



# The Delta Voice

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

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*



## 2017-2018 Dues

The Financial Officers will be collecting 2017-2018 Annual Dues at Sorority Meeting:

Golden/Diamond Life: \$295  
Regular Member: \$420

**The March 11th Sorority Meeting will be the last time dues will be collected before the 3/31/2017 deadline.**



# 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**

# February Hostesses

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

# Member Updates

## Illnesses

- Soror Allyson McCord
- Soror Kim Hausey
- Mr. Harry Parker, Jr. Father of Soror Carmen Valliere
- Mr. Nathaniel Brown, husband of Soror Pearlie Brown

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

# February Birthdays

- 5- Thomasine Mencer
- 6- Betty Fuller
- 6-Antiqua Smart
- 9-Kim Jones
- 11- Bertha Pitts
- 14- Karmen Davis
- 14- Tome' Frazier
- 19- Mayme Hall
- 24- Lela Butler





# Baton Rouge Delta February Calendar

- 2/6 - Budget and Finance Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm
- 2/6 - Executive Board Meeting - 6:00 pm
- 2/8 - Step Team Practice - 6:00 pm
- 2/9 - Membership Services Conference Call - 6:00 pm
- 2/9 - Southwest Conference Call - 7:00 pm
- 2/11 - Sorority Meeting - 10:00 am
- 2/13 - Step Team Practice - 6:00 pm
- 2/14 ❤️ **Happy Valentine's Day** ❤️
- 2/15 - Step Team Practice - 6:00 pm
- 2/16 - Black History Program with BREC - 6:00 pm - Independence Park
- 2/18 - BRDDC Black History Program - 9:00 am - BR Delta House
- 2/18 - DID Training - 12:30 pm-4:30pm
- 2/19 - Step Team Practice - 3:00 pm
- 2/20 - Delta GEMS - 6:00 pm
- 2/20 - BRDDC Board Meeting - 6:00 pm
- 2/21 - Delta Dears Committee Meeting - 11:00 am
- 2/21 - Delta Academy - 6:00 pm
- 2/22 - Step Team Practice - 6:00 pm
- 2/23 - Step Team Practice - 6:00 pm





## 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



## 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 following upcoming meetings.

Delta Days in the Nation's Capital - February - March 4-7, 2017 (Washington, DC)

Louisiana Statewide Meeting - March 30 - April 2, 2017 (Shreveport, LA)

National Convention - August 3-9, 2017 (Las Vegas, NV)



Sorors, if your name appears below, please see a Financial Officer to pick up your items.

#### **2016 SWRC T-Shirt**

Collins, Barbara

Wilson, LaJoyce

#### **2014 Founders Day Souvenir**

Murphy, Valencia

Pierre, Antionette

#### **2015 La. Statewide Pin**

Branch, Channell

Pierre, Antionette

#### **2016 Founders Day Souvenir**

Alexander, Yvette

Augustus, Theda

Chube-Jenkins, Bernadine

Baranco, Patricia

Brooks, Bianca

Brown, Geraldine

Brown, Pearl B.

Clark, Makala

Curry, Florence

Davenport, Anthonise

Gardner, Shera

Hall, Ruth

Hall, Sonya

Henderson, Charlotte

Jenkins, Inez

Lawrence, Candace

Mencer, Thomasine

Mitchell-Carter, J. Ashley

Morgan, Quinesha

Pierre, Antionette

Robinson, Mylisha

Russell, Myrties

Smith, Katie

Story, Gary

Victorian, Kathy

Stewart, Lorraine

Young, Lydia



# Save the Date

BREC and Councilwoman Erika Green host the 2017 BREC Annual

## Black History Event

Reflect on the contributions that African Americans have made in East Baton Rouge Parish and around the world with a host of featured performances from area schools and local choral groups.

**Dr. Ivory A. Toldson**

**February 16**

**6:30-8 p.m.**

Independence Park Theatre  
7800 Independence Blvd.

Open to all ages      Seating is limited

Dr. Ivory A. Toldson is the president and CEO of the QEM Network, professor of counseling psychology at Howard University and editor-in-chief of The Journal of Negro Education. Previously, Dr. Toldson was appointed by President Barack Obama to devise national strategies to sustain and expand federal support to HBCUs as the executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIHBCUs).

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Please register for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee Webinar for MW and SW Regions on Feb. 15, 2017, 8:00 pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2383227017686025730>



**Baton Rouge Delta Development Corporation**  
Presents:  
2017 Black History Program/Brunch

Civil Rights: A New Era or A New Error  
Guest Speaker: Judge Janice Clark

Saturday, February 18, 2017  
10:00 am  
926 Harding Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase at Feb. Chapter Meeting

**Greater Baton Rouge NPHC Old School Greek Show**

Saturday, March 11, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at a cost of \$15





# Baton Rouge Delta Celebrates Founders Day

The Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day with a Jazz Brunch held on January 28, 2017 at Oak Lodge Reception Center.



Soror Alma Wright Cherry (center) was also honored at the brunch for 50 years of service to the Sorority.



# Educational Development



The Delta GEMS MLK Day of Service Project took place on January 16, 2017. Delta GEMS would like to thank all sorors who donated or volunteered to make the MLK Fun Day a success.





# May Week 2017

## CALLING ALL SORORS

*In preparation for May Week the following information is requested.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Current Chapter Office/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Name at time of Initiation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Initiation \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter of Initiation \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Skills/Talents \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

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Please complete the requested information and return to Soror Monica Davis at 5814 Valley Forge Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 or email to [modavis303@gmail.com](mailto:modavis303@gmail.com) by March 15, 2017.



# Financial Fortitude Competition



## THE BILLION DOLLAR CHALLENGE



**Eligibility:**  
All Chapters of  
Delta Sigma  
Theta Sorority  
Inc. that  
register for the  
Billion Dollar  
Challenge

**NOTE:** Chapters  
currently  
enrolled on the  
BDC website  
will  
automatically  
be entered

### How to Enter:

1. Register chapter on BDC website  
use DST -(Chapter name) for the account ID  
[www.billiondollarpaydown.com](http://www.billiondollarpaydown.com)
2. Set a chapter goal
3. Encourage members and the community  
to join challenge and log monthly payments
4. Complete the BDC survey by June 15, 2017

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/  
BillionDollarChallenge2017](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BillionDollarChallenge2017)

**Prizes Awarded  
during the 53rd  
National  
Convention in  
Las Vegas:**

**Percentage of  
most participants  
registered:  
\$1000**

**Chapter that  
reduced the most  
debt:  
\$1500**

- Take a quick inventory of your current bills and debt, and decide how much you would like to commit to paying down.
- Log on to the website at [www.billiondollarpaydown.com](http://www.billiondollarpaydown.com) and click "Join Now".
- Create an account using your email address and a unique user name.
- You will receive an email link (remember to check your SPAM folder) to activate your account. Email [dst@mydfree.org](mailto:dst@mydfree.org) if you don't receive the link or have questions about setting up the account.
- Continue the registration process by logging in and entering your personalized debt plan.
- On the "Dashboard Screen" click on "join or Start a Group" link.
- Track your progress by updating your account as you make your payments monthly.
- The chapter's BDC administrator should set up the group page using the same process outlined above and click start a group on the dashboard screen.

**Contest ends June 1, 2017**



# Louisiana Statewide Meeting: March 30-April 2



Registration for the 2017 Louisiana Statewide Summit in Shreveport, La. will close **Friday, February 17th**. Sorors planning to attend must complete the 3-step registration process found at <http://dstlouisiana.wixsite.com/statewide2017>. Enter your registration information, pay with Paypal & reserve a hotel room. The group reservation code is **SH03DEL**.

**There will be NO LATE OR ON-SITE registrations.** The cost per person is \$110.00.

**Hotel Information:** Sam's Town Shreveport Hotel & Casino

Planned updates and workshops include:

#### **Updates**

- Nominating Committee
- Scholarships & Standards
- Leadership Southwest
- Emergency Response Team
- Project 13

#### **Special:** Hazing Prevention Presentation

(Chapters conducting Membership Intake are strongly encouraged to be in attendance, especially Minerva Circle Members)

#### **Collegiate Caucus**

#### **Awards Banquet**

#### **An Hour of Power Worship**

#### **Workshops (Part I)**

- Social Media
- Financial Management
- Program Planning & Development
- Advisor/Collegiate Relationships

#### **Workshops (Part II)**

- Social Action
- Internal Audit
- Campus Relations
- Risk Management-Chapter Risk Management Coordinators (new guidelines start July 1, 2017)

Orders are now being accepted for the Louisiana State Lapel Pin. Each pin is \$20.00, please see the financial officers for purchase. Deadline to order is March 1st.



**\* 2017 Statewide Summit Award Packet and Volunteer Service Awards criteria have been sent out. Awards will be given out at the Five Star Awards Gala.**

**\*Women of Excellence in Business nominations are now open.**



# 53rd National Convention



Please visit the Members Area of the National Website to view the Call to Convention

The 53<sup>rd</sup> National Convention – Call to Convention is now available! The Call to Convention is an informational booklet that contains the most up-to-date details regarding the National Convention. This document will include:

- Registration Information
- Instructions and Things to Remember
- National Convention Tentative Schedule with Official Convention Dates
- The Importance of Booking Your Room Through Delta's Official Convention Housing Website
- Official Convention Hotels and Hotel Rates
- Housing Procedures and Instructions
- Map of Official Convention Hotels
- Information on the Souvenir Journal Ad
- Family Activities and Tours
- Airport and Ground Transportation
- Scootaround and Wheelchair rentals
- Rental Cars





# 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



# Delta Days in the Nation's Capital



The 28th Annual “*Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital*” will be held **March 4 – March 7, 2017** at the Washington Hilton Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

Collegiate Forum: Saturday, March 4, 2017

Legislative Conference: Saturday, March 4 – Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Online registration for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual “*Delta Days in the Nation’s Capital*” will open **Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 12:00 noon EST and close on Monday, February 13, 2017 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 2016-2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017), through a local chapter or as a member-at-large.

**NOTE: THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION  
Please visit National Website for more details**





# Delta Day at the United Nations



The *Annual "Delta Day at the United Nations"* will be held Friday, March 24, 2017 at the United Nations, 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017. Online registration is **NOW OPEN**. Registration will close on **Thursday, February 23, 2017** or once capacity is reached.

#### Registration Details:

Collegiate and Alumnae: \$150

Sorors may pay their registration by credit card, cashier's check (no personal checks), money order, or wire transfer.

The New York Hilton Midtown Hotel is the host hotel. The hotel is located at 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019 and the room rate is \$269 per night and \$279 per night for double occupancy.

The Schedule of Events is forthcoming. Please check your email communication as well as the National Website regularly for updated information.







# 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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