

Sorors,

With the holidays rapidly approaching, I can't help but pause for a moment to consider the blessings that I have received. I am reminded of two things, the importance of rendering service and the importance of expressing gratitude.

During this month of Thanksgiving I have also been reflecting on the things I am most grateful for. Among them is our talented group of sorors. Thank you for the work you do to make our community and our sorority great. Without your commitment, creativity, and high standards, we would not be in the place we are.

Let us thank the almighty for all that he has given us and count our many blessings.

May the good things of life be yours, and I wish you a joyful and abundant Thanksgiving.

Lots of Delta Love,

**Chapter Meeting will be held Monday,
November 16, and will begin promptly at 6:00pm**

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

Dinner will be served from
5:00pm to 5:45pm

Member Updates

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

Transitions

- Mrs. Nettle Philson, Sister of Soror Bertha Arrington
- Mr. Ather L. Settles, Father of Soror Janeen Hawkins

November Birthdays

Patricia Baranco
Kimberly Barnett
Avery Cook
Vaneshette Henderson
Adrienne Joseph
Wilma Mathews-Weathers
Natasha Seals
Donna Washington

November Hostesses

Monica Bell-Malbrue
Barbra Bilberry
Faye Bradford
Florence Curry
Udieth Dotson
Shera Gardner
Bettye Jackson
Diane Lomas
Yolanda Martin Singleton
Vanessa Mickles
Gay Story

Lois' Light



A Spirit of Thanksgiving

Beyond good manners—which are external—our Lord reminds us that we are to have a heart of gratitude. Scripture contains dozens of reminders that expressing gratitude is of primary importance in our relationship with God. Psalm 118 begins and ends with the exhortation to “give thanks to the Lord” (vv. 1, 29). We are to give thanks when we come into His presence (Ps. 100:4). And the requests we bring to Him are to be wrapped in a spirit of thanksgiving (Phil. 4:6). Such an attitude of gratitude will help us remember our abundant blessings. Even in the midst of trouble and despair, God’s presence and love are our constant companions.

It’s no wonder, then, that the psalmist reminds us to “give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever” (Ps. 118:1). `Joe Stowell

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

2015-2016 Dues

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

**Membership Stickers are now available.
See financial officers.**

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**

Special Election

Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter – Special Elections

2015

The 2015 Special Election to fill vacancies will be held Monday, November 16, 2015 during the November Chapter Meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

2015 Special Election Slate

Nominating Committee

Syretta Anthony

(2 Vacant Positions)

Shirley Henderson

Membership Services Committee

Baton Rouge Delta Welcomes New Member Erica Williams

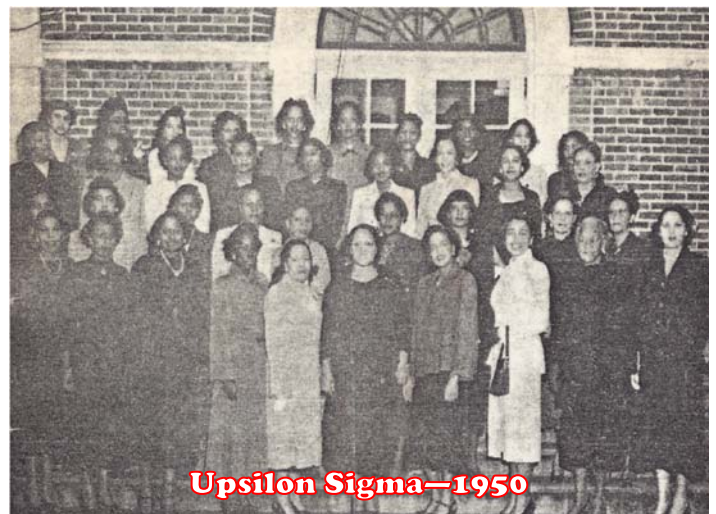
Please contact Soror Alexis Ray with the following information.

alexiscray@gmail.com.

- Birthdate (we don't need the year unless you just want to share)
- Chapter and year of initiation

WANTED: Photographs of Baton Rouge Delta Members

Individual or group, lines and activities from the distant or recent past. Photos that you are fond of from your time in another chapter are also welcomed, even collegiate. If you need to have them scanned and returned that can be arranged.



Upsilon Sigma—1950

A Protocol Moment

The official greeting (title) of those duly initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is "Soror" and it should not be combined with another title. At chapter meetings, Regional Conferences, National Conventions, and closed Delta assemblies the presiding officer and other sorors should always be addressed by her last name. For example, Soror Davis .

When referring to and Alumnae Chapter the correct pronunciation is (A-lum-knee), and rhymes with gum tree.

Our Shining Stars



Geraldine S. Brown

Soror Geraldine S. Brown was initiated into Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter in 1962. During her tenure, she has served as chapter president, cotillion chairperson and chairperson of the Educational Development Committee. Under her leadership the Educational Development Committee and received recognition for excellent programming at the state and national levels. She is a member of the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association and was honored by them for Outstanding Service to the Community. Active in many areas, A member of New St. John Baptist Church, Soror Brown initiated an adult reading class. She has organized a reunion for her high school class of 1945. Soror Brown is a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and has been a member of the sorority for 53 years. Inc.

Soror Udieth J. Dotson was initiated into the Alpha Tau Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1950. She has been an active member of Baton Rouge Delta since 1954. Over the years she has served on many committees and played an important role in the planning and building of the sorority house. Soror Dotson was an elementary educator in East Baton Rouge Parish School System for 36 years. She is a Life Member of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association for Greater Baton Rouge. She has been active member of Elm Grove Baptist Church for 32 years. Soror Dotson is a 65 year Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Udieth J. Dotson



Helen Q. Shaw

Soror Helen Q Shaw was initiated into the Alpha Tau Chapter in 1945. She is a past president having served as president from 1985 to 1987. During her tenure as president TAAS (Teens Aspiring To Achieve and Serve) youth group (formerly Del Sprites) was activated. Soror Shaw is a retired physical education teacher from East Baton Rouge School System. She is a member of New St. John Baptist Church. Soror Shaw is a Golden Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. a has been a member of the sorority for 70 years.

Save The Date



Southwest Region Leadership Retreat

November 13-15, 2015—Hot Springs, AR

The Southwest Region Leadership Retreat will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the Arlington Hotel and Spa on November 13-15, 2015. On Friday, November 13th, there will be Advisors Training and Investigators Training.



Louisiana State Meeting

February 19-21, 2016 Lake Charles, LA



Delta Days in Nation's Capital 2016

February 27-March 1, 2016

The 27th Annual “Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Collegiate Day: Saturday, February 27, 2016

Legislative Conference: Saturday, February 27 – March 1, 2016

Online registration for the 27th Annual “Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital” will open Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 12:00 noon EST and close on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 12:00 noon EST, or once capacity is reached.

Legislative Conference is \$225.00

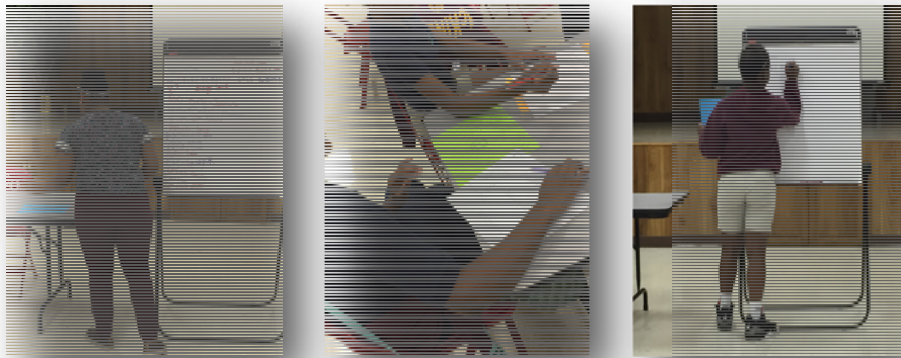
In order to register for DDNC, Sorors must be financial for the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016), through a local chapter or as a member-at-large.

NOTE: THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. For more information check the national website.

Educational Development

Delta Academy held its first session on October 20. There were 19 young ladies present. The activity was called "All About Me". After introductions, the young ladies had to write 5 equations that described something about them. They were then responsible for solving at least one of the equations that was presented by fellow participants. The young ladies enjoyed the session and interacting with each other. The next meeting will be on November 17. Katrice Antoine, a 6th Grade Science teacher at Broadmoor Middle will be doing a hands on activity.

Delta Academy meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Delta House. Sorors your time is valued and appreciated. Please attend and participate.



The Delta GEMS October meeting was held on October 19th and included presentations on Career Prep (Soror Alyson McCord), Educational Prep (Soror Kamille Watson), Disaster Preparedness (Sorors D'Shawn Vallery and Lauren Clark). In addition, Officer elections were held with over 20 young ladies running for positions and giving campaign speeches. Huge thanks to our presenters and to Sorors Tisha McKinney and Lydia Wells for donating the food for the session.

The ladies were exposed to a formal event by attending the Southern University Homecoming Queen Coronation on October 14th. The ladies dressed in their finest attire and had a big top experience filled with circus themed entertainment and lovely ladies in beautiful gowns. Thanks to all sorors who chaperoned this event.



Sorors are encouraged to contribute small personal care items to the GEMS service project "Blessing Bags". These items include but are not limited to: individual size toiletry items such as soap, deodorant, lotion, breakfast bars, mini bottled water, face towels, women's sanitary items, hand sanitizer, wipes, gum or mint, combs, band aids, toothbrush/paste, lip chap, Kleenex personal packs, etc. All items can be donated during sorority meeting on November 16th.

Physical and Mental Health

November is American Diabetes Month

If you have diabetes—or care for someone living with this disease—you know that diabetes education and support are important to help with people diabetes stay healthy.

More than 29 million Americans have diabetes, and it is estimated that one in every four people with diabetes does not even know they have the disease. If left undiagnosed or untreated, diabetes can lead to serious health problems, including heart attack and stroke.

The National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP) and **Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter** want you to know that diabetes education is needed throughout a person's lifetime, not just at diagnosis. Having a network of support can also help a person with diabetes better cope with the day-to-day demands of living with diabetes.

Whether you are a person living with diabetes, a family member, caregiver, health care professional, or a part of the community—such as an employer, member of the school staff, or clergy—you have an important role to play when it comes to diabetes education and support.

The NDEP offers many resources that you can use to support people with diabetes in your community. Here are some of them located at the website <http://ndep.nih.gov/resources/diabetes-healthsense/>

[4 Steps to Manage Your Diabetes for Life](#): This booklet provides four steps to help people with diabetes understand, monitor, and manage their diabetes to help them stay healthy.

[How to Help a Loved One Cope with Diabetes](#) : This tip sheet provides practical suggestions for helping loved ones cope with diabetes. It also lists organizations that can help.

[Helping the Student with Diabetes Succeed: A Guide for School Personnel](#): This comprehensive resource helps students with diabetes, their health care team, school staff, and parents work together to provide optimal diabetes management in the school setting.

[Diabetes HealthSense](#): Diabetes HealthSense is an online library that provides easy access to more than 160 resources from more than 80 organizations that support people with diabetes, people at risk for the disease, and those who care for them in making changes to live well or facilitating behavior change in others.

For more information, please visit www.YourDiabetesInfo.org/DiabetesMonth2015.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Diabetes Education Program is jointly sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with the support of more than 200 partner organizations.

Delta Dears and Political Awareness

Local Veterans Recognized



A Delta Dears and Political Awareness Collaboration

Political Awareness/Social Action

As a reminder, please remember to vote. This election cycle includes candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and for some State Legislature, Senate, and BESE Board.

Early voting ends on Saturday October 14, (CHAPTER MEETING DAY- Just go after chapter meeting and ends October 17th. Election Day is October 24

The Political Awareness and Involvement and Social Action Committees are available if you have any questions. You may contact Sorors contact Soror Erika Green (225-803-1333) erika_green327@yahoo.com, or Soror Kim Lamotte khlamotte@gmail.com.



Political Awareness/Social Action

Things to know before you head to the polls:

You are not required to have a photo ID to vote in Louisiana. If you have a Drivers license, State ID card, or other government issued photo ID, bring it with you to the polls. If you do not have ID or cannot locate your ID, you can still vote. Go to the polling place assigned to you. **Let the commissioner know that you would like to complete a Voter Affidavit.** Once completed, you should be allowed to vote in a voting booth like all other voters. Do not accept a Provisional Ballot.

Provisional Ballots are available for anyone whose name cannot be located on the voter roll. If your name cannot be found at the precinct where you went to vote, ask the Commissioner in Charge to attempt to locate your name at all precincts in your parish. If your name cannot be found but you believe that you are registered to vote, you may request a Provisional Ballot. The Secretary of State will then research your registration status. If you are found to be registered, the Provisional Ballot will be counted. If you are found not to be registered, the Provisional Ballot will not be counted.

If you do not know where you vote, find this information on your voter registration card or on the Secretary of State's website. Occasionally, polling places change. To verify the address and location of your polling place, visit the [Louisiana Voter Portal here](https://voterportal.sos.la.gov). (<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov>)

To report any problem at the polls, contact your local Clerk of Court. Each Parish's Clerk of Court has enforcement authority over the administration of elections.

Here are some reasons to call your Parish's Clerk of Court. If you observe these things, report them immediately: 1) You observe electioneering or campaigning within 600ft of a polling place, 2) Voter intimidation, 3) Voters being denied voter affidavits, 4) Voters being denied provisional ballots, and 5) Voters being told that they cannot vote without photo ID.

Louisiana Secretary of State, Elections www.geauxvote.com

Louisiana Elections Hotline [1-800-883-2805](tel:1-800-883-2805)

Arts and Letters

Artsy Corner

Baton Rouge Delta Hosts Book Club Event

Baton Rouge Delta hosted its first Book Club event on Saturday, November 7, 2015, at La Madeleine Country French Café in the Bocage Shopping Center. The Baton Rouge Delta Book Club is a planned activity of the chapter's Arts & Letter Commission to introduce and engage Sorors, as well as invited guest in a cultural reading experience. Baton Rouge Delta's Book Club was also designed to better prepare the BR Delta Chapter for a successful Delta Author's on Tour event scheduled for April 16, 2015.

Sorors were asked to read *The Ex Files: A Novel about Four Women and Faith*, by Victoria Christopher Murray. Soror Murray will be one of the featured authors that will participate in Baton Rouge Delta's Authors on Tour event.

This month's BR Delta Book Club was led by Soror Kim Jones, who introduced the four main characters and their experiences to the committee.

If you would like to join the Baton Rouge Delta Book Club, pick up your copy of *The Ex Files: A Novel about Four Women and Faith*, by Victoria Christopher Murry and join us on December 5, 2015, for a wonderful literary experience.



Join the Baton Rouge Delta Book Club Today! Contact Soror Yolanda Martin- Singleton. Email address yolandamartinlaw@yahoo.com.

COMING SOON

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

Announces THE WIZ

NBC's showing of the Wiz Live which will air Thursday, December 3, 2015.

NBC embarks 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

Save The Date

Social Action Commission World Aids Day Activity



December 3, 2015

6:00 PM

Baton Rouge Delta House

Delta ERT



Monthly ERT Message

November Focuses on Children's Health Preparedness

Vaccinations protect against disease

- Know which vaccines you and your family need.

Flu Prevention

- Get the yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older before the start of the flu season.

Breastfeeding plays an important role during emergencies

- Human milk is nutritionally complete and readily available without dependence on supplies.

2016 Founders Day

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

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.

Events

November 2015 Baton Rouge Delta Calendar



BATON ROUGE Δ ALUMNAE CHAPTER
205 Meeting Room, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 • Phone: 225-775-4310

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Founders Day Committee Meeting Conference Call 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Budget & Finance Meeting 6 p.m. BR Delta House	6	7 BR Delta Book Club 11 a.m.- 1 p.m La Madeleine Bocage Village Shopping Center
8 Delta Dear's Veteran's Day Program 4 p.m.- 6 p.m. BR Delta House	9 Executive Board Meeting 6 p.m. BR Delta House	10 Physical and Mental Health 6 p.m. International Awareness Committee 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13 Southwest Leadership Conference Hot Springs, AR	14 Southwest Leadership Conference Hot Springs, AR
15 Southwest Leadership Conference Hot Springs, AR	16 BR Delta Chapter Meeting 6 p.m.	17 Founders Day 5:30 p.m. Delta Academy 6 p.m. Social Action 6 p.m.	18 Political Awareness Committee 6 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Risk Management Training 4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	23 Delta GEMS 6 p.m.	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 Economic Development 6 p.m.					

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: _____

November 2015

The Delta Voice



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