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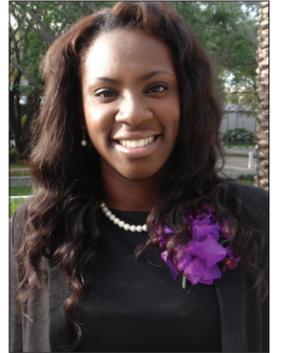
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Message from the Regional Director and Regional Representative



Sorors of the Dynamic Southern Region,

As we continue to impact our communities and show forth excellence in all of our efforts, we consider it an honor and privilege to bring greetings to you, our progressive, driven and dedicated sorors of the Dynamic Southern Region. As your Regional Director and Regional Representative, we are appreciative and humbled by the opportunity to lead this region into the next century of service.

Sorors, as our sisterhood continues to grow and advance, we must position ourselves to adapt to its progression. Under the vision of *Reclaim, Retrain and Retain*, we look forward to fostering the growth of the Southern Region, the largest region in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. In this biennium, it is our goal to reignite the flame within the hearts of sorors and encourage them to continue the work of Delta.

Collegiates, do you understand the potential you possess in determining the future of Delta? Alumnae sorors, do you recognize the pearls of wisdom you offer to uplift sorors throughout our region? Our 22 Founders had the dream of change and social action, therefore, it is our DUTY to continue to foster these ideals in every step we take in the name of Delta. Upholding their legacy, we continue to focus on our Sorority's national Five Point Programmatic Thrust: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness and Involvement. It is time we supersede our expectations and heed the call to serve as a cohesive unit, striving all the more earnestly to reach our common goal.

Aligning with the outstanding leadership of Soror Paulette C. Walker our National President, and with the support of the gifted and focused members of the Regional Leadership Team, we are eager to "turn up" the enthusiasm.

Cheryl W. Turner

Cheryl W. Turner
Southern Regional Director

Brittany Stephenson

Brittany Stephenson
Southern Regional Representative



Merry
Christmas!

& a Happy new year!



Soror
Brittany N. Stephenson:

Raising the Standards
as Regional
Representative

Being initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an exciting experience for many collegiate sorors. Bursting with energy and a zeal for Delta, collegiate sorors are often eager to answer the call of the 22. Soror Brittany Stephenson is a relatively new soror who has answered the call to serve as the new Regional Representative for the Dynamic Southern Region. She was initiated into the Tau Rho chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated on April 14, 2013 on the campus of The University of Miami. Born in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Soror Stephenson graduated in the top two percent of her high school class and is presently a junior human and social development major who aspires to enter a career in student affairs. She enjoys listening to music, jogging, watching Netflix, and spending time with God and her family.

Soror Stephenson sought the position of Regional Representative because she believes "Regional Representatives have the potential to touch many lives and encourage those around them." She also believes she is an accountable and accessible leader like her predecessors.

Every Regional Representative is charged to effectuate a plan of action during her tenure. "The thrust of my platform for the biennium is *Raising the Standard*. For the next two years, I envision myself working with sorors to continue implementing the leadership principles set forth by our 22 Founders. As our sisterhood continues to grow and develop, we must be able to adapt in its progression. It is my desire to see collegiate sorors fully embrace their potential as women and as Deltas. As Delta women, we strive to achieve the highest standards; therefore, we must raise the standards within our communities, within our Sorority, especially with our social action activities, but most important, we must raise our personal standards as sisters. It is only through honoring and reflecting on Delta's rich legacy and tradition of fervent social action, chapter program implementation, and dynamic leadership that we will truly raise the standards of our sisterhood," said Soror Stephenson.

Although a new member of Delta, Soror Stephenson is fired up and ready to work for the sisterhood. With a fresh

vision, she is prepared to inspire collegiate sorors onward toward Delta. When asked about her most memorable experience in Delta she stated, "The grandiosity of our Sorority has not fully resonated with me. I understand that I will never know everything about Delta—this never ceases to amaze me. My most memorable experience in Delta occurred at my final pinning ceremony. A special Delta sister (my former campaign manager) took time to share valuable insights about Delta with me. I was truly surprised and humbled by that moment. It was then that I realized my life would never be the same."

Southern Regional Director, Cheryl W. Turner and the entire Regional Leadership Team anticipate working closely with Soror Stephenson as she seeks to *Raise the Standards* of our Sorority during her tenure.





With the mention of Montgomery, Alabama, the civil rights movement is usually the first event to come to mind. It was a movement spawned by the heroics of women who dared to be different, like Rosa Parks, Claudette Colvin and Jo Ann Robinson. Each woman decided it was a new day and that sitting in the back of the bus was not the right choice to make. They chose to be courageous. On September 5, 2014 another movement began. It was the investiture of Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd, as the first female president of Alabama State University, her alma mater.

Dr. Boyd's distinguished background includes her attendance at Yale University, becoming the first African American to graduate with a Master of Science in mechanical engineering and later receiving a master's and doctorate in divinity from Howard University. She serves on many executive boards and spearheads efforts to broaden the awareness and acceptance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs. Her dedication and hard work have been recognized by President Barack Obama, who appointed her to the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

Inauguration day started off with a prayer breakfast, where goodwill ambassadors from HBCUs as well as many dignitaries attended. A ritualistic "ringing of the bell" ceremony took place in front of the oldest dormitory



on campus. The academic deans and members of the Administrative Council each chimed the bell in symbolism of the induction of a new president.

The inauguration was a symphony of speeches supporting Dr. Boyd. Soror Alexis Herman eloquently said, "Dr. Boyd is the right person to push the university where it needs to go." Major Todd Strange; Soror Regina Benjamin, U.S. Surgeon General; and Senator Quinton Ross, along with many other dignitaries all spoke of Dr. Boyd's stellar character. President Obama sent a letter to be read by a representative. The

president of John Hopkins University, Ronald Daniels talked about how he hated to see her [Dr. Boyd] leave stating, "She changed our university for the better in countless ways, and she will do the same at ASU." To sum up all of the accolades, Dr. Glenda Glover, president of Tennessee State University said it best, "She will be the most revered university president of all times."

Without a doubt Dr. Boyd has a vision for Alabama State University. Igniting the crowd to a thunderous applause, Dr. Boyd said, "together we will make this a stronger and better university than ever before. We will make it. We will reach for greatness; incompetency is not an option. We will remain relevant at Alabama State University, able, strong and united."



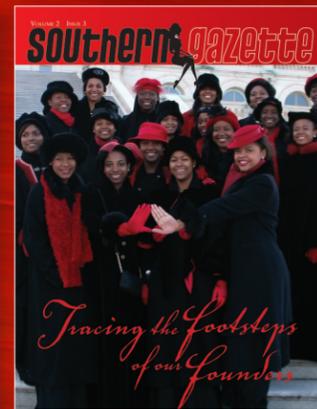
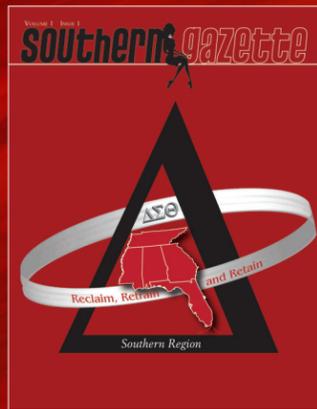
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Athens – January 16 - 18, 2015

FLORIDA & THE BAHAMAS
Clearwater/St. Petersburg – January 23 - 25, 2015

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Montgomery – January 30 - February 1, 2015

TENNESSEE
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MISSISSIPPI
Natchez – March 13 - 15, 2015

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GEORGIA
Atlanta – February 8 - 9, 2015

TENNESSEE
Nashville – February 10, 2015

MISSISSIPPI
Jackson – February 15 - 16, 2015

BAHAMAS
Nassau – February 28 - 29, 2015

FLORIDA
Tallahassee – March 22 - 24, 2015

ALABAMA
Montgomery – April 15 - 16, 2015





Southern Region Sets Tampa “On Fire”

“Orange” you glad you came to Tampa! That’s how the president of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter greeted close to 3,000 Deltas to the 44th Southern Regional Conference. According to Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner, there are currently 215 chapters in the Southern Region with four chapters chartered between 2011 and 2014. The region boasts more than

3,000 new initiates during the same time period.

Tampa is home to National President Paulette C. Walker, and she was thrilled to welcome sorors to her city. “We’re here to learn, fellowship and interact,” Dr. Walker explained. She urged sorors to take an active role in their communities. “My sorors, are you up for the challenge? Twenty-fourteen is

the year we shall turn our ship around. Be the dream catcher the 22 Founders envisioned,” she said during her welcome. As Dr. Walker’s address came to an end, Alicia Keys’ hit song “Girl On Fire” blared through the speakers of the Tampa Convention Center, forcing sorors to get out of their seats. . . ready to set the world on fire!

Paver Unveiled

Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner (far right) along with conference coordinators Barbara Cockfield, Robin Rice Hodges and Brenna Fields Taylor unveil the paver on the Tampa Riverwalk marking the 44th Southern Regional Conference in Tampa, Florida.



Conference Event Encourages A Lifestyle Of Health And Service

Sorors of the Southern Region rose early on Saturday, June 28th to participate in the Delta Research and Education Foundation (DREF) 5K Walk for Life in Tampa’s Contanchobee Fort Brooke Park. Sorors, their families and friends made the 3.2 mile journey, running, walking or a combination of the two, through the downtown park overlooking the bay.

The event’s Grand Marshal federal judge, the Honorable Charlene Edwards Honeywell kicked off the event following remarks by Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner and DREF CEO, Soror Patricia Watkins Lattimore.

The DREF 5Ks during the regional conferences were designed to encourage a healthy lifestyle, and were also a vehicles for raising funds to support the work of service organizations in the regions. Receiving a share of the \$5,000 contribution from the Southern Region were Alpha House of Tampa, Inc., the Computer Mentors Group, Whispering Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center, and the Bahamas Primary School Student



of the Year Foundation. “The spirit of our Founders who as their first public act walk the streets of Washington, D.C. for the cause of women’s suffrage is certainly with us today as we walk through this park to support the work of these fine organizations,” remarked Soror Turner. In addition to monetary donations, the organizations also received hands on support from sorors during the Regional Impact Day.



A Call To Service . . . Deltas Make An Impact In One Day

The Southern Region participated in five community service projects based on the Five Programmatic Thrusts during the 44th Southern Regional Conference. The theme of the one-day event was “A Call to Service: Dynamic Deltas – Hands On for Progress.”

The Southern Region teamed up with Alpha House of Tampa to present a workshop on financial fortitude. Alpha House offers homeless pregnant women and mothers with young children safe housing and the tools they need to become self-sufficient, effective and responsible parents. The region also donated twin sheets, pillows and gift cards to Alpha House of Tampa.

As part of physical and mental health, a group of sorors loaded a bus from the Tampa Convention Center to



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Regional Impact Day Forum Responds To Stand Your Ground

As part of the Southern Region's Impact Day during the 44th Southern Regional Conference, the Region's Political Awareness and Involvement Committee sponsored an informative forum titled, "Stand Down Awareness Campaign—An Accurate Analysis of the Stand Your Ground Law." The purpose of the forum was to clarify issues related to the controversial law which drew attention in the state of Florida following the murders of Trayvon Martin and Jordan Davis, and to get sorors educated and mobilized to challenge stand your ground laws and support common sense gun reform.



One misconception the forum dispelled was that Stand Your Ground is unique to the state of Florida. Members of the panel showed that every state in the Southern Region (and states throughout the country) has a comparable law. Another misconception debunked by the panel was that the goal of advocates of gun reform is to rid the country of all guns.

The panelists advised sorors about a number of action steps that can be taken in opposition or support of legislation. Soror Brenda Gilmore, Tennessee State Representative and Tennessee Social Action Coordinator, admonished sorors to vote in every election (state, local and national) and to arrange to meet with their representatives to discuss issues, which affect their communities. On the specific issue of gun control, Georgia Social Action Coordinator, Soror Rhonda Briggins-Ridley encouraged sorors to get educated about gun control issues like universal background checks and bans on military assault weapons. Soror Briggins-Ridley also encouraged sorors to collect stories and to research local crime statistics to put a local face on crime, which would allow sorors to move with facts as opposed to emotion.

National President Paulette C. Walker addressed the body about the importance of Deltas being actively involved in other justice issues, which affect our communities and the people Delta serves. "Trayvon and Jordan have gotten our attention, but they are only two. There are countless other young men and women we don't know about. Deltas are called to be about social action not merely socially active," said Dr. Walker. At the end of the forum, the floor was opened for sorors to make suggestions to assist Delta in framing its response to stand your ground.

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Deltas Don't "Do" Social Action . . . It's Who They Are

by: Tia Mitchell



Soror Carla Harris, co-chair of the National Social Action Commission during the Social Action Luncheon.

Social action is not just something Deltas do, it's who they are.

Soror Carla Harris, co-chair of the National Social Action Commission, said during her keynote speech at the Social Action Luncheon that Deltas cannot sit by idly and let society's ills continue. She rattled off a list of injustices, such as states' failure to expand Medicaid, failing schools, voting reforms that negatively affect minorities and high incarceration rates. "None of us can claim ignorance, nor can we act ignorant like this is happening somewhere else," Harris said.

"Awareness about the issues is not enough," Harris said. It must be followed up by action, participation, financial resources and involvement.

Deltas can't always be reactionary and complain once bad ideas become law, Harris said. The Sorority must be a part of the conversation early-on and help stifle proposals that would negatively impact communities and to accomplish that, Harris said, Deltas have to participate in the political process. "You can't have a voice at the table if you are not in the room," she said.

Harris encouraged sorors to join corporate and community boards to build relationships with decision-makers and to run for public office. But she also insisted that "money talks and baloney walks." "If you write a check, your phone call will be taken by the senator," Harris said.

Other highlights of the Social Action Luncheon included an all-Delta military color guard and greetings from one of Delta's biggest fans: Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn.



National President Paulette C. Walker receives a proclamation from Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn as Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner looks on.

His love for women in crimson and cream was apparent as he spoke lovingly about his long friendship with National President Paulette C. Walker, the many Deltas who have worked in his administration and how much he admires the Sorority's commitment to public service.

“None of us can claim ignorance, nor can we act ignorant like this is happening somewhere else.”

The Southern Regional Social Action Committee also presented a series of awards. The following chapters won Chapter Community IMPACT Awards: Zeta Phi (Georgia State University), Zeta Psi (University of Georgia), Madison County (MS) Alumnae, Atlanta Suburban Alumnae, Shelby County (TN) Alumnae and Decatur (GA) Alumnae.

Dorothea "Dee" Dawkins-Haigler, a member of Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae and a Georgia state representative, won the Keeper of the Flame Award.

The Lois M. Deberry Servant Leader Award went to Elsie Crowell of Tallahassee Alumnae and Bria Toussaint of Eta Kappa (Spelman College). Soror Crowell has committed her time helping women and families obtain health coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Soror Toussaint is CEO and co-founder of the Girl Power Foundation.



Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Takes First Place In Step Show



Stone Mountain-Lithonia Chapter wins first place during the Southern Regional Conference step show.

The Southern Regional Conference would not be complete unless sorors were given an opportunity to cheer on chapters as they engage in friendly competition during the step show. Tampa did not disappoint. And be sure, stepping is not just limited to neophytes and sorors of a certain age, seasoned sorors like to strut their stuff too. Yes, stepping is for the sassy and seasoned. Indeed, it was the Delta Dears of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter who opened the show with an energetic dance number. National President Paulette C. Walker made her own memorable entrance, escorted by two firemen while her theme song for the Regional Conference weekend, “Girl on Fire” by Alicia Keys, played over the loud speakers.

Competitors included the Kappa Iota Chapter (University

of South Florida) whose performance had a baseball theme, and Tampa Alumnae Chapter, who presented a “Walker Family Reunion” performance in honor of chapter member and National President Paulette C. Walker. Tampa’s own STAR Divas Step Team, a group of young ladies with big personalities, brought the audience to its feet with an exhibition step performance. Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter presented a nostalgic tribute to historically black colleges and universities in their “Delta University” earning it a first place finish. Memphis Alumnae’s “old-school” themed performance won second place.

Between performances, Comedian Barry S. Naylor, the show’s host, kept the crowd of sorors and guests dancing and laughing.



Tampa Alumnae perform during the step show with a theme of “Walker Family Reunion.”



Kappa Iota Chapter huddles in a group before their performance.



Next Stop . . . Nassau, Bahamas!

The closing ceremony in Tampa marked the end of Regional Representative Manica Pierrette’s term in office as the Regional Representative for the dynamic Southern Region. Before she was able to give her goodbye speech, sorors watched a video tribute to Soror Pierrette. National President Paulette C. Walker said she was curious about Soror Pierrette when she was elected in 2011. “What is this baby going to do? This baby set this Region ablaze,” Soror Walker said, noting Soror Pierrette’s work for the Sorority.

“I’m so humble and appreciative of the kind words,” Soror Pierrette told sorors. “It truly has been a transformation. These three years haven’t been easy. I have lost a lot. I lost things during my travels. I lost friends and mentors and my man . . . even lost my mind. But God has blessed me with so much.”

Soror Pierrette got emotional when talking about her strong bond with Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner. “Momma R.D. The last three years you’ve become my line sister, mother and my best friend.”

Soror Brittany Stephenson of the Tau Rho Chapter at the University of Miami will succeed Soror Pierrette as Regional Representative for the Southern Region.

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Whispering Oaks to have fun and fellowship with residents of the center. Sorors danced and played games with the residents of the nursing and rehabilitation center.

An education empowerment session was given at the Computer Mentors Group. The Computer Mentors Group provides opportunities for educational and employment success through bridging the technology divide for populations without sufficient economic resources.

Not forgetting about the international component of Impact Day, the Region donated school supplies and gift cards to the Bahamas Ministry of Social Service. The Bahamas Ministry of Social Services provides assistance to underprivileged school children to meet their basic needs, which includes school uniforms, meals, tuition and books, and tutoring.



The energy in the convention center went up several notches, when sorors heard “It’s better in the Bahamas.” In 2016 for the 45th Southern Regional Conference sorors of the region will head to the Bahamas!

During a presentation, Bahamas sorors said “You’ll experience Delta like you’ve never experienced before. Delta love—*island style.*” Nassau—*here we come!*



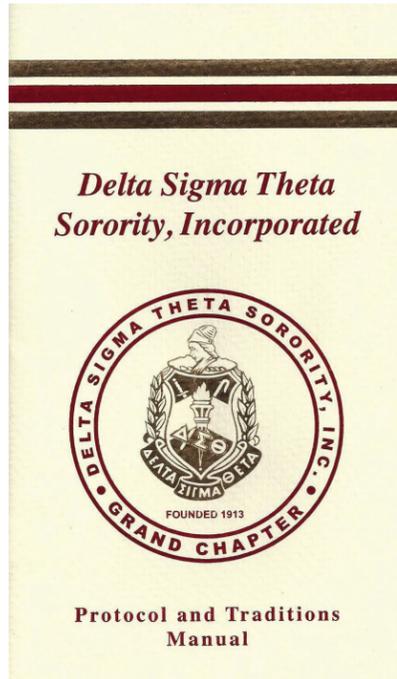
Palmdale Primary School receives school supplies donations from donations during the 44th Southern Regional Conference.

School supplies were also sorted and sent to chapters in Grand Bahama, The College of the Bahamas and Nassau for distribution to various schools throughout the islands. Additionally, the Southern Region also donated school supplies to the Urban Renewal Program.

Impact Day was not complete without a session on Political Awareness and Involvement. The Regional Social Action Committee presented a forum on stand your ground laws and dispelled several myths concerning the stand your ground laws.

Message from the Regional Protocol and Traditions Committee

*“It’s Not Personal - It’s Just Protocol
Striving to Make Delta Better...One Chapter at a Time”*



Do you have a copy of the Protocol and Traditions Manual (shown on the left)? This is the 2011 edition, not to be confused with the 1997 edition that also has a cream cover. The 1997 edition has a red foil crest on the cover and the 2011 (new) edition has the Delta Sigma Theta seal on the cover.

The 2011 edition of the Protocol and Traditions Manual has the guidelines the Sorority is currently using. It covers the items most often questioned when addressing proper protocol. Sorors who do not have the 2011 edition can order it from the bookstore in the Sisters Only Portal of the national website, www.deltasigmatheta.com.

Read the manual and become familiar with the contents. The Protocol and Traditions Manual should always be brought to chapter meetings and Delta functions. It is important that each soror follow the guidelines listed. Following proper protocol unites Deltas and shows respect for the ideals on which Delta Sigma Theta was founded.

For more information on protocol and traditions, please contact a member of the Regional Protocol and Traditions Committee. A list of members can be found on pages 58-59.

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Message from the Regional Arts and Letters Committee

Greetings Sorors!

It is my pleasure to greet you on behalf of the Arts and Letters Committee in the dynamic and empowered Southern Region. We are riding the cusp of a powerful conference, and it is incumbent on us to use the thrust generated at that time to propel us into and through this biennium.

To that end, we have outlined several goals in addition to those tasks we currently undertake. They are to:

1. Develop a line of communication between chapters and your state Arts and Letters representative.
2. Develop a monthly calendar of artistic events sponsored by chapters throughout the Southern Region.
3. Prepare a list of artists by chapter including type and genre. This list will also include community offerings.
4. Identify the National Arts and Letters initiatives in which chapters are participating.
5. Highlight chapters presenting and making noteworthy strides in Arts and Letters.
6. Develop a buzz page on the regional website to announce upcoming events.
7. Develop a hot event announcement corner in the Southern Gazette.
8. Make committee members available to the chapters in their respective states to help and support local chapters
9. To help and support chapters by making committee members available to chapters in their respective states.

If any assistance is needed locally, please contact your state Arts and Letters committee member directly.

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Message from the National Nominating Committee

Chapter Presidents and Members of the Dynamic Southern Region,

The National Nominating Committee will soon release the “Call for Nominations” -- seeking applicants for National Office. When the “call” is released, qualified alumnae and collegiate sorors from the Dynamic Southern Region will be encouraged to “Answer the Call” to **LEAD**ership. The following positions will be elected during the 2015 National Convention:

National Officers

- National President
- National First Vice President
- National Second Vice President
- National Secretary
- National Treasurer

National Committee Chairs

- Nominating

Finance Committee

- One Collegiate member

Scholarship and Standards Committee

- One Collegiate member

Nominating Committee

- One Collegiate member

Internal Audit Committee

- Two Alumnae members
- Two Collegiate members

As you consider “Running for Office in Delta Sigma Theta,” please review the eligibility requirements in the *Constitution and Bylaws*, 2013 Edition, Article IX – Elections and Voting, Section 10, page 51.

For further information about seeking office at the national level, please contact:

Donna Bowman
Southern Region Member
2015 National Nominating Committee
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Message from the Regional Membership Services Committee



The Membership Services Committee has been “Pumping Up the Volume” in the Southern Region to increase the enthusiasm of its “dynamic” sorors. The committee’s mission is to develop and promote continuous programs and services that foster reclamation, retention, and transition processes of the membership. The Regional Membership Services Committee is asking all collegiate and alumnae chapters to have a Membership Services Committee in their local chapter to promote the mission and the atmosphere of sisterhood.

At the 2014 Regional Conference in Tampa, Florida, the National Membership Services Committee presented a workshop on the Delta life cycles, which included information about the different generations represented in Delta chapters across the seven regions. The Membership Services Committee wants chapters to be aware of the multi-generations represented in their chapter and how to involve all members in sisterhood and chapter events and activities.

In preparation for launching the Membership Services Newsletter and link on the Southern Region’s website, the committee redesigned its logo. The new logo will appear on committee newsletters and presentations at clusters and conferences. Regional Membership Services Committee members in each state will be asking for volunteers to serve on the state level to assist during state clusters. Each state’s volunteer team is instrumental in “Turning Up the Enthusiasm—one Delta Chapter at a time.” More information will be in the Membership Services Newsletter.

Sisterhood is the core of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority’s identity. It assists all of its members in building relationships in both their personal and greek lives. “Loving Sorors on Purpose with Purpose” is the Regional Membership Services Committee’s charge.



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Upsilon Zeta Chapter Makes A Lasting Impact On Campus



Upsilon Zeta Chapter members with Soror Beverly Wallace-Whitfield, charter member of the Nassau Bahamas Alumnae Chapter, during Spring kickoff at The College of The Bahamas.

The **Upsilon Zeta Chapter** has made a lasting impact on its campus. During the 2013- 2014 sororal year, the chapter hosted its first Delta week during the Spring semester. The ladies of Upsilon Zeta also hosted Crimson Explosion, a fair that provided a platform for student entrepreneurs to showcase their business ideas and products.

Soror Shanel Adderely, member of 2013 Leadership

Delta cohort, presented a leadership seminar. During the seminar, Soror Shanel challenged students to become better leaders and set themselves apart from the crowd.

The chapter has also received a number of accolades from The College of The Bahamas Union of Students including most outstanding plot of the year and greek organization of the year.

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Collegiate Spotlight

“I initially had reservations about transitioning into an alumnae chapter however, my nerves were immediately halted once I started to embrace this new layer of sisterhood that came with my newfound chapter members,” said **Soror Alex Avery**. Soror Avery was initiated into the Zeta Phi Chapter at Georgia State University and transitioned to the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter. “I was adamant that I wanted to contribute to my alumnae chapter and not be another soror on the 700 plus person roster.” Soror Avery was able to see which committees she was interested in by participating in the committee fair hosted during the first chapter meeting. “I became heavily involved with my alumnae chapter after I began working with committees that aligned with my personal interest and passions.”

Highlighting the work of the Recreation Committee in which she is a member, Avery said, “My most memorable moment thus far is when I was presented with the opportunity to host an event at Ann Taylor LOFT for members of my Sorority to shop and fellowship.” Soror Avery was able to combine two of her favorite passions, her Sorority and shopping, in order to produce an outstanding event. It is important that transitioning sorors realize that they are able

to combine their current interest and intertwine them when appropriate for the betterment of their Sorority.

“I would suggest for a collegiate soror to join an alumnae chapter as soon as they graduate if possible,” said Avery. “I would recommend that recent graduates become involved in a committee that genuinely grasps their interest. Regardless if it will benefit you personally, socially, or professionally, make sure you still get to involved enough where you are enjoying your alumnae experience and are able to network as much as possible. It is important not to overwhelm yourself, but to be social. I am in a chapter with 700 plus sorors and I am always meeting someone with an interesting background or experience they can share with me.”

Transitioning into an alumnae chapter should be a natural progression for sorors, but there seems to be a delay in recapturing recent graduates. Most collegiate sorors think their proudest or fondest moments in their Delta career will be experienced in their undergraduate chapter. However, there are important milestones and experiences that can be experienced in an alumnae chapter as well. Elaborating on this point further, Avery said, “I have learned to appreciate attending events alone. In a collegiate chapter, I was

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Chapter-wide Retreat Prepares Sorors For New Sororal Year

In preparation for the 2014-15 sororal year, the **East Point/College Park Alumnae Chapter** (EPCP) held a day-long chapter-wide retreat on the campus of Atlanta Metropolitan College. The day began in prayer and with all sorors committing to engage, learn and enjoy each other's company.

The first session was a DID on sisterhood facilitated by Soror Sabrina Polote, EPCP chapter member and member of the Southern Regional Chapter and Member Development Committee. At the beginning of the workshop, sorors jammed to Frankie Beverly and Maze's "We Are One." As an ice breaker, sorors were given a personality quiz to learn how sorors are "wired" in the way that they engage in work and relationships. Soror Polote then led the group in a discussion of the five keys to effective sisterhood. This session was followed by a refresher risk management workshop designed to prepare chapter members for working with youth. This workshop was presented by Sorors Cassandra Cliette and Keisha Thorpe.

Following the group sessions, were four recurring mini-workshops. During the "Songs and Strolls" workshop EPCP Music Director and Southern Regional Arts and Letters Committee member Soror Bonita Moore reminded sorors of the proper way to sing Delta's official songs. Then



sorors, young and seasoned, learned a new stroll from Soror Stefanie Griffin to the song, "Just Can't Get Enough" by Jennifer Hudson. Another mini-workshop, led by members of the In the Spirit Committee, helped sorors identify their spiritual gifts, and how they can use them to support the work of the chapter. Two other mini-workshops rounded out the diverse offerings from which sorors could choose, "Understanding Our Chapter's Finances" gave sorors information how the chapter conducts fiscal business, and "Protocol and Traditions" informed sorors on how to conduct themselves in proper Delta form, rounded out the

workshops.

During breaks, attendees were encouraged to shop at the vendors' fair to purchase clothing, jewelry and other items. A few lucky sorors won door prizes, including a grand prize of \$50 cash.

After the series of mini-workshops, Soror Ella Loving, Chapter President; Soror Debra R. Bunkley, First Vice President, and Soror Maleika Holder, Second Vice President candidly responded to questions and concerns posed by attendees. The day ended with a brief presentation from the Program, Planning and Development chairs on how chapter committees can use a thematic approach to develop and implement programs that are impactful and relevant.



Moss Point Alumnae Chapter Celebrates Charter Anniversary



The **Moss Point Alumnae Chapter** celebrated its 30th charter anniversary in a red and white decorated luncheon at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pascagoula, MS. Southern Regional Director Cheryl W. Turner delivered an uplifting speech on the role of women centered on the theme, "Promises to Keep." Charter members wore white and were given a white stole engraved with the inscription "Charter Member" and their name. All

guests in attendance received a souvenir paperweight highlighting the occasion.

Charter members in attendance were Sorors Jeanetta Broughton Carter, Mary D. Carter, Brenda Coe Wess, Linda Huey, Valerie Green Joe, Barbara Kennedy, Paula Faulks, and Sylvia Thomas. Absent charter members were Muriel Jean Morris (Omega Omega), Pamela Hull, Gloria Rogers, and Edwinna Williams.

Sorors Run Up Knoxville's Rolling Hills For Breast Cancer Survivors

Charging up Knoxville's rolling hills and rounding its many corners members of **Oak Ridge Alumnae Chapter** (ORAC) participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 18, 2014. Participants walked in memory of friends and loved ones, while others ran the 5K and still others if unable to attend, slept-in.

"I was inspired to see the many breast cancer survivors parade through the chute at the finish line escorted by men in tuxedos who awarded them with pink carnations," said an ORAC chapter member reflecting on the 5K.

ORAC members participating were Sorors Donna Beidleman, Dira Hansen, Arnetha Johnson, Chevelle Lewis, Karen Lott and Savaughna McClary. Soror Hansen raced in the timed division and not only was the first female to finish the race but also



Sorors Arnetha Johnson, Chevelle Lewis, Savaughna McClary, Dira Hansen and Karen Lott pose after finishing the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 5K.

set a new age-group record for the race. Chapter members who participated in the sleep-ins were Sorors Yolanda Childs, Estraletta Green, Yvonne

Horton, Bessie Jowers, Rosanne Smith, Victoria Steward and Lori Whipple.

Dynamic Day Of Sisterhood At The MAC-O-LYMPICS



On a mission of sisterhood, over 237 members of the **Montgomery (AL) Alumnae Chapter** (MAC) gathered at YMCA Camp Chandler located on the beautiful Lake Jordan for the 2014-2015 sororal year opening retreat. Dressed in Delta paraphernalia sorors made the journey to a peaceful, relaxing, and steamy campsite where temperatures spiraled well above 90 degrees. The theme of the retreat was "Loving Sorors On Purpose With Purpose." The retreat had participation of sorors with over 50+ years of membership, those recently initiated in Spring 2014, 10 reclaimed sorors, and a new soror from Korea who joined the chapter.

Upon arrival to the campsite, sorors were cheerfully greeted by the Membership Services Committee decked out in "Loving Sorors On Purpose With Purpose" themed t-shirts and a massive Lady Fortitude replica setting the stage for MAC-O-LYMPICS. In addition, sorors were given a "swag bag" for camp survival, which included bottled water, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, a nail file, a granola bar, and an electronic personalized MAC fan to help keep cool during the festivities.

The MAC-O-LYMPICS featured a grand opening

Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter Entered Into Congressional Record

On Thursday, June 19, 2014, Congressman Bennie G. Thompson entered **Vicksburg Alumnae Chapter** into the Proceedings and Debates of the 113th Congress.

The full dialogue can be accessed from the Congressional Record, Proceedings and Debates of the 113th Congress, Second Session, Vol. 160, No. 97, pages E1029 and E1030.



ceremony where members of the Executive Committee and Membership Services Committee performed an elaborate opening ceremony featuring placement of the MAC-O-LYMPICS flag, rings, relay of the torch, and lighting of the cauldron. Following the opening ceremony, sorors were randomly divided into teams and competed in a variety of games, "Four Legged Race," "Dizzy Wizzy," "Puzzles," and the "Ball Challenge." The games focused on bonding, team building, and communication. At the conclusion of the MAC-O-LYMPICS games, medals were awarded to the top three teams where each team member received a bronze, silver, or gold medal.

The retreat also featured "Oh My Dear" where Delta Dears showcased how they strolled back in their day. The Delta Dears danced, sung, and strutted. The MAC Exhibition Step Team offered a "step tease" which encouraged sorors to interact and learn new steps and strolls.

On day two of the retreat, nearly 260 sorors, family and friends gathered for additional fellowship at the AMC Theater for a private sold out viewing of "Get On Up" in celebration of the arts.



DCP Tells Every Amazing Lady About Ovarian Cancer Risks



To draw attention to ovarian cancer, educate the general public and incite a movement to improve this important public health issue, the community was invited to attend a pedi party led by the Physical and Mental Health Committee of **Douglas-Carroll-Paulding Counties Alumnae Chapter** to Tell Every Amazing Lady (T.E.A.L) about the signs, symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer.

The pedi party celebrated ovarian cancer survivors, offered inspiration to women who have been diagnosed, and provided powerful awareness and education to others. Sorors, family members, community, friends and co-workers fellowshipped at Serenity – A Nail Bar & Spa to paint their toenails teal and to create an open and ongoing dialogue about this "whispering killer" [ovarian cancer].

Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths for women ages 35-74. Twenty-two thousand



women in the United States are diagnosed with ovarian cancer every year with 15,000 deaths each year from the disease. Unfortunately, only 19 percent of ovarian cancer cases are detected in the early stages, and there is no effective prescreening test. Until effective screening tools are approved, women are left with only signs and symptoms to indicate if ovarian cancer is present.

Ovarian cancer symptoms may include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, trouble eating, feeling full quickly, feeling the need to urinate urgently, fatigue, upset stomach, heartburn, back pain or constipation. Given that these symptoms are easily confused with other ailments, ovarian cancer is often misdiagnosed. Most women who lose their battle do so because they are not symptomatic or their physicians misdiagnosed the cancer. Ovarian cancer has no specific target group of women; therefore, all women are at risk.

Clarksville Alumnae Chapter Makes Strides Against Breast Cancer

Clarksville Alumnae Chapter participated in the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 11, 2014 at LP Field Riverfront in Nashville, Tennessee. Adorned in "Middle Tennessee Deltas are Making Strides" t-shirts, paraphernalia, and lots of pink, sorors participated in the walk, worked at water stations, and also gave monetary donations to the American Cancer Society.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. The Making Stride Against Breast Cancer event raises millions of dollars every year to fund research and provide services to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.



Chapter Hosts All Male Chef Cooking Competition



The **Warner Robins Alumnae Chapter** (WRAC) in partnership with the Jump-starting Our Youth Foundation, Inc. (JOY) hosted Gentlemen With Flavor all-male chef cooking competition on September 27th. The event was held at the Warner Robins campus of Central Georgia Technical College and featured 17 chefs competing in 3 different categories: fine cuisine, backyard grill and dessert.

Smokin' AJ's Buster Davis took home the top prize in backyard grill, winning \$750, a 1st place trophy and also winning the People's Choice for

overall winner with his barbeque bacon wrapped chicken breast. John Upshaw took home the 1st place prize in the fine cuisine category with shrimp and grits and Brandon Johnson won 1st place in the dessert category with carrot cupcakes. All participants received souvenir aprons, with category winners receiving cash prizes and chefs finishing in the top three receiving trophies for their hard work.

Approximately 250 attendees sampled delicious food, while experiencing fun and live entertainment by the Jessica Kendrick Band and DJ Najee. The kids

zone featured a puppet show by Union Grove Puppet Ministry, an inflatable bouncer, and plenty of funnel cake, cotton candy, and snow cones for the young as well as the young at heart.

The proceeds from the event benefitted the scholarship programs and service projects of the JOY Foundation and WRAC. The WRAC awards over \$10,000 annually in scholarships to high school seniors and mentors young ladies through the Delta G.E.M.S. and Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy programs.

Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter Provides Funds And Feet



Sorors from the **Jackson (MS) Alumnae Chapter** provided funds and feet for the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Walk. Approximately 15 sorors participated in the walk with the chapter raising \$1,235 towards the fight against breast cancer.

The funds contributed will help the American Cancer Society provide a free week for a cancer patient and their caregiver at one of the Hope Lodge locations free of charge. Each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients and their caregiver a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city.

Albany (GA) Alumnae Chapter Supports Liberian President in Addressing Health Crisis



Members of the Albany (GA) Alumnae Chapter greet Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (center). Also pictured (left to right) are Sorors Bummi Anderson, Rachele Scott, Sandra Webb, Geraldine West Hudley, Tammy Dotson, Shirley Brown, Brenda Amankwaa, Vivian Laster, Brenda Scott and Judith Hatch.

The **Albany (GA) Alumnae Chapter** attended a fundraiser supporting Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf's efforts to address the health crisis in the West African country. President Sirleaf's visit to Albany, where her son serves as medical director of the Emergency Department of Albany's primary hospital, provided a unique opportunity for Deltas to be involved in an international initiative while supporting two programmatic thrusts, physical and mental health and international awareness and involvement.

A remarkable woman and leader, Harvard-educated President Sirleaf spoke to a packed house at the Albany Museum of Art on the impact Liberia's

long civil war has had on the country's healthcare infrastructure and medical workforce (which has been the root of the problem of addressing the Ebola virus.) In particular, she noted that children are more severely impacted by diseases and illnesses and have no immediate access to services. Through a foundation created by her son to help rebuild Liberia's broken healthcare delivery system, President Sirleaf spoke of hope and improvement. She urged Albany's medical personnel to partner with Liberia to address this critical area of need. Chapter President Shirley Brown agreed to direct chapter committee chairpersons to explore avenues for collaborating with Albany's medical community to support the

healthcare needs of Liberia.

During the evening's event, a beautiful hand-woven quilt, stitched by the women of Liberia was auctioned. Proceeds were earmarked for Liberia's JFK Hospital. Thousands of dollars were raised as an excited auctioneer played to highly-motivated bidders. In the end, Albany Alumnae's own, Soror Geraldine West Hudley, former South Georgia State Coordinator and chapter president, was victorious. Soror Hudley said she was spiritually moved in the bidding process and believes the proceeds will not only benefit the people of Liberia, but the quilt itself will be invaluable for connecting southwest Georgians, especially young people with their history.

Regional History

The Southern Region holds the distinction of being the largest of the seven regions of the Sorority, with over 200 chapters spread across the diverse area that is Alabama, the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee.

Dr. Rice Becomes President of Morehouse School of Medicine

Morehouse School of Medicine founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College, and later in 1981 became an independently chartered institution is making history. On September 11, 2014, **Soror Valerie Montgomery Rice, M.D.** became the first female and the sixth president of Morehouse School of Medicine.



Dr. Rice eloquently nodded and smiled at the many accolades she received from notables like Sorors Vivian Pinn, Regina Benjamin, and Alexis Herman to name a few. Soror Gwendolyn Boyd who had just made history on Sept. 5, 2014 by becoming the first female president of Alabama State University called her a courageous trailblazer, who will boldly go where no one else has gone before.

Dr. Rice revealed the crowd when she said, "I appreciate the opportunity to stand under the shade of a tree I did not plant." Her goal as the first female president of a free-standing medical school in the country is to become a leader in closing the healthcare gap, and for Morehouse School of Medicine to be recognized as a leader in creating health equity. In closing, she said, "it is an honor to be at the helm as we journey together for the pursuit of excellence."

Dr. Rice, a Georgia native, holds a bachelors degree from Georgia Institute of Technology and a medical degree from Harvard University. Her dedication to health care research is manifested in her work and life. She completed her residency at Emory University Hospital. She quickly became interested in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. Dr. Rice went on to work at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Rice is founder and former director of the Center for Women's Health Research at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., where she also served as Dean of the School of Medicine and senior vice president of health affairs. She has held a number

of prestigious positions at key medical schools. Ramada Smith, M.D., said, "I want to congratulate Morehouse School of Medicine for hitting it out of the park. Her appointment is the epitome of achievement."

Soror Gives Insight About Life After College



Soror LaShasha Griffin, Second Vice President of Clarksdale-Marks Alumnae Chapter, was among 50 noteworthy Jackson State University (JSU) alumni selected for a panel discussion during homecoming festivities. Soror Griffin spoke on the topic "Life After Jackson State: My Degree Has Enabled Me" and offered JSU students insight on how she created a successful and meaningful career. Her biography was featured in a special publication honoring the selected top JSU alumni from across the nation.

Soror Griffin currently serves as Dean of Student Affairs and Support Services at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Dr. Cynthia L. Toles Makes History in Gadsden, Alabama



Dr. Cynthia L. Toles was elected District 1 City Council Member to the Gadsden (AL) City Council. Dr. Toles garnered 57% of the vote against a sitting incumbent and is the first African-American woman to serve

on the Gadsden City Council.

A retired educator, Dr. Toles ran on a platform that focused on providing opportunities for children, youth and young adults. She promised to listen to residents and respond in a timely

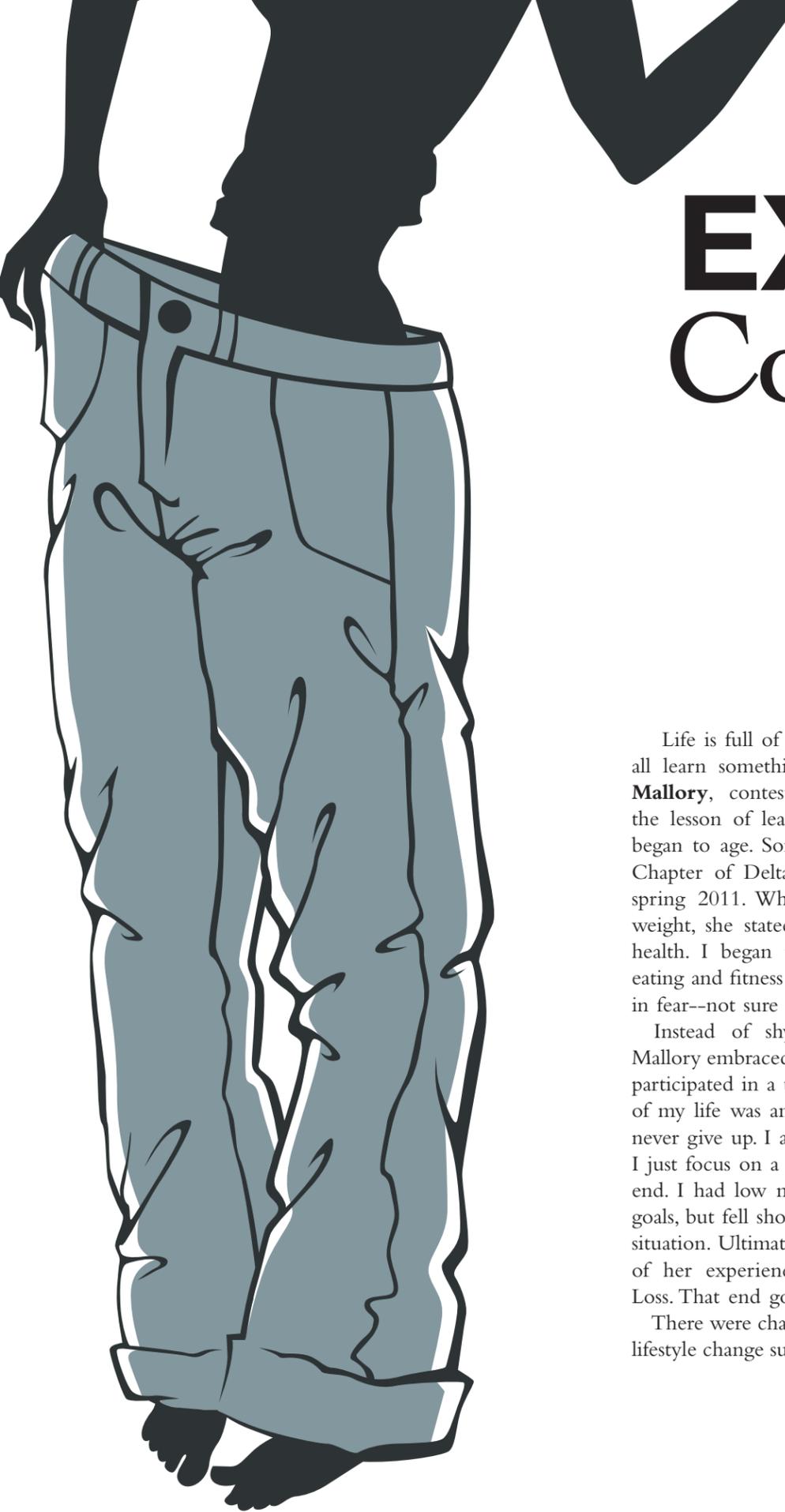
manner; work with businesses and schools to create unity for improving the well-being of citizens in the District and the Gadsden community; and to work with City Hall to see that the physical needs of her district are addressed in a timely manner.

This was Dr. Toles first time running for office. When asked why she decided to run, she stated, "I ran for public office to get the community to actively participate in their district and the city to improve communication especially with our youth of the city. It is my belief that to have a good sound government our youth must be trained and taught to be active participants. I especially wanted to be a role model for young ladies."

Dr. Toles was inaugurated, along with the mayor and other six other council members on November 3, 2014. The oath of office was administered by the Honorable Carnella Greene-Norman, District Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit of Alabama. Dr. Toles currently serves as president of Gadsden Alumnae Chapter.

Regional Conference Photo Vault





EXTREME WEIGHT LOSS

Contestant Living *Healthy* and with a *Purpose*

Life is full of lessons. If we pay close attention, we can all learn something about ourselves. For **Soror Brandi Mallory**, contestant on ABC's Extreme Weight Loss, the lesson of learning to love herself more came as she began to age. Soror Mallory was initiated into the Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated in spring 2011. When asked about her motivation to lose weight, she stated, "As I aged, I started to focus on my health. I began to realize that I needed to change my eating and fitness habits. I felt this way because I was living in fear--not sure if I would wake up the next day or not."

Instead of shying away from her challenges, Soror Mallory embraced them and made the ultimate sacrifice: she participated in a televised weight-loss show. "The past year of my life was amazing. Being on the show taught me to never give up. I also learned how much I am capable of if I just focus on a goal and continue fighting until the very end. I had low moments this past year. I set out to meet goals, but fell short. The setbacks taught me to assess every situation. Ultimately, I reached my end goal," said Mallory of her experience as a contestant on Extreme Weight Loss. That end goal was losing an astonishing 151 pounds.

There were challenges associated with making a complete lifestyle change such as being more disciplined with her diet

and exercise regimen. Despite those challenges, Soror Mallory learned to appreciate the victories she has achieved. For example, she explained, "I am able to run faster and for longer periods of time, able to ride roller coasters again, and able to enjoy a bike ride whenever I am ready." Most important, she added, "I completed a 70.3 mile half ironman triathlon. The victories are much sweeter to focus on. I don't focus on the setbacks."

Soror Mallory is not alone in her battle to stay healthy. Many Americans face a similar battle because of busy schedules and the temptation to eat fast food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It was truly brave of Soror Mallory to share her story with the world. In doing so, she has set a positive example for many sorors who may also struggle with prioritizing their health. As an encouragement to sorors who are truly interested in becoming healthier,

she says, "Stop making excuses and start making time for the desires of the heart." She offered, "I put anyone and everything over myself. Although I loved my previous lifestyle, it taught

of an elevator. I also walk places I normally would have driven. She does not allow herself to exceed a particular weight. If she did gain 10 pounds over her weight goal, she would change

"I felt this way because I was living in fear – not sure if I would wake up the next day or not."

me a great deal about who I am, what I want, and the type of person I aspire to be for others. The overall experience taught me an important lesson: I am important. Learning that lesson benefitted me greatly. It has helped propel me in the direction of success."

To maintain her weight, Soror Mallory works out for one hour a day, and sometimes twice a day. She's learned to incorporate simple changes into her workout routine. She added, "I do things like take the stairs instead

her diet. She concluded, "You can get the science of how to lose weight and learn how many calories a day to consume to lose weight. However, if you are not fully ready to change your lifestyle, then you are simply not ready."

Soror Brandi Mallory is a true health and fitness inspiration to the world--especially to the sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



Regional Director
Cheryl W. Turner
Jackson (MS) Alumnae



Regional Representative
Brittany Stephenson
Tau Rho



Regional Secretary
Daphne Monix Higgins
Madison County (MS) Alumnae



Assistant Secretary
Keena Brown Alexander
Nashville Alumnae



Assistant Secretary
Denise Griffin
Jackson (MS) Alumnae

The **Secretaries** of the Southern Region are appointed by the Regional Director to assist with the duties as assigned while serving as a support system for the Regional Director. The secretaries assist in providing information to the Region and assist in searching for information that may be needed for reporting purposes. The secretaries are responsible for the recording of the minutes of the Regional Conference and for the reproduction of them after the Conference; review for accuracy the records of the sessions of the Regional Conference; seat the voting delegates at the Regional Conference and provide copies of the minutes to chapters and be a part of the Regional Leadership Team.

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP & STANDARDS



Joannell Lawson
Regional Member,
National Scholarship & Standards
Tampa Alumnae

- The **National Scholarship & Standards Committee** duties include:
- reviewing and approving chapter policies & procedures and rules of order form;
 - regional officer, advisor and membership intake training;
 - recommending candidates for honorary membership to the National Executive Board;
 - enhancing the awareness of our scholarship program to increase the number of applicants from the Southern Region;
 - advising the National First Vice President on reclamation programs.

REGIONAL ADVISOR COORDINATOR



Sandra K. Horton Regional
Advisor Coordinator
Marietta Roswell Alumnae

This **Regional Advisor Coordinator** is an additional resource for advisors and shall provide opportunities to enhance communication practices between advisors as well as provide an avenue for additional learning/sharing lessons learned with novice advisors, leveraging the experience of seasoned advisors. Major responsibilities include targeted communication, mentoring, peer-support, and consulting to the collegiate advisors within the region.

REGIONAL COMPLIANCE OFFICER



Regional Compliance Officer
CM Lewis
Jackson (MS) Alumnae

- The role of the **Regional Compliance Officer** is to:
- To assist in the proper execution of the Membership Intake process by assuring that MIT deadlines are feasible per the sorority's guidelines (as well as the university's, if a collegiate chapter) per the approval of the Regional Director.
 - Organizes and validates documentation to inform Regional Director of Membership Intake process status.
 - Compiles and maintains data collection log for the Regional Director's review and analysis.
 - Works cohesively with the Southern Regional Membership Intake Committee to assist in supplying any needed data to the Regional Director for MIT review.

NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Donna Bowman
Member,
National Nominating Committee
Atlanta Suburban Alumnae

Per the Constitution and Bylaws, 2013 Edition

It shall be the duty of the **National Nominating Committee** to:

- a) solicit and receive nominations from chapters and members of persons to serve in Grand Chapter offices;
- b) select, for the consideration of the National Convention, candidates for Grand Chapter offices;
- c) provide to chapters timely notice of vacancies, requirements, and timelines;
- d) distribute to the chapters by April 1st prior to the National Convention the names of candidates to be presented to the National Convention;
- e) report the names of the candidates to the National Convention at a session prior to the final session; and
- f) consult with and advise the Regional Nominating Committee Chairs.

REGIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE



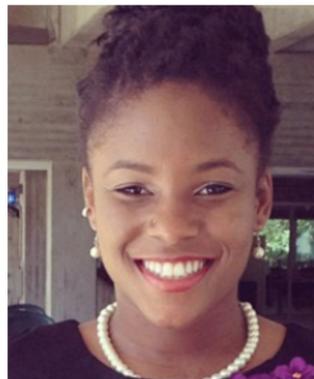
Alleshia White
Chair
Regional Nominating Committee
Memphis Alumnae

It shall be the duty of the **Regional Nominating Committee** to:

- 1. solicit and receive nominations from chapters and members of persons to serve in elected regional offices and on committees;
- 2. select for consideration of the Regional Conference, candidates for election to regional elected offices and committees;
- 3. distribute to the chapters, by April 1 prior to the Regional Conference, the names of candidates to be presented to the Regional Conference;
- 4. report the names of candidates to the Regional Conference at a session prior to the final session; and
- 5. consult with the National Nominating Committee Chair.



Gail Boyd
Member,
Regional Nominating Committee
Rutherford Alumnae



Ashley Lindo
Member,
Regional Nominating Committee
Tau Rho



Mary Carmen Williams
Member
Regional Nominating Committee
Mobile Alumnae

Not pictured:
Linda Theus
Member,
Regional Nominating Committee
Jackson (TN) Alumnae

STATE COORDINATORS

The Southern Region **State Coordinators** are appointed by the Southern Regional Director for a two year term. They assist the regional director to ensure chapter and member compliance. State Coordinators ensure that chapters are aware of the Sorority's guidelines. They facilitate state and regional meetings and trainings. State Coordinators communicate information from the regional director directly to chapter presidents, members of the state regional leadership team, collegiate advisors, and chapter members to provide support to implement Delta Sigma Theta initiatives as directed by the Southern Regional Director. There are six southern region states (Alabama, The Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee).



Vernandi Greene
Alabama State Coordinator
Jefferson County Alumnae



Amaris Johnson
North Florida State Coordinator
Gadsden County Alumnae



Manica Pierrette
South Florida State Coordinator
Orlando Alumnae



Myra Mitchell
The Bahamas Coordinator
Nassau Bahamas Alumnae



Patsy A. Pattman
North Georgia State Coordinator
Marietta-Roswell Alumnae



Dr. Lillie D. Ward
South Georgia State Coordinator
Fort Valley Alumnae



Rosie King
Mississippi State Coordinator
Meridian Alumnae



Sandra Cannon
Tennessee State Coordinator
Knoxville Alumnae

STATE FACILITATORS

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Polishing the P.E.A.R.L.S.: Pursuit of Excellence and Recognition of Leaders in our Sisterhood

State Facilitators are collegiate sorors appointed by the Regional Representative to be the voice and face of their respective state. Charged with the directives of the Regional Director and Regional Representative, State Facilitators carry out all duties assigned to support the vision of the Regional Leadership Team.

State Facilitators

- Assist in the execution of collegiate initiatives
- Organize collegiate programs to ensure growth and development within the region
- Serve as the first point of contact for local chapters
- Communicate regularly with the Regional Representative of any deficiencies in their assigned chapters
- Work closely with State Coordinators to plan and implement state meetings



Karen Finklea
Alabama State Facilitator
Iota Nu



Sherell Wood
North Florida State Facilitator
Nu Kappa



Vanessa Jeannot
South Florida State Facilitator
Mu Iota



Carin Paige
North Georgia State Facilitator
Zeta Phi



Trenisha Hallmon
South Georgia State Facilitator
Theta Sigma



Lafanique Reed
Mississippi State Facilitator
Nu Beta



Stephanie Phillips
Tennessee State Facilitator
Beta Chi

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY COMMITTEE



Heddie Sumpter
Chair (Liaison)
Tampa Alumnae

The **American Cancer Society** (ACS) is committed to eliminating cancer disparities by partnering with organizations that can help make the greatest impact in targeted populations. The DST/ACS team will implement the regional partnership and make members aware of the components of the agreement. The team will increase cancer education, awareness and community outreach in accordance with the mission of the ACS and enhance members' and their communities' health, morale and well-being.

The Southern Region and ACS share common priorities and interests in reaching the African American community and other key constituents with important messages relating to cancer, its risk factors, warning signs and treatment options. Both organizations have unique competencies through which to address these issues and both believe they have the opportunity to capitalize upon the individual strengths of each organization to promote mutual goals through multiple communication channels.



Jacqueline Currie
Tuscaloosa Alumnae



Lexis Holloway
Xi Phi



Andrea Bond Johnson
Jackson (TN) Alumnae



Shondia McFadden Sabari
Henry County Alumnae



Ayasha Scott
Gadsden County Alumnae



Regenia Sulton
Jackson (MS) Alumnae

ARTS AND LETTERS COMMITTEE



Lady Shivers Tucker
Chair
Huntsville Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Bigger, Better, Stronger than Ever

The **Arts and Letters Committee** will:

1. Be cognizant of the National Arts and Letters Commission's mission, to advance the Black Experience through arts and letters, and ferret out the contributions of African Americans past and present lifting them to public attention.
2. Monitor each state for sorority and community talent in all genres for publicity purposes.
3. Be open minded and hear all ideas.
4. Encourage chapters to move beyond the expected norm.
5. Share brochure on the purpose of the Arts and Letters Committee.
6. Be aware of sorors ability to sing the official Delta songs as defined by protocol.
7. Prepare and present workshops.
8. Prepare music for regional functions.
9. Consult, advise and provide resources to chapters in the planning of chapter events.



Carla Brown
Tuscaloosa Alumnae



Maxcine Burnette
Atlanta Alumnae



Bonita Moore
East Point College Park Alumnae



Beverly Page
Orange County Alumnae



Joann Smith
Alcorn Alumnae



Landy Tate
Iota Tau

Not pictured:

Maya Lee
Memphis Alumnae

Aniska Barton-Smith
Nassau (Bahamas) Alumnae

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS COMMITTEE



Patricia Taylor Johnson
Chair
Broward County (FL) Alumnae

The role of the **Awards and Recognitions Committee** is to provide recognition to the chapters and members of the Southern Region for outstanding service to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Felecia Dailey
Birmingham (AL) Alumnae



Hortensia Dean
Holly Springs (MS) Alumnae



Mattie Hall
Columbus (GA) Alumnae



Siobhan Knowles
Nassau Bahamas Alumnae



Lessie Lyttle
Marietta Roswell (GA) Alumnae



Kashondra Smith
Mu Nu
University Southern Mississippi

Not pictured:

Taylor Ridley
Eta Kappa
Spelman College

CHAPLAIN'S COUNCIL



Rev. Janae Pitts-Murdock
Chair
Memphis Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Providing Unparalleled Spiritual Presence in the Dynamic Southern Region

The role of the **Chaplain's Council** is to provide spiritual support to the sorors of the Southern Region through meditations, workshops, events, and special requests.



Olivia Cloud
Nashville Alumnae



Rev. Kay Dawson
Miami Alumnae



Mikaylia Dudley
Iota Upsilon



Rev. Dr. Ethel Young-Scurlock
Oxford Alumnae



Rev. Jaye Peabody
Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae



Olivia Washington
Montgomery Alumnae

CHAPTER AND MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Stacey Mabray
Chair
Augusta Alumnae

It is the mission of the **Chapter and Member Development Committee** to develop and implement a strategic plan to support and strengthen the chapters of the Southern Region through the delivery of quality Delta Internal Development (DID) training to individual chapters and its member.



Yolanda Covington Childs
Oak Ridge Alumnae



Julia Crockett
Jackson (MS) Alumnae



Toni Johnson
Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae



Deidra Perry
Birmingham Alumnae



Sabrina Polote
East Point College Park Alumnae



Jackie Walker
Troy Alumnae



Dorcas Washington
Tallahassee Alumnae



Brenna Woods
Tampa Alumnae

Not pictured:

Lexis Holloway
Xi Phi



Tawnya Holliman
Chair
Hattiesburg Alumnae



Tanya Cobb
Co-Chair
Henry County Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Come Grow With Us

The purpose of the **Collegiate Transition Committee** is to help increase the transition rate of collegiate members to alumnae chapters by guiding and serving as a tool for collegiate members to connect with an alumnae chapter before they graduate.

For this biennium the committee will not only focus on the meeting the goals set by the national committee but will work with alumnae chapters on standardization of reaching out to collegiate sorors, working with collegiate sorors on not only making the transition into a chapter but transition into independent womanhood. The committee will also work with the Advisor Coordinator to provide information to ensure advisors are aware of the collegiate registry and other key items.



Ruth Ball
Oxford Alumnae



Brittany Bunch
Zeta Phi



Toya Dean
Tuskegee Alumnae



Azschrielle Jackson
Sigma Alpha



Alethia Harrison
Tau Alpha



Alexis Johnson
Theta Phi



Tracy Polite Johnson
Knoxville Alumnae



Milenys Santana
Melbourne Palm Bay Alumnae



Laureatte Scott
Tallahassee Alumnae



Adrienne Smiley
Birmingham Alumnae

CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



Carshena Bailey
Chair
Jackson (MS) Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

To empower the Southern Region through constructive development, the fostering of respect and maintenance of integrity among chapter members and sorors and upholding the Sorority's Nine Cardinal Virtues.

The role of the Constructive Development Committee is to:

- Conduct investigations of Code of Conduct violations on behalf of the Southern Regional Director.
- Recommend techniques necessary to redirect chapters and sorors toward positive solutions.
- Provide constructive development of all members
- Provide constructive development for those sorors on probation/suspension to transition them back into active status through rehabilitation and recovery.
- Facilitate Delta Internal Development workshops for chapters/members for Conflict Resolution only.



Brianna Brown
Kappa Epsilon



LA Currin
Memphis Alumnae



Vanessa Dickens
Dothan Alumnae



Indigo Fort
Xi Phi



Rosalind Short
Chair
Jefferson County Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Raising awareness of being disaster ready during a disaster.

The purpose of the **Emergency Response Team** is to:

- increase awareness about emergency preparedness activities;
- provide structured and systematic training for the membership's readiness, response and recovery;
- provide effective preparedness communication strategies;
- provide resource support for affected Sorority members; and
- support local EMD and distribute disaster related materials as directed or per request.



Ruby Burks
Vicksburg Alumnae



Trika Gerard
Miami Alumnae



Lorraine Greene
Nashville Alumnae



Laurie Reid
Marietta Roswell Alumnae



Jakiera Matthews
Beta Eta



Monique Montgomery
Columbus/Lowndes County Alumnae



Rodericka Webb-Wilkinson
Jacksonville Alumnae



Robin Silas
Jackson Alumnae



Beverly Summerlin
Mobile Alumnae



Jackie White
Gwinnett County Alumnae

HERITAGE AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE



Wardie Jones
Chair
Mississippi Gulf Coast Alumnae

The **Heritage and Archives Committee** of the Southern Region has the same mission as the National Heritage and Archives Committee, which is to provide an organized method of research, analyzation and categorization of the historical data of the sorority. The committee recognizing that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is the heir of a rich legacy grounded in high scholarship and achievement, seeks to preserve this heritage for generations to follow. In order to preserve our illustrious history and the high ideals of our Founders, it is essential that we continue to bring a system of uniformity, continuity and structure across the country to chapters in the establishment and development of their local chapter archives.

The role of the Heritage and Archives Committee is to document and preserve the history and follow the guidelines given in order to protect the history.



Latoya Eggleston
Huntsville Alumnae



Lisa Johnson
Vicksburg Alumnae



Pat Moore
Shelby County Alumnae



Oveta Pearce
Dothan Alumnae



Marcia Samuel
Miami Alumnae



Joann Vereen
Marietta Roswell Alumnae

JOURNALIST TEAM



Kanika McKerson
Chair
Decatur (GA) Alumnae

The **Regional Journalist Team's** duties are as follows:

- Act as a liaison between the region and National Information and Communication Committee;
- Receive information from chapters for publishing in the Southern Gazette;
- Write articles concerning the region; and
- Publish the Southern Gazette.



Jazmyne Butler
Douglas-Carroll-Paulding
Counties Alumnae



Shani K. Collins
Jackson (MS) Alumnae



Katryna L. Kinn
Mobile Alumnae



Stephanie Maxwell
Jackson (MS) Alumnae



Stephanie Orr
Chattanooga Alumnae

JOURNALIST TEAM (CONTINUED)



Kathryn Stanley
East Point College Park
Alumnae



Deandrea Taylor
Statesboro (GA) Alumnae



Jennifer Walton
Atlanta Alumnae



Ruth Watson
Atlanta Alumnae

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE COMMITTEE



Ruby Woods Little
Chair
Rutherford County Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Striving to Make Membership Intake Better - Chapter by Chapter

The **Membership Intake (MI) Committee** is responsible for ensuring that the membership intake training workshop is conducted, followed, and completed according to the standards and guidelines established by the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. These standards and guidelines are set forth in the Code of Conduct, Ritual, Constitution and Bylaws, The Administrative Procedures for Membership Intake, The Membership Intake Program, and the Pyramid Study Guide. This responsibility includes but is not limited to coordinating the MI process, training chapters, working with MI trainers, chapter presidents, advisors, and chapter members before, during, and after the process. This committee is directed, guided, and overseen by the National First Vice President and the Scholarship and Standards Committee.



Marian Lauria-Davis
Tampa (FL) Alumnae



Joy Foster
Tuscaloosa (AL) Alumnae



Winifred Johnson
Jackson (TN) Alumnae



Gwen Lucas
Alcorn (MS) Alumnae



Tamu Taylor
Columbus (GA) Alumnae



Gwendolyn Whitelaw
Chair
Jackson (TN) Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Loving Sorors on Purpose with Purpose

The **Membership Services Committee** will develop and promote membership programs and services in accordance with Grand Chapter.

The Membership Services Committee has the following responsibilities:

- Develop and promote continuous programs for retention, reclamation, and transition processes of the membership.
- Provide activities and sessions at regional and state events that promote an atmosphere of sisterhood.
- Make suggestions for sisterhood activities to chapters.
- Provide awareness about Delta Life cycles and generational needs of the membership (Dolls, Divas, and Dears).



Cynthia Hardy
Co-chair
Henry County Alumnae



Deborah Herring
East Point/College Park Alumnae



Theresa Elaine Johnson
Brevard County Alumnae



Barbara Lockett
Jackson (MS) Alumnae



Shafonda Spain
Muscle Shoals Alumnae



LaMonica Stewart
Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae



Claysia Thomas
Delta Alpha



Tasney Thomas
Delta Alpha



Whitney Thornton
Xi Eta



Yazmeane Watson
Lambda Psi



Jeanella Fuller Pendleton
Chair
Columbus (GA) Alumnae



Cassandra Brown
Co-chair
Montgomery Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium
PP&D: E³ (EDUCATE, EVALUATE, EXHIBIT)

The **Program Planning and Development/Risk Management Committee** is energized to provide support for chapters across the region through our E³ laser focus: Education, Evaluation and Exhibit of exemplary and effective programs. We are committed to providing all chapters, both collegiate and alumnae, with tools and resources that will empower the delivery of innovative and quality Five Point Programs, youth initiatives and signature programs. Our committee is dedicated to providing leadership, education, and sisterly support for successful implementation of our sorority's youth initiatives.



Adekemi Akinwale
Orlando Alumnae



Tara Askew
Miami Alumnae



Dorothy Colom
Columbus (MS) Alumnae



Jalen Graves
Beta Eta



Carolynn Hall-Knowles
Nassau Bahamas Alumnae



Katrina Myricks
Madison County (MS) Alumnae



Karen Nelson
Rome (GA) Alumnae



Clennette Reid
Zeta Phi



Desni Scaife
Omicron Gamma



Dr. Johnnie Smith
Clarksville Alumnae



Yamease Swain
Upsilon Zeta



Amira Swoope
Gamma Tau



Gabrielle Whisenton
Stone Mountain Lithonia Alumnae



Carolyn Jackson
Chair
Marietta Roswell Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

*It's Not Personal - It's Just Protocol
Striving to Make Delta Better...One Chapter at a Time*

The regional **Protocol and Traditions Committee** is charged with making sure that proper protocol is followed consistently throughout the region. The committee will educate and encourage chapters in using established guidelines. We will serve as a resource to chapters by assisting chapters when dignitaries visit, for Founders Day activities, chapter anniversaries, special chapter events and protocol questions in general. The regional Protocol and Traditions Committee will ensure proper protocol execution at State Clusters, State Founders Day, DDAC, Regional Conference, and the Sisterhood Luncheon at National Conventions.



Rose Kalala
Co-Chair
Orlando Alumnae



Violet Lowery
Co-Chair
Mobile Alumnae



Nell Foster Beard
Vicksburg Alumnae



Vivian Anderson Brown
Thomson Alumnae



Natalie McClendon Douglass
Iota Upsilon



Serissa Edwards
Upsilon Zeta



Flora Jackson Holmes
Dade County Alumnae



Jianne McDonald
Alpha Beta



Rosa Parris
Chattanooga Alumnae



Myrtis Ramsey
Montgomery Alumnae



Cynthia Williams
Chattanooga Alumnae



Vonda Wilson-Gipson
Gwinnett County Alumnae

REHABILITATION OVERSIGHT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES COMMITTEE



Julia Wright Brunson
Chair
Sanford (FL) Alumnae

The mission of the **Rehabilitation Oversight and Special Committee** is to facilitate and monitor the prescribed progress of sanctioned chapters and individual members in the Southern Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The desired outcome is to educate, train, reclaim while nurturing sorors to return to their chapters equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to become productive sorority members and servant leaders.



Terri Hall
Decatur (GA) Alumnae



Bettina Jessie
Dothan Alumnae



Annie Lewis
Shelby County (TN) Alumnae



Patricia D. Ross
Atlanta Suburban Alumnae



Gaye V. Simpkins
Orange County (FL) Alumnae



Mary White
Clinton (MS) Alumnae

RITUAL AND CEREMONIES COMMITTEE



Jackie Williams
Chair
Atlanta Suburban Alumnae



Janice Dandy Harris
Co-Chair
Savannah Alumnae

The **Ritual and Ceremonies Committee** works under the guidance of the National Ritual and Ceremonies Commission. The goal of the regional committee is to ensure that chapters are executing all official ceremonies according to our Ritual. The committee is responsible for providing assistance to chapters in implementing all ceremonies so that there is consistency and accuracy in our ceremonies. We provide training and consultation with chapters and sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. In addition, we provide assistance with execution of ceremonies on the local, state, and regional levels.



Inger C. Baker
Decatur (GA) Alumnae



Karen Cooperwood
Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae



Sabrina Dubose
Moss Point Alumnae



Celeste Morgan-Russell
Tuscaloosa Alumnae



Latricia Smith
Orange County Alumnae

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE



Rhonda Briggins-Ridley
Chair
Stone Mountain-Lithonia
Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Advocacy in Action: A Stronger Presence – A Stronger Voice.

Social Action is the vehicle through which the Sorority establishes a position on an emerging or perennial public issue. The **Social Action Committee** offers a unique opportunity to advocate policies and legislation that will impact every area of the Five Point Programmatic Thrust; determines the action to be taken, and directs the actions of members, chapters and representative bodies.

The mission of the Social Action Committee is to promote leadership, advocacy, and empowerment to effect social change and public policy...link[ing] leaders and organizations through education and communication to promote progressive public policy that results in the improved well-being of individuals and families, especially African Americans.



Elizabeth Andrews
Henry County Alumnae



Elaine Baker
Bolivar County Alumnae



Pota Coston
East Point/College Park Alumnae



Brenda Gilmore
Nashville Alumnae



Angela Hylor
South Broward Alumnae



Shery Poitier
Grand Bahamas Alumnae



Dr. Kendra Sheppard
Jefferson County Alumnae

Not pictured:

Brianna Baker Eta Kappa	Kimberly Jacobs Pike County Alumnae	Gwynne Mayo Marietta-Roswell Alumnae	Denise Sherman Grand Bahamas Alumnae	Deja Thomas Theta Phi
Jimmetta Gourdine Montgomery Alumnae	Machelle Kyles Clinton Alumnae	Chastity Muhammed Gamma Tau	Gwennetta Tatum, Esq Jackson (MS) Alumnae	Tawana Thompson Tallahassee Alumnae
Christy Hayes, Esq Dothan Alumnae	Christina Lavendar Kappa Epsilon			

TECHNOLOGY, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Kelli Sibert
Chair
Stone Mountain-Lithonia
Alumnae



Amanda McCoy
Co-Chair
Clay County Alumnae

Motto/Theme of the biennium

Fostering the effective use of technology in the region through innovative solutions, communication, collaboration, and continuing education.

The **Technology, Information and Communications Committee** (TICC) serves as the “IT Consultants” for the Southern Region, advising the region’s officers and committees on technology issues, educating chapters in the region on technology best practices, and collaborating with the National Technology Committee to ensure guidelines are followed. Task functions of the committee include managing the regional website, serving as technology subject matter experts, working with contracted a/v vendors during regional conference and conducting workshops and webinars as requested.



Yvette Forrest
Jackson (TN) Alumnae



Dominga Gardner
Jefferson County Alumnae



Kelli Humphrey
Marietta-Roswell Alumnae



Patricia King
Huntsville Alumnae



FaLesia Miles
Oxford Alumnae



Michelle Parsons
Mobile Alumnae



LaKisha Platenburg
Atlanta Suburban Alumnae



Enid Roberts
Melbourne-Palm Bay Alumnae

Not pictured:

Fallon Clark
Eta Kappa



Guidelines for submitting articles to the newsletter

How To Submit Articles

- Submissions should be e-mailed to journalist@dstsouthernregion.com
- Articles should be attached as a Word document
- Do not send articles in PDF format
- Do not send url links from other media sources as article
- Word count in article should be between 250 - 500 words

How To Submit Photography

- Photos should be e-mailed as an attachment to journalist@dstsouthernregion.com in jpeg format
- Do not send photos embedded in a Word document
- Do not send photos that have effects on them
- Do not send photos as a collage
- When submitting a photo please include a caption, identifying everyone in the photo from left to right
- Photos need to be high resolution: 300 dpi or higher
- Do not send photos that are not in focus
- Consider action shots, not just posed photos

