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### President's Message

Greetings my Sweet Sweet Sorors,

Welcome to the October chapter meeting! Prayerfully everyone is recovering from "Hurricane Mania" and have started to settle in to the regular norms of daily routines. With the remains of devastation being visible throughout Dade County and in our neighboring Caribbean Islands and U.S. Territories, there is much work to do. As

you find family, friends or neighbors that are in need of a helping hand, please reach out, reach up, reach down, and reach across the aisle and offer assistance. Through these series of storms, we have come to realize that "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity."—the opportunity to be a blessing, to meet someone new, to share a bit of good news and to release a moment of hope and encouragement. It is our season to help... let's get to it my Sisters. Today is your friend. Now is your Moment! Don't procrastinate! Make a Bold Delta Move and Serve!

Sisterly,

Kay Williams-Dawson

#### **Motivational Message**

"Comfort Zone"

We all have a **comfort zone**, In which we all retreat. When times get tough it's hard to not Feel like you are beat.

So when you feel this time approaching, And your comfort zones in view. Stop and think about what you're feeling, And see if what you're feeling is true.

It's good we all have a spot, That makes us all feel good. But sometimes we may use that spot, When it's not necessary that we should.

So next time you feel the need, To stay in your comfort zone. See if all you really need, Is some **confidence** of your own.

Poet: Julie Hebert, ©2012



The 2016-2018 Miami Alumnae Chapter Executive Board is ready to serve. This sorority year will be an exciting and productive year for our chapter. As you can see, we are already in formation to serve this community and chapter. We want you to join us in creating Crimson Traditions and make a commitment to building our community in Scholarship.Sisterhood.Service.

## The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

#### **Protocol Tip**

#### Facebook • Twitter • Instagram • YouTube • LinkedIn

All information on the chapter social media accounts must be reviewed and approved by the chapter president. The chapter will be held responsible for the content of the chapter social media accounts.

Chapters and regions may use social media networks to promote public sorority programs and events. The planned promotion must be approved by the chapter president or regional director.

#### **Inspirational Word**

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." Anonymous

#### Sister To Sister,

With Love To . . .

**Our "Delta Sorors"** 

We appreciate the Sister in you!

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# **Delta Time**

Sorority Meeting SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017 FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS (Cafeteria) 9300 Northwest 41st Street Doral, Florida 33178 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Formal Opening 8:45 a.m. –11:30 a.m. General Meeting 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Lunch 12:30 p.m.– 5:00 p.m. Delta Internal

Development (DID) DID training is MANDATORY if you plan to participate with MIT. There are no make ups.

Attire: Black and Pink Business Attire Breast Cancer Awareness

Hostess: October Hostess Group

### Agenda

- Hostess Group
- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
  Financial Report
- Financial Repo
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations Elections Committee Internal Audit – 4th Quarter (FY 2016-2017) Poinsettia Gala Scholarship and Awards Political Awareness and Involvement/ Social Action Arts and Letters Economic Development Debutante Overview Mentoring Programs **Delta Violets Delta Academy** 10th Grade Sub-Debutantes 11th Grade Sub-Debutantes 12th Grade Debutantes
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

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

**DELTA INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING– MANDATORY** – Any Soror interested in working with Membership Intake this year **MUST** attend Delta Internal Development (DID) training immediately following the October chapter meeting. There will be no exceptions if you do not attend.

Arts and Letters – The Arts and Letters committee will attend the screening of "I CAN I WILL I DID." The movie features the granddaughter of our very own Soror Imogene. We look forward to seeing you there! The event is open to the public. Please wear Delta paraphernalia to the event. Please use this link to purchase your tickets. https://www. tugg.com/events/i-can-i-will-i-did-apoo. If you have any questions, please see Arts and Letters committee members.

**Finance Team** – Sorors who have pre-purchased rituals, chapter logo items (t-shirts and/or tote bags), and retreat gifts are asked to pick up the items at the October chapter meeting. Additionally, there are a limited number of retreat gifts for sale. The beach bag/mat with sorority logo is being sold at \$10 each. Please see any finance team for more information.

**Website** – The secure site on the chapter's website, WWW.DSTMIAMI.ORG, is activated. The chapter newsletter and chapter meeting reports are housed on the website for sorors to retrieve. Log in to the website using your email address on file with the finance and technology teams and click on the "Members Only" box. Click on the report you are interested in reviewing/printing. Please contact Soror Marcia Samuel should you need assistance. You will not be able to change this unless the financial team and technology chairs have approved it.

**Mentoring Groups Applications** – Delta Academy, 10th and 11th Grade Sub-Debutantes, and Delta Violets are accepting applications. Please see committee members for additional information.

**Membership Directories** – Membership directories will be available for pick up during the October chapter meeting. Please see Soror Samuel and technology committee for any additional information.

**Hostess Fees** – 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 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**

## **DELTAPALOOZA 2017**

Deltapalooza 2017 is in the books! This was an awesome event for the community to attend. Delta Education, Health, and Cultural Initiative (DEHCI) in partnership with the Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted the 7th annual Deltapalooza at Renaissance Ballroom. Sorors provided guests, community members, and friends with delicious food and beverages. The room was filled with over 400 people who were entertained by the sounds of DJ Soso. Thank you to the committee for an outstanding event! See you next year!



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## **Members News**

#### Kudos/Congratulations

- Congratulations to our President, Soror Kay Dawson, as she was selected as 1 of 22 mentors for the 2017-2018 Southern Region Leadership Institute.
- Congratulations to Soror Andrea Pelt-Thornton as she will be honored at the Broward United Nations Day celebration. She will receive the Sustainable Energy Advocate Award.

### Condolences

- Willie Mae Robinson, the greatgrandmother of Soror Alessandra "Sandy" Williams, transitioned on September 17th. Blessed to live to 107 years old, Mrs. Robinson was laid to rest on Saturday, September 23rd. Please keep Soror Williams and her family in your thoughts and prayers.
- The grandmother of Marshonda-Austin Cheatham, Mrs. Mae Lee Mansell, transitioned on Sunday, September 17th.

She was laid to rest on September 30th.

• The beloved aunt of Soror Willowstine Lawson, Mary Gipson Goss of Harlem, New York, passed away. She was her mother Ernestine Gipson Lawson's youngest sister. The funeral and burial were on September 23rd in Summerton, South Carolina. We ask that you keep Soror Willowstine Lawson and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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

- Soror Peggy Green is currently critically ill. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.
- Soror Helen Gay is at home recuperating after a stay in Mount Sinai Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.
- Please keep sorors in your prayers who are experiencing loss, illness, bereavement, and other serious situations. Your thoughts and prayers make a difference.

#### Gift Cards

Miami Alumnae Chapter will adopt North Harris County Alumnae Chapter in Houston, Texas and send gift cards for Sorors in need of relief from the damage left by Mister Harvey the Hurricane! Please bring gift cards of your choosing to the chapter meeting as we prepare to do our first mailing of gift cards to the chapter. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar November 4<sup>th</sup> – Chapter Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Poinsettia Gala

