



Delta Lines

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A Christmas Wish



The Christmas holiday season is the time to cast all worries, problems, and ill feelings aside and focus on fellowshiping with family and friends. Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The best gift we can give our sorors is the gift of love and friendship.

During this Christmas season:

May you be blessed with the spirit of the season, which is peace; the gladness of the season, which is hope; and the heart of the

season, which is love.

May your home be filled with the love of family, the reliance of friendship, and the sound of laughter.

May the kindness of the season touch your heart to share compassion with strangers, understanding with family, and thoughtfulness with friends.

May you be blessed beyond measure and your days filled with unspeakable peace, delightful joy, and loads of happiness.

May you experience the music of heaven, the melody of a harp plucked by gentle fingers, and the harmony of mockingbirds.

May the memories that linger long after the season is over bring a smile to your face, a twinkle in your eyes, and a bounce to your step.

Christmas is a time of holiday cheer, wise men, and presents; but never let us forget the reason for the season.

Christmas

*Every time a hand reaches out
To help another....that is Christmas
Every time someone puts anger aside
And strives for understanding....that is Christmas
Every time people forget their differences
And realize their love for each other....that is Christmas
May this Christmas bring us
Closer to the spirit of sisterly understanding and
Closer to the blessing of happiness and peace!*

Sisterly,

Brenda L. Bryant



Sorors worshipped at New Way Fellowship Praise and Worship Church on

November 1, 2015, in support of Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, president of Florida Memorial University, soror and guest speaker for New Way's Fortieth Anniversary Sunday service. Dr. Artis ministered to the congregation. Church members who were graduates of Florida Memorial University gave special recognition to the University for its outstanding educational influence in the community.

The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Protocol Tip

Parliamentary Procedures: Every member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., especially those holding office and seeking office, should be familiar with parliamentary procedures to assist in the running of effective and productive chapter meetings in an environment that fosters sisterly love and respect.

- Parliamentary procedures are a set of rules designed to maintain orderly conduct at meetings allowing everyone to be heard and decisions to be made with limited disorder.
- A quorum must be present to conduct business. If there is no quorum, the meeting can proceed, but no voting to conduct business can take place.
- Motions are used to give members a voice during the meeting.
- A member obtains the floor by being recognized by the presiding officer.
- All remarks must be addressed to the presiding officer.
- No member can speak more than twice on a motion.
- The presiding officer must remain impartial during discussion.
- The presiding officer can vote only to break a tie.

The order of a motion:

- The motion is presented
- The motion is seconded-as needed
- The motion is repeated by the presiding officer
- Discussion is held on the motion
- The motion is voted on.

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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2015

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
9:30–9:40 a.m. 12th Grade
Sub-Debutantes
9:41–9:51 a.m. Tau Rho Chapter
Presentation
9:52–9:59 a.m. Jewel Ceremony
10–10:09 a.m. Formal Opening
10:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. General Meeting

Attire: Green Business Attire (Balance and Harmony)

Hostess: December Hostess Group

Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
 - Poinsettia Gala
 - Founders Day
 - Economic Development
 - 10th Grade Sub-Debutante
 - 11th Grade Sub-Debutante
 - Political Awareness and Involvement
 - Scholarship and Awards – UNCF
 - Arts and Letters
 - 75th Anniversary
- 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

Delta Days at the Capitol Pre-Session – Miami and Dade County Alumnae Chapters will host the second Delta Days at the Capitol Pre-Session on December 10, 2015, 6:30-8 p.m. at Miami-Dade College North Campus Science Complex-104-A. The address is 11380 N.W. 27th Avenue, Miami, FL 33167. Local elected officials will share legislation they are sponsoring that will affect Miami-Dade County.

Delta Days at the Capitol (DDAC) – It is our duty as Deltas to affect social change and public policy that directly impacts our community. The Florida Delta Days at the Capitol (DDAC) committee is requesting your Social Action passion as we converge in Tallahassee for the 22nd Annual DDAC on January 24-26! Registration is \$70 for Alumnae and \$45 for Collegiate. Registration will close on January 13, 2016. Contact Soror Allison Aristide if you plan to attend and/or need to share a room.

Founders Day – The 2016 Founders Day Luncheon is January 23, 2016, 11 a.m., at the Jungle Island Treetop Ballroom (1111 Parrot Jungle Trail, Miami, FL 33132). The payment is \$50, payable by check to DEHCI or online at dstmiamievents.eventbrite.com. The deadline for payment is December 28, 2015. The guest speaker is Beverly E. Smith, National First Vice President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The Living Legend Honoree is Retired Congresswoman Carrie P. Meek. The Mistress of Ceremonies is Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis and the Founders Day Historical Chair is Soror Maureen Stafford Bethel.

UNCF Annual Drive – The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) sub-committee is proud to announce that Miami Alumnae's UNCF goal for 2015-16 is \$10,500. Sorors should stop by the UNCF table at the December 5th chapter meeting prepared to make a generous donation. UNCF Raffle tickets will also be available for the cost of \$10 to win: 1st prize-Apple iPad, 2nd prize-\$150 Gas Card, and 3rd prize-a \$100 Visa Gift Card.

25 and 50 Year Celebration and Retiring Sorors Chapter members who will celebrate 25 or 50 years in Delta and/or retire during the 2015-16 sorority year should contact Soror Stephanie Steele-Nelson by February 6, 2016. Contacting Soror Steele-Nelson sooner than the deadline date would be greatly appreciated.

Intercessory Prayer – Philippians 4:6 (Good News Translation): Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need always asking Him with a thankful heart. The Intercessory Prayer Session is the Friday night before the sorority meeting. If you would like sorors to pray with you and your family, please submit names to the chaplain: Soror Rosalyn Walker at drroz25@yahoo.com.

Community Service/Events

2015 DELTAPALOOZA



On Friday, October 23, 2015, Deltapalooza was held at the Renaissance Ballroom. Sorors received and interacted with guests who provided their own delicious food and favorite beverage. A delightful party atmosphere filled the room as DEHCI's annual party with a purpose was enjoyed by all. Kudos to the committee for another successful event!

75TH ANIVERSARY DONOR ROLL

(as of Nov. 18, 2015)

Alexander, Diane	Johnson, Shirley
Alexander, Lois	Jones, Cecilia
Anders, Barbara	Jones, Rosa
Berry, Mildred	King, Althea
Brown, Jesselyn M.	Koonce, Geraldine
Brown, Marcia P.	Lawson, Willowstine
Brown-Major, Tanya	Lindsey, Marilynn Koonce
Bryant, Brenda	Lowery, Johnnie
Burroughs, Cynthia	Norwood, Sherrilyn
Cambridge, Lenora	Paramore, Shirley
Carter, Erma	Pinckney-White, Michelle
Clarke, Gwendolyn	Porter, Naomi
Coleman, Eleanor	Powell, Sandra
Cole-Russell, Eugenia	Raiford, Margaree
Culmer, Dorothy	Richardson, Charlie Ann
Daniels, Patricia	Rowan, Tawnicia
Davis, Dorothy	Shorter-Meares, Bernice
Dawkins, Nancy	Smith, Bloneva
Dawson, Deborah	Steele-Nelson, Stephanie
Dean, Cupidine	Storr, Mazie
Dorsaint, Mary	Taylor, Peggy
Duncan, Pat	Thompkins, Edna
Dunnell, Carolyn	Walker, Arabella
Ervin, Gussie	Wanza, Andrea
Evans, Kathy	Wilder, Nellie
Ferguson, Betty	Williams, Alessandra
Freeman, Felicia	Williams, Joyce
Grace, JeRhonda	Williams, Willie Mae
Grace, Regina	Wright, Carol
Hall, Josephine	
Hooks, Juanita	
Jackson, Mona	
James, Marsha	

75th Scholarship Donations
 Cole-Russell, Eugenia & Family
 Simpson, Dazelle

Saturday, December 12, 2015
 Reception: 8:00 P.M.
 Soiree: 8:30 P.M.
 DoubleTree Airport and Convention Center
 (Hotel Ballroom)
 711 N.W. 72nd Avenue
 Miami, Florida 33126

2015 Poinsettia Gala

Donation: \$75 Attire: Semi-Formal
 No. 123

Miami Alumnae Chapter of
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Don't miss the opportunity to secure your tickets for the 2015 Poinsettia Gala! We will dine, dance, and honor community advocates. For tickets contact Sorors Maybelline Truesdell-South, Marsha James-Central, or Alessandra Williams-North.

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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR SOROR



Soror Nancy Dawkins, born in Dania, FL, graduated from Dillard High School in 1941. She matriculated at Bethune Cookman College, a two year institution at the time, and earned an Associates of Arts degree in Home Economics. Soror Dawkins continued her education at Florida A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Indiana University where she earned a Master's degree in Education. Soror Dawkins was initiated in the Miami Alumnae Chapter in 1978 on the Syncopated 17 line. She understood the lifetime commitment vowed during the intake process and has been a Golden Life member since 1978, shortly after initiation. Committees she has worked on include: Sub-Debutantes, Jabberwock, Social Action, Founders Day, Building Search, and International Awareness. She is a member of the December hostess group and chair of the Delta Dears group. Soror Dawkins has been the Delta Dears chair since 1981 and has been awarded the chapter's Community Service Award three times—1982, 1987, and 1993. Soror Dawkins shared that Delta has been good to her, she is proud to be a Delta and enjoy meeting Deltas throughout her travels. Her word of wisdom to sorors is "Do all you can while you can."



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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

- Soror Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall was elected Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade County School Board on Wednesday, November 18th, making her the first black woman elected to that position.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Continue to pray for sorors who are bereaved, sick, in recovery, or shut-in.

Condolences

- Mr. A.W. Williams, Step-Father of Soror Kay Dawson and husband of Soror Margaret Williams, transitioned on Saturday, November 14th. Services for Mr. Williams will be held Tuesday, November 24th, in Houston, TX. Please keep Sorors Dawson and Williams in your prayers during this most difficult time.
- Soror Helen Jackson Davis transitioned into Omega Omega Chapter on November 16th. She was laid to rest on November 21st. Please keep her daughters and other family members in your prayers during

this most difficult time.

75th Anniversary Tumblers

75th Anniversary tumblers (26 oz.) are available for order until December 5th. The cost is \$20, payable to Miami Alumnae Chapter. Contact Soror Tamisha Roundtree at tgroundtree@gmail.com or (786) 229-4701 to place your order.



2016 Miami Alumnae Chapter Calendar



Place your pre-order for the 2016 Miami Alumnae Chapter calendar by contacting an Economic Development Committee member. Every soror will need a calendar

to remain current on chapter events and meetings as well as Southern Region and National event dates. Calendars are \$5, payable to DEHCI.

National Pan-Hellenic Council Toy Drive

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) is conducting its 2015 Toy Drive for the Children's Cancer Center. Please bring unwrapped toys for children between the ages of 5-18 to the December chapter meeting. Please contact Soror Keietta Givens for additional information.

Mark Your Calendar

- December 2nd – **School Board Meeting**
- December 9th – **Naming Ceremony**
- December 12th – **Poinsettia Gala**
- December 13th – **Vesper Service**
- January 9th – **Chapter Meeting**
- January 23rd – **Founders Day Celebration**
- January 30th – **African American Calendar Unveiling**