

Sorors,

As we approach the end of 2015, I have taken an opportunity to reflect on the last twelve months. We have successfully sustained community partnerships, built lasting relationships, and most importantly strengthened our bond of sisterhood. I am indebted to each of you for the opportunity to serve alongside you to effect change in our community.

In her 2014 commencement address at Dartmouth College, Shonda Rhimes told the Class of 2014, “Dreams are lovely. But they are just dreams...It’s hard work that makes things happen. It’s hard work that creates change.” Through your hard work, we end this year knowing that we have collectively created change in our society by continuing to empower young women through GEMS and Delta Academy; by promoting dialogue between city officials, law enforcement and our community; by educating our community on the importance of HIV screening; by celebrating the women who have served our country through varying branches of the military; by hosting community health fairs targeting senior citizens; and by partnering with our non-profit arm to host a historical 50th cotillion season. Soror, the list of your hard work that has created change is endless.

May your holiday season be filled with love, joy, and lots of hugs and kisses from those who mean the world to you. I look forward to seeing each of you in 2016 as we continue to dream big ethereal dreams and work hard to bring them into fruition.

Lots of Delta Love and Merry Christmas,

Karmen

Agenda

Call to Order
Ritualistic Opening
Adoption of the Agenda
Minutes
Communications
Reports
 President
 Budget and Finance
 Executive Board
 Committees
Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Ritualistic Closing

Lunch will take place immediately following the meeting

Member Updates

Please continue to lift our Sorors and their families in prayer.

Illnesses

- Soror Anita Liggins

Transitions

- Lanis Anderson Barnes, mother of Soror Christine Anderson
- Mr. John Melvin Costley, brother of Soror Florence Curry
- Mr. Fred Walker, brother-in-law of Soror Donna Washington, uncle of Soror Erica Washington

November Birthday

8 Carolyn Matthews

December Birthdays

7 Ryan Waits
8 Anita Liggins
8 Marla Northern
17 Kamille Joubert-Watson
17 Jory White
21 Pearlie Brown
21 Enricka Thomas
22 Eva Pratt
22 Yolanda Crump
23 Myrties Russell
25 Christina Davis
25 Barbara Williams
27 Inga Collins
29 Alisa Ephrom
31 Sandra Harris
31 Tisha McKinney

December Hostesses

Edith Cox
Karmen Davis
Monica Davis
Cynthia Dunlap
Audrey Hampton
Janeen Hawkins
Veronica Jones-Bailey
Jo Ann Jackson
Rita Parham
Linda Thomas
Erica Washington
Donna Washington

Lois' Light



IN THE STABLE

A stable? What a place to give birth to the Messiah! The smells and sounds of a barnyard were our Savior's first human experience. Like other babies, He may even have cried at the sounds of the animals and the strangers parading around His temporary crib.

If so, they would have been the first of many tears. Jesus would come to know human loss and sorrow, the doubts His brothers and family had about Him, and the pain His mother experienced as she saw Him tortured and killed.

All these hardships—and so much more—awaited the baby trying to sleep that first night. Yet from His very first moments, Jesus was God “with us” (Matthew 1:23), and He knew what it meant to be human. This would continue for over three decades, ending at His death on the cross.

Because of His love for **you** and me, Jesus became fully human. And being human allows Him to identify with us. Never again can we say that no one understands us. Jesus does.

May the Light that entered the world that night cast its brilliance into the deepest corners of our souls this **CHRISTMAS**, giving us the **PEACE ON EARTH** of which the angels spoke so long ago.

~Randy Kilgore

MERRY CHRISTMAS SORORS !!!
FROM THE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION COMMITTEE

2015-2016 Dues

Golden/Diamond Life	\$295.00
Regular Member	\$420.00
2nd Year Graduate	\$260.00
1st Year Graduate	\$185.00

Late Fee (Apr 1—June 30) \$5.00

Reinstatement Fee

- \$15.00 (if not currently financial or remitted after June 30)
- \$25 if not financial for two or more years)

2016-2017 Dues
Payable January 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017

Membership Updates/Sparkles

Congratulations to **Soror Jory White** on the birth of her son, Jaxon Edan Curry. Jaxon arrived on November 4, 2015 weighing 6lbs 1 oz. Mom and baby are home and doing well.

Soror Linda Thomas has relocated to New Iberia, Louisiana.

Soror Jacqueline Mims was recently appointed as the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board representative for District 4.

Soror Erika Green was recently recommended by Metro Councilwoman Ronnie Edwards to fill the Metro Council District 5 seat when Councilwoman Edwards leaves for the state Legislature.

Soror Felicia Hamilton was selected to represent District 2 for the Democratic State Central Committee and the Democratic Executive Committee.

Soror Kimberly Robinson, **niece of Soror Shirley Henderson**, has been appointed Secretary of the state Department of Revenue by Governor-elect John Bel Edwards.

Reggie Hayes, Jr., **grandson of Soror Denise Clark**, led Parkview Baptist to victory as the team quarterback and game MVP in the Division II State Championship.

Soror Alexis Ray has been appointed to the State Leadership Team as State Risk Management Coordinator.

Soror Mardrah Starks-Robinson has been appointed to the State Leadership Team as State Emergency Response Team Coordinator.

Soror Shirley Henderson has been appointed to the State Leadership Team as State Reactivation Coordinator.

Soror Jennifer A. Mitchell Coordinator has been appointed to the State Leadership Team as State Social Action Coordinator.

Soror Denise Clark has been appointed to the State Leadership Team as a member of the Special Projects Team.

Membership Updates

Welcome New Members

Naudra Branch

Felicia Harry

Shante Harvey

Mylisha Robinson

Chapter Updates

The Policies and Procedures Committee is in the process of updating chapter policies. Please review your chapter policies and procedures and submit any recommendations for policy changes to Soror Gail Horne Ray.

Rededication Ceremony will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2016. The attire is all black. Pants are not allowed.

Protocol Moment

Open/Closed Assembly

An “open assembly” is an activity or event that can be attended by non-Deltas. A “closed assembly” is a ceremony or event for Deltas only. Deltas under disciplinary sanctions by the Sorority are not entitled to attend closed assembly activities.

Save The Date

Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter Picture

The Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter Picture will be taken following the January Meeting. Please wear all black (skirts or dresses) with violets.



2016 Louisiana State Meeting

Registration for the Louisiana State Meeting is now open. The Louisiana State Meeting will be held February 19-21, 2016 at L'Auberge Lake Charles. Registration is \$100.00. The deadline to submit payment and registration confirmation will be the January meeting.



***Destination 22:* Help a Collegiate Member**

Get to Delta Days in the Nation's Capital 2016

The 27th Annual "Delta Days in the Nation's Capital will be held February 27 – March 1, 2016. Sorors are asked to help support collegiate Presidents and Social Action chairs in your area who may be interested in attending.

Donate \$22 to help send a collegiate to Delta Days in the Nations Capital.

World AIDS Day 2015



World AIDS Day is held on December 1st each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate people who have died from the virus. World AIDS Day is also an opportunity for individuals to learn the facts about HIV.

Baton Rouge Delta, along with several community partners, held a World AIDS Day prayer breakfast on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Baton Rouge Delta Sorority House, in partnership with Volunteers of America, Family Service of Greater Baton Rouge, HAART, and several other organizations that worked behind the scenes to bring awareness to the Baton Rouge community and to pray for healing of individuals living with and/or affected by the HIV virus. HIV testing was provided free of charge to those who were interested and breakfast was catered from Another Broken Egg and Jason's Deli. Guest speaker for World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast was Millicent Foster, Baton Rouge community member and CEO/Founder of Phenomenal Women with Voices (P.W.W.V). Special appearance was made by Baton Rouge Mayor, Kip Holden, who acknowledged the work of Baton Rouge Delta within the community and charged community members to continue to raise awareness about the HIV virus and support those who are living with HIV.



National Updates

2016 Regional Conference Call for Nominations

The Call for Nominations for sorors seeking office for the 2016-2018 biennium. The deadline for submission for alumnae sorors is January 10, 2016. Please refer to the Members Area of the national website for additional information. Available positions are:

- Regional Director
- Regional Representative
- National Nominating Committee Member
- Regional Nominating Committee (Chair, 3 alumnae members, 1 collegiate member)

Heritage Moment

Fortitude

The metal sculpture 'Fortitude' was unveiled on April 28, 1979 by members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, on the campus of Howard University. The sculpture was created by James King to honor the twenty two Founders of the organization. The historical unveiling was attended by Founders Bertha Pitts Campbell, Winona Cargile Alexander, and Osceola Macarthy Adams. The figure is shown pushing forward as the tension of her thighs portrays strength. Her outreached hand denotes receiving of love and the giving of oneself to others. Her facial features depict courage and determination. Her color tone represents the glorious gradations of pigmentations of the Black woman. The total form not only denotes fortitude but stands to inspire women, in particular Black women, to move forcefully to meet the challenges of life.



Arts and Letters

Artsy Corner

The National Arts and Letters Commission Delta Red Carpet and Deltas See TeleVISION



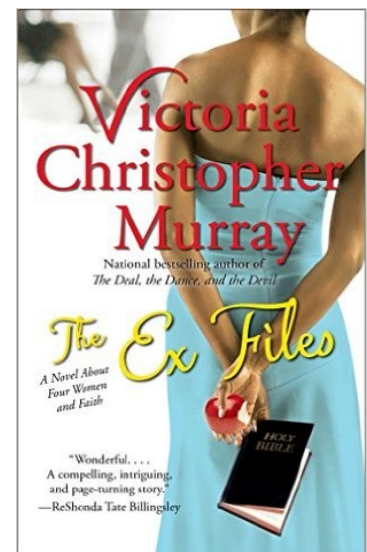
THE WIZ (NBC)

NBC's showing of the *Wiz Live* aired Thursday, December 3, 2015.

NBC embarked on its latest musical holiday tradition with a live television production of the groundbreaking Broadway show that brought the vivid world of Oz to life in a fresh, funky sing-along journey down the yellow brick road. Winner of seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the original show was a massive hit on Broadway and celebrates its 40th Anniversary. The Broadway show spawned a feature film starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson. Now, a Tony-winning creative team, the hugely imaginative Cirque du Soleil Theatrical, and a diverse cast of show-stopping performers will come together to create an eye-popping new take unlike anything seen before. NBC will rebroadcast *The Wiz* on Saturday, December 19, 2015.

Join the Baton Rouge Delta Book Club Today

The first book will be "**The Ex-Files**" by Soror Victoria Christopher Murray, one of our Delta Authors on Tour participants. The next book club meeting will be held on Saturday, December 19th. Please contact Soror Yolanda Martin-Singleton for additional details.



Founders Day—January 30, 2016

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter
FOUNDERS DAY 2016

Saturday, January 30, 2016
Baton Rouge Marriott
5555 Hilton Avenue

11:00AM | Doors Open at 10:00AM

Tickets \$60.00



*Baton Rouge Delta invites family and friends to celebrate with us .
Everyone must purchase a ticket.*

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Celebrating
85 Years

Physical and Mental Health

Affordable Healthcare Enrollment

About the Health Insurance Marketplace

- ⇒ The Health Insurance Marketplace is for people who don't have health coverage
- ⇒ What you pay for insurance depends on your income – and you'll probably save
- ⇒ You can apply for coverage 4 ways Online, by phone, with in-person help, or with a paper application.
- ⇒ If you don't have health insurance, you may have to pay a fee of whichever is higher between 2.5% of your income or \$695 per adult.

Eligibility

To be eligible to enroll in health coverage through the Marketplace, you:

- ⇒ Must live in the United States
- ⇒ Must be a U.S. citizen or national (or be lawfully present).
- ⇒ Can't be incarcerated.

If you have Medicare coverage, you're **not** eligible to use the Marketplace to buy a health or dental plan.

Important dates for 2016 enrollment

- ⇒ **November 1, 2015:** Open Enrollment started — first day you can enroll in a 2016 insurance plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Coverage can start as soon as January 1, 2016.
- ⇒ **December 15, 2015:** Last day to enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start January 1, 2016
- ⇒ **January 1, 2016:** 2016 coverage starts for those who enroll or change plans by December 15.
- ⇒ **January 15, 2016:** Last day to enroll in or change plans for new coverage to start February 1, 2016
- ⇒ **January 31, 2016:** 2016 Open Enrollment ends. Enrollments or changes between January 16 and January 31 take effect March 1, 2016.
- ⇒ If you don't enroll in a 2016 health insurance plan by January 31, 2016, you can't enroll in a health insurance plan for 2016 unless you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

A **Special Enrollment Period** is a time outside of the open enrollment period during which you and your family have a right to sign up for health coverage. In the Marketplace, you qualify for a special enrollment period 60 days following certain life events that involve a change in family status (for example, marriage or birth of a child) or loss of other health coverage. Job-based plans must provide a special enrollment period of 30 days.

Delta Fellows Program



Delta Fellows Program
Application Period: Sept 1 - Dec 31

During the 52nd National Convention, the Leadership Academy launched The Delta Fellows Program.

The Delta Fellows Program, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, is a leadership development program providing sorors with in-depth experiences, training across a wide range of areas and ongoing mentorship. The participants will experience an opportunity to build their leadership potential and expand their horizons.

The one year program brings together sorors from Delta's seven regions to participate in creative, multi-disciplinary training aimed at developing leadership and strategic management. The fellows will engage in a combination of classroom work, discussion on a variety of topics, case studies and peer advice. They will have an opportunity to hone their strategic thinking ability in areas including negotiations, organization effectiveness, marketing, global issues, health/wellness, and community/civic engagement.

The application period runs October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

All alumnae members are eligible to apply online at http://www.deltasigmatheta.org/membersonly/home_members.asp. If you have further questions about the Delta Fellows Program, feel free to contact the Leadership Academy at leadershipacademy@deltasigmatheta.org.

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 National World AIDS Day	2	3 World AIDS Day Activity with Planned Parenthood 6 p.m.	4	5 World AIDS Day Prayer Breakfast 8 a.m.
6	7 Budget & Finance Meeting 5 p.m. Executive Board Meeting 6 p.m.	8 Founders Day Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m. Physical & Mental Health Meeting/ Conference Call 8 p.m.	9 Pan- Hellenic Council Meeting Hosted by BR Delta 6 p.m.	10 Arts & Letters Committee Con- ference Call 7 p.m.	11	12 BR Delta Chapter Meeting 10 a.m. Delta Dolls Fellowship Bar Louie- Mall of Louisi- ana
13	14	15 Delta Academy 6 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Arts & Letters Book Club Meeting 11:00 a.m.
20	21 Delta GEMS 6 p.m.	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4 Budget & Finance Committee 5 p.m. Executive Board Meeting 6 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9 Rededication Ceremony & Chapter Meeting 10:00 a.m.
10	11	12 Founders Day Committee Meet- ing 5:30 P.m. International Awareness Com- mittee Confer- ence Call 7:30 p.m. Physical & Men- tal Health Com- mittee Confer- ence Call 8 p.m.	13	14 Economic De- velopment Committee Conference Call 6 p.m.	15	16
17	18 MLK Holiday Delta GEMS Ser- vice Project TBA	19 Delta Academy 6 p.m. Social Action Committee 7:00 P.M. Conference Call	20	21 Arts & Letters Committee Meeting 6 p.m.	22	23 DID Training (Tentative)
24	25		27	28	29	30 Founders Day 11:00 a.m.
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Volunteer Service Hours

Volunteer Service Hours

This form is designed to compile data of volunteer service hours of a chapter and its individual members. The term “volunteer service hours” is defined as service hours that reflect a soror’s commitment to the 5 Point Programmatic Thrusts of the sorority (Economic Development, Educational Development, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement and International Awareness and Involvement). Sorors may report and receive credit for time spent at chapter, executive committee/board and committee meetings, etc. Volunteer service hours should not be reported for time spent as part of your profession, i.e. a teacher performing after school tutorials or part of your employer’s Adopt-a-School program.

DATE:	PROGRAM/ACTIVITY*	5-POINT THRUST	HOURS
	Executive Board	ED	
	Sorority Meeting	ED	
	Budget and Finance	EC	
	Economic Development	EC	
	ED – Delta Academy	ED	
	ED - GEMS	ED	
	ED - DREAM	ED	
	ED - EMBODI	ED	
	Physical and Mental Health	PH	
	International Awareness and Involvement	IN	
	Political Awareness and Involvement	PO	
	Arts and Letters	ED	
	Social Action	EC	
	Delta DEARS	PH	
	Founders Day/May Week	PH	

I certify that the above information is a true record of my volunteer hours.

Signature: _____ Phone: _____

December 2015

The Delta Voice



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