



Delta Lines

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Closing Remarks



"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference." The serenity prayer has been my daily prayer for the past four years. The prayer helped me to continue forward movement of the chapter. More so, this prayer kept me focused to disregard the seven deadly words that kill the life and progress of any organization – "We never did it like that before." Chapter members seeking to continue forward

movement for the chapter quickly engaged in brainstorming sessions to evaluate programs that needed a little life support. The committee structure was revamped resulting in a more manageable structure with the committees being reduced from 46 to 30.

The following were conceived from the brainstorming sessions: the Stay-at-Home Poinsettia Gala, the new Poinsettia Gala format, and the 10th Grade Unmasking My Family Roots program. The message was received that "to get a different result we must do things differently." Sorors were instrumental in the positive changes being implemented with inspiring, out-of-the box ideas.

Many amazing milestones have occurred during this administration: the sorority's centennial celebrated, chapter logo created, new chapter website launched, chapter received Delta's prestigious honor of "chapter of the year" for the past two years, received the Technology Program of the Year and Alumnae of the Year—Brenda Bryant, received many local recognitions, chapter Leadership Academy initiated, and the chapter celebrated its 75th Anniversary, just to name a few.

To experience even greater success, sorors will need to remain updated on the sorority's policies and procedures, become more involved and informed in the planning/decision making of chapter processes, and be willing to take informed, but calculated risk in new ventures. The national officers understand that to make monumental strides chapters must form partnerships with like-minded organizations who are more established in the areas of interest. This is precisely the reason Project 13 was established.

I am extremely proud of the forward movement made by our chapter. Serving as President of the Miami Alumnae Chapter for the past four years has truly been a labor of love.

I bid you well my sisters, be daring and strong, hold high the torch and carry on!

Sisterly,

Brenda L. Bryant

Hats Off For Cancer Delivery

Miami Alumnae members visited local hospitals to deliver over 300 hats to children battling cancer.



The hats were collected during the annual Hats Off for Cancer service project in celebration of sisterhood month. The project's mission is to brighten a child's day with donations of beautiful hats. Hats were delivered to Nicklaus Children's Hospital on April 27th, Jackson Health System Holtz Children's Hospital on May 4th, and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital on May 11th.

The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Membership Definitions

- A **soror** is a woman who has been duly initiated into the Sorority.
- A **member** is any soror who pays dues to a chapter and to Grand Chapter, or who pays a member-at-large fee, or those exempt from payment of Grand Chapter dues and fees.
- An **alumnae member** is a soror who has paid dues to an alumnae chapter and is not matriculating at a college or university in a program leading to an initial baccalaureate degree.
- A **collegiate member** is a soror who is matriculated at a college or university pursuing work leading to an initial baccalaureate degree.
- An **alumnae member at large** is an alumnae soror who elects to affiliate only with Grand Chapter.
- A **collegiate member at large** is a soror who may elect to affiliate only with Grand Chapter.
- An **honorary member** is a soror initiated in recognition of her achieved distinction in a given field.

Constitution and Bylaws 2015 Edition, pages 7-8

Inspirational Word

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.

Arthur Ashe

Healing comes from taking responsibility: to realize that it is you—and no one else—that creates your thoughts, your feelings, and your actions. – *Peter Shepherd*

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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS

(Cafeteria)

9300 North West 41st Street

Doral, Florida 33178

8:30–8:19 a.m. Breakfast
8:30–8:19 a.m. Member Banking Hours
9:20–9:29 a.m. Hostess Group Presentation

9:30–9:59 a.m. DEHCI
9:45–9:59 a.m. Jewel Ceremony
10:00–10:09 a.m. Formal Opening
10:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. General Meeting

Attire: Orange Business Attire (Freeing)

Hostess: June Hostess Group

Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
 - Internal Audit-Third Quarter
 - 10th Grade Sub-Debutante
 - Cooking Gents
 - International Awareness
 - Membership Services
 - Rules-Third Reading
 - 75th Anniversary
 - Scholarship and Awards
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment
- Formal Closing

Submit all news and announcements to:

corresponding@dstmiami.org
chaptermail@dstmiami.org

All announcements must be approved by the chapter president before printing. Material must be received no later than the 15th of the month to allow adequate formatting and printing time.

FLASH Special Announcements

45th Southern Regional Conference

Sorors of the Southern Region will converge in Kissimmee, Florida from July 14-17, 2016, for the 45th Southern Regional Conference. Be sure to sign up for conference community service projects on Thursday, July 14, 2016. Also check the Call to Conference and Protocol, and Traditions Manual for conference attire.

Pill Bottle Collection

The Physical and Mental Health Committee is collecting pill bottles during the June chapter meeting. Please remove all labels from the bottles and bring them to the meeting with you.

Chapter Dues

There is still time to fulfill your annual dues obligations to maintain financial status with the sorority. Add \$25 if you were not financial for the past two or more years. Dues for the 2016-2017 sorority year must be paid and processed by the national office to receive the registration packet for the 45th Southern Regional Conference. Dues payments should be made payable to Miami Alumnae Chapter and mailed to the chapter's post office box. Please contact a finance team member should you have questions.

Deltapalooza-Save the Date

Deltapalooza will be held on Friday, October 21, 2016, at the Renaissance Ballroom – 5910 SW 8th Street, Miami, FL 33179. *You don't want to miss Deltapalooza 2016!*

Beta Zeta Sigma/Miami Alumnae Chapter History Book

The 75th Anniversary History Sub-Committee has completed writing. The Beta Zeta Sigma/Miami Alumnae History Book is a must have for all chapter members. Place your pre-order at the June Chapter meeting for this beautifully bound book of the chapter's history. The cost of the book is \$75 payable to Miami Alumnae Chapter.

Intercessory Prayer

The Intercessory Prayer Session is Friday, June 3, 2016, at 9 p.m. The conference telephone number is 641-715-3865, and the access code is 315448. If you would like sorors to pray for you and your family, please submit names to the chaplain, Soror A. Rosalyn Walker, at drroz25@yahoo.com.

Mission Statement

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.



Community Service/Events



10TH GRADE UNMASKING MY FAMILY ROOTS – On Saturday, April 30, 2016, the 10th Grade Sub-Debutante Committee presented *Unmasking My Family Roots* at the Cathedral of Praise Church. After spending many months of research, the Sub-Debutantes presented their family history in intriguing and innovative ways. The audience was captivated with the presentations. The group's name is **Behati-Blessed, she who brings happiness**. The logo for the group was unveiled during the program. Congratulations to the committee for a job well done.



MAY WEEK

The May Week committee recognized outstanding women educators within the South Florida area on May 15, 2016, at Wactor Temple AME Zion Church. The honorees, who

demonstrated a true commitment to education, were Delta Barbara Harris (in memoriam), Latoya Tucker-Robinson, Precious Symonette, and Dr. Angela Dupree.

DELTA DAY AT THE COUNTY – Miami Alumnae and Dade County Alumnae chapter members participated in Delta Day at the County on May 17, 2016. Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, member Dade County Alumnae Chapter, was the gracious host. After being updated on the county's projects members of our illustrious sisterhood moved to the chambers to present their community projects and respectfully challenged commissioners to find a solution to the rash of gun violence in the community.



75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE QUILT

With much love and dedication, the 75th Anniversary commemorative quilt was designed and created by chapter members and friends. The committee worked diligently to piece together 75 years of chapter history in the form of a quilt made of Delta shirts and bags. On June 18, 2016, this beautiful quilt will be displayed for the entire community to see during the 75th Anniversary Reception. This keepsake was a true labor of love by the sub-committee and much thanks and appreciation for their many hours of work is extended to: Regina M. Grace, Paula Young, Barbara Stinson, Inez Gilliard, Dorothy Davis, Dianne Alexander, and Madeline M. Haddocks.



2016 COOKING GENTS AFFAIR

The 21st Cooking Gents Affair was held on Saturday, May 21st, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center. Over 400 guests attended the event. Men throughout South Florida mesmerized sorors and friends with their tantalizing food choices. Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson was the honorary chair, Yolanda Cash Jackson was the historical chair, radio personality Ken James was the master of ceremonies, and Actor, Producer and Director Tommy Ford was the celebrity guest. Congratulations to the committee for an outstanding event.



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Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

- Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed Miami Alumnae Chapter 2016-2018 Executive Board, Audit Chair, and Nominating Committee.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Please continue to pray for sorors who are experiencing bereavement and recovering from illness.

Condolences

- Mrs. Aretha C. Davis, the mother of Soror Josephine Hall, transitioned on April 29th, at the age of 99, and was laid to rest on May 7th. Please continue to keep Soror Hall and her family in your prayers.
- Soror Tommie Gaiter transitioned into Omega Omega Chapter on April 30th and was laid to rest on May 6th. Please keep Soror Gaiter's family in your prayers.
- Soror Mamie Lingo transitioned into Omega Omega Chapter on May 12th and was laid to rest on May 22nd. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

Book Club

Kudos to the Arts and Letters Committees of Miami and Dade County Alumnae Chapters who met on May 7th, after their chapter meetings to discuss the book *"The Year of Yes"* by Shonda Rhimes. It was an interesting and engaging discussion between sorors.



75th Anniversary Reception

The 75th Anniversary Reception will be held on June 18, 2016, at the Historic Lyric Theater, 819 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33136. The reception will begin at 3:30 p.m. and the production will begin at 4 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$40, payable to Miami Alumnae Chapter. National President Paulette C. Walker is the special guest.

Mark Your Calendar

- June 10th – **End-of-Year Bowling Challenge**
June 18th – **75th Anniversary Reception**
July 14th-17th – **45th Southern Regional Conference**

Sister To Sister,
With Love To . . .
Our "Delta Sorors"
We appreciate the **Sister** in you!