



Delta Lines

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Breast Cancer Survivors



During breast cancer awareness month, I pause to give thanks to God for the many sorors and women in general who are survivors of this horrible disease. Having cancer, and for some having their breasts removed, is a difficult and trying period. The message that many breast cancer survivors realize early in the treatment process is that they are not the cancer. They are women! They also realize that every person and situation is different. Their situation isn't like anyone else's—and neither is their treatment.

In today's world, leading technology is used to aggressively treat cancer. Also used in this hostile battle are nutrition and therapy, because we now know that managing the side effects of cancer treatment is half the battle.

Nine (9) things people who are fighting cancer can do to empower themselves:

- **Learn all you can about the disease.**
- **Become a partner in the decision making regarding your care.**
- **Talk about your cancer diagnosis with friends and loved ones.**
- **Have a good outlook; focus on one day at a time.**
- **Change the things you can control, such as your environment and food.**
- **Enjoy life!**
- **Keep your mind busy and your body moving.**
- **Do your part to make the world a better place.**
- **Give your treatment your best shot.**

Cancer Treatment Center of America

Many women stated they used affirmations such as the following to keep a positive outlook on life:

- If you quit, you lose. If you fight, you survive. Be a fighter.
- Cancer is not a death sentence, it is a life sentence; it pushes one to live.
- I believe tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles.

Pinterest

I love you sorors!

Sisterly,

Brenda L. Bryant

Honorary Member – Soror Paula Madison



All Broward and Miami-Dade Alumnae Chapter Presidents greeted Soror Paula Madison during a

special dinner for guest presenters of the Fourth Annual Women of Color Empowerment Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, on September 12th. Soror Madison was initiated as an honorary member into our grand sisterhood on July 13, 2013, at the 51st National Convention in Washington, DC.

The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Protocol Tip

Based on the Constitution and Bylaws, a chapter that fails to comply with written rules of the Regional Director, the Scholarship and Standards Committee, the National President, or the Grand Chapter, can be suspended for six months; must develop a rehabilitation plan to be reinstated and must pay a \$250 fine.

44th Regional Conference Protocol and Traditions Workshop

Responsibility of the Member to the Chapter

The chapter is as successful as the members make it. It is the responsibility of all members to be effective. A member assumes an obligation to take part in the activities and to support the chapter. There are many ways of giving help to a chapter. Sorors may give extra help with ticket selling for a fundraising event or offer her home for a special occasion. Often meetings fall short of what they might accomplish because of the false notion that the sole responsibility rests with the chair. It is only when each member shares the responsibility for moving the business on that the chapter will operate effectively and in a truly democratic and sisterly fashion.

Delta Sigma Theta Parliamentarian Manual

Inspirational Word

Behavior is dictated by the heart of the man. Continuously seek God for a clean heart and right spirit. Your actions will follow. Righteous behavior comes from a righteous spirit.

Morning Reflections

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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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: Pink Business Attire

Hostess: October Hostess Committee

Agenda

- Jewel Ceremony
- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Hospitality Time
- Reports/Presentation
 - Deltapalooza
 - Poinsettia Gala
 - DID Workshop
- 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 Internal Development (DID)

Grand Chapter is encouraging chapters to conduct two DID classes each sorority year. Miami Alumnae will conduct the first of the DID classes on October 4, 2014. All sorors are encouraged to attend as we continue to develop our Delta knowledge and increase the bond of sisterhood. The Southern Region Florida Team of DID certified trainers will present the following topics: 1. It's Not Personal It's Protocol, Policies and Procedures; 2. Team Building; 3. Sisterhood.

Miami Alumnae Leadership Academy

Don't miss this year's Leadership Academy sessions scheduled for October 18th, November 8th and January 17, 2015, at the Fire Rescue Headquarters Cafeteria from 9:00 A.M.–12:15 P.M. The topics will include Applying Delta's Management Handbook to my Delta Life, Delta's Nine Cardinal Virtues—I am a Jewel, and The Role of Delta's Governing Documents: Constitution and Bylaws and Protocol and Traditions.

Financial Literacy Seminar for Parents

Thanks to a grant awarded by State Farm to the Miami Alumnae Mentoring Group, two Financial Literacy Seminars for parents will be held at Booker T. Washington High school, 1200 N.W. 6th Ave., Miami, FL 33136. The seminar topics will include Understanding Credit Scores and How to Improve Your Scores, Creating and Living by a Budget, and How to Use Bank Products. The seminars will be held on October 15th at 6:30 P.M. and October 25th at 10:00 A.M. All sorors are encouraged to attend and invite family and friends to become more financially literate through these seminars.

Mentoring Groups Referrals

Delta Violets, Delta Academy, and 10th and 11th Grade Sub-Debutantes are accepting referrals for young ladies. Please bring your completed form to the October chapter meeting. Referrals are available on the chapter briefing or by contacting the committee chair.

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.

Calendar Updates

Mark your calendars for the following National, Regional and State events: Delta Days at the Nation's Capital – Washington, DC (February 27th–March 3rd), Delta Days at the State Capitol – Tallahassee, FL (March 22nd–24th) and Florida State Cluster in Daytona Beach, FL (January 23rd–25th).

Community Service/Events



INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS SCHOOL SUPPLY PACKING

The International Awareness Committee gathered on August 23rd at the home of Soror Evelyn Lawrence to pack school supplies for shipping to a number of needy schools in Haiti. Thanks to Harvey Covington & Thomas, LLC—employer of Soror Deanna Stinson—for a generous donation of school supplies. Because of their donation and the hard working International Awareness Committee members, many children in Haiti will be better equipped to gain a quality education. Twelve large boxes of school supplies were packed.



INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS FOOTPRINTS ACROSS HAITI PACKING

The International Awareness Committee partnered with Footprints Across Haiti on September 13th to pack over 500 pair of shoes for shipping to Haiti. The purpose of this wonderful organization is to address concerns of the harsh Haitian terrain by providing the citizens with relief in the form of shoes. A huge **Thank You** is extended to sorors for contributing over 150 pair of shoes to this project.



*The Miami Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.*

cordially invites you to join us in honoring community service leaders



*The Honorable Oscar Braynon, II
Florida State Senator*



*Tracy Wilson Mourning
Founder and Visionary of
Honey Shine, Inc.*



*Robbin Simmons
WSVN co-anchor of the weekend edition of 7 NEWS
Mistress of Ceremony*

POINSETTIA GALA

*Enjoy an engaging array of music and dining
Saturday, December 13, 2014*

Reception 8:00 P.M. / Soiree 8:30 P.M.

Newman Alumni Center at the University of Miami

6200 San Amaro Drive

Coral Gables, FL 33146

Donation: \$75 – Payable to DEHCI

Attire: Semi-Formal

Community Service Honorees:

Senator Oscar Braynon II and Tracy Wilson Mourning

Mistress of Ceremonies: Robbin Simmons

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PRESENTS**

DELTAPALOOZA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2014

8:30 PM - 1 AM

RENAISSANCE BALLROOM

5910 SW 8TH STREET

MIAMI, FL

PARTY SETUP TABLE STARTS AT 7:30 PM

\$20 Advance Tickets

**BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES
PARTY WITH A PURPOSE**

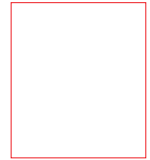
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Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

- Soror Chakeia Guyton was accepted into The School District of Palm Beach County Aspiring Leaders Academy.
- Soror Kay Williams-Dawson was appointment Florida State Chaplain by the Regional Director.
- Soror Maybelline Pinkston-Truesdell was appointed Principal of RAMZ Academy Charter School.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Soror Barbara Harris was released from the hospital on September 5th after surgery and an extensive stay in the hospital. She is at St. Anne's Nursing Center and Residence receiving rehabilitation and can also receive visitors.
- Soror Vivian Smith was recently released from the hospital after major surgery and is home recuperating.
- Continue to pray for all our sorors who are bereaved, sick, and shut-in; including Sorors Anna Grace Sweeting, Arcie Ewell, Maureen Bethel, and Nancy Dawkins.

Condolences

- Jessie Mae Stearns, age 91, mother of Soror Laura Mitchell transitioned on Friday, September 12th in Atlanta, Georgia. Please keep Soror Mitchell in your prayers.
- Dr. Lester B. Brown, husband of Soror Maudelle Brown, transitioned on Friday, September 12th. Dr. Brown was laid to rest on Saturday, September 20th. Please keep Soror Brown and her family in your prayers.
- Anita Paulin, Mother of Soror Lynette Wims, transitioned on Friday, September

19th in Jacksonville, FL. Services for Ms. Paulin were held on Wednesday, September 24th. Please keep Soror Wims and her family in your prayers.

25 and 50 Year Celebration

Sorors who will celebrate 25 and 50 Years in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. during the 2014-2015 Sorority Year should contact Soror Steele-Nelson by October 15th. Sorors must be financial at the time of submission to Grand Chapter and at the time Grand Chapter processes the award.

Chapter Meeting Attire Colors – The Membership Services Committee has exciting projects for the 2014-2015 Sorority Year, starting with a change in the monthly attire! Chapter members are asked to participate by wearing colors which emphasize awareness of various health issues that affect the African American Community. The monthly colors are:

- October – Pink – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- November – Red – Diabetes Awareness Month
- December – Red – World Aids Awareness Month
- January – Black - Mental Wellness Awareness Month (Light Green is the color; however, we will wear black for the Rededication Ceremony.)
- February – Red – Women's Heart Health Awareness Month
- March – Orange – Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month
- April – Purple – General Cancer Awareness Month
- May – Red – Stroke Awareness Month
- June – Multi-Color – Aids Awareness/National Health Awareness/National Cancer Survivors Day