

DeltaLines

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President's Message

Greetings Sorors,

A new month is before us and an old one has been left behind. My prayer for you is that May will be one of a kind. May it bring you a wonderful time of joy, peace, and fulfillment. We have been blessed with the gift

of life, so let us all continue to make something great from this wonderful gift that we've been given. We must continue to help others who need it, think of others who are less fortunate than ourselves and know that one small positive thought or gesture can change someone's entire life. What we do every day, what we say and how we act, will shape lives for generations to come. Sorors, we are each other's mothers, sisters, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, and godmothers and I wish every soror a "Happy Mothers Day." For all the mothering you do, MAY the seeds of love and nurturing you've sewn, yield an incredible harvest of soul wealth mixed with an abundance of joy untold. All of you are beautiful and sacred and I celebrate you with the utmost respect.

Sisterly.

Kay Williams-Dawson

The Spoken Word

Mother to Son

By Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:

Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

It's had tacks in it,

And splinters.

And boards torn up.

And places with no carpet on the floor—Bare.

But all the time

I'se been a-climbin' on,

And reachin' landin's,

And turnin' corners,

And sometimes goin' in the dark

Where there ain't been no light.

So boy, don't you turn back.

Don't you set down on the steps

'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.

Don't you fall now—

For I'se still goin', honey,

I'se still climbin',

And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

Happy Mother's Day Sorors!

Delta Day at the School Board



Miami and Dade County Alumnae Chapters joined forces for the 8th Annual Delta Day at the School Board on April 17th. Kudos to the Social Action Committee for keeping the Miami Alumnae Chapter at the forefront of our creating change in our communities, starting with the education system.

The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Protocol Tip

Who Speaks For Delta

- It is an established policy within Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated that the National President speaks for Grand Chapter or delegates the authority to a member.
- When sorors are present at national programs, interviewed by the media or engaged in varied activities, each one shall speak only in terms of her own personal role. No one has the authority to speak for or make a commitment for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated unless authorized by the National President. Proclamations of any kind shall only be extended by the office of the National President.

Protocol and Traditions Manual, Page 16.

Inspirational Word

"I believe the choice to become a mother is the choice to become one of the greatest spiritual teachers there is." Oprah Winfrey



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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019

Arcola Lakes Senior Center

(Main Room)

8401 Northwest 14th Avenue Miami, Florida 33147

8:30 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. Formal Opening

8:40 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Member Banking Hour

8:40 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Breakfast Hour

8:40 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. Chapter Awards-Voting

9:40 a.m. - 9:55 a.m. Hostess Committee

9:55 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Protocol Tidbit 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. General Meeting

Attire: Shades of Blue Business Attire Human Trafficking Awareness Hostess: May Hostess Group

Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
 - •2019-2020 Proposed Budget Final Reading and Vote
- Hospitality Committee
- Reports/Presentations
 - Policies and Procedures
 - Membership Services
 - Scholarship and Awards
 - Cooking Gents
 - May Week
 - Physical and Mental Health
 - •10th Grade Sub-Debutantes
 - 11th Grade Sub-Debutantes
 - •12th Grade Sub-Debutantes
 - ·Social Action
 - Krimson TiDe
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements (President)
- 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

VOTING -CHAPTER AWARDS

Chapter voting will take place after chapter opening for the following: Professional Achievement, Community Service and Winona Cargile Alexander Awards and Chapter Policies and Procedures. Nominees portfolios will be available for review before and during the meeting. You must be financial during the 2019-2020 sorority year to vote.

TALK TECH TO ME

The Technology Committee will be available during the May meeting breakfast hour to answer any technology questions. Look for committee members with BRIGHT YELLOW NAME TAGS or come to the Technology table with your device or questions.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 54th National Convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, from July 11-July 14. Registration is now open to all financial members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Registration will close on May 30th or when it has reached capacity.

COOKING GENTS AFFAIR









Community Service/Events

DEBUTANTE COTILLION

The 67th Annual Debutante Cotillion was held on April 14th with twenty-three lovely young ladies being presented to society. The evening was adorned with beautiful white dresses, heartfelt dances, and topped off with the awarding of \$30,000 in scholarships. Kudos to the chair, Soror Desiree Culpepper and co-chairs, Sorors Lakeisha Bush and Julie Pennington-Gilchrist and the entire 12th Grade Debutante Committee for nurturing the 2019 Debutantes for three years and sending them into womanhood with grace and flare.



ORITA CEREMONY

The Orita is the crossroads or point where two roads converge and the young women must make a meaningful choice about their journey in life. The tears that flowed from mothers, fathers, and the Talibahs were a testament to the adage that "It takes a village to raise a child." The love, joy, and commitment was on full display as the young women transitioned from youth to adulthood in this African Rite of Passage. KUDOS to the chair, Soror Linda Taylor, and her committee who have nurtured and journeyed on this process with the Talibahs.



DELTA DAYS AT THE CAPITAL

Sorors of Miami Alumnae were a part of the Red Army Strong as they traveled to Tallahassee, FL, to meet with lawmakers. They were a voice for those who have been denied their privileges and rights as citizens. We will not be moved and we will not be stopped when fighting for the rights of others. Social Action is what we do!



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

 The ERT Committee performed a wellexecuted drill during the April meeting. Please be advised that these drills are necessary and a part of a national initiative to ensure that chapter members are safe while in meetings.

Get Well Wishes and Prayer

- Soror Maureen Bethel was recently hospitalized and is at home recuperating. You may send cards of love and support to her home address.
- Soror Deborah Dawson was recently hospitalized at the University of Miami Hospital. She is recuperating.
- Soror Evelyn Davis is recovering in the hospital at Baptist Hospital West.

Condolences

- Our beloved Soror Mildred Marquis transitioned on March 28th. Her life was celebrated on April 27th by family and friends.
- Please keep our sorors and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mark Your Calendar

May 11th

NPHC Scholarship Breakfast

May 18th

Cooking Gents

May 24th

Membership Services (Bowling)

June 29th

Krimson TiDe

July 11th -14th

54th National Convention (New Orleans 1.4)

Orleans, LA)

Sister To Sister,

With Love To . . .

Our "Delta Sorors"

We appreciate the Sister in you!

