



# Delta Lines

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## Miami Alumnae Chapter's History



History is an account of past events in the form of a narrative; something important enough to be recorded in the life or development of a person or institution.

We have all heard what a rich history Miami Alumnae Chapter has. Those of us who have actually spent time perusing boxes of program books, pictures, newsletters, minutes, and newspaper clippings understand just how rich that history is.

Understanding Miami Alumnae's history is important as it covers a huge spectrum of programs, projects, and achievements of sorors who came before us. Through history we learn about our culture, traditions and moral values. These attributes of the chapter are extremely important for newer sorors to understand as they add value to the foundation laid by earlier sorors. We have to consider our past to build our future because we improve by learning from past experiences.

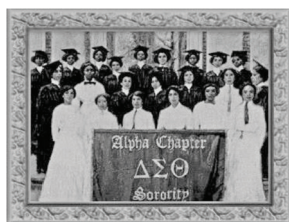
We must take into account how much our sorors were able to accomplish without mobile telephones, computers, internet, conference calls, and many of the other technological advances we enjoy today.

Miami Alumnae's history is important because it is the heritage that shaped the chapter we so deeply love. Our history helps us to better understand the sacrifices that were made for us and hopefully the next generation will appreciate the sacrifices we are making for them. The investing of funds, succession planning, ensuring chapter programs remain relevant, following Grand Chapter's guidelines, and branding the chapter—all of these items will become part of our history.

Communicating with Delta Dears and becoming familiar with past decisions made and solutions that were tried can help us to better resolve problems that we face today. During this sisterhood month, let's communicate a little more effectively with each other to learn more about Miami Alumnae's rich history and help to document it for the next generation.

Sisterly,

*Brenda L. Bryant*



**2016-2017 Miami-Dade County African-American History Calendar** – Miami Alumnae Chapter was profoundly honored to be featured as an exemplary role model in the 2016-2017 edition of the Miami-Dade County African-American History Calendar. Students and faculty of the AT&T Miami-Dade partner schools and thousands of other community members who received the calendar were introduced to the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the other eleven trailblazing organizations and individuals featured in the calendar.

## The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

### Protocol Tips

**Pursuant to the Bylaws, Article III, Section 3:** "All chapters shall be governed by Grand Chapter **Constitution and Bylaws** and shall promulgate Rules of Order and Policies and Procedures to be submitted to the Scholarship and Standards Committee for review and compliance, and thereafter followed by the chapter once approved by two-thirds vote of the chapter members present and voting." Local chapters are required to evaluate and update their Policies and Procedures following the conclusion of the National Convention to maintain consistency with the Sorority's **Constitution and Bylaws** and to ensure that the **Constitution and Bylaws** are not superseded.

*Email from National First Vice President, January 8, 2016*

### Inspirational Word

O Lord, You are the God of the universe and Lord of our lives. We worship You and give glory to Your name. You are holy and wonderful-amazing and awesome, and we thank You for all You have done for us. Because Your Word says You are able to do beyond what we can even think to ask for, we call on You to meet all of our needs in ways more wonderful than we can even imagine. We thank You in advance. In Your Son's name, Amen.

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## Delta Time

### Sorority Meeting

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016**

### FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS

(Cafeteria)

9300 North West 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
9:45–10:09 a.m.	Formal Opening
10:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	General Meeting

Attire: Blue/Indigo Business Attire (Cooling and Electric)

Hostess: March Hostess Group

### Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- 2016-2017 First Budget Reading
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
  - Poinsettia Gala
  - Jabberwock
  - Arts and Letters
  - Economic Development
  - 12th Grade Debutante
  - Physical and Mental Health
  - Scholarship and Awards
  - 75th Anniversary
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment
- Formal Closing

Submit all news and announcements to:

[corresponding@dstmiami.org](mailto:corresponding@dstmiami.org)  
[chaptermail@dstmiami.org](mailto: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

### 2016 Florida and the Bahamas State Cluster

The 2016 Florida and The Bahamas State Cluster is on March 18th-20th, at the Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Weston, FL. Cluster registration closed on January 10th. Onsite registration is not available. Kudos to the 51 Miami Alumnae Chapter members who registered for the cluster!

### Clothing Drive

All sorors are asked to support the Economic Development Business Makeover Clothing Drive by bringing gently worn or new business suits/clothing, shoes, jewelry and or purses to the March 5th chapter meeting.

### Cooking Gents Affair

Cooking Gents will be held on Saturday, May 21st at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport and Convention Center – 711 N.W. 72nd Ave., Miami, FL 33126. The affair will begin at 4:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$40, Children tickets are \$20, and parking is \$5. Table sponsorship cost is \$500 and includes a reserved table. Please see a committee member for ticket and sponsorship information or visit [dstmiamievents.eventbrite.com](http://dstmiamievents.eventbrite.com) to purchase tickets and ads. Your help is needed to recruit gents. Contact any member of the committee or email [cgents@dstmiami.org](mailto:cgents@dstmiami.org) to provide Gent information.

### Debutante Reunion

If you know anyone who was a Miami Alumnae Chapter Debutante, please have them complete the Debutante Reunion form or have them contact Soror Stephanie Steele-Nelson at [2ndvice@dstmiami.org](mailto:2ndvice@dstmiami.org). You don't want to miss this event. Information on the Debutante Reunion plans will be mailed soon.

### Intercessory Prayer

The Intercessory Prayer Session is Friday, February 5th, at 9:00 p.m. The new 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](mailto:drroz25@yahoo.com).

**Sister To Sister,**

**With Love To . . .**

**Our "Delta Sorors"**

***We appreciate the Sister in you!***



# Community Service/Events

## 2015-2016

### LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

My, oh my, how time flies! The Miami Alumnae Chapter Leadership Academy is still proving to be effective. The fourth Leadership Academy was held

September 19, 2015 – February 16, 2016. Class topics included Delta Style Writing Guide, Delta Internet Guidelines, The Membership Intake Process, and Order in Delta: Robert's Rules of Order and Delta's Policies. The objective of The Miami Alumnae Leadership Academy is to: 1. prepare Miami Alumnae Chapter for succession planning, 2. enhance the knowledge of leaders who will read and apply Grand Chapter and Miami Alumnae's guidelines, 3. develop sorors who



will ensure the chapter programs remain relevant, and 4. retrain returning sorors. Attendees were: Mildred Berry, Sandra Clark, Desiree Culpepper, Kathy Evans, Alicia Jones, Linda Lightfoot, Michele Paramore, Michelle Pinckney-White, Gwendolyn Samuels, Shantay Sharpe, Bernice Shorter-Meares, Stephanie Steele-Nelson, Gracelyn Thomas, Nicole Walker, Rosalyn Walker, and Alessandra Williams. These sorors appear to be more self-assured of their roles in the chapter and their knowledge of Delta's guidelines.

## DELTA DAYS AT THE CAPITOL (DDAC)

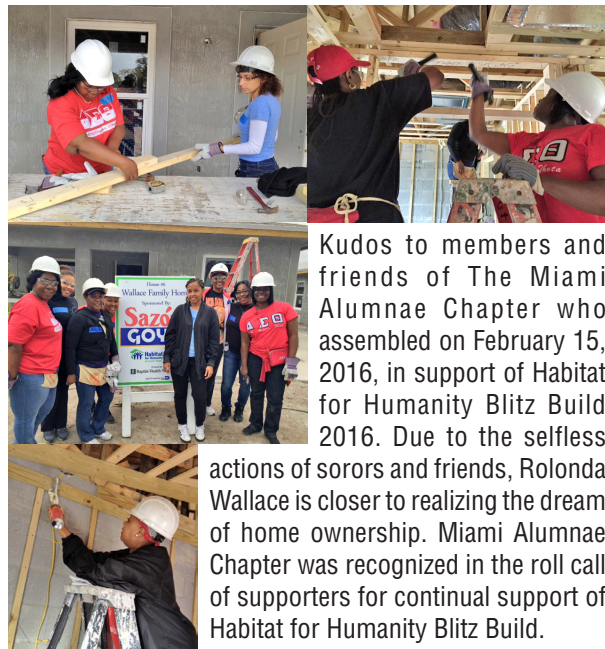
Six Miami Alumnae chapter members were in attendance for the 22nd Delta Days at the State Capitol in chilly Tallahassee, FL, on January 24-26, 2016. Miami Alumnae Chapter received two of the DDAC Social Action Awards that recognized the highest level of significant social action contributions in one or more of the Five-Point Programmatic Thrust areas. The Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Award was



presented to Soror Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, an elected official, community leader and advocate who is making a difference in her community, and The Dr. Paulette C. Walker Social Action Award was presented to the Miami Alumnae Chapter for its exemplary social action initiatives. Congratulations to the Political Awareness and Involvement/Social Action committee and Miami Alumnae members for answering the call to social action!



## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Kudos to members and friends of The Miami Alumnae Chapter who assembled on February 15, 2016, in support of Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build 2016. Due to the selfless actions of sorors and friends, Rolonda Wallace is closer to realizing the dream of home ownership. Miami Alumnae Chapter was recognized in the roll call of supporters for continual support of Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build.

## JABBERWOCK 2016

An entertaining **Jabberwock at the Lyric** will take place on March 12, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at The Historic Lyric Theater – 918 N.W. 2nd Ave., Miami, FL 33136. Call Sorors Gaile Holland at (305) 562-7159, Barbara Anders at (305) 687-8336, or any member of the Jabberwock committee to purchase tickets. No tickets can be sold at the door. Invite your family, friends, and church members to pack the Lyric Theater. Come to Jabberwock prepared to purchase the lovely art work created by Miami-Dade County student artists in Power of the Paint Brush.



Power of the Paint Brush



**Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall**  
Honorary Chair and  
Mistress of Ceremonies



**Gussie J. Ervin**  
Historical Chair

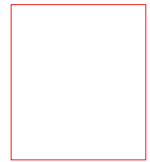


**Zoe Terry**  
Creator of Zoe's Dolls



**Aaron Johnson**  
Youth Author

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## Members News

### Kudos/Congratulations

- Soror Patricia Chestang Duncan, EdD. was recognized as a renown Philanthropist and Educator by Nova Southeastern University during the Black History Month Observance, ASCENT: Black Women's Expressions. The event was held on February 4th.
- Dr. Maybelline Pinkston Truesdell was featured as a Phenomenal Woman by Nova Southeastern University at the 2016 African Presence on the Nova Southeastern University main campus in Davie, Florida.
- Little Miss. Kyliegh Curran, granddaughter of Dr. Whittington B. and Imogene Johnson, will appear on Broadway, in The Lion King. Kyliegh's debut as Nala will take place on March 22nd. Kyliegh's proud parents are Shannon and Traci-Liegh Curran.
- Soror Cupidine Dean was recognized as Miss Booker T. Washington-1953 by the Booker T. Washington Alumni Association on February 21st. The celebration of Queens was in recognition of the schools'

90th anniversary.

### Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Soror Rose Moorman is home recovering nicely following a short stay in the hospital. Continue to pray for Soror Moorman as she gets back to her regular routines.

### Condolences

- Ms. Minnie Chisholm, mother of Soror Barbara Coakley, transitioned on January 18th, after a long illness. Ms. Chisholm was laid to rest on January 30th. Please keep our soror in your prayers during this most difficult time.
- Mrs. Ruby Parrott, mother of Soror Anna E. Jackson, transitioned on January 28th. She was laid to rest on February 6th. Please keep Soror Jackson and her family in your prayers during this most difficult time.
- Soror Barbara Harris transitioned into Omega Omega Chapter on Friday, February 19th. She was laid to rest on February 27th. Please keep Soror Harris' family in your prayers during this difficult time.

### Sisterhood Month Activities

The membership services committee has planned an exciting month to celebrate sisterhood in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The support of sorors is needed at each event.

- Hats Off For Cancer, Tony Roma's, 3300 N.W. 87th Ave., Miami, FL, March 2nd, from 6-9 p.m.
- Worship Service, Cathedral of Praise, 17201 S.W. 103rd Ave., Miami, FL, March 6th, 9 a.m.
- Sisterhood Social, Ruby Tuesday, 12075 S.W. 152nd St., Miami, FL, March 6th, 11:30 a.m.

### Mark Your Calendar

March 12<sup>th</sup> – **Jabberwock**  
March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – **Florida State Cluster**  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – **Debutante Cotillion**  
April 16<sup>th</sup> – **Orita Ceremony**  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> – **Relay for Life**

