



The Delta Voice

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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

Happy New Year, Sorors!

Each year we look forward to the beginning of the New Year as an opportunity to make changes and improvements in our personal lives. As you consider your personal resolutions, I encourage each of you to join me in making your commitment to service and Baton Rouge Delta one of your New Year's resolutions.

Each day as a member of this sisterhood, we are charged with the responsibility to be a living Delta Oath. Each day we must walk in the light of our founders bearing nine jewels around our necks, and each day we must be a reflection of the millions of women who have held the distinction of calling this sisterhood their own for more than a century. Let us commit to service this year, continuing to love our sisters and to serving the Baton Rouge community in the best way possible.

Lots of Delta Love,

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

Breakfast will be served from
8:30am to 9:00am

BRDDC Meeting will be from
9:00am to 10:00am

Sorority Meeting will begin at 10:00am

Member Updates

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

Illnesses

- Mr. Alex S. Davis, Father of Soror Karmen Davis and Husband of Soror Monica Davis

Transitions

- Elaine Bilberry, Sister of Barbra Bilberry
- Henry Felder, Brother-in-Law of Soror Linda Thomas

December Birthdays

- 1 Kalonda Carmouche
- 19 Felicia Hamilton

January Birthdays

- 3 Antoinette Pierre
- 12 Barbara Morgan
- 13 Denise Clark
- 15 Cynthia Dunlap
- 15 Ola Woods
- 16 Kimberly Lamotte
- 19 Betty Cook
- 23 Audrey O'Conner
- 24 Florence Curry
- 25 Katie Smith
- 27 Ruth Hall
- 28 Aryanna Lee

January Hostesses

- LaJoyce Wilson, Chair
- Ruth Bailey-Wesley
- Malana Bessix
- Doris Brown
- Inga Collins
- Deonne Holiday
- Keshala Jackson
- Kalonda Carmouche
- Evelyn Jarrell
- Felecia Jones
- Bertha Pitts
- Geraldine Washington
- Ola Woods

Lois' Light



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happiness depends upon your outlook on life. - Find the good in all situations
Attitude is just as important as ability.- Keep your attitude positive
Passion find yours this year! - Do what you love and you will never work
Positive thoughts make everything easier.- Stay focused and stay positive
You are unique, with special gifts, use them. - Never forget you have talent

New beginnings with a new year.
Enthusiasm a true secret of success.
Wishes may they turn into goals.

Years go by to quickly, enjoy them.- Wisdom from your elders, listen
Energy may you have lots of it. - Take care of yourself
Appreciation of life, don't take it for granted. - Live each day
Relax take the time to relax in this coming year.- Keep a balance in your life
~Catherine Pulsifer

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

January 11, 25, 2016 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

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

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.



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

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



BATON ROUGE Δ ALUMNAE CHAPTER
926 Harding Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70807 - Phone: 225-775-5781

Delta Internal Development Workshop

Saturday, January 23, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Soror Ingrid Johnson

Topics: Code of Conduct & Parliamentary Procedure

Registration Fee: \$5.00

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Member Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

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. **



Membership Updates/Sparkles

Chapter members picture will be taken immediately following the meeting. The attire all black with violets corsage.

Congratulations to Soror Kalonda Jagers Carmouche who gave birth to her son, Kobe Rhys Carmouche on December 22, 2015.

Save The Date



The poster features the Delta Sigma Theta logo on the left, which includes the Greek letters ΔΣΘ and the text "BLAZING SOUTHWEST REGION" and "Vow to Inspire. Passion to Lead. Called to Serve." To the right of the logo, the text "Call to Conference" is written in a large, red, cursive font, followed by "45TH SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this, the dates "August 11-14, 2016" and the location "San Antonio, Texas" are displayed in a white, sans-serif font. The bottom half of the poster is a collage of three images: the top left shows the Alamo archway, the bottom left shows the Alamo building, and the right side shows a boat on the San Antonio River with colorful umbrellas on the bank. At the bottom, the names of the regional director and representative are listed, followed by the host chapters. The phrase "The Heat is On!" is written in a white, cursive font at the very bottom, flanked by two horizontal lines.

Call to Conference
**45TH SOUTHWEST REGIONAL
CONFERENCE**

August 11-14, 2016
San Antonio, Texas

Pamela M. Rogers, Regional Director
Kristen Wells-Lewis, Regional Representative

Host Chapters
San Antonio Alumnae, Upsilon Nu and Zeta Upsilon

The Heat is On!

Call To Conference



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



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

2016 Regional Conference Committee Application

Attention Chapter Presidents:

Please send this application to your chapter membership immediately.

Contact Information

Name*	
Membership Number*	
Street Address	
City State Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail Address	
Current Chapter Affiliation*	

Highlight Delta Experience/Previous Convention/Conference Experience

[If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.]

Regional Conference Committees

[NOTE: Refer to Chapter Management Handbook for Roles and Responsibilities.]

Evaluations	Assistants to the Sgt. at Arms	Rules
Credentials	Protocol Assistants	Site
Elections	Pages	Timekeeper

Please list in order of preference, the committee(s)/assignment(s) for which you wish to be considered.

1. _____ **2.** _____ **3.** _____

Application Deadline February 29, 2016

All applications must be emailed to:

Burnell Offord <boswrsecretary@gmail.com> and Dorable Dangerfield <delta17@charter.net>

****Please Print clearly and complete the entire application. ****

Call To Conference



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



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



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

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.

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 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 10:00 a.m.
24	25		27	28	29	30 Founders Day 11:00 a.m.
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February 2016

February 2016 Baton Rouge Delta Calendar 2015-2016 Sorority Year



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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