorors Elaine Baker, LaTonya Robinson-Kanonu, Cheryl W. Turner, Southern Regional Director, and Sandra Jaribu Hill, Esq., Member, National Social Action Commission.



17th National President, Mona Humphries, Soror Janelle R. Baker, and 14th National President Frankie Muse Freeman during Delta Days at the Nation's Capitol.



Epsilon Eta Chapter Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Epsilon Eta Chapter celebrates a banner event this year -- its 50th anniversary. On May 19, 1962, Epsilon Eta was chartered on the campus of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, with a purpose to establish and maintain a high standard of scholarship, leadership and service. Sorors Lillie Barnes, Jacqueline Barron, Isabella Boyd, Jo Anne Clark, Margaret Ellington, Ethel Fairfley, and Betty Noye are the charter members of Epsilon Eta. During its fifty years of existence, the chapter has been under the dedicated leadership from Soror Isabella Boyd in 1962 to current president Soror Jessica Nathan, (who is also Miss Stillman 2012-2013) making a difference in the Tuscaloosa/Birmingham community.

During the weekend of November 9-10, close to 200 members converged on Stillman College's campus to participate in the golden anniversary celebratory activities, which focused on community service, recognition of chapter accomplishments and member accomplishments over the last fifty years. The golden anniversary program spotlighted the chapter's public service record, charter members, chapter presidents, chapter advisors, chapter accomplishments and sorors who are now in the Omega Omega Chapter.

A poem, written for the occasion by Soror Ebony Harton, titled, "You," poignantly reflected on the commitment of each member to uphold the

"Torch of Service," begun by the 22 illustrious Founders of the sorority.

Seven community service activities were completed to honor the seven charter members of Epsilon Eta. The activities centered on the Five-Point Programmatic Thrusts: Economic Development, Educational Development, Physical and Mental Health, International Awareness and Involvement, and Political Awareness and Involvement. The seven activities were:

1. A donation to Stillman College from each of the 600 members who were initiated through Epsilon Eta and a donation to the Stillman Alumni House,
2. A donation of canned goods in conjunction with the NAASC (National Alumni Association of Stillman College) to a local food bank,
3. A donation to Tuscaloosa Area Volunteer Reception Center (TAVRC),
4. A donation of school supplies given to Martin Luther King Elementary School in Tuscaloosa,
5. Participation in the Alabama Mentor Program's holiday celebration by providing gift cards and serving food,
6. Sponsoring a health fair during Homecoming that highlighted the need

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Xi Delta Honors 100 Years of Scholarship, Service and Sisterhood



On January 26, 2013, the **Xi Eta Chapter** of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated hosted their annual Founders Day banquet on the campus of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. The banquet commemorated 100 years of scholarship, service, and sisterhood.

The chapter was pleased to be in the presence of notable members of the sorority who gave inspiration to all in attendance.

Distinguished attendees included Dr. Louise A. Rice, 23rd Past National President of Delta Sigma Theta, Chelsea Hayes, Second National Vice President, and Sandra K. Horton, Member, National Scholarship and Standards Committee and Xi Eta Chapter charter member. These women encouraged the crowd with their presence at the event and through their motivational speeches.

Upon entering the Georgia

Southern Russell Union Ballroom where the event was held, everyone was greeted with elegant table settings and a starter course. As the program continued, a meal was provided along with entertainment, including a praise dance and musical selections. Soror Koren Tate, President of the Xi Eta Chapter, spoke on the chapter's hard work in making this event one of great style and dedication to the Sorority.

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to be heart healthy in conjunction with the American Cancer Society and

7. Providing support to the Wellhouse in its efforts to eliminate human trafficking affecting Alabama and the world.

The planning committee was comprised of Sorors Ebony Webber and Ricquetta Carpenter, Co-Chairs; Soror Peggy Carpenter, Historian; Sorors Kenya Goodson and Carmen Tillman, registration; Soror Ebony Horton, publicity; Soror Catryna Hill McCord, tailgating & catering; and Soror Nikki Dennard Payne, public service activities.



Congratulations to Mu Nu Sorors Ashley Betts and Jazmyne Butler on their acceptance to (Bill) Clinton Global Initiative University. For more information on the Clinton Global Initiative University, visit www.cgiu.org.

Nassau Bahamas Alumnae Celebrates Founders Day In Grand Style



The **Nassau Bahamas Alumnae Chapter** celebrated centennial Founders Day in grand Bahamian fashion. On Saturday, March 12th, 40 sorors gathered at the St. Michael's Methodist Church for a rededication ceremony. After the ceremony, sorors enjoyed food and fellowship during which the chapter launched a new healthy lifestyle initiative.

On Founders Day, Sunday January 13, 2013, the chapter worshipped with the St. Agnes Anglican Church in Nassau. Sixty-five sorors attended including Bahamas Coordinator, Soror Myra E.



Mitchell. At a ceremony following the worship service, chapter members Beverly Wallace-Whitfield, Margaret Pinder, Carolyn Hall-Knowles, and Jennifer Isaacs-Dotston received awards for their long years of service in Delta. A breakfast fellowship followed where the St Agnes's rector, Archdeacon I. Ranfurly Brown thanked the chapter for its work in the community, particularly its annual partnership with the church to serve lunch to needy families on Christmas.



To view the video clip, you must have downloaded and be viewing the interactive PDF. Click on the image above to play the video. If you are viewing the interactive online version, please [click here](#).

Sorors Gather For A Weekend of Fellowship And Rededication

The **Columbus (GA) Alumnae Chapter** partnered with **Columbus (GA) Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter** and **Theta Phi Chapter** at Columbus State University to celebrate Founders Day with a weekend of activities beginning Friday, February 22nd and ending Sunday, February 24th.

The whirlwind weekend began with a Delta Divas Dessert reception on Friday; continued on Saturday with a poignant message from **Southern Regional Director, Soror Cheryl W. Turner** during the Founders Day luncheon; and concluded with a soul stirring worship service on Sunday.

The "sweetest" dessert reception "diva style" was held Friday, February 22nd at the Columbus Alumnae Delta Life Development Foundation House to welcome Southern Regional Director, Soror Turner. Sorors came out to enjoy a variety of delicious desserts and fellowship with each other, which included line dancing and the wobble.

The Rededication Ceremony and Founders Day luncheon were held on Saturday, February 23rd at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. The celebration focused on continuing the work and legacy of our Founders. Soror Turner, the guest speaker, delivered an inspirational and motivational message, leaving the attendees with the question: "Where would our communities, states, and nation be if Delta Sigma Theta were not here?"

The last surviving charter member of Columbus (GA) Alumnae, Soror Francis M. Culpepper, blessed all those in attendance with her words of wisdom. The luncheon also featured an re-enactment of the 22 Founders.

Other elected and appointed national and regional officers present during the Rededication and



Soror LaRae D. Moore, President of Columbus (GA) Alumnae and Southern Regional Director, Soror Cheryl W. Turner.

luncheon were Soror Sandra K. Horton, Member, National Scholarship and Standards Committee; Soror Vernandi R. Greene, Member, National Nominating Committee; Soror Cynthia R. Boyd, Past Southern Regional Director and Member, Constitution and Bylaws Committee; Soror Lillie Ward, South Georgia State Coordinator; and Soror Sandra D. Cannon, Tennessee State Coordinator.

The weekend celebration concluded with a soul stirring worship service and inspirational message from Soror Darlene Porter-Small on Sunday, February 24th at Friendship Baptist Church. More than 75 sorors were in attendance.

Soror LaRae D. Moore serves as president of Columbus (GA) Alumnae, Soror Jacqueline Screws serves as president of Columbus (GA) Metropolitan Alumnae and Soror Ya'Lisha Wooden serves as president of Theta Phi (Columbus State University).



Anniston Alumnae Celebrates Founders Day



The **Anniston Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders Day on January 13, 2013 in conjunction with the **Talladega County Alumnae** and **Kappa Beta** chapters. The day began with a Rededication Ceremony and continued with their guest speaker, Soror Terri Nevitt-Harvill who delivered a powerful message. The theme for the occasion was

“Celebrating 100 Years of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service....But Am I My Sister’s Keeper?”

The chapter participated in the Anniston Christmas Parade, honoring their 100-year-old chapter member, Soror Jewel Greer, along with their Jabberwock queens, G.E.M.S. and our Delta Dears.

Mayor Of Daytona Beach Recognizes Delta’s Centennial

Members of Daytona Beach Alumnae Chapter showed up in their red for a recent monthly meeting of the Daytona Beach city commission. The 95 members are social advocates who are actively involved in scholarship and service to the community. Three members of the local chapter have served as City Commissioners for Daytona Beach representing Zone 6---Sorors Freddie Moore, Casandra Reynolds and newly-elected Paula Reed. Mayor Derrick Henry presented President Maureen Taylor with a



proclamation for Delta’s Day at the City Commission of Daytona Beach and to recognize Delta’s Centennial.

Hinesville Mayor Names January Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Month

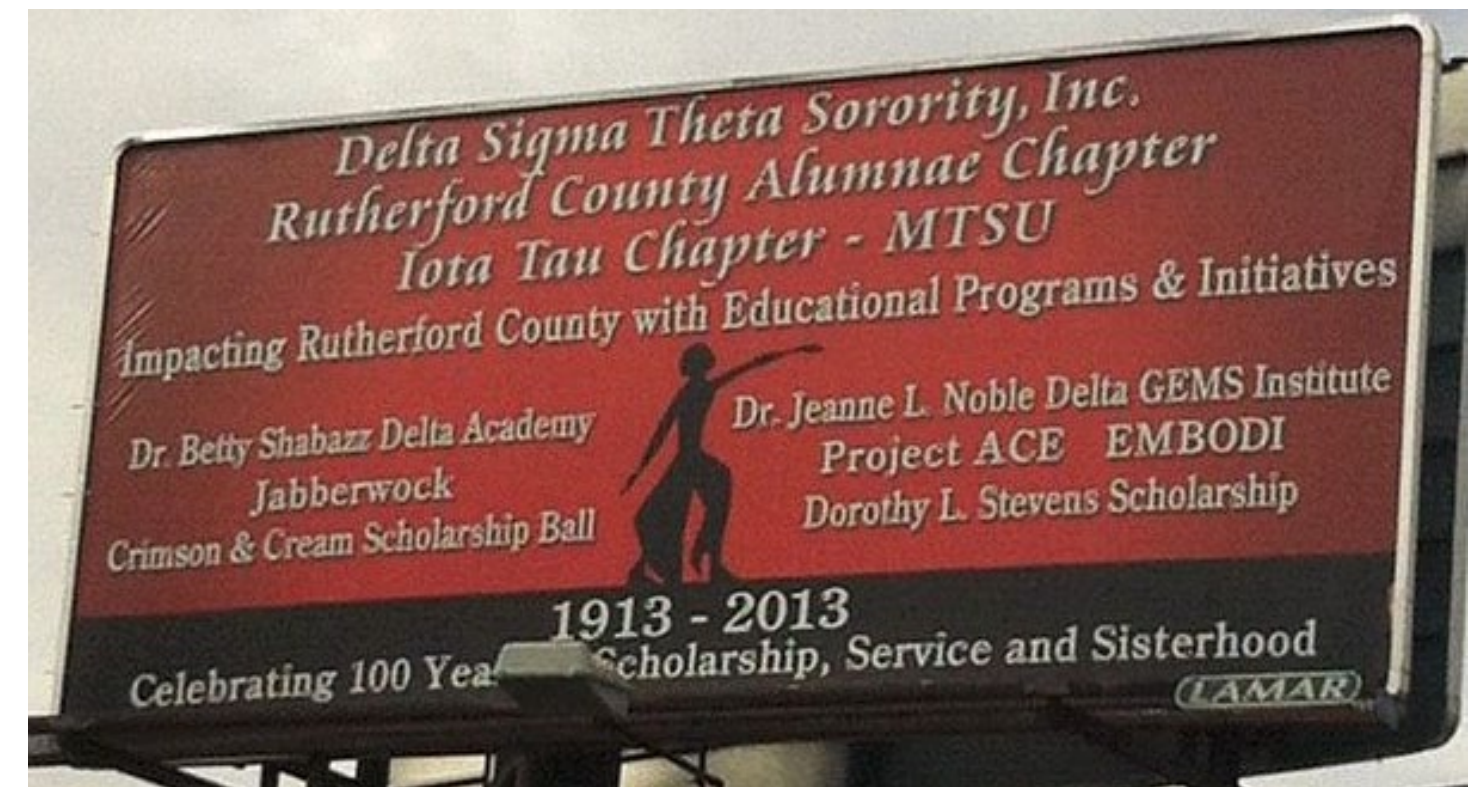
At a proclamation signing on January 15, Mayor James Thomas, Jr. named January Delta Sigma Theta Sorority month. Mayor Thomas said, “I encourage all residents to support this organization’s good investments in Hinesville, Georgia, through its programs such as Delta G.E.M.S., Feed-A-Child, voter registration, Rock- the-Vote campaigns and blood drives. I am happy to have them in our city and appreciate the work they do.”

Throughout the years **Hinesville Alumnae Chapter** has sponsored an annual financial workshop, participated as a corporate sponsor annually in the Relay for Life of Liberty County, donated Thanksgiving baskets annually to the needy, contributed to the local women’s shelter, supported

their local cub scout pack, sponsored the Feed-A-Child Program through the local school system with the provision of snacks during selected holiday breaks, awarded \$5,000 in scholarships annually to high school students, and contributed financially to the Dorchester Academy restorations. The chapter participates in the “Walk to Old Dorchester” fundraising event and co-sponsors political forums. Chapter members also serve as mentors for Delta G.E.M.S.

Soror Mary Brock, president of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter said, “We are especially proud of our contributions to victims of local and national disasters, our literary functions, and the highlighting of creative talents within our community.”

Delta Activities “HIGHlighted”



Rutherford County Alumnae Chapter went sky-high to have a greater presence in the community, promote programs and celebrate the sorority’s 100th anniversary. The chapter erected a billboard for advertising programs in a project called “Celebration Billboard”. The chapter submitted documentation to DREF to secure non-profit status, and it received a huge discount from the advertising agency. An anonymous soror in the chapter donated money for the project. Chapter President Kenya J. Adams designed the billboard that debuted on January 5, 2013. Both Rutherford County Alumnae and **Iota Tau** at Middle Tennessee State University are listed on the billboard to foster sisterhood and enhance ACE initiatives.

Miami and Dade Alumnae Chapters Build For Habitat For Humanity



On President's Day, members of the **Miami Alumnae** and **Dade Alumnae Chapters** continued their commitment to service through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Miami during their 15th Annual Blitz Build.

Celebrating the centennial of the sorority's founding, members eagerly picked up paintbrushes

and buckets and went to work. They spent the entire day painting walls, ceilings and bathrooms. Miami Alumnae Chapter President, Soror Brenda Bryant, stated that volunteerism is only one way the community can assist families to obtain decent, affordable homes. After 100 years of service through Delta Sigma Theta, members of the local chapters are still committed to impacting communities and changing lives.

Over a two-week period, volunteers built ten new homes in the South Miami Height community. All volunteers and interested parties will be invited to participate in the upcoming Habitat for Humanity home dedication ceremony. During this celebration, the deserving families will receive the keys to their new homes.

The members of the sorority are looking forward to the next opportunity to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity during the 2013 Women's Build.

Annual Winter Gala Benefits Service Agency in Madison, MS

The **Madison County (MS) Alumnae Chapter** (MCAC) united with the Epsilon Kappa Kappa Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Uplift, Inc. to host the Second Annual Winter Benefit Gala.

Proceeds from the gala are awarded to a deserving service agency within the Madison County area. This year's award recipient was Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty (MadCAAP).

Founded in 1985 by Sister Mary Grace McGuire, MadCAAP is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting families living in poverty in Madison County, Mississippi. From its humble beginnings, MadCAAP has grown to serve over 3,000 families and operates a clothing closet, food pantry, housing repair and Krista Cottage Program, Helping Hands Garden and New Attitudes classes. The Gala raised \$2,000 for MadCAAP.

Approximately 200 guests attended the gala which was held at Plantation Commons in Madison, and featured live entertainment by the Dowell Taylor Band. MCAC's President, Soror Katrina Myricks, expressed her happiness as a result of the success



of the event. She said, "It is our intention to have a positive and lasting impact in this community. One of the ways that we will accomplish this is through establishing partnerships with other service-oriented organizations. We are very excited about the relationship that we have established with MadCAAP and are looking forward to working with them on projects in the future."

Bolivar Alumnae Honors King Holiday By Serving Homeless

On Monday, January 21, 2013, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day of Service, members of **Bolivar County Alumnae Chapter** (Cleveland, Mississippi) prepared personal hygiene bags with AmeriCorps*VISTA members. The bags and other supplies were to be distributed during the National Point in Time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness. Donations included socks, blankets, travel size hygiene products, first-aid kits, small snacks, nabs, snack crackers, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, flash lights, and coats. More than 2,500 items valued at more than \$2,800 were received during the donation drive. Chapter members and 26 volunteers spent collectively 91 hours sorting and preparing the 162 personal hygiene bags. Clothing and food donations were delivered to a local transitional shelter, and the personal hygiene bags were given to the Count Team with the Mississippi United To End Homelessness in Jackson, Mississippi for distribution to homeless people in communities living on the street.

Bolivar Alumnae was pleased to partner with the Count, an important initiative of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

East Point/College Park Alumnae Makes A Joyful Noise



The sounds of the Christmas season rang out at the Headland Heights United Methodist Church for the 3rd Annual **East Point/College Park Alumnae** (EP/CP) Christmas Cantata, on Thursday, December 13, 2012. This year, the EP/CP Cantata Chorus, cast and narrators



Pictured from left to right: Megan Lummah (VISTA), Soror Paulette Clinton, Krystal Seaton (VISTA), Shequita Wilson (VISTA), Soror Tanya McKinney, and Soror Carol Kimble.

(HUD) to ensure the voices of people experiencing homelessness are heard, and efforts are made to provide appropriate services and develop more effective plans and measure progress toward ending homelessness.

performed to a standing room only audience, retelling the Christmas Story through scriptures and music.

Directed by Soror Bonita Seaborn-Moore, sorors of the chorus, resplendent in their red robes like precious rubies, glided down the aisles singing "Holy Are You Lord." The chorus of 22 (a 'heavenly nod' to the founding history of Delta Sigma Theta) rang out the old and new sounds of the Christmas season throughout the cantata performance, joined by the audience on traditional Christmas carols. To close the performance, as the house lights were cut, the chorus performed a contemporary acapella arrangement of "The Lord's Prayer" lit only by the chorus' penlights. Following, the chorus led the audience in the Christmas version of "Joy." As the cast and narrators recessed, the chorus marched in pairs up the center aisle, proclaiming "He Reigns Forever". What a beautiful night, filled with beautiful music about the Savior of the world!

Jefferson County Alumnae Presents Eleven Debutantes



The **Jefferson County Alumnae** chapter held its “2012 Rubies and Pearls” debutante cotillion on Friday, November 23. At the event, eleven young ladies were presented to the community as debutantes: Lysharica Barnes, Jamya Bester, Zoree Bishop, Chloe’ Griffin, Amber Lee, Jonteria Lockhart, A’Keriah Samuel, Gabrielle Shipp, Melanie Watson, Bria Wilson, and Carmen Wright.

The cotillion culminated the debutantes’ participation in an

eight-month mentoring program which included workshops on etiquette, scrapbooking, public speaking, and modeling. The debutantes also had the opportunity to participate in a Hat Tea that was held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Throughout the course of the evening, several of the debutantes received awards in various categories such as Perfect Attendance, Best Essay, and Best Scrapbook. The highlight of the evening was the “father-daughter”

dance. Jamya Bester was crowned “Miss Rubies and Pearls.” For their participation, each debutante received a certificate of participation, beautiful roses, and a large commemorative portrait. The top finalists for “Miss Rubies and Pearls” received luggage as gifts. Other participants received laptop bundles which included a laptop computer, a computer bag, a printer, flash drives, and luggage tags.

Sorors Vallery Lee and Frieda Bush chaired the event. Sorors Monica Campbell, Khadidr Jones, Roshelle Gaines, Audrey Wray, Molletia James, Yolanda Wright, Sherry Brundidge, Stephanie Larkin, Shonquella McGhee, Katrina McTyer, Mimi Moorer, Narcissus Whitfield and other hard-working sorors from the Jefferson County Alumnae Chapter served on the 2012 Rubies and Pearls Cotillion Committee.

Delta Women Go Red For Heart Health Awareness Month

The **Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae Chapter** (MS) hosted a ‘Go Red for Women’ Heart Health Seminar and Red Dress Showcase. Held at the Greenwood Leflore Hospital, the event was designed to promote physical and mental health awareness. Wearing red, chapter sorors and community residents supported the event and learned about heart disease.



Jackson (MS) Alumnae Joins Other Greeks in Coat Drive



The **Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter** joined forces with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) of the Metro Jackson Area to support the “Warm Coats and Warm Hearts” Coat Drive, sponsored by ABC’s “Good Morning America” and Burlington Coat Factory. NPHC collected new and slightly-used coats of all sizes for adults, kids and infants. Local ABC affiliate WAPT-TV featured sorors and other greeks, as they presented close to 100 coats on the Dr. Martin Luther King,

Jr. Holiday at Burlington Coat Factory at Metro Center Mall in Jackson. The chapters chose this day to also highlight the second inauguration of President Barack Obama.

“We initially asked for a minimum of three coats per chapter, but we completely excelled and surpassed that number---just bringing all of these wonderful organizations together to really benefit our community, because these coats do stay here locally,” said Soror Jacqueline Mitchell, who represents Jackson (MS) Alumnae on the council. The coats went to Stewpot, a local charity, and volunteers distributed them to needy families. “I think it’s fantastic, because my sisters love clothes, so I know they definitely had warm hearts in order to give up the coats they did,” said Soror Robin Silas, First Vice-President of Jackson (MS) Alumnae.

Members say they enjoyed working with the other Greek organizations for this special project. “We can always do more in numbers,” explained Mitchell. “It was just a beautiful sight seeing everyone fellowshiping and enjoying each other.”

LaGrange Alumnae Joins Iota Phi Theta In A Walk for St. Jude

The **LaGrange Alumnae Chapter** joined the men of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated for the 2012 St. Jude Give Thanks Walk in Atlanta. The organizations co-sponsored the local family-friendly event on November 17, 2012 at Zoo Atlanta.

The Atlanta area far exceeded their \$93,000 goal, raising \$117,086.87 toward the cause. The LaGrange Alumnae Chapter donated \$795. 100% of the proceeds collected benefit St. Jude’s mission, which is to find cures and means of prevention for children with cancer or other diseases through treatment and research.



Pictured with members of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, co-sponsors of the St. Jude’s Walk 2012 at Zoo Atlanta are Soror Taresa Alexander, President of the LaGrange Alumnae Chapter; Soror Kaminsia Fannin, Chair, Information and Communications; Soror Zsa Zsa Heard, Vice President; and kneeling, Soror Jacqueline Barnes, Chair, Physical and Mental Health.

It's A Day "On" As Sorors Host Inaugural 5K Run/Walk On MLK Day

For the **Palm Coast/ Flagler County (FL) Alumnae Chapter**, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was a day *on*, not a day *off*. The chapter partnered with the MLK Day Celebration Committee, the St. Paul School of Excellence, and Soror Sharon Spell to sponsor the inaugural "Dreamers to Doers" 5K Run/Walk.

The race began and ended in the historic Lincolnville area of St. Augustine, FL. Lincolnville is an area that Dr. King frequently visited during the 1960's. The event benefitted the St. Paul School of Excellence, which is a new, predominately African-American charter school. The race was designed to promote health and wellness and other activities



St. Paul School of Excellence students at the starting line.

that aligned with Dr. King's dream. With more than 120 participants in attendance, the event was a huge success.

Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Awards \$50,000 In Scholarships



The dedicated members of the **Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter (MRAC)** remain committed to service and scholarship and continuously strive to make an impact upon every community within the chapter's service area. The chapter supports this focus by awarding scholarships to young women who exemplify academic excellence, strong leadership, and community involvement.

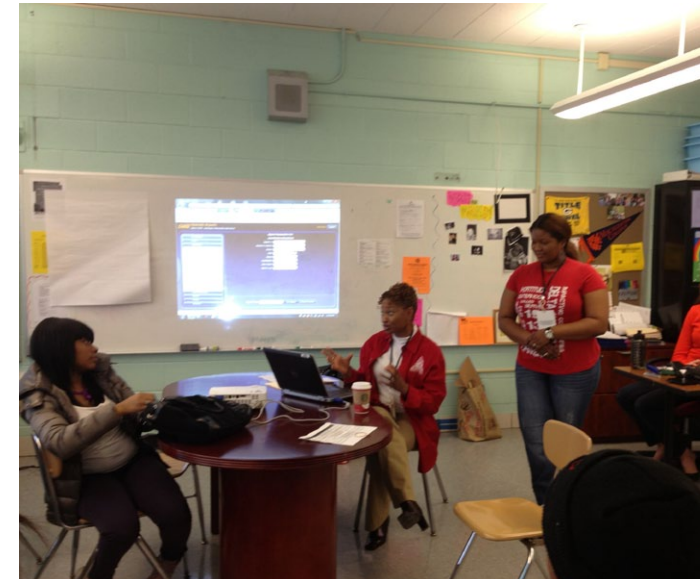
For the first time in the chapter's history, MRAC will award \$50,000 in scholarships to female teens in Metro Atlanta. The chapter's scholarship committee distributed scholarship applications to approximately 40 churches and 50 high schools in Cherokee, Cobb and North Fulton counties and received over 50 eligible applicant submissions. The scholarship awards will be presented at MRAC's

Empowerment Summit on May 18, 2013.

The scholarships are presented to African-American females who are graduating seniors and live or attend school in the Marietta-Roswell service area. Applicants must attend an accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution in pursuit of a degree within one year of high school graduation. Applicants must also have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale, submit two typed letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope, and participate in a panel interview in order to qualify for a scholarship award.

In addition to awarding scholarships to worthy applicants, the chapter also wanted to make sure each applicant received professional development to help them as they progress from high school to college. The applicants attended an Image Building Workshop on February 23, 2013. The workshop was designed to equip participants with the knowledge, skills and ability needed to develop a personal brand that will position them for personal and professional success. The theme for this year's workshop was: "Total Package Presenting The Gift You Were Created To Be."

Southern Region Sorors Celebrate 100 Years With Service



A trip to Howard University to see Fortitude. Catching up with line sisters. Remembering the legacy of the 22 Founders. That and more was part of every soror's agenda for Delta's Centennial Founders Day Weekend in Washington, D.C. For Sorors Hannah Hart and Barbara Yates of Mobile Alumnae, they were also looking to make a difference by participating in one of the 22 Impact Day Service Projects in honor of the Founders.

Soror Hart, president of Mobile Alumnae, signed up to work in the science classroom at Washington Metropolitan High School.

"I selected that project, because it was a classroom setting," she explained. "I wanted to see the student-teacher interaction, and I am a former science teacher. I am also former administration, so education really was a good project for me."

It wasn't an easy day for Soror Hart, who said there were challenges working with the students. "The students initially showed out. One even used profanity," said Soror Hart. "The teacher conferenced with the student. The student re-entered and apologized. We did a review activity with the students. You could see the walls begin to

dissolve."

Soror Yates helped with a workshop on teen pregnancy and parenting at the high school. She said the teen mothers were candid about the struggles in their lives, including feeling alone.

"There were some who did not have support from their family," she said. "There were some of the students who experienced postpartum depression and did not know what was happening to them."

According to Soror Yates, she and the other sorors in the workshop offered advice and motivation for the mothers to achieve their goals.

"One of our sorors discussed her experience with teen pregnancy and with having a good family support system. She completed high school and was able to go to college, so she could provide for her child."

Sorors Hart and Yates both said Impact Day was truly a worthwhile experience. "The service project enhanced my Centennial Founders Day, by my giving and assisting a group of students who are perceived by society as different," said Hart. "It was also an eye opener with regard to the intellectual level of the students."

Soror Donna Bowman Selected To Participate In Policy Institute



Women of Georgia for Change recently selected **Soror Donna Bowman**, Regional

Social Action Coordinator to participate in the 2013-2014 class of the Georgia Women's Policy Institute (GWPI). The Institute offers intensive advocacy and leadership training for women who are poised to play a greater role in advocating for public policy that improves the quality of life for women in Georgia. Over the course of one year, Soror Bowman will participate in eight, one-day retreats, a team policy project, frequent teleconferences and other activities that provide a "learning while doing" experience.

Soror Bowman stated, "I have long been an advocate on issues

impacting the African-American community and women and girls in particular. Women make up nearly 55 percent of those who vote in elections, but only hold about 20 percent of elected offices. As such, key legislation that does not benefit women is often passed. I applied to the Institute because I desired to become a more effective advocate. Upon completion of the policy institute, I plan to create a leadership training model that can be implemented within local Delta chapters, through each chapter's social action committee."

Soror Stephanie Brown Debuts Her New Novel "Still Not Satisfied"

Soror Stephanie Brown of **Mississippi Gulf Coast Alumnae** has started her literary journey with the book "Still Not Satisfied." This novel follows Christian Goodman as he learns there is a place in one's heart that nothing in this world can satisfy. Writing under the name SA Brown, her works include scripts for the stage, film and short stories.

Soror Brown loves to keep pen to paper. "One of my most exciting moments included learning that my work will be featured in Zane's upcoming anthology," she explains. A soror in her chapter commented, "Her work is captivating, and you can't put the book down once you start reading." Soror Brown



Pictured from left to right: Soror Stephanie Brown, Heaven Marshall, LaKeshia Edwards, and Soror Tiffany Hollis-Gines

recently shared a moment with fans during her successful book-signing at Barnes and Noble. To

enjoy Soror Brown's works in paperback or via e-book, visit www.sabentertainment.com.

Mayors Recognize Sorors By Naming Local Streets After Them

For their individual commitment to the community **Dr. Doreatha Fields** and **Sandra Pelham**, members of **Melbourne-Palm Bay (FL) Alumnae Chapter** were honored with local streets. The mayors of Melbourne and Palm Bay recognized the two outstanding sorors in a recent city council meeting.

Soror Fields is the Founder & Executive Director of the Diamond Community School, Inc., which is Brevard County, Florida's first African-American owned private school specializing in innovative learning strategies for students with academic, physical, emotional and social challenges. She has nearly 40 years of experience pioneering educational programs for women, clergy, youth and the community. She is the recipient of numerous

local, state, and national awards including the "Jefferson Award" for Outstanding Public Service given by the American Institute of Public Service. Soror Fields was also recognized as one of the "Outstanding Women" of Brevard County by the Board of County Commissioners. She formerly chaired the Melbourne-Palm Bay Alumnae Chapter's "Seniors, Medication, and Record Tracking" program (Project SMART).

Soror Sandra Pelham is chairperson of the Powell Subdivision Neighborhood Watch Program, a position she has held for eight years and for which she has received numerous awards and accolades. She is the recipient of the CF News 13 "Everyday Hero" award and the South Brevard NAACP chapter's "Person of the Year"



award. Soror Pelham is a former social worker who practiced in Orange and Brevard Counties. She coordinates the Melbourne-Palm Bay Alumnae Chapter's Black Heritage Calendar Festival, as well as serves as chairperson of the Delta Bookmark educational initiative, which donates books to local schools and libraries.

Soror Finishes Late Father's Senate Term



Congratulations to **Soror Angela Turner Lairy**, Mississippi State Senator for District 16. Soror Lairy won a Special Election to finish the last three years of her late father's, Senator Bennie Turner, term. District 16 covers Clay County and parts of Lowndes, Oktibbeha and Noxubee Counties.



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- Regional Pin
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Madison County Alumnae Registers Voters Under Friday Night Lights



The **Madison County (MS) Alumnae Chapter** joined forces with the Canton Public School District to register voters at the Canton High School Homecoming football game on September 29th. Among the sounds of the band and the tailgate, people were happy to

take time and register to vote. Members of the sorority eagerly waited for fans to buy their game tickets and then encouraged them to register. 37 people were registered in a two-hour span. “Many people don’t think of coming to football games to hold voter registration drives, but our

chapter president, Soror Katrina Myricks, saw an opportunity to get the young and the old to register to vote,” said Social Action Committee chair LaTonya Robinson-Kanou. “Forging a partnership with our local school district is very important, and we look forward to coming back each year to register more people.”

The voter drive allowed MCAC to provide voter registration, voter education and voter mobilization for the citizens of Mississippi. Members of the chapter’s Social Action committee were able to talk to attendees and answer questions and concerns they had about various voter requirements. This allowed the chapter members to address a lot of misinformation about Mississippi voting statutes.

East Point/College Park Conducts 20 Voter Registration Drives



The sorors of **East Point/College Park Alumnae (EP/CP)** were on fire, conducting at least 20 voter registration drives from September until the voter registration deadline. On National Voter Registration Day, the chapter registered 139 students total at three high schools in Clayton County and Atlanta Technical College. The chapter targeted churches, high schools, sorority meetings, and even Jabberwock orientation.

East Point-College Park Alumnae also hosted a Debate Watch Party at Hotel Indigo Atlanta Airport in College Park.

Chapter Rocks The Vote Through Strategic Partnerships

The sorors of the **Pompano Beach Alumnae Chapter** are a vigilant force against voter suppression in the state of Florida. The chapter’s Social Action Committee has contributed much time and effort to ensuring that voters in northern Broward County are not disenfranchised, and that they exercise their right to vote during all elections. During the recent election season, the chapter held voter registration drives in partnership with other Greek-letter organizations. At the drives, voter registration updates were shared with Greek-letter organizations throughout Broward County.

Sorors from the chapter also visited local churches and attended town hall meetings to heighten voter education and awareness and to explain recent changes in voter legislation to all voters. Recently, they met with the Broward County Office of Elections to ensure that all eligible voters had the most current voter information.

Nathaniel Green, president of the Broward County National Pan-Hellenic Council, appointed



Soror S. Ayanna Miller, Pompano Beach Alumnae’s Social Action Chair, to the Council’s “A Voteless People is a Hopeless People” Committee. Indeed, sorors of the Pompano Beach Alumnae Chapter have been zealous in their quest to ensure that their service area—the second largest in the state of Florida—is not excluded from any election.

Miami Alumnae Develops Political Awareness and Involvement Plan

Sorors of the **Miami Alumnae Chapter** started the sorority year by developing a Political Awareness and Involvement plan of action and quickly began the process of executing the plan:

- August – Voter registration outreach to family members
- September – Voter registration canvass
- October – Attended Miami-Dade Election workers classes
- November – Volunteered as election poll workers during the early voting and general election

Chapter members were also busy during the months of September and October with church voter registration drives before and after worship services



throughout Miami-Dade County. The Miami Alumnae Chapter also partnered with Kappa Alpha Psi and the NAACP in their “My Vote, My Voice” Statewide Voter Registration & Education Initiative.

Members of Miami Alumnae showed their commitment to social action by attending many events leading up to November

6th and by working the polls on Election Day. Thousands of early voters took their “Souls to the Polls”, and the Miami Alumnae and **Dade County Alumnae** Chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. were among the many community organizations that took to the streets to lead voters to early voting polls.

Chapter Challenges Prime Minister To Revisit Bahamianization

The ladies of the **Nassau Bahamas Alumnae Chapter** (NBAC) paid a courtesy call to the Right Honorable Perry Christie, Prime Minister of the Bahamas on Friday, March 1, 2013. A Red Paper, prepared by NBAC's Social Action Committee, was presented to the Prime Minister, which challenged him to conduct an analysis of the procedures that govern the Bahamas Immigration "Bahamianization Policy" established in 1970 by then Minister of Immigration, Arthur D. Hanna.

The intent of the "Bahamianization Policy" was to open supervisory and managerial opportunities for Bahamians, ensure succession planning and to empower Bahamians to assume leadership roles in institutions which had relegated them to menial tasks. This policy leveled the playing field and allowed Bahamians to aspire and achieve successful careers. The policy ensured equal work opportunities in the work place. Over the past few years, it has been observed that the policy has been unevenly enforced.

The members of NBAC called on elected officials to review the current immigration work permit granting procedures and ensure that its original purpose and vision is being fulfilled.

The ladies of NBAC invited open discussion with the relevant ministries and leaders to share its



(left to right) SororCarolynn Hall-Knowles; SororMichelle Mitchell, SororTyra Bannister, Vice President of Upsilon Zeta; SororBrittani Rolle, President of Upsilon Zeta; SororNicole Rolle, Vice President of NBAC; Prime Minister Perry G. Christie; SororJeunesse Bullard, President of NBAC; SororMyra Mitchell, Bahamas Coordinator, SororBeverly Wallace Whitfield, SororMarie Mitchell

experiences with a hope to reclaim the spirit of Bahamianization. Executive members of Upsilon Zeta of The College of the Bahamas, were also in attendance.

The Prime Minister concluded the meeting by proclaiming March 1, 2013 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Day.

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