



The Delta Voice

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter

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President's Message

Sorors,

By the age of three, we had already learned many of life's invaluable lessons. But somehow, things happen and we forgot those primary teachings.

We began our lives feeling like the whole world belonged to us and us alone. Everything was "mine," even when that item belonged to someone else, it was still "mine." The first lesson we learned was sharing. We were taught to share with our siblings and others, to "play nice," and to try to get along with others.

Before we could say the words thank you, we were taught to be thankful. When we showed displeasure because we received those socks for Christmas that we thought should have been a toy, our parents made us apologize and say thank you. We learned that it was the thought that counted rather than any material good.

We were taught courtesy and kindness, but our biggest lesson was how to love. We did not know the definition of love, but we knew what it felt like. It came as kind words, endearing nicknames, hugs and kisses. As children, we could sometimes sense when our parents were having a bad day and would voluntarily give them a hug as our way of reassuring them that everything would be okay. Our parents' love empowered us far beyond what we knew.

As we move into 2017, let us put into practice the lessons that we learned in our youth. We can share what we have whether its possessions, knowledge, skill, or experience with others. Share your gifts so that others may benefit. Always say thank you to others, when they have done a kind deed, and remember to be courteous. We are uncertain what the future holds for our nation, our state, or our local community, but we can be certain that we were empowered by our parents love, and there is still a place in this world for that kind of empowerment.

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

**Sorority Meeting will
begin at immediately
after BRDDC meeting
at 10:00 am**

**Breakfast will be
served at 8:15 am**

January Hostesses

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

Upcoming Dates

- 1/5 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting- 6:30 pm
- 1/6 Delta Academy/Delta GEMS/Arts & Letters Red Carpet
Movie: Hidden Figures-Perkins Rowe Theater 1:00 pm
- 1/9 Executive Board Meeting- 6:00 pm
- 1/10 Founders Day Committee Meeting- 6:00 pm
- 1/10 Physical & Mental Health Committee Meeting- 6 pm
- 1/13 **HAPPY FOUNDERS DAY!**
- 1/13 Reclamation and Rededication Ceremony - 6:30 pm
- 1/14 Sorority Meeting - 10:00 am
- 1/16 Delta GEMS- MLK Day of Service Project- 9 am-6 pm
- 1/17 Delta Academy- 6:00 pm
- 1/22 DID Training- Time TBA
- 1/26 Audit Committee Meeting- 6:00 pm
- 1/28 Founders Day Luncheon- 10:30 -Oak Lodge
Reception Center (**Red Attire**)
- 1/31 Delta Dears Committee Meeting - 11 am -Drusilla's
Restaurant

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



Member Updates

Congratulations to Sorors Bethany Fields, Kathy Victorian and Helena Cunninghame who have been selected as part of Mayor Sharon Weston Broome's transition team!

Congratulations to Sorors Cynthia Dunlap, President and Joyce Price, Financial Secretary of Charles P. Adams Chapter of Grambling State University!

Congratulations to Soror Erika Green on her reelection to Metro Council as representative for District 5!

Congratulations to Soror Gionne McLean who was accepted into the University of Florida's Master of Science Program in Pharmaceutical Outcomes!



Illnesses

- Soror Allyson McCord
- Soror Kim Hausey

Transitions

- Mrs. Beatrice W. Jones-Mother of Soror Mary Evelyn Baszile
- Mr. Arthur L. Jackson-Father of Soror Keshala B. Jackson
- Mrs. Betty Jones Thomas-Sister of Soror Anita Liggins
- Mr. James Richard Landry-Uncle of Sorors Monica and Karmen Davis
- Mrs. Bertha Ceasar-Grandmother of Soror Bethany Fields
- Mr. Willie Waits, III-Uncle of Sorors Waree and Ryan Waits

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





Lois' Light



Happy New Year!

Happiness depends upon your outlooks 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 say positive.
You are unique, with special gifts, use them. - Never forget you have talent.

New beginnings with a 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.
Relax take the time to relax in this coming year. -Keep a balance in your life.

-Catherine Pulsifer



Chapter News



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BATON ROUGE DELTA ALUMNAE CHAPTER FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

**Oak Lodge Reception Center
2834 S, Sherwood Forest
Baton Rouge, La 70816**

Saturday, January 28th, 2017

**10:30 am
Cost: \$60.00**



*Baton Rouge Delta Alumnae Chapter
Reclamation and Rededication Ceremony*

January 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Requested Attire is Black (No Pants)

Light reception to follow

Visting Sorors must have Membership Card and ID for verification



Baton Rouge Delta Projects

BRDDC adopted Glen Oaks Park Elementary teachers for their Totes for Teachers project. Each teacher received a tote bag filled with supplies including a gift card to School Aids.



Members of Baton Rouge Delta partnered with community leaders to provide winter coats for individuals impacted by the August 2016 flood.




Members of Baton Rouge Delta supporting the movie "Hidden Figures" at Cinemark Theaters, Perkins Rowe. The Red Carpet event was a collaborative effort with Delta Academy, Delta GEMS and Arts & Letters.



Financial Fortitude Savings Challenge


Financial Fortitude is a process that will help program participants to set and define goals, develop a plan to achieve them, and to put the plan into action. The process serves as a blueprint to address all aspects of personal finances.

The Financial Fortitude initiative is comprised of ten components and provides a collaboration of information from the FDIC, the National Endowment for Financial Education and other well-known financial institutions. The initiative help members of the sorority spread financial education throughout their local communities.



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52 Week Money Challenge



Week	Deposit	Balance
□ 1	\$1	\$1
□ 2	\$2	\$3
□ 3	\$3	\$6
□ 4	\$4	\$10
□ 5	\$5	\$15
□ 6	\$6	\$21
□ 7	\$7	\$28
□ 8	\$8	\$36
□ 9	\$9	\$45
□ 10	\$10	\$55
□ 11	\$11	\$66
□ 12	\$12	\$78
□ 13	\$13	\$91
□ 14	\$14	\$105
□ 15	\$15	\$120
□ 16	\$16	\$136
□ 17	\$17	\$153
□ 18	\$18	\$171
□ 19	\$19	\$190
□ 20	\$20	\$210

Week	Deposit	Balance
□ 21	\$21	\$231
□ 22	\$22	\$253
□ 23	\$23	\$276
□ 24	\$24	\$300
□ 25	\$25	\$325
□ 26	\$26	\$351
□ 27	\$27	\$378
□ 28	\$28	\$406
□ 29	\$29	\$435
□ 30	\$30	\$465
□ 31	\$31	\$496
□ 32	\$32	\$528
□ 33	\$33	\$561
□ 34	\$34	\$595
□ 35	\$35	\$630
□ 36	\$36	\$666
□ 37	\$37	\$703
□ 38	\$38	\$741
□ 39	\$39	\$780
□ 40	\$40	\$820

Week	Deposit	Balance
□ 41	\$41	\$861
□ 42	\$42	\$903
□ 43	\$43	\$946
□ 44	\$44	\$990
□ 45	\$45	\$1,035
□ 46	\$46	\$1,081
□ 47	\$47	\$1,128
□ 48	\$48	\$1,176
□ 49	\$49	\$1,225
□ 50	\$50	\$1,275
□ 51	\$51	\$1,326
□ 52	\$52	\$1,378

**\$1,378
saved!**



Louisiana Statewide Meeting



Registration is now open for the 2017 Louisiana Statewide Summit: March 30 - April 2, 2017 in Shreveport, La. Sorors of the Louisiana Chapters of the Blazing Southwest Region will continue the Journey to Excellence through Sisterhood, Scholarship, Service and Spirituality.

There is an easy, three-step registration website available at <http://dstlouisiana.wixsite.com/statewide2017>. Enter your registration information, pay with PayPal & reserve a hotel room.

There will be NO LATE OR ON-SITE registrations. The cost per person is \$110.00. Registration will close Friday, February 17, 2017 or when capacity is reached. An email confirmation will be sent to you once your payment is submitted to PayPal.com. Please check your SPAM folder if the confirmation is not in your inbox. Note that your registration is only complete when you complete your registration form and payment.

Hotel Information:

Sam's Town Shreveport Hotel & Casino

Single Rate: \$109

Double Rate: \$109

There is a \$15.00 per person/per room/per night charge for any additional persons, with a four (4) person maximum per room. There is a four (4) person maximum per room per double occupancy. Three (3) person maximum per room for king bedroom. Reservations must be made by February 17, 2017 at <http://www.samstowshreveport.com/groups>. The group reservation code is **SH03DEL**. Room reservations received by this date will be confirmed at the group rate. After this date, they will be confirmed on a space-available basis at the prevailing rack rate. All reservations are required to pay a \$100.00 deposit with a credit card at time of check-in. Guests paying with checks must submit checks 14 days prior to arrival date.

You will receive a Call to the Statewide Summit with an agenda and a complete listing of the weekend's activities at a later date. We look forward to seeing you there!



53rd National Convention

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53RD NATIONAL CONVENTION



CALL TO CONVENTION



AUGUST 3-9, 2017 ▲ LAS VEGAS, NV

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

The 53rd 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



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 28th 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**

DESTINATION 22



In an effort to increase collegiate attendance during the *Delta Days In The Nations Capitol* Legislative Conference, we ask for your support in this initiative focused toward providing sponsorship for collegiate sorors to be represented during this monumental event. Sorors are asked to donate \$22.00 for this initiative.



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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