



The Delta Voice

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter | Chapter No. 163
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Sorors,

February is Collegiate Transition Month. During this month, we are encouraged to do our best to assist our collegiate sisters in making the transition from undergraduate member to graduate member as seamless as possible. Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter has a rich history of service in our community. In order to continue making a historical impact, it is up to us to cultivate to interest and membership of our young sorors. Take a moment this month to reach out to a young soror and extend the invitation to her to participate in one of our activities. It takes each and everyone of us to bring about growth and change in our community.

Lots of Delta Love,

Karmen

2016-2017 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, 2016
Please see financial officers in March meeting.

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

Breakfast will be served from 8:45am to 9:15am

Rededication 9:30am
Attire: Black Business with Violet Corsage
NO PANTS - bring penlights and ritual

Sorority Meeting will begin at 10:00am

Member Updates

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

Illnesses

- Barbara Smith, Cousin of Soror Mamye Hall

Transitions

- Soror Helen Q. Shaw, Mother of Soror Cynthia Shaw Meyers
- Darryl Vincent, Cousin of Soror Jo Lynette Johnson

Join the Fight Against

Heart Disease

Wear Red on February 25th



February Birthdays

5-Feb Thomasine Mencer
6-Feb Betty Fuller
11-Feb Bertha Pitts
14-Feb Karmen Davis
14-Feb Tome' Frazier
19-Feb Mamye Hall
24-Feb Lela Butler

February Hostesses

Nakesha Alexander
Yvette Alexander
Kimberly Barnett
Helena Cunningham
 Kim Hausey
Charlotte Henderson
 Adrienne Joseph
 Valecia Murphy
 Sylvia Sanders
 Ada Sanford
 Doris Thompson
Katherine Victorian

Lois' Light



God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.
His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.
He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.
So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

By Joanna Fuchs

The DIVINE LINE (PRAYER) for the SW Region of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is now available on Mondays at 6:00 a.m.
Call In Number: 1-302-202-1106 Code: 561048

February 8, 22, 2016 March 7, 21, 2016 April 4, 18, 2016 May 2, 16, 30, 2016 June 13, 27, 2016 July 11, 25, 2016 August 2, 22, 2016

Chapter Policies and Procedures

Chapter policies and procedures are currently under review. Please submit any policy recommendations to Soror Gail H. Ray no later than February 16, 2016.

Policies and Procedures committee will meet on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Founders Day—January 30, 2016



Founders Day—January 30, 2016



50 Year and 25 Year Honorees



Founders Day Planning Committee

Founders Day—January 30, 2016



Community Awards



Founders Day—January 30, 2016



Entertainment

Physical and Mental Health

Support Go Red For Women by participating in National Wear Red Day® on Friday, February 5, 2016 and [donate](#) to help fund research during American Heart Month.

Why Go Red? Heart disease and stroke cause 1 in 3 deaths among women each year, killing approximately one woman every 80 seconds. Fortunately, we can change that because 80 percent of cardiac and stroke events may be prevented with education and action. That's why this year we are asking that you wear red on **National Wear Red Day®** and [Donate](#) to Go Red For Woman. By doing so you help support educational programs to increase women's awareness and critical research to discover scientific knowledge about cardiovascular health.

And don't forget to make your heart health a priority. Schedule your [Well-Woman Visit](#), a prevention check-up to review a woman's overall health so her doctor can measure blood pressure, check cholesterol and look for signs of heart disease, stroke and other illnesses. Then encourage others through your social channels to do the same using the hashtags, [#GoRedWearRed](#) and [#WellWomenVisit](#).

FACTS ABOUT HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN

Do you know what causes heart disease in women? What about the survival rate? Or whether women of all ethnicities share the same risk?

The fact is: Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. That's approximately one woman every minute!

But it doesn't affect all women alike, and the warning signs for women aren't the same in men. What's more: These facts only begin to scratch the surface.

There are a several misconceptions about heart disease in women, and they could be putting you at risk. The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement advocates for more research and swifter action for women's heart health for this very reason. In this section, we'll arm you with the facts and dispel some myths – because the truth can no longer be ignored.

SYMPTOMS OF A HEART ATTACK AND STROKE

If you had heart disease, would you recognize the symptoms? You might be thinking, "Of course!" Many people are familiar with the scene of a man clutching his chest and falling to the ground, but there's plenty more you need to know.

While there are many similarities in the symptoms of heart disease in men and women, there are even more differences – differences that could save, or end your life if you don't know them. So before you pass that jaw pain off as the result of sleeping funny or lightheadedness as something a snack or rest can fix, learn the symptoms. And don't ignore them.

2016 Louisiana Statewide Meeting

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.



Statewide Community Service Project: We Care Baskets Donations

During the state meeting, we will provide “We Care Baskets” to families who have been victims of Domestic Violence. Please bring the following items to sorority meeting in January and February:

Pots

Cookie Sheet

Oven Cleaner

Aluminum Foil

Cakes and Muffin Pans

Oven Mitts

Storage Containers



Statewide Pillowcase Project

**Louisiana Statewide Meeting 2016
Delta Emergency Response Team
The Pillowcase Project
Friday, February 19, 2016
Volunteer Registration Form**

Volunteer Contact Information

Please enter the information below. When finished, click **SUBMIT FORM** (in the top right hand corner) to return the completed form or email the form to mstarka.robinson@gmail.com.

Name:					
Chapter:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Telephone:					
Email:					

Volunteer Role

Please check one:

- Facilitator
 Volunteer

Facilitators Only

The following courses must be completed by all Pillowcase Project Facilitators. Course information will be sent following receipt of this form indicating your interest.

1. Complete the Red Cross Volunteer Intake Process
2. Complete all Pillowcase Project Presenter Training
 - Basic Instructor Fundamentals (online)
 - Pillowcase Project Presenter Fundamentals: Module 1 (online)
 - Pillowcase Project Presenter Fundamentals: Module 2 (in-person)

Participating School

Barbe Elementary School
400 Penn Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601

Statewide Pillowcase Project



The Pillowcase Project



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What is it?

The Pillowcase Project was created by the American Red Cross in Southeast Louisiana as a preparedness education program designed to create a generation of children who understand the science of hazards, are empowered to take action preparing for emergencies and are excited to help create a prepared community by sharing what they have learned with family and friends. The Pillowcase Project was birthed following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and allows children through art therapy to decorate pillowcases as emergency supply kits.

We need you?

Volunteers are needed Friday, February 19, 2016 as Louisiana DST implements the Pillowcase Project Statewide Weekend in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Participating School

*Barbe Elementary School
400 Penn Street
Lake Charles, LA 70601*

Sorors may sign-up to be facilitators or volunteers. Please see the training requirements outlined below for facilitators.

How to get involved?

Complete the attached registration form indicating the type of services you can provide (facilitator or volunteer). If you would like to be a facilitator, you must complete the following training requirement:

1. Complete the Red Cross Volunteer Intake Process
2. Complete all Pillowcase Project Presenter Training
 - Basic Instructor Fundamentals (online)
 - Pillowcase Project Presenter Fundamentals Module 1(online)
 - Pillowcase Project Presenter Fundamentals Module 2 (in-person)

**In-person training will be provided throughout the state prior to Statewide Weekend. Please contact Soror Mardrah Starks-Robinson (mstarks.robinson@gmail.com) for more information regarding online and in-person training. **



Call For Nominations

Dear Sorors,

This is to inform all financial members that the Nominating Committee is now accepting names of Baton Rouge Delta Chapter members interested the offices/positions for the term for 2016-2018.

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Financial Secretary
Assistant Financial Secretary
Treasurer
Chairman, Internal Audit Committee
Chairman, Nominating Committee
Six (6) Members of the Nominating Committee

Qualifications for office are as follow:

Candidates must have attended a Regional Conference or a National Convention within the last three (3) years (2013-2015).

Candidates must be financial with Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter and Grand Chapter for the current sorority year.

Names of prospective candidates and required documents must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee by March 10, 2016. After the slate of nominations is announced, nominations will be taken from the floor during the March chapter meeting. If a soror is nominated from the floor and is not present at the March meeting, we will adhere to Robert's Rules of Order since this is silent in our current Policies and Procedures. Robert's Rules of Order states that a person must give prior consent by letter or by calling the Nominating Chair. This means that a soror must provide a prior written statement or telephone call to the Nominating Chair confirming her acceptance of the nomination and statement confirming her agreeing to run for office. A text message, email or other confirmation is acceptable if it comes from the nominee's telephone or email address. The election will occur during the April 2016 chapter meeting.

Membership Updates

2016 Regional Slate

2016 REGIONAL SLATING RESULTS

SOUTHWEST REGION

Nicole Taylor, Chair
Raven Alston, Collegiate Member
Talemah Jones, Member
Lameka Trahan, Member
Tammica Traylor-Craft, Member

Regional Director	
Karen Patrice Dourseau	Houston Alumnae
Pamela M. Rogers	New Orleans Alumnae
Regional Representative	
Jacquita Johnson	Delta Gamma – Texas Southern University
Member, National Finance Committee	
Not Applicable for 2016	
Member, Scholarship & Standards Committee	
Not Applicable for 2016	
Member, 2017 National Nominating Committee	
Martina Samuels	North Harris County Alumnae
Chair, Regional Nominating Committee	
Open	
Member, Regional Nominating Committee (3 Alumnae Positions)	
Open	
Open	
Open	
Collegiate Member, Regional Nominating Committee	
Open	

2016 Regional Conference

August 11-14, 2016

San Antonio, Texas

Call To Conference Info



SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD REQUEST FORM

AD DESCRIPTION	PRICE	+ PHOTO
SW REGIONAL DELTA CHAPTERS		
Full Page	\$350	\$375
Half Page	\$200	\$225
Quarter Page	\$100	\$125
Sponsorship Without Ads		
Diamond Level	\$250.00+	
Pearl Level	\$100.00 - \$249.99	
Crimson Level	\$50.00 - \$99.99	
Violet Level	\$25.00 - \$49.99	

ADS MUST BE CAMERA-READY and in the proper size.

Cover ads will be committed to first who pay ad in full.

All ads will be retained by Delta Sigma Theta.

Please complete the following and send with your payment and a copy of your ad.

****PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM PER AD****

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____ Email: _____

Select your ad below:

Full Page Half Page Quarter Page MY AD HAS A PHOTO

Total Amount Submitted: _____ Check Money Order

Please make checks payable to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
MEMO: 2016 SWRC Souvenir Journal

Mail hard copy of ad(s) and check to:
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
San Antonio Alumnae Chapter
P.O. Box 1846
San Antonio, TX 78297

ADS ARE DUE JUNE 1, 2016

Please submit camera-ready ads via email
to 2016swconferenceads@gmail.com

****Late ads will be assessed a \$35 fee****

Acceptable file formats JPEG, PNG & GIF

QUESTIONS?

Contact us: Sheryl C. Womble @ 210-601-9674

2016swconferenceads@gmail.com

Download this form at dstsanantonio.com

Attn: 2016 SWRC Souvenir Journal

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Call To Conference Info



45TH SOUTHWEST
REGIONAL CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Scarf Order Form



MAIL ORDER TO: San Antonio Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Attn: SW Regional Scarf
P.O. Box 1846
San Antonio, Texas 78297
(210) 219-8682

Name _____ Phone (____) _____
Street _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-Mail _____

Quantity _____ X Unit Cost \$25.00 = Merchandise Total _____
Shipping/Handling \$5.00
Total _____

Chapter Name _____

All proceeds will benefit the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 45th Southwest Regional Conference

Scarves will be worn at the 45th Southwest Regional Conference Sisterhood Luncheon

Free shipping & handling on orders of 10 or more placed before March 15, 2016

Make checks or money orders payable to: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Call To Conference Info



CONFERENCE CHOIR

All Sorors interested in participating in the 45th Regional Conference Choir must complete and return this form by Saturday, June 17, 2016. Music will be forwarded to each choir member prior to conference rehearsals. Please complete this form and email it to: dtsat@aol.com. Please place **Regional Conference Music** in the subject line.

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Member #: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Chapter Name: _____

Please list all instruments that you play:

CHOIR SECTION:

Soprano Alto Tenor

OTHER TALENT:

Section Leader Choir Director Lead Vocalist

OTHER: _____

Call To Conference Info



Talent Showcase / Variety Show

The 2016 Southwest Regional Conference is pleased to present the Blazing Southwest Region Talent Showcase. Sorors will minister through movement, song and dance a passionate reflection of the many trials that women are faced with as we continue to lead our families and loved ones.

Eligibility:

- Participants must submit a completed entry form.
- Each team is only allowed three (3) stagehands maximum.
- A current video representation/internet link of a previous performance should accompany entry form to kristenwlsrwr@gmail.com
- The registration deadline is Friday, June 17, 2016
- The Team will be notified no later than June 21, 2016 after the Committee has reviewed entries.
- Every participant must be financial and in good standing for the 2016-17 fiscal year.
- Every participant MUST be registered for the Regional Conference or the team must submit a \$200.00 registration fee.
- Spring 2016 Collegiate graduates are eligible to participate with their collegiate chapter.

*****Early entries are strongly recommended. Any additional requirements will be provided separately.**

Please direct all inquiries to Kristen Wells-Lewis at (832) 574--0002 or via- email at kristenwlsrwr@gmail.com.

Email video clip and registration form to kristenwlsrwr@gmail.com

Attention: 2016 Regional Conference Talent Showcase

January 2016

February 2016 Baton Rouge Delta Calendar 2015-2016 Sorority Year



BATON ROUGE Δ ALUMNAE CHAPTER
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 5 p.m.	5	6
7	8 Executive Board Meeting 6 p.m.	9 Physical & Mental Health Committee Meeting 6 p.m. International Awareness Committee Conference Call 7:30 p.m.	10 Political Awareness Committee Meeting 6 p.m.	11 Economic Development 6 p.m. Arts & Letters Committee Conference Call 7 p.m.	12	13 Chapter Meeting 10 a.m.
14 Happy Valentine's Day	15 Delta GEMS 6 p.m.	16 Delta Academy 6 p.m. Social Action Committee Call Time (TBA)	17	18	19 LA Statewide Meeting Lake Charles	20 LA Statewide Meeting Lake Charles
21 LA Statewide Meeting Lake Charles	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

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: _____

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