



# Delta Lines

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## A New Year with New Opportunities



Greetings, my dynamic sorors of the Miami Alumnae Chapter! I am excited to welcome you to a new sorority year with new opportunities, new challenges, and the power to excel at every project we undertake.

The 2014 summer has been filled with many opportunities to learn and fellowship with lovely sorors. The four Tampa host chapters of the 44th Southern Regional Conference—on June 26th-29th—welcomed 3,382 sorors—representing 180 chapters—with open arms. The program organizers were extremely timely as every session began and ended at the published time. The internal development workshops were plentiful and informative. And you can be assured that Miami Alumnae Chapter members worked as a team to ensure there was an assigned member at every workshop. We were reminded that our purpose for being in Tampa was to convene as a region, to celebrate the successes of our chapters, to teach and learn the policies of our sisterhood and to fellowship as only Deltas can! The message from the conference was that we must continue to fine-tune ourselves to strengthen the sorority, our chapters and our communities. To make a great conference even better, we brought home the "Chapter of the Year" award.

The Miami Alumnae Chapter 2014 Retreat was another exciting gathering—on August 8th and 9th—as we learned about sisterly hugs, shared our commonalities, teamed to share views on topics relating to our chapter from the book *"In Search of Sisterhood."* We also shared our knowledge of Delta's Policies, and demonstrated our understanding of The Delta Oath and Opening Ceremony with role play.

The Fireside Chat on August 23rd was an opportunity for the Regional Director to give directives for the transactions of the Southern Region business for the year.

Yes sorors, summer is over! It is time that we return to the business of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—planning informative and relevant community service programs to strengthen our community, educate our youth, and engage our sorors.

Every soror holds a piece of the puzzle to achieve the goals of the Miami Alumnae Chapter. Therefore, I challenge each of you to honor the commitment you made to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. upon your sacred word of honor.

Sisterly,

*Brenda L. Bryant*

## Chapter of the Year



Congratulations to the Miami Alumnae Chapter on being selected CHAPTER OF THE YEAR at the 44th Southern Regional Conference. KUDOS to the hard working chapter

members who made our programs so spectacular that we stood out among the hundreds of other chapters. When asked what chapter you belong to, please let them know you are a member of the **CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!**

## The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

### Protocol Tip

#### The Official Greetings for Deltas

- Sorors are greeted as "Soror **Last Name.**"
- Chapter Presidents and the National President are greeted as "Madam President."
- Past National Presidents are greeted as Soror **Last Name.** They are introduced as their president number and their name, never as past presidents. Example: "21st National President of Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc., Marcia L. Fudge."

*Protocol and Traditions Manual*

#### Role of a Chapter Member in Delta Sigma Theta

- Be loyal to the officers and to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Attend meetings regularly.
- Pay dues promptly.
- Mark your calendar to remember meeting dates.
- Be willing to serve when asked.
- Be fair to all, interested in all, and never become involved in a clique.
- Be interested in the purpose of the discussion or activity, rather than the discussant.

*Delta Sigma Theta Parliamentary Manual*

### Inspirational Word

Don't wait until it's too late to tell someone how much you love them and how much you care, because when they're gone, no matter how loud you shout and cry, they won't hear you. We Love You, Sorors!

*The Executive Board*

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## Delta Time

### Sorority Meeting

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014**

### FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS

(Cafeteria)

9300 N.W. 41st Street • Doral, Florida 33178

- 8:30 – 9:19 A.M. Member Banking Hours
- 8:30 – 9:19 A.M. Breakfast
- 9:20 – 9:29 A.M. Hostess Group Presentation
- 9:30 – 9:44 A.M. Jewel Ceremony
- 9:45 – 9:59 A.M. Formal Opening
- 10:00 – 12:30 P.M. General Meeting

Attire: Red Business Attire

Hostess: September Hostess Committee

### Agenda

- Jewel Ceremony
- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Hospitality Time
- Reports/Presentation
  - Membership Services
  - Scholarship and Awards
  - Deltapalooza
  - Poinsettia Gala
  - Rules
  - Heritage and Archives
  - Marketing
  - Delta Academy
- 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

### Deltapalooza

Save the date for Deltapalooza, which will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the Renaissance Ballroom, located at 5810 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, FL 33179. Individual tickets are \$20 and a table of ten is \$200. Invite your friends, family, line sisters, and everyone you know to party with a purpose.

### Poinsettia Gala

Mark your calendar for the 2014 Poinsettia Gala that will take place on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at the University of Miami Alumni Center. Please make sure you contact all of your family, friends, co-workers, church members, social club members, and everyone you know to come to this wonderful affair. We want sorors and guests to join in the holiday spirit and dance the night away. We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 Poinsettia Gala.

### Mentoring Groups Applications

Delta Academy, 10th and 11th Grade Sub-Debutantes, and Delta Violets are accepting applications. Please be sure to bring your completed application to the September chapter meeting.

### Reclaiming Is Never Over!

Sorors, consider a soror you have not seen in a while. Don't you miss seeing her? Give her a call! Why not have lunch with a soror and find out how she is doing. Take a care basket over if she's been ill! Share a unique gift you bought from the Regional Conference to let her know you were thinking of her. Also let her know that Miami Alumnae Chapter wants to see her! Pick her up for the September 6, 2014, sorority meeting. All of these ideas of sisterly love can be powerful ways to bring a soror back to the fold. Remember – RECLAIMING IS NEVER OVER! We love all of our SORORS! Every soror holds a piece to the puzzle!

### Intercessory Prayer

Join the Chaplain's Council for Intercessory Prayer every Friday before Chapter meeting at 9:00 P.M. The conference telephone number is 530-881-1300, access code 315448.

### Visiting/Returning Sorors

New and/or visiting sorors must bring their membership card and picture ID to the meetings. If you are inviting a soror, please contact Soror Sherrilyn Norwood with the soror's name, chapter of initiation, and date of initiation. Soror Norwood should be contacted as soon as you extend the invitation in order that we might expedite the verification process.



# Community Service/Events



## 44th SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

### Highlights

- Membership Intake Training for Trainers and Future Trainers
- Regional Impact Day Community Service Projects
- Collegiate Day Activities facilitated by outgoing Southern Regional Representative, Manica Pierrette
- Opening Day Plenary Theme, "Uncompromising Commitment to Communities: Service, Leadership, Empowerment," Soror Paulette C. Walker, National President was the keynote speaker
- Social Action luncheon guest speaker, Soror Carla Harris (Co-Chair, National Social Action Commission)
- Many wonderful Plenary Sessions and Internal Development Workshops
- Re-Election of Southern Regional Director Soror Cheryl Turner
- Election of Soror Brittany Stephenson as Regional Representative (Member of Tau Rho Chapter, U of M)
- Soror Felicia Freemon was selected Advisor of the Year



## PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE PILL BOTTLES DELIVERY

The Physical and Mental Health Committee Chair, Soror Linda Rogers, and Co-Chair, Soror Shantay Sharpe, delivered pill bottles to Food For The Poor for transport to Haiti. Sorors collected over 500 bottles during this committee activity. It was an impressive effort from sorors, and the committee extends a huge **Thank You** to chapter members for their support.

## BLACK BUSINESS BUY OUT

Thanks to all the sorors that supported Lee's Grocery, 17500 S.W. 104th Ave., West Perrine, FL 33157, for the Black Business Buy Out. This worthy and empowering event to turn over dollars in our community was extremely successful. Miami Alumnae succeeded in creating new and continual store traffic during the five-hour event. If you did not have the opportunity to support this event, it is not too late to spend your dollars!



## UNCF

On June 21, 2014, Miami Alumnae sorors participated in the inaugural UNCF Walk for Education. This was a 5K walk at Vista View Park in Davie, FL, with several other community organizations. UNCF plays a pivotal role in enabling students to attend college, and Miami Alumnae has been a proud supporter of UNCF for many years.



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## Members News

### Kudos/Congratulations

- Legacy Magazine recognized Soror Natalie Reid as one of Miami-Dade County's 40 under 40 Black Leaders of Tomorrow for 2014.
- On July 17, 2014, The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to rename the Public Health Trust's Jackson North Medical Center Intensive Care Unit wing "The Sandra A. Sears Surgical Center."
- Dr. Krystal Louise Shorter Meares, daughter of Soror Bernice Shorter-Meares, and one of our 2003 scholarship winners graduated from the University of Georgia on August 1, 2014, with a Doctor of Philosophy – Counseling Psychology.
- Jeffery and Jenny King, son and daughter-in-law of Soror Althea King, gave birth to a baby girl on August 10, 2014.

### Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Continue to pray for all our sorors who are bereaved, sick, and shut-in; including Sorors Anna Grace Sweeting, Arcie Ewell,

and Barbara Harris.

### Condolences

- Mr. Adrian Williams, brother of Soror Dianne Culmer, transitioned on Tuesday, August 5th. He was laid to rest on Saturday, August 9th, in New Orleans. Please continue to pray for Soror Culmer and her family during this difficult time.
- Soror Rosebud Lightbourn Foster entered Omega Omega chapter on Sunday, July 20th and was laid to rest on July 26th. Please continue to pray for her family.
- Ms. Dorothy Lee Culpepper, the mother of Soror Estella Chapman, transitioned on July 5th. She was laid to rest on Saturday, July 19th. Please continue to keep soror Chapman and her family in your prayers.
- Mr. Wilfred McKenzie, brother of Soror Brandhilda McKenzie Moore and uncle of Soror Flora McKenzie, transitioned on Tuesday, June 3rd. He was also the husband of our dear departed Soror Martha McKenzie, who entered Omega Omega chapter on June 23, 2010. Mr.

McKenzie was laid to rest on June 13th.

### • Mark Your Calendar

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – **School Board Meeting**  
October 24<sup>th</sup> – **Deltapalooza**  
December 13<sup>th</sup> – **Poinsettia Gala**

### 2014 MIAMI ALUMNAE CHAPTER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

#### Purpose:

- To develop and enhance sorors' leadership skills and knowledge of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- To encourage sorors to seek leadership positions within the Miami Alumnae Chapter
- To implement succession planning within the chapter

**Session Dates:** October 18th and 25th;  
November 8th-January 17th

#### Class Sessions:

Session A: 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.  
Break: 10:31 A.M. – 10:44 A.M.  
Session B: 10:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

*Sign-up will take place at the  
September chapter meeting.*