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The Debutante Cotillion—from Conception to Reality

(from Dorothy W. Maxwell)



Because of my love, interest and intense concern for young people—especially talented senior girls, many who were dropping out their senior year in high school for various reasons—mainly for pregnancy and perhaps boredom, there was a prayerful, earnest desire to find something which would provide excellent motivation for outstanding academic achievement, cultural, and moral refinement. While matriculating at Boston University, I conceived the idea of a Debutante Cotillion. The idea was

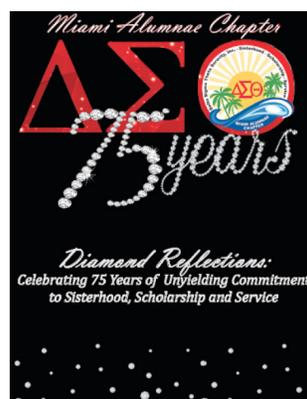
presented to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The group, being cognizant of the need to assist young people in attaining educational, cultural, and moral skills in order for them to compete effectively for places in today's changing society; and being further convinced that the key to progress is involvement and service, and that innovative action can result in improvement and change, approved the Debutante Cotillion. Hence in 1950 the Sorority's first cotillion was nurtured, planned, and initiated in the Parish Hall of St. Agnes Episcopal Church where ten (10) talented, charming, beautiful senior high school young ladies were formally presented to society. This first affair by an Afro-American organization in Miami was attended by an over-flowing capacity crowd. This activity has become a viable and cherished part of Miami Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta.

Relentless and eager in our quest to further enhance this activity, we instituted yet another Debutante project, the formulation of 11th and 10th Grade Sub-Debs. These groups are provided opportunities and experiences to receive orientation, exposure, and refinement in order to insure a smoother transition of upward mobility to the supreme event—The Debutante Cotillion—in the 12th grade.

The objectives of this program have been able to withstand the test of time and we are grateful that it has occupied an eminent place in the hearts and minds of the members of the Dade County Community.

Sisterly,

Brenda L. Bryant



In 1940, seven young Deltas who found themselves living and working together in Miami, FL, saw the need to continue their commitment in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. They requested permission to form a chapter. The permission was granted and on June 9, 1941, Beta Zeta Sigma Chapter was chartered with seven sorors and three initiates. The name was changed to Miami Alumnae Chapter in 1953 when Grand Chapter changed the nomenclature for chapters. In 2016 Miami Alumnae Chapter will give tribute to the charter members as we celebrate 75 years of sisterhood, scholarship and service!

The Corner: Where Knowledge Is Power

Code of Conduct – Failing to comply with written rulings based on the Constitution and Bylaws as decreed by the Regional Director, the Scholarship and Standards Committee, the National President, or the Grand Chapter can result in the chapter being suspended for six months, having a rehabilitation plan and a fine of \$250.

Code of Conduct, Revised—March 2015, Page 9

National Information and Communications Committee –

- Capitalize national convention when referring to a specific event, for example, 51st National Convention. Otherwise, use lowercase “national convention” or “the convention.” The national convention is never referred to as “Nationals.”
- Sorors should not be capitalized unless it is before a name. Examples: Soror Jane Doe; Jane Doe is a soror; The sorors gathered.
- Founders Day is always capitalized without an apostrophe after the “s.”
- Delta's Grand Chapter refers to the entire Sorority and is always capitalized.

Delta Style Guide, Pages 10-13

Inspirational Word

If God won't change the situation, ask Him to change your perspective. The way you see it determines the way you go through it.

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Delta Time

Sorority Meeting

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 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 – 9:44 A.M. DEHCI/Deltapalooza
- 9:45 – 9:59 A.M. Jewel Ceremony
- 10:00 – 10:09 P.M. Formal Opening
- 10:10 – 12:30 P.M. General Meeting

Attire: Pink Business Attire (A Calming Effect)

Hostess: October Hostess Group

Agenda

- Formal Opening
- Adoption of Agenda
- Minutes
- Correspondence
- President's Report
- Financial Report
- Hospitality
- Reports/Presentations
 - 75th Anniversary
 - Poinsettia Gala
 - Arts and Letters
 - DID Workshop – Political Awareness and Involvement – Soror Yolanda Cash Jackson
- 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) – Political Awareness and Involvement – Soror Yolanda Cash Jackson will conduct an informative session on the legislative process in our state capital, the state budget, the status of current house and senate bills, and how they will affect us, our families, and our communities. Most importantly, she will share why our presence is needed in Tallahassee and how we can influence change.

2016 Miami Alumnae Chapter Calendar

The Economic Development committee is in the production stage with the 2016 chapter calendar. Pre-orders for the calendar will be taken at the October chapter meeting. Every soror is asked to purchase this much needed chapter management tool which contains chapter, Southern Region and National meetings and event dates. Calendars are \$5, payable to DEHCI in support of the chapter building fund.

75th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt

Sorors who quilt, sew, stitch, or do embroidery are needed to help create a 75th Anniversary Commemorative Quilt. Soror Regina Grace should be contacted at 305-253-0992 to volunteer and receive additional details on this project.

75th Anniversary History Project

Sorors, your help is needed in building the archives and documenting the rich history of Miami Alumnae Chapter. Miami Alumnae volume one history binder will be created using the information received. Soror Rosa Harvey-Pratt should be contacted at 305-251-8495 should you have questions.

Arts and Letters

Motown the Musical is coming to the Adrienne Arsht Center on February 6, 2016, at 2:00 P.M. Contact the Arts and Letters committee chair if you are interested in attending the production. Ticket prices are as follows: Orchestra Circle/Tier 2 seats are \$73; Tier 3 seats are \$57. Tickets are limited! The early bird special ends November 7th. Checks should be made payable to Miami Alumnae Chapter.

Intercessory Prayer

Those who take up the call to intercession come to learn in a deeper way that the sufferings of the present time cannot compare to the joy that will come as God's purposes unfold. They learn to trust in the Lord, because they have experienced in prayer how infinitely compassionate God is. Intercessors participate in God's magnificent plan to raise humanity to share in divine life. This insight moves them to engage in a spiritual battle against the forces that seek to destroy God's plans. The Chaplain's Council requests your presence on the Miami Alumnae Chapter's Intercessory Prayer line on Friday, October 2, 2015, at 9:00 P.M. The conference telephone number is 530-881-1300, and the access code is 315448.

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Members News

Kudos/Congratulations

- Lyzanethia Howard, daughter of Soror Gwendolyn Samuels, gave birth to Alijah Ayaan Howard on August 26th, in Tallahassee, FL. Alijah was 6 lbs and 14 ounces. Lyzanethia was a 2004 Miami Alumnae Debutante and is a graduate of Florida A&M University, MS-Ed.
- Soror Lottie Tucker McMillan retired on September 30th from Miami-Dade College (MDC) after 27 years at MDC and 43 years in higher education.

Get Well Wishes and Prayers

- Soror Naomi Porter is at Heartland Assisted Living Facility recuperating after a short stay in the hospital following a planned procedure. Please, no visits or calls as soror Porter follows doctors' orders to focus on rehabilitation and rest. Prayers are needed and welcomed for a full and speedy recovery.
- Continue to pray for sorors who are bereaved, sick, in recovery, or shut-in.

Condolences

- Mr. Donald Koonce, brother of Soror Marilyn Koonce Lindsey and brother-in-law of Soror Geraldine Koonce, transitioned on September 14th and was laid to rest on September 19th. Please keep Sorors Lindsey and Koonce and their family in your prayers.

Chapter Meeting Attire Colors

For the 2015-2016 sorority year, the Membership Services Committee recommends meeting attire colors which focus on Healing Colors. Sorors are asked to participate by wearing colors which affect one's feelings, moods, and emotions. Sorors are asked to be creative in their color selections. A scarf, belt, ribbon, etc. is acceptable, and red is always appropriate. Not attending chapter meetings because you do not have the monthly color is never acceptable. The monthly colors are:
September – Red – The Great Energizer
October – Pink – The Calming Effect
November – Brown – Strength and Reliability
December – Green – Balance and Harmony

January – Black – Strength and Authority
February – Red – The Great Energizer
March – Blue/Indigo – Cooling and Electric
April – Yellow – Stimulating
May – Violet – Divine Spirit
June – Orange – Freeing

Mark Your Calendar

October 17th – **DTEC**
October 23rd – **Deltapalooza**
October 31st – **Leadership Academy**

