Greetings
Southern Region Sorors and Welcome to New Orleans!

We are excited to have you in the city as we celebrate the end to an amazing year of Joy in our Sisterhood, Power in our Voice, and Service in our Heart!

We can not begin to tell you the amount of hardwork we’ve seen throughout the year; from our State Clusters, Delta Days in the State’s Capitol to a record number of women running and winning within their local and state elections. All of your efforts truly epitomize the word DYNAMIC!

We encourage to use this time in New Orleans to not only celebrate all that you’ve accomplished but to prepare yourselves and your chapters for the upcoming sorority year. We want the 2019-2020 sorority year to be bigger and better than ever! So continue to set the bar high; always striving for excellence because there is excellence in all that we do as Deltas.

Enjoy the Convention. Spend some time greeting sorors from other regions and when you have some down time, please read the pages of our Convention Gazette. Thank you for all you do sorors!

Yours in Delta,

Sandy and Jasmine
The Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. accepted the charge by the National Arts and Letters Commission to host Delta Authors on Tour in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter hosted Delta Authors on Tour for the Southern Region. The largest region includes Alabama, the Bahamas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Delta Authors on Tour (DAOT) was established in August 2000 by Sorors Stephanie Perry Moore, Trevy A. McDonald and Victoria Christopher Murray after the 45th National Convention in Chicago. The soror authors met in the Author’s Pavilion at the convention. After receiving great support from the Southern Regional Director, Dr. Paulette C. Walker, Soror Moore later enlisted the help of Sorors McDonald and Murray in taking the show on the road. They then went on to involve other soror authors.

All roads led to Chattanooga on April 27, 2019, 2:00-5:00PM at Chattanooga State Community College. Guests had an occasion to mix and mingle with the six published authors, enjoy hors d’oeuvres, and listen to live music provided by professional musician Danny Sample. The first 100 attendees received a swag gift bag.

Each author enchanted the audience with a brief greeting, video, or excerpt from her book. Our six featured soror authors were Dr. Sharon Cannon, Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter, Raeven Goodman, Beta Alpha Chapter, Dr. Myrtle Means, Marietta Roswell Chapter, Stephanie Perry Moore, Covington Area Chapter (also Sub-Chair, Delta Authors on Tour), Charlaine Price, Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter, and Angela Ray, Stone Mountain Lithonia Chapter. Book topics ranged from women of the Bible, self-empowerment, how to add flavor to a relationship, surviving cancer or a chronic disease, and youth/young adult Christian fiction.

Also in attendance were Sandra K. Horton, Southern Region Director and Gwendolyn Mason, Co-chair National Arts and Letters Commission.

The Chattanooga Alumnae Chapter by way of the Arts and Letters Committee is honored to have hosted the tour in which over 150 guests attended, and 375 books were sold. We encourage all to continue to support the arts and our published sorors.
The three area alumnae chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recently collaborated on National Wear Red Day to bring awareness to the importance of women’s heart health. The Clinton (MS) Alumnae (CMAC), Jackson (MS) Alumnae (JMAC) and Madison County (MS) Alumnae (MCAC) chapters and Uplift, Inc. worked in partnership with the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the City of Canton, Mississippi, to present the Go Red for Women event on Friday, February 1, 2019.

Billed as a train-the-trainer event, the presenter was David Neal Kiihnl, BSN, RN, Stroke Program Manager at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, who provided informative and practical information about stroke prevention. According to Kiihnl, “80% of strokes can be prevented.” Kiihnl warned those in attendance that knowing your numbers is the key to controlling your blood pressure and other factors that cause cardiovascular disease.

Every year, on the first Friday in February, the American Heart Association holds its National Wear Red Day to bring focus to women’s heart health. On National Wear Red Day, women and men all over the country wear red to help raise awareness of women’s heart health. Despite all the attention given to cancer rates, heart disease is still the number 1 killer of women. The American Heart Association hopes that by asking women; and men to wear such a noticeable and powerful color on this day, they can bring attention to a disease that claims the lives of almost 500,000 women each year.

Each of the chapter’s respective presidents gave closing remarks. Dr. Laurie Smith Lawson, President of CMAC, shared that her mother suffered a stroke and that “heart health is so very important.” She concluded by telling everyone to “get up and move!” Denise Griffin-Whittington, JMAC President, challenged everyone to “change at least one personal habit that will reduce the risk of having a stroke.” Lastly, Dr. Jennifer M. Riley, President of MCAC and this year’s program’s host, reminded everyone that the program was designed as a “train-the-trainer” event. She admonished everyone to “do our part to put the information out” to reduce the occurrences of cardiovascular events.

Uplift, Inc. is a non-profit organization that accomplishes its mission as a participant in mandated fraternity programs and in partnership with other local social service organizations. More than 250 attended the “Go Red for Women, Know Your Numbers: Have a Healthy Heart” event held at the Canton Multi-Purpose Complex in Canton, Mississippi.
Soror Argie Moore, from the Panama City Alumnae Chapter (PCAC), was recently handpicked to lead Task Force (TF) Raptor following the Hurricane Michael destruction of Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) in Panama City. TF Raptor was one of three task forces established to help recover and rebuild Tyndall AFB. Soror Moore’s specific mission was to recover, repair and launch all remaining F-22 aircraft from Tyndall AFB.

During Hurricane Michael, Tyndall AFB took a direct hit, and amongst widespread devastation across the base, several F-22 aircraft that were in various stages of maintenance, were damaged and trapped in hangars. Soror Moore’s previous work at Tyndall, and already established relationship with the base’s leadership, led to her selection to lead TF Raptor. Her team was given the Air Force’s #1 priority on people, parts and partnerships to ensure they could fix the aircraft as soon as possible, and launch them to other bases to continue their mission. “For anyone who has seen the path of destruction left by Hurricane Michael, it’s truly amazing to see the F-22 Raptors fly from Tyndall AFB,” said Soror Moore. Because of her leadership and her team’s efforts, the 325th Fighter Wing (FW) Public Affairs has reported that “all F-22 Raptors have departed Tyndall AFB and will soon be ready to assume their role as the premier stealth air superiority 5th generation fighter.”

Until June 2018, Soror Moore was stationed at Tyndall AFB, and was an active member of PCAC. While there, she was promoted to Colonel, which placed her among the top 2% highest ranks in the Air Force. She served as the 325th FW Maintenance Group Vice Commander before transitioning to Langley AFB, VA to be the Combat Aircraft Division Chief for Air Combat Command. Soror Moore was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in Spring 1994 through Mu Iota Chapter at the University of Central Florida. She is currently an active member of the Hampton Alumnae Chapter in Virginia.
A BIG Thank You!

To the Regional Committees, Chapters, Advisors, and members, thank you so much for an extremely successful 2018-2019 Programming year! This year would not have been the same without you and all that you have done! Take a bow!

“Determined people working together, can do anything.”
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Tanya Mitchell Cobb, Regional Secretary

WELCOME
Sandra K. Horton, Regional Director

GREETINGS
Jasmine Minor, Regional Representative
Louise A. Rice, 23rd National President
Paulette C. Walker, 25th National President

INVOCATION
Jaye Lynn Peabody Smith, Regional Chaplain

LUNCH IS SERVED

PART 1 – REGIONAL AWARDS
Vernetta Dickerson, Chair, Regional Awards & Recognition
Cynthia Easley, Member, Regional Awards & Recognition

ENTERTAINMENT - SPOKEN WORD
Angela Ray, Regional Arts and Letters

PART 2 – REGIONAL AWARDS
Cynthia Hardy, Chair, Regional Program Planning & Development
Sonya Strider, Member, Regional Membership Services

INTRODUCTION OF INAUGURAL COHORT
Stacey Mabray, Chair Regional PEARLs Leadership Program

CLOSING REMARKS
Sandra Horton, Regional Director

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Tanya Mitchell Cobb, Regional Secretary

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Program
Albany (GA) Alumnae
Alpha Beta, Fisk University
Alpha Upsilon, LeMoyne-Owen College
Alpha Zeta, Talladega College
Athens Alumnae
Atlanta Alumnae
Atlanta Suburban Alumnae
Augusta Alumnae
Beta Alpha, Florida A & M University
Birmingham Alumnae
Broward County Alumnae
Brunswick Alumnae
Central North Alabama Alumnae
Chattanooga Alumnae
Clarksville Alumnae
Clinton (MS) Alumnae
Collier County Alumnae
Columbus (GA) Alumnae
Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae
Columbus-Lowndes County Alumnae
Covington Area Alumnae
Dade County Alumnae
Daytona Beach Alumnae
Delta Delta, Alabama A&M University
Delta Pi, Jackson State University
Dothan Alumnae
Douglas-Carroll-Paulding Counties Alumnae
East Point/College Park Alumnae
Epsilon Eta, Stillman College
Epsilon Kappa, University of Memphis
Eta Nu, Miles College
Eta Kappa, Spelman College
Fort Myers Alumnae
Fort Valley Alumnae
Grand Bahama Alumnae
Greenville Alumnae
Greenwood-Itta Bena Alumnae
Griffin Area Alumnae
Gwinnett County Alumnae
Henry County Alumnae
Hinesville Alumnae
Huntsville Alumnae
Iota Lambda, University of Alabama - Birmingham
Iota Tau, Middle Tennessee State
Jackson (MS) Alumnae
Jacksonville Alumnae
Jefferson County Alumnae
Kappa Upsilon, Auburn University
Lambda Psi, University of Florida – Gainesville
Lambda Sigma, University of Mississippi
Lambda Zeta, University of Alabama
Macon Alumnae
Madison County (MS) Alumnae
Marietta-Roswell Alumnae
Melbourne-Palm Bay Alumnae
Memphis Alumnae
Miami Alumnae
Milledgeville Alumnae
Mississippi Golden Triangle Alumnae
Mississippi Gulf Coast Alumnae
Mobile Alumnae
Montgomery (AL) Alumnae
Mu Iota, University of Central Florida
Mu Rho, Vanderbilt University
Nashville Alumnae
Nashville Metropolitan Alumnae
Nassau, Bahamas Alumnae
Nu Beta, Mississippi State University
Nu Tau, Georgia College & State University
Okaloosa County Alumnae
Orlando Alumnae
Oxford Alumnae
Pensacola Alumnae
Pompano Beach Alumnae
Savannah Alumnae
Shelby County (TN) Alumnae
Sigma Epsilon, Kennesaw State University
Sigma Eta, Samford University
South Broward Alumnae
South Palm Beach Alumnae
Southwest Alabama
Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae
St. Petersburg Alumnae
Tallahassee Alumnae
Tampa Alumnae
Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae
Tau Alpha, Armstrong Atlantic State University
Tau Rho, University of Miami
Thomson Alumnae
Troy Alumnae
Tuscaloosa Alumnae
Tupelo Alumnae
Upsilon Zeta, The College of the Bahamas
Warner Robins Alumnae
West Palm Beach Alumnae
Xi Alpha, Georgia Institute of Technology
Xi Epsilon, Florida Atlantic University
Xi Eta, Georgia Southern University
Zeta Phi, Georgia State University
Zeta Tau, Florida Memorial College
Collegiate members from across the Metro Atlanta area converged on the campus of Emory University February 16, 2019 as the Stone Mountain-Lithonia Alumnae Chapter’s (SM-LAC) Collegiate Affairs Committee hosted, “Level UP! the Metro Atlanta Collegiate Retreat.” The day was filled with professional development, up-close and personal discussions with national and regional collegiate leadership, an on-site job fair, gifts, fellowship, and SISTERHOOD!

National Second Vice President Jaria Martin and Southern Regional Representative Jasmine Minor joined SM-LAC in imparting wisdom on the importance of maintaining and building one’s Delta brand as a collegiate member. Collegiate members were then treated to a professional development workshop demonstrating some of the professional tools and qualities needed to not only enter the workforce, but to succeed in it. SM-LAC sorors and the City of Atlanta’s Human Resources Commissioner, offered excellent guidance, interactive demonstrations, and a real-world view of what it takes to succeed in entering the workforce.

The on-site job fair was a major hit! Various businesses engaged our collegiate members offering real-time internships and entry-level opportunities. Collegiate sorors submitted resumes to the business representatives and received on-the-spot information regarding open positions, next steps for applying, and preparatory information to the next steps of their potential opportunities! SM-LAC even provided professional headshots.

We ended the day on a high note, doing what we love: Fellowshipping! Gifts, hugs, pictures, snacks (provided by the Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter), lunch, and love permeated the atmosphere. Sorors Martin and Minor ended the day by sharing their wisdom on “Leveling Up” as a collegiate soror, being the best collegiate soror one can be, and pursuing leadership opportunities in Delta.

They came...they saw...they LEVELED UP!!!!
May 7, 2019 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Jefferson County Alumnae Chapter (JCAC).

To celebrate this milestone, the chapter held an event filled weekend that included a service project at Barrett Elementary on May 3rd with an Emergency Response Fair and poster contest for its students. Representatives from Birmingham Fire and Rescue, Birmingham Police Department, Jefferson County Department of Public Health, Jefferson County Extension and Legacy of Hope provided students with valuable life-saving information. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity presented the winner of the poster contest with a bicycle.

Also on May 3rd, sorors gathered at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge for a JCAC Chapter Mixer. The evening was filled with fellowship, games, strolling, and reminiscing about the ‘good ole’ days when JCAC was first chartered. To cap off the evening, Soror Louise A. Rice, 23rd National President, made a surprise visit to greet sorors.

On Saturday May 4th, the chapter celebrated with an Anniversary Luncheon at the Harbert Center where the theme was “Yesterday, Today, and Forever”. The affair featured reflections from Soror Louise A. Rice. Soror Lois Gilder, Past Regional Director, who was home celebrating a milestone birthday and Soror Deborah Thomas sent reflections. Legislators from the State of Alabama sent a Resolution for the occasion that was also read. Delta Academy participants provided entertainment by way of piano and dance. The event was attended by chapter members, sorors from neighboring chapters, friends and family members, members of the community and members of the chapter’s Youth Initiatives. Other special guests included past/former chapter members from California, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, and Mississippi.

Charter members present were: Emma Allen, Frieda Bush, Joyce Early, Vernandi Greene, Deboraha Harris, Linda Harris, Janice Madison, Katrina McTyer, Wyteria Montgomery, Camella Norman, Ellen Phillips, Cynthia Portis, Delores Rhetta, Gina Robertson, Tracey Rogers, Rosalind Short, and Pearlie Thomas. A special Memoriam was given for charter member Marie Garner who entered the Omega Omega Chapter in February of this year. Each charter member received a framed copy of the chapter’s original charter.

On Sunday May 5th, the weekend ended with sorors gathering at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church for an inspiring worship service. Chapter President, LaToya Bishop and First Vice President, Joyce Early gave remarks for the chapter as well as a donation to the church.
March 4, 2019,
Proclaimed Warner Robins Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Day
Celebrating 30 years of Scholarship, Sisterhood, and Service

In 1988, local soror, Sharon Hunt initiated a conversation with several Deltas residing within the Warner Robins area. Thus, the Warner Robins Alumnae Chapter (WRAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered a year later, March 4, 1989. Since that time, the WRAC has provided various community outreach programs, which are highlighted on their website at http://warnerrobins-dst.org/ and social media outlets (Facebook: Warner Robins Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.). Each year, the chapter awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors in Houston, Bleckley, and Pulaski Counties. Since the inception of this scholarship program, the WRAC has awarded over $150,000 in scholarships to assist approximately 150 college students with their academic journey. Additionally, they have implemented an anti-bullying program to more than 1,100 students throughout three schools in their service area.

Members of WRAC have mentored some of the brightest young ladies through the Delta Academy and Delta GEMS programs. Also, they have continued to support the students and teachers of local elementary and middle schools with school supplies and service through the Adopt-A-School program. For the 2018 - 2019 school year, nearly 2,800 school supply items (including hand sanitizer, Kleenex, notebooks, pencils, and paper) were collected and donated to three schools in Warner Robins. This year, the chapter increased their involvement with the Adopt-A-School program by sponsoring one student and purchasing his attire for the special needs prom.

The chapter continues to partner with organizations to meet the basic needs of men, women, and youth locally and abroad. On a national and international scale, they have partnered with Soles4Souls and donated more than 2,300 pairs of shoes to provide disaster relief in developing countries; partnered with the Socks for Courtney initiative to provide over 1,000 of socks to human services organizations in Georgia and for missions abroad; and donated over 200 children books to the Garden of Hope Community School in Ghana, West Africa. They have partnered with the Genesis Joy House, a homeless shelter for female veterans in Houston County, Georgia.

March 4, 2019 was proclaimed Warner Robins Alumnae Day by Randy Toms, Mayor of Warner Robins during WRAC Days at City Hall. The agenda included a proclamation which highlighted the chapter’s impact and service initiatives throughout the year.

With enthusiasm and thankfulness, the WRAC will host its 30th Celebration, Jazz in the Courtyard on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Sorors,

We had a great time celebrating with you during our 54th National Convention! Congratulations to our Regional Award winners!

At this time, we’d like to extend a special prayer for traveling grace and mercies as you drive, ride or fly back to your homes. May you find your homes and your families in the best of health and spirit upon your arrival!

See you in 2020 at our Southern Regional Conference!

Yours in Delta,
Southern Regional Leadership Team