



Delta Lines

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What Legacy Will You Leave?



Webster's dictionary defines legacy as "anything handed down from or as from an ancestor or predecessor." Legacy represents one's body of work—the contribution to the growth, innovation, and development of new programs, projects, processes, procedures, or inspiration provided to other sorors. Legacy is not bound by age or the amount of time one has or has not been in the chapter. If you were to leave the chapter today, what legacy would you leave? How will others remember you? If you were to

evaluate the last year, three years, or ten years of your contributions and their effect on Miami Alumnae's growth and development, what story would it tell about your legacy to the chapter?

It is not solely the responsibility of the president and executive board to create, add upon or leave a legacy for the chapter. The legacy of Miami Alumnae Chapter lies in the hands of every member of the chapter. We all have the opportunity and insight, based on our experiences and educational background, to enhance the legacy of this awesome chapter. Legacy is created from knowledge, experiences, reflections and understanding turned into action, programs, projects, and processes which will forever change an organization and its members.

You can most easily leave a legacy through the programs and projects you enjoy working with. There is always room for improvement.

The gift (s) and talent (s) you brought to Miami Alumnae are needed to enhance Miami Alumnae's legacy. Your bright ideas, design skills, artistic abilities, marketing skills, technological expertise, attention to details, singing ability, dance skills, distinctive voice, business savvy, knowledge of Delta's guidelines are all needed to usher Miami Alumnae to the next level and leave a lasting legacy. There is still time for each soror to make an even greater positive impact on Miami Alumnae's present and future!

Our charter members laid the foundation for Miami Alumnae Chapter. It is our responsibility to continue building upon that foundation. **We** should leave this chapter better than **we** found it and should prepare the chapter for the next generation.

Sisterly,

Brenda L. Bryant

NCNW Recognizes Miami Alumnae – The Metropolitan Dade County Section National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) recognized Miami Alumnae Chapter on April 16, 2016, during its 23rd Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Umbrella Awards Luncheon. The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. was founded on December 5, 1935, by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Their mission is to lead, develop, and advocate for women of African descent as they support their families and communities.



The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Scholarship and Standards Webinar – The Elections Committee: **Q**-Can the President appoint the chair and members of the Elections Committee at the beginning of her two-year term when she appoints the chairs of the standing committees? **A**-No, the chair and members of the Elections Committee are appointed as needed.

Q-Is it acceptable to have the Elections Committee in place the entire biennium in order to alleviate continuing to appoint this committee from time to time during the biennium? **A**-No, the Elections Committee is a special committee and should be appointed at the time the election is to occur.

Q-Can an election be held before the ceremonial opening of a meeting? **A**-No, the chapter elections must take place during the chapter meeting. The beginning and ending time for the elections must be clearly stated in advance and approved by the chapter so that all members are aware. Remember, voting can take place only during the time that an official chapter meeting is held!

Recording the Vote – • The chair of the Elections Committee reads the report and hands it to the presiding officer.

• The presiding officer reads the report and declares the result of the vote. In each case, where the candidate has the majority, the presiding officer declares that candidate elected. It is not necessary for the presiding officer to call for a motion to adopt the report of the Elections Committee because the election results stand as reported.

• The report is entered into the minutes becoming a part of the official records of the chapter.

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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2016

FIRE RESCUE HEADQUARTERS

(Cafeteria)

9300 North West 41st Street
Doral, Florida 33178

8:30–8:44 a.m. Formal Opening
8:45–10:15 a.m. Voting for 2016-2018
Chapter Officers
8:50–9:44 a.m. Breakfast
8:50–9:44 a.m. Member Banking Hours
9:45–9:54 a.m. Hostess Group
Presentation
9:55–10:09 a.m. Jewel Ceremony
10:10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. General Meeting
Attire: Violet Business Attire (Divine Spirit)
Hostess: May Hostess Group

Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- 2016-2017 Third Budget Reading
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
 - 12th Grade Debutante
 - 11th Grade Debutante
 - Jabberwock
 - Rules – Second Reading
 - Scholarship and Awards
 - Cooking Gents
 - May Week
 - 75th Anniversary
 - Property Acquisition and Management/
Charter School
 - Elections
- 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

Election of Officers

The opening ceremony for the May chapter meeting will begin promptly at **8:30 a.m.** to allow for election of the 2016-2018 chapter officers. **A quorum is needed to vote** for chapter officers and must be maintained to conduct chapter business. Following the opening ceremony, sorors will proceed to vote and to breakfast. Voting will end at 10:15 a.m.; however, the meeting agenda will continue as printed.

Please Note The Following For Voting:

- Only members who are financial for the 2015-2016 sorority year and present will be allowed to vote.
- Balloting will begin at 8:45 a.m. and close promptly at 10:15 a.m.
- Sorors must present a valid photo ID to obtain a ballot.
- NO campaigning is allowed in the Voting Room.

Voting for Chapter Awards

Sorors should come to the May 7, 2016, chapter meeting prepared to vote for Miami Alumnae's prestigious chapter awards. The awards include the Professional Achievement Award, Community Service Award, and Winona Cargile Alexander Award. Voting will take place from 8:45-10:15 a.m. Sorors must be financial for the 2015-2016 sorority year to vote. Sorors are encouraged to review the exceptional portfolios prepared by the nominees detailing their qualifications for the specific award.

May Week

May Week will include the following activities: Reading night at Perrine Gardens Afterschool House in South Miami and Richard Allen Academy in North Miami. The worship service and program recognizing educators will be held at Wactor Temple AME Zion Church on May 22, 2016, at 9 a.m. The church address is 5632 NW 31st Avenue, Miami, FL 33142. Please contact Soror Evelyn Lawrence for additional information.

Economic Development Clothing Drive

The Economic Development Committee will collect gently worn business clothing for Pumps, Pearls, and Portfolios during the May chapter meeting. Shoes and accessories are also accepted. Please see Soror Eoline Watson for additional information.

Intercessory Prayer

The Intercessory Prayer Session is Friday, May 6, 2016, at 9 p.m. The new conference telephone number is 305-715-3865, 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.

Community Service/Events

THE 66TH ANNUAL DEBUTANTE COTILLION

The 66th Annual Debutante Cotillion, held on April 9, 2016, marked the end of a three-year journey for the 15 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 Nailah-One Who Succeeds. The chapter awarded \$38,500 in scholarships to several of the young ladies. Nine \$1,000 Dare to Dream scholarships were awarded to Kateland Ellis, Jasmine Johnson, Jada Love, Eryka Palmer, Sade Roberts, Omaria Rolle, My'Kayla Samuels, Sierra Smith, and Amaya Townsel. The top three scholarships were awarded to Kaitlyn Wisdom (\$7,000), Leesa Newbon (\$9,000), and Aireyl Jordan (\$13,500). Eleanor Coleman (1951 Debutante) was the historical chair. Dorothy Saunders (1952 Debutante), Beverly Nixon (1958 Debutante), and Eleanor Coleman were all honorary chairs. Thanks to the Chair-Linda Taylor, Co-Chairs-Lois Alexander and Julie Gilchrist, and committee members for a well planned and executed cotillion.



THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY DEBUTANTE REUNION WEEKEND

The Debutante Reunion Weekend began with a reception on Friday evening consisting of a historical display of the Debutante program from 1951 to 2015, a video presentation of past debutantes, sharing of past debutante experiences, and passed hors d' oeuvres. The group was presented by decades at

the cotillion and continued socializing during a soiree following the cotillion. The Debutante Reunion closed out on Sunday with a well-attended brunch. Fifty-seven registrations were received for the Debutante Reunion Weekend. Kudos to Soror Bernice Shorter-Meares and the committee for a fun-filled weekend.

DELTA DAY AT THE SCHOOL BOARD

Miami and Dade County Alumnae Chapter members were well represented during Miami-Dade County's April 13th School Board meeting. Chapter members were front and center in RED representing the community at large. Before proceeding to the school board auditorium for the monthly meeting, members met with school board department directors to learn more about



current projects and to discuss how the organizations could join forces to support the needs of the students. Special thanks to Vice Chair and Soror Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall for hosting this event.

THE 25TH ANNUAL ORITA CEREMONY – On April 16, 2016, thirty 11th grade sub-debutantes-Adelana, “Her Crown Paves the Way,” were presented at the crossroad for their rite of passage. The 25th Annual Orita Ceremony was held at New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church. Many of the sorors, parents, and friends were moved to tears by this very heart-felt ceremony that celebrated the transformation of young ladies to adulthood.



RELAY FOR LIFE – The Relay for Life event was held on April 23, 2016, at the Betty T. Ferguson Recreational Complex from 3-10 p.m. Sorors, family members and friends participated in this community event to help bring awareness and research dollars to the prevention of cancer and aid to those fighting this dreadful disease. Cancer survivors were recognized during the opening with a survivor lap, the Greek organizations held a stroll off, and bounce houses were available for children.



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Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

- Soror Kiabi DuBose gave birth to a baby girl, Konner Karena Evans, on March 19th.
- Sorors Ariel Brooke Robinson and Madeline Compere will graduate from Florida International University with Master of Science Degrees in Higher Education Administration on May 10th.
- Soror Yolanda Cash Jackson was an awardee at the National Bar Association's 36th Annual Mid-Year Conference & Gertrude E. Rush Awards Dinner on April 23rd. The Conference was held April 21-24, 2016, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Sorors Margaree Raiford and Marsha James are home recovering and following doctors' orders. Please keep these sorors in your prayers for a complete healing.
- Soror Inez Gillard and her family are in need of your prayers due to a fire that occurred in their home on Saturday, April 23rd. The family was not home during the

fire. As well, Soror Gillard is in need of continual prayers as she follows doctor's orders.

- Please continue to pray for sorors who are ill or experiencing bereavement at this time.

Condolences

- Mr. Corwin Wilder, son of Soror Nellie Wilder, transitioned on April 4th, his birthday. Corwin was laid to rest on April 12th. Please keep Soror Wilder and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Mark Your Calendar

- May 17th – **Delta Day at the County**
- May 21st – **Cooking Gents Affair**
- May 22nd – **May Week**
- June 10th – **End-of-Year Bowling**
- June 18th – **75th Anniversary Reception**



The 2016 Cooking Gents Affair

The Miami Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in partnership with Delta Education, Health and Cultural Initiative, Inc., invites you to the...

2016

Cooking Gents Affair:

21 Years of Distinguished Gentlemen!

Saturday, May 21, 2016 | 4 to 8 PM

DoubleTree by Hilton
 Miami Airport & Convention Center
 711 Northwest 72nd Avenue – Miami, Florida 33126
 Self-Parking: \$5.00

E Tickets: \$40 (Adults) | \$20 (Children, ages 3 to 12)
 Visit <http://dstmiamievents.eventbrite.com> to purchase event tickets
 Tickets can also be purchased through members of Miami Alumnae Chapter.

Celebrity Guest
Tommy Ford
 Actor, Producer & Director

Honorary Chair
 The Honorable Audrey M. Edmonson
 Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 3

Historical Chair
 Yolanda C. Jackson, Esq.
 Shareholder, Becker & Pollackoff

Master of Ceremonies
 Ken James
 Radio Personality

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