



Delta Lines

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President's Message

My Sweet Sweet Sorors,

You are by far some of the most amazing women on the planet. Within our tight knit, strong and nurturing circle affectionately called "The Sisterhood," are Doctors, Lawyers, Dentists, Judges, Professors, Pastors, Preachers, Singers, Actresses, Authors, Educators, Administrators, Social Workers, Counselors, Therapists, Physicists, Neuroscientists, Business Owners, Chefs, Insurance Agents, Law Enforcement Officers, Coaches, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Principals, Elected Officials, Ecologists, Financial Advisors and Planners, Pharmacists, Musicians, Poets, Policy Makers, Retirees, Graduate Students, House Wives, Grandmothers, Mothers, Daughters, Aunts, Sisters, Cousins, and Friends and you do all of this well! I am in awe of the many roles that each of you fulfill and I pray that your role as woman will bless you throughout this month. I am grateful to be in such company, I salute you for your great accomplishments and achievements and I celebrate you! I take this time to honor all mothers and to remember those that have slept away into the eternal world, where they live forever.

Happy Mother's Day!

Your Sister,

Kay Williams-Dawson

Motivational Message

Count Your Blessings

*Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.*

*Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.*

*Count your health instead of your wealth;
Love your neighbor as much as yourself.*

Poet: Unknown

Delta Days at the School Board



Miami and Dade County Alumnae Chapter members participated in Delta Day at the Miami-Dade School Board on Wednesday, April 5th. Sorors were front and center wearing their red representing community and students interests. Sorors were able to address the educational needs of our community and voice solutions to combat the problems students face daily. Special thanks to Vice Chair of Miami-Dade School Board Soror Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall for hosting this event.

The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Protocol Tip

- 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.

Inspirational Word

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017

FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS
(Cafeteria)

9300 North West 41st Street
Doral, Florida 33178

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| 8:30–9:30 a.m. | Member Banking Hours |
| 8:30–9:30 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 9:30–9:40 a.m. | Hostess Group Presentation |
| 9:45–10:00 a.m. | Formal Opening |
| 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | General Meeting |

Attire: Purple Business Attire

Hostess: May Hostess Group

Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Budget Reading (Third Reading 2017-2018)
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
 - Cooking Gents
 - May Week
 - Mentoring Programs
 - 10th Grade Debutante
 - 11th Grade Debutante
 - 12th Grade Debutante
 - 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.

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

Cooking Gents – The Cooking Gents Committee is looking for potential “Gents.” They are soliciting your help in finding willing and able participants for the May 20th affair. If you know of any gentlemen who would be interested in contributing their time and talent, please recommend them via email to CookingGents@gmail.com or call Michele Paramore 305-338-2321. The 22nd Annual Cooking Gents Affair will be held on Saturday, May 20th at DoubleTree Airport Hotel and Convention Center. Tickets cost \$40 for adults and \$20 for children.

May Week – May Week Committee is asking sorors to bring books to May chapter meeting. This committee is truly committed to increasing literacy in the community. In addition, the committee is seeking education nominees to honor during May Week. The application is available on the secure website. Please see any committee member for more information.

Chapter Awards – Voting for Chapter Awards Sorors will take place on May 7th, sorors should come to chapter meeting prepared to vote for Miami Alumnae's prestigious chapter awards. The awards include the Professional Achievement Award and Winona Cargile Alexander Award. Voting will take place from 8:45 a.m.–9:45 a.m. Sorors must be financial for the 2016-2017 sorority year to vote. Sorors are encouraged to review the exceptional portfolios prepared by the nominees detailing their qualifications for the specific award.

Hats Off for Cancer – Miami Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presents “Hats Off for Cancer.” Please join us to help kids battling cancer. Hats Off for Cancer strives to bring awareness to childhood cancer while helping to make a cancer patient's smile a bit brighter and their day a bit happier! Bring new hat donations for ages Infant to Teens. Membership Services will have a table set up during May Chapter meeting to collect all donations.

HOSTESS FEE – If you have not paid your hostess fees of \$55 (yearly fee) it is important that you do so in order for your hostess month not to be in the RED. Each soror who is on a hostess committee should pay the fee for their designated month. If you are not sure what month you are in, please contact the 2nd Vice President Stephanie Steele-Nelson (2ndvice@dstmiami.org), so you can be informed. Contact the financial team or send your payment to the chapter P.O. Box. Thank you for your sisterly assistance and cooperation!



Community Service/Events

DEBUTANTE COTILLION

The 67th Annual Debutante Cotillion, held on April 23rd, marked the end of a three-year journey for the 25 young ladies of the 12th grade sub-debutante group. The group's last year was filled with cultural events, community service, and college preparedness activities. The Debutante Cotillion was spectacular as escorts, mothers, and fathers all danced with the Debutantes and ensured this was an evening they would all remember. The group's name was Adelana—"Her Crown Paves the Way." The chapter awarded \$30,000 in scholarships to several of the young ladies. Six young ladies received one time payments in the amount of \$1,400 (Leia Ambrister), \$1,200 (Tia Jackson), \$850 (Danielle Walker), \$850 (Tia Robinson), \$850 (Erica Washington), \$850 (Kasi Simpkins). The top three scholarships were awarded to Kaylah Clark (\$10,000), Quintavia McKay (\$8,000), and Jayla Ware (\$6,000). Thanks to the Chair-Tara Askew, Co-Chairs-Audrey McKenzie and Rolanda Scott, and committee members for a well planned and executed cotillion.



ORITA CEREMONY

The 26th Annual Orita Ceremony was held at Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church on Saturday, April 22nd. During the event, thirty-seven 11th grade sub-debutantes were presented to the community. Behati, "Blessed, she who brings happiness" was the theme for the group. Each young lady was presented at the crossroad during their rite of passage ceremony by their parents/guardians and a supporting member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Many of the sorors, parents, and friends were visibly moved by this sacred ceremony that celebrated the transformation of young ladies to adulthood.



UNMASKING MY FAMILY ROOTS

Miami Alumnae chapter presented "Unmasking My Family Roots" program on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at Booker T. Washington High school. The young ladies presented their family roots in a unique, genuine, and creative way to community, friends, and sorors. In addition, the sub-debutante group name was revealed, "Adisa, One who will teach us." This was an outstanding event for the parents and community.



"Crimson Traditions: The Essence of Our Legacy"

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Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

- Kudos to Sorors Alma Brown and Dr. Bernice R. Smith, they have been selected by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women of South Florida, Inc., at their 39th Founders Day program, which will be held on May 13th.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Please continue to pray for Sorors Juanita Stafford and Rozalyn H. Paschal who are recovering from illness.
- Please continue to pray for Sorors who are experiencing illness or bereavement.

Membership Directories PRE-SALE

The Technology Committee will have the last pre-sale of the Membership Directory at the May Chapter meeting. Directories are \$13. Sorors may pay in cash or check (made out to Miami Alumnae Chapter). If you have not yet submitted your information for directory or a picture this will be the last month that you will be able to do so before the directory goes to

print for distribution in June. All pre-orders **MUST** be picked up at the June meeting. If not picked up they will be in storage until the new sorority year.

Mark Your Calendar

- May 20th – **Cooking Gents**
(DoubleTree)
- August 3rd -9th – **National Convention**

Sister To Sister,
With Love To . . .
Our "Delta Sorors"

We appreciate the Sister in you!



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2017 COOKING GENTS AFFAIR

A CULINARY EXPERIENCE!

SATURDAY
MAY 20
4PM-8PM

DOUBLE TREE
BY HILTON HOTEL MIAMI
AIRPORT & CONVENTION CENTER

711 NW 72ND AVENUE, MIAMI, FL 33126
ADULT TICKETS \$40 • CHILDREN \$20 AGES 3 TO 12
4:00PM RECEPTION • 4:30 EVENT START

PARKING \$5

E TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT
DSTMIAMIEVENTS.EVENTBRITE.COM

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ONLINE
PHYSICAL TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
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