

# DeltaLines

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#### **President's Message**

Greetings my Sweet Sweet Sorors

It is the most exciting time of the year, "Sisterhood Month," that time that we CELEBRATE the very core of our identity as Delta Women... SISTERHOOD! There is space within sisterhood for likeness and difference, for the subtle differences that challenge and delight; there is space for disappointment—and surprise. That space is what makes us special. Having

a sister is like having a best friend you can't get rid of... you know whatever you do, she will always be there. Remember, Sisters annoy, interfere, criticize. Indulge in monumental sulks, in huffs, in snide remarks. Borrow. Break. Monopolize the bathroom. Use YOUR cosmetics and your favorite shoes and dress. Are always underfoot. But if catastrophe should strike, sisters are there. Defending you against all comers. So find a woman to bond with and hold her tight. Pray with her. Pray for her. Affirm her AWESOMENESS! Bless her. Be present. Listen, Live, Love, and Laugh with your SISTER. It is that time that we CELEBRATE each other. Happy Sisterhood Month!

Sisterly,

Kay Williams-Dawson

#### **Motivational Message**

#### "The Journey

Until you've walked the road that I've trod, and pushed your foot in my shoes, and felt how worn out they are because of the distance I've traveled, you can never tell me you know how I feel.

I cry every night because I'm human, and tears are a language God understands. I laugh every day without one knowing what's really going on in my head. I smile every morning because I have life. I go through every week hoping that things will get better. I count the months of disappointments, because I know the years of victory will be sweet.

God never gives us more than we can bear, and I'm going to continue walking, no matter how hot the sun is, no matter how dusty the day gets, how cold the night is, and how lonely I feel.

I will always be grateful. Where there is life, there is hope. I believe in the plan God has for my life, and I may fall short, but he never lets me go. Thank you, Father, for your grace and mercy that have brought me through. I'm living this moment because of you.

Source: https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/the-journey-12

#### **Delta Days at the State Capitol**



Miami Alumnae sorors participated in Delta Days at the State Capitol. Sorors attended meetings, trainings, and legislative sessions to witness firsthand how state government operates. In addition, sorors had in depth discussions with lawmakers to voice concerns about issues affecting the Black community.

# The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power Protocol Tip

**Chapter Meeting:** The Ritual must be used during chapter meetings for the opening and closing ceremonies. Business attire is required at all chapter meetings. A business suit or professional style attire is acceptable.

#### **Inspirational Word**

"We love because it is the only true adventure."
Nikki Giovanni

Sister To Sister,

With Love To . . .

**Our "Delta Sorors"** 

We appreciate the **Sister** in you!

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# **Delta Time**

**Sorority Meeting** 

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

#### FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS

(Cafeteria) 9300 Northwest 41st Street Doral, Florida 33178

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Member Banking Hours

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Hostess Group 9:45 a.m. –10:00 a.m. Formal Opening 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. General Meeting

Attire: Red Business Attire
Hostess: March Hostess Group

#### Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Membership Services/Membership Intake
- Financial Report
- Proposed Budget 2018-2019 First Reading
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
  - Audit Report 2nd Quarter
  - Poinsettia Gala
  - Jabberwock
  - Social Action
  - Mentoring Programs
    - 10th Grade Sub-Debutantes
    - 11th Grade Sub-Debutantes
    - 12th Grade Debutantes
- 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.

#### **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.

# **FLASH**Special Announcements

#### Membership Intake – Pyramid Induction

Pyramid Induction ceremony for Miami Alumnae candidates will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at the DoubleTree Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center. The ceremony will begin at 4:00 P.M. Please arrive by 3:15 P.M. All sorors must present their membership card or an ID along with their member number. The attire is black, no pants. If you need additional information, please contact Soror Michelle Pinckney-White or Soror Kay Williams-Dawson.

#### **Jabberwock**

The theme for this year's Jabberwock is "South Florida's Got Talent." The event will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Miami Jackson Senior High School. The ticket prices are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children (ages 5–18). Please see committee members for tickets. Tickets can also be purchased on Eventbrite at www.dstmiamievents. eventbrite.com.

#### **Cooking Gents Affair**

Cooking Gents Affair will be held on May 19, 2018 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center. The committee is actively seeking gents to participate in this event. Adult tickets are \$40 and children tickets are \$20. Please see Soror Avice Warren or any committee member for more information. Tickets can also be purchased on Eventbrite at www.dstmiamievents. eventbrite.com.

#### Miami Alumnae Calendar

The Economic Development Committee will have the 2018 Miami Alumnae annual pocket calendar at the March Chapter Meeting on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Please make plans to purchase one or two for yourself and a fellow soror. They will make great gifts and are excellent for RECLAIMING SORORS. Thank you to chairperson, Soror Eoline Watson, and her committee for their tireless efforts in getting this awesome calendar together.

#### **Hostess Fees**

If you have not paid your hostess fees of \$55 (yearly fee), it is important that you do so for your hostess month not to be in the RED. Each member has been assigned to a hostess group and is welcome to pay the fee anytime during the year. If you are not sure what month you are in, please contact Second Vice President, Stephanie Steele-Nelson. Fees are payable to Miami Alumnae Chapter and can be received by the financial team or mailed to the chapter's PO Box. Thank you for your sisterly assistance and cooperation!

# Community Service/Events

#### **MIAMI ALUMNAE FOUNDERS DAY**

On January 27, 2018, Miami Alumnae celebrated Founders Day with a Jazz Brunch at the Church of the Incarnation. It was an outstanding time of fellowship in honor of our founders. In addition, there was a special gift exchange with sorors, jazz music, and a committee presentation in honor of our founders. Thank you to the committee for a job well done!



#### ARTS AND LETTER-RED CARPET EVENT – BLACK PANTHER

The Arts and Letters committee of Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. joined family and friends in Wakanda for a SOLD OUT private screening of Black Panther. Special thank you to our Hollywood Sponsor, Lakitsia Clayton Gaines – State Farm Agent, and our Spotlight Sponsor, Traci Young-Byron CEO of Young Contemporary Dance Theater for sharing your resources that will provide scholarships to deserving students. Special thanks to Black Panther actress, Sope Aluko (Shaman) for blessing us with a message of empowerment and determination. We left the theater uplifted and inspired. Congratulations to the committee for an outstanding event!



### **Dues Renewal Information**

Sorors, it is time to fulfill our annual dues obligations to maintain financial status with the sorority. Dues and fees for the July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 sorority year are now due. Please use the chart below to determine your financial responsibility for the upcoming sorority year. The financial team should receive all check payments no later than March 15, 2018, to ensure timely processing.

DUES	NATIONAL	PER CAPITA	LOCAL	TOTAL
REGULAR	\$190.00	\$10.00	\$190.00	\$390.00
REGULAR (Reduced)	\$190.00	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
GOLDEN/DIAMOND LIFE (Paid in Full)	0	\$10.00	\$190.00	\$200.00
GOLDEN/DIAMOND LIFE (Reduced Paid in Full)	0	\$10.00	\$100.00	\$110.00

- Members, age 62 or older, as of May 2, 2015, are grandfathered to receive reduced local dues. Otherwise, members must be 65 years old to receive reduced local dues.
- For Regular and Regular (Reduced) members For payments received between March 16th and June 16th, add \$5. For payments received after June 16th, add \$15. If not financial since 2016 2017 or earlier, add \$25.
- · Checks and money orders are payable to: Miami Alumnae Chapter
- Please bring the membership form and payment to the February or March Sorority meeting, or mail to: Miami Alumnae Chapter Attn: Finance Committee • P.O. Box 680726, Miami, FL 33168-0726

**Note:** In order to **register** for the 2018 Regional Conference, you must be financial for 2017 – 2018. In order to **attend** the 2018 Regional Conference, you must be financial for 2018 – 2019. For questions regarding current or prior year dues renewals, please contact Soror Alicia Jones, Financial Secretary (financial@dstmiami.org) or Soror Alessandra Williams, Treasurer (treasurer@dstmiami.org).

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## Members News

#### **Kudos/Congratulations**

 Congratulations to Soror Kathy Horton who received her 2017 Banner for attaining NAF Model Academy status for the 5th year in a row, inducted into Charmettes and the proud grandmother of twins.

#### **Condolences**

- Please keep the family of Soror Willie Mae Williams in your thoughts and prayers. Soror Williams's mother-in-law, Deaconess Fannie Mae Williams, passed on January 31st.
- Prayers are asked for Soror Cynthia Rafi Burroughs and family on the loss of her brother Muhammad Omar Rafi.

#### **Get Well Wishes and Prayers**

 Please continue to pray for Soror Deborah Dawson who was rushed to the hospital after the Black Panther movie. She is home recuperating.

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

March 10<sup>th</sup> – **Jabberwock** 

March 11th - Pyramid Induction

May 19th - Cooking Gents

#### Sisterhood Month Activities Sisters Worshiping Together

Sunday, March 4th Church Starts: 9:00 A.M. Cathedral of Praise I.C.F.M. 9966 Hibiscus Street Miami, FL 33157

#### Sisterhood Social

Sunday, March 4th Between: 11:00–11:30 A.M. Colonial Plaza Shopping Center UBER WINGS – 305-701-3377 9570 S.W. 160th St., Miami, FL 33157

#### **Hats Off for Cancer**

Thursday, March 22nd – 6:00–9:00 P.M. FAMOUS DAVE'S DORAL 8210 N.W. 36th Street Miami, FL 33166

#### **Chapter Meeting NEW LOCATION**

Saturday, April 21st Arcola Lakes Senior Center 8401 N.W. 14th Avenue Miami, FL 33147

