



# The Delta Voice

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.  
Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter  
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## President's Message

Sorors,

During the month of March we celebrated Sisterhood Month. I would like to thank the Sisterhood Committee for planning activities for us to fellowship and continue to "love sorors on purpose, with purpose."

Thank you to all Baton Rouge Delta members who attended the Louisiana Statewide Meeting held in Shreveport. We continued our march to excellence proving that the mission of Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service, and Spirituality is possible.

The Call to Convention is available online, and National Convention registration is now open. I encourage you to register as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Registration is open through the national website in the Sisters Only Portal.

We are in the last quarter of our sorority year, but our committees are still working diligently on programs. Sorors, we need your support. As we continue to fulfill the mission of excellence in our communities. This month, we have several outstanding activities planned that we hope you will take part in. Please support our committee chairs as they continue to fulfill the vision of our founders.

I'd like to wish you and your families a Happy Easter. I hope that as you celebrate the resurrection our Savior, your spirit is renewed and that you continue to find peace in His abundance and love.

Lots of Delta Love,

*Karmen*



## 2017-2018 Dues

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

Late Fee: (April 1-June 30) \$5.00  
Reinstatement Fee:  
\$15.00 (if not currently financial or remitted after June 30)  
\$25.00 (if not financial for two or more years)



# 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

**Sorority Meeting will  
 begin at 10:00 am**

**Breakfast will be  
 served at 9:15 am**

# April Hostesses

Patricia Sterling-Chair  
 Syretta Anthony  
 Mary Evelyn Baszile  
 Debra Boudreaux  
 Pearlie Brown  
 Betty Fuller  
 Trina Hall  
 Thomasine Mencer  
 Eva Pratt  
 Patsy Price  
 Gail Ray  
 Sophia Riley  
 Anna Simon  
 Yolunda Taylor

# April Calendar

- 4/3 - Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/8 - Sorority Meeting - 10:00 a.m.
- 4/11 - Physical and Mental Health Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/11- Political Awareness and Involvement Committee Meeting - Location TBA
- 4/11 - International Awareness - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/13 - Economic Development - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/17 - Delta GEMS
- 4/18 - Delta Academy - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/25 - Delta DEARS Committee Meeting - 11:00 am- Location TBA

# April Birthdays

2 - Charlotte Henderson  
 8 - Sylvia Sanders  
 13 - Carmen Valliere  
 30- Edith Cox  
 30 - Thomasina Wilkins



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## Chapter News

### **Interested in holding a chapter office?**

Although chapter elections will take place in 2018, there is no time like the present to begin preparing for your next step in leadership. In order to be eligible for an office or position, you must have attended a Regional Conference or National Convention in the last three years. Attending State, Regional, and National meetings are an excellent way to learn more about the organization's current initiatives, gain insight into the duties and responsibilities of the offices/positions, and network with other sorors to gain a fresh new perspective on Delta. **Please consider attending the National Convention, to be held August 3-9, 2017 (Las Vegas, NV).**

- Nominations for Alternate Delegate to the 53rd National Convention will be taken from the floor during the April meeting. The election will take place in May.

- We are now accepting recommendations for Community Service Award Recipients. The deadline for submission is May 7th. Please email your recommendations to [batonrougedelta@yahoo.com](mailto:batonrougedelta@yahoo.com).



## Member Updates

### **Illnesses**

- Mr. Nathaniel Brown, husband of Soror Pearlie Brown
- Kim Hausey

### **Surgery**

- Luttrell Cox, husband of Soror Edith Cox
- Soror Christina Cherry Davis
- Patrick McLean, husband of Soror Gionne McLean
- Soror Anitha Zeno

### **Transitions**

- Lois L. Heard, Mother-in-law of Soror Lula Lee
- Dan Harold Jones, Brother of Soror Mary Evelyn Baszile
- Margie Broussard, aunt of Soror Shirley Henderson

**Please continue to lift our sorors and their families in prayer.**



## Lois' Light

### His Life for Ours

His Life for Ours When Jesus was crucified, the Lord's obituary could have read, "He is dead." But after 3 days, it would have been changed to front-page news saying, "He is risen!" Much of the New Testament is devoted to proclaiming and explaining the results of Christ's resurrection. "Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . We are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (Rom. 8:34-37).

**He is risen! He is risen indeed!**



The three-word obituary of Jesus, "He is dead," has been transformed into an eternal anthem of praise to our Savior. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

~David McCasland

**Jesus sacrificed His life for ours.**

*Happy Easter*





# Physical & Mental Health



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## PRESENTS

the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

"Catching, Coping, and Conquering"  
Adult Health Seminar

Saturday, April 29, 2017

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Baton Rouge Delta Development Corporation  
926 Harding Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA



**April is National Minority Health Month**

For More Info, Contact 225-250-3830  
Lunch will be served





# Louisiana Statewide Summit

Baton Rouge Delta Sorors had a great time at the *Louisiana Statewide Summit* held in Shreveport, La.! The weekend was filled with educational workshops, specialized trainings, service projects, and spiritual renewal.





## Sisterhood Month Activities

Thank You to all Sorors who were able to participate in the fellowship activities during Sisterhood Month. A great time was had by all! Special thanks to the Sisterhood Committee and all those who helped to make the activities a success.



*Instructional Line  
Dancing with Lady D  
Friday, March 24th*







## Sisterhood Month Cont.



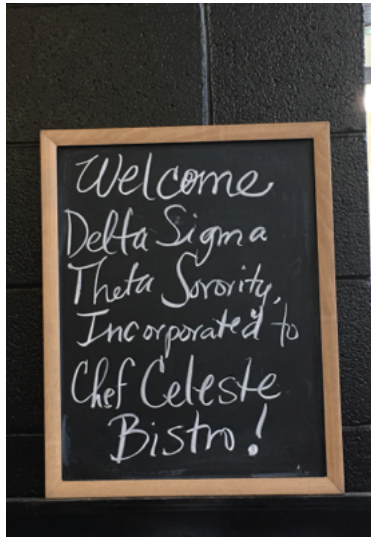
*Church Fellowship at Beacon  
Light Baptist Church*

*Sunday, March 26th*





# Sisterhood Month Cont.



*Brunch with Chef Celeste*

*Sunday, March 26th*



## Save the Date

Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter Presents

# Friday Night Line Dancing



**Friday, April 21st, 2017**

**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Cost: \$5.00**

**926 Harding Blvd.**

Featuring April "A" Charles of  
Leave It On The Floor! Steppers





# IWE Festival Kickoff

Councilwoman Erika L. Green, along with East Baton Rouge Library and various partners, are establishing a community-wide intergenerational cultural initiative--called IWE Fest, or Book Fest. IWE Fest is an inaugural urban culture festival, boasting a vibrant array of literary works through creativity, art, and culture.

The Kick Off Reception will be held on April 8th at the East Baton Rouge Parish Main Library- Roof Terrace, 7711 Goodwood Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA from 6pm to 8pm. The kickoff serves for authors and talent to network, enjoy an array of music, traditional Louisiana small bites and the gain the opportunity to learn about and register for participation for IWE Fest.

IWE Festival aims to engage the entire region in positive literary expressions, cultural celebrations and engaging conversation related to key issues of courage, heroism, race integration and cultural equality—all issues that are of key concern to our leaders and community stakeholders today. The IWE Festival will be held on June 8, 2017 on the bluff of Southern University.

**IWE**  
**FESTIVAL**  
**KICK OFF**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2017**  
 RECEPTION | 6:00PM

**EBR MAIN LIBRARY**  
 7711 GOODWOOD BLVD.  
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70806

**RSVP REQUESTED**  
 INFO@IWEFESTIVAL.COM

**IWE FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE:**  
**JUNE 10, 2017**

Logos at the bottom: 70806, THE LINES, Baton Rouge Library, MBK, Baton Rouge, SPORTS BAR CHEERS & GRILL, beBATON ROUGE



# Southwest Region News

If you have an interest in serving in a leadership role on the local, state, regional and national levels, this opportunity is for you!! All Sorors are encouraged to apply.

ANNOUNCING...

## Leadership Southwest II

A DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. REGIONAL PROGRAM



Open to Collegiate (Minimum 3.0 GPA) & Alumnae Sorors

2017 - 2018 Sorority Year

Application Period Apr 1 - Apr 30, 2017

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Communication Skills

Brand Management

Leadership Competencies & Development

Delta Resume Development

Book Review

Leadership Preparation

### Leadership Retreat

For More Information Please Contact The Co-Chairs

June Jenkins  
Collin County Alumnae Chapter

Tonya Muraguri  
Metropolitan Dallas Alumnae Chapter

[dstleadershipsw@gmail.com](mailto:dstleadershipsw@gmail.com)



# Delta Days in the Nation's Capital



Sorors had an opportunity to meet with legislators and participate in panel discussions during *Delta Days in the Nation's Capital*, the 4-day legislative conference in Washington D.C.





# 53rd National Convention



Sorors,

Registration for the 53rd National Convention in Las Vegas is now open! It is important to remember that all registration for the 53rd National Convention will be ONLINE. Individual sorors will be able to register “anyplace and anytime” on any web connection through a fully secured online system.

Registration will close on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 11:59 PM, EST OR ONCE CAPACITY IS REACHED.**

For additional information pertaining to the calendar of events, registration cost, subscription events, etc.. please reference the 53rd National Convention "Call to Convention".





# 53rd National Convention

## Registration Checklist

Sorors, as you prepare to Register for the 53rd National Convention, here are a few tips to get you prepared and to make the registration process a little easier.

- Have your Username and Password** (created in the Sisters Only Member Portal)
- Registration Category / Member Type will be predetermined and appropriate registration fee applied.**  
(*Alumnae (\$575), Collegiate (\$530), Hostess Chapter (\$530), or International member (\$530)*)

<b>TOTAL for Member Registration</b>	<b>\$</b>
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- Name and Telephone Number of Emergency Contact**
- Be familiar with Subscription Ticket Prices** (use this list as a guide)  
*\*\*NOTE: Subscription events ARE NOT included in the Convention Registration Fee. \*The only exception is the Collegiate and Collegiate Hostess Registration Fee which includes the Collegiate Luncheon and Step Show. Be sure to indicate the NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL TICKETS desired.*

SUBSCRIPTION EVENT	NUMBER OF TICKETS	PRICE PER TICKET	TOTAL PRICE
Reception and Delta Extravaganza (Gala)		\$100.00	
* Collegiate Luncheon		\$ 65.00	
* Greek Step Show		\$ 60.00	
Social Action Luncheon		\$ 75.00	
Gospel Fest		\$ 60.00	
Literary Café		\$ 30.00	
<b>TOTAL for Subscription Tickets</b>			<b>\$</b>

- First and Last Name, City and State of Registered Guests**

GUEST TYPE	NUMBER OF GUEST (PER TYPE)	AMOUNT PER GUEST	TOTAL PRICE
Adult Guest		\$ 50.00	
Child Guest		\$ 25.00	
<b>TOTAL for Registered Guests</b>			<b>\$</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION</b> <i>(Member Registration + Subscription Tickets + Guest/s Registration)</i>			<b>\$</b>

- Method of Payment information available**  
*Credit Card Information: Type of Card, Card Number, Expiration Date, Cardholder's Name, Billing Address*
- Hotel Preference/s**  
*To reserve housing, a Two Night non-refundable deposit will be required at the time the reservation is made. Credit Card Information: Card Number, Expiration Date, Cardholder's Name, Billing Address*

**\*\*Please print and complete this page as it will assist in a smooth navigation of the registration process\*\***





# 53rd National Convention

## 2017 SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 53rd NATIONAL CONVENTION

<b>National President</b>		
<b>Beverly Evans Smith</b>	Southern Region	Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter
<b>National First Vice President</b>		
<b>Barbara L. Bagneris</b>	Farwest Region	Orange County (CA) Alumnae Chapter
<b>Cheryl A. Hickmon</b>	Eastern Region	Hartford Alumnae Chapter
<b>Doris McEwen</b>	Southern Region	Montgomery (AL) Alumnae Chapter
<b>Linda R. Wilson</b>	South Atlantic Region	Greensboro Alumnae Chapter
<b>National Second Vice President</b>		
<b>Brittany King</b>	Southern Region	Kappa Upsilon Chapter Auburn University
<b>Jaria Martin</b>	Farwest Region	Beta Psi Chapter Portland City-Wide
<b>Shelby Mitchell</b>	Midwest Region	Theta Eta Chapter Cleveland City-Wide
<b>Maribel Okiye</b>	Eastern Region	Iota Iota Chapter The Catholic University of America
<b>National Secretary</b>		
<b>Elsie L. Cooke-Holmes</b>	Southwest Region	Dallas Alumnae Chapter
<b>Octavia G. Matthews</b>	Midwest Region	Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter
<b>Joi L. Moore</b>	Central Region	Columbia (MO) Alumnae Chapter
<b>Beverly J. Schembri</b>	Southern Region	Stone Mountain-Lithonia Chapter
<b>Natalie T.J. Tindall</b>	Southwest Region	Beaumont Alumnae Chapter
<b>Judy L. Wright</b>	Midwest Region	Columbus (OH) Alumnae Chapter
<b>National Treasurer</b>		
<b>Deborah Jones-Buggs</b>	Midwest Region	Chicago Alumnae Chapter
<b>Chair, National Finance Committee</b>		
<b>Doreen A. Dixon</b>	Eastern Region	South Jersey Alumnae Chapter
<b>Myrna Phillips</b>	Eastern Region	Queens Alumnae Chapter
<b>Idalene Richmond Williams</b>	Central Region	Omaha Alumnae Chapter
<b>Chair, 2019 National Nominating Committee</b>		
<b>Donna Bowman</b>	Southern Region	Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter
<b>Aisha Childs</b>	Farwest Region	Los Angeles South Bay Alumnae Chapter
<b>Sandra Gould</b>	Eastern Region	Quaker City Alumnae Chapter
<b>Deborah Stapleton</b>	Eastern Region	Central Jersey Alumnae Chapter
<b>Chair, National Internal Audit Committee</b>		
<b>Soraya Farver</b>	Midwest Region	Inkster Alumnae Chapter
<b>Toni Johnson</b>	Southern Region	Stone Mountain-Lithonia Chapter



# 53rd National Convention

2017 SLATE cont..

<b>Collegiate Member Scholarship &amp; Standards Committee</b>		
<b>Pearis Bellamy</b>	South Atlantic Region	Gamma Iota Chapter Hampton University
<b>Chandler Madison</b>	Eastern Region	Mu Pi Chapter University of Delaware
<b>Robbie Miller</b>	South Atlantic Region	Iota Chapter University of North Carolina - Charlotte
<b>Rhea Moore</b>	Midwest Region	Epsilon Epsilon Chapter Michigan State University
<b>Jaleah Rutledge</b>	Southern Region	Gamma Tau Chapter Tuskegee University
<b>Collegiate Member 2019 National Nominating Committee</b>		
<b>Tanaja Kidd</b>	Southern Region	Sigma Chapter Clark Atlanta University
<b>Collegiate Member National Finance Committee</b>		
<b>Victoria I. Brown</b>	Eastern Region	Gamma Chapter University of Pennsylvania
<b>Deneisha Cook</b>	Southern Region	Sigma Chapter Clark Atlanta University
<b>Allison Floyd</b>	Southern Region	Lambda Sigma Chapter The University of Mississippi
<b>Collegiate Member National Internal Audit Committee</b>		
<b>Tiara Brooks</b>	Midwest Region	Theta Omega Chapter Marshall University
<b>Kiersten Hargett</b>	South Atlantic Region	Gamma Chi Chapter Claflin University



# 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 Thrust 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 the 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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