



The Delta Connection

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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The President's Corner



Greeting Sorors!

We did it! Another sorority year in the history books. Give yourselves a pat on the back for being committed and devoted to the Chapter and not being discouraged. What a successful sorority year, we had! Hinesville Alumnae Chapter members

were able to come together to put on a fantastic calendar of events, like the Literary Café and Go Red Bowling Tournament. We focused our attention on our Chapter mission and goals in our program planning. We focused on Education, Economic, Political and Physical and Mental Health Awareness. Under Physical and Mental Health; we brought a Mental Health Across a Lifespan Initiative Forum to Hinesville; we were in the Top 10 Fundraisers for Relay for Life and the Last Team Standing for the event. Our GEMS Committee coordinated and facilitated the first time we had a College Tour to Georgia State University and two more colleges.

We were able to develop and grow our relationship with other Collaborative Partners, like the Liberty County School Board, Liberty County NAACP, AKA's, Community Inspired Women and Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

We were able to reach out to Sorors and reclaim them and bring them back HOME. We have a momentum going and Sorors are excited about being a part of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter. So

keep up the good work of recruiting and reclaiming Sorors!

The work of Delta is not over, but just beginning for us. Take a month off to rest and enjoy the 52nd National Convention in Houston, Texas, or just enjoy your summer break. There are a few committees that are anxious to start planning and if you haven't signed up for a committee, don't wait until September to do so.

Before I close, I have to thank everyone on the Executive Committee and Executive Board for your leadership. Without you, we wouldn't have had the success that we experienced this year. To the members, thank you for being there and showing up and being devoted. A special "thank

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The Vice-President's Corner



Greetings Sorors,

As I reflect back on this year, I am so thankful that we came together and worked to get several projects completed. We came through greatly with the P-13 Projects (St. Jude

Give Thanks Walk; NAACP Membership Drive and American Heart Association). The GEMS Program was outstanding! We were there, participating in several community events (NAACP Community Policing Forum; Community of Inspired Women, Inc. Heart Health Month Celebration; the Talented and Educated Leading Ladies Banquet and Showcase; Liberty County Homeless Coalition's Good Friday Walk for Shelter; Relay for Life; and the Mental Health Forum).

As I look forward, I believe we will be greater! Greater because of each of us doing our part for the success of each program Hinesville Alumnae Chapter will present. Join the committees to help with the planning and execution of the programs.

Ready? I'm excited about each of us going forward in Delta!

Yours In Delta,

Sarah C. Stevens

Soror Sarah C. Stevens
Chapter Vice President

From: Southern Region Membership Services:

TEN THINGS OLDER WOMEN WANT YOUNGER WOMEN TO DO

1. Remember you only have one life -- this is not a dress rehearsal.
2. Try to stay positive and look for the good in every life experience.
3. Keep an eye on the here and now.
4. Live each day fully because you don't know what's around the corner.
5. Remember that life can change in an instant.
6. Love all the stages of your life and fear none, because they are all magical .
7. Learn to live in the moment. If you master this when you are young, it will help in your 60s.
8. Life's too short to be worrying about something that will happen in the future -- live for today.
9. Get outdoors and enjoy nature!
10. Find a hobby or a profession that will take you through all your different stages.

By Margaret Manning, Author/ Speaker Respectfully submitted by Delta Dear Barbara J. Lockett

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you" goes to Soror Sarah Stevens, Vice-President; you are AWESOME! and thank you for being my support system.

Lastly, Sorors, I just want to say that it has been an honor to be your Chapter President. I truly appreciate the commitment and devotion you have demonstrated during my first year. I look forward to continuing to represent you for 2015-2016 Sorority year! Thank you for believing in me! God bless each of you and see you soon!

Yours In Delta,

Soror Petula Y. Gomillion, MPA

Chapter President
Hinesville Alumnae Chapter

There's an App for That!

These days, there's a smartphone app for just about everything. But what about spiritual concerns? Where can you turn?

- Depressed? Try the joy app. Read Isaiah 51:11.
- Tired? Try the renewal app. Read Isaiah 40:30-31.
- Unsettled? Try the peace app. Read Philippians 4:7.
- Unloved? Try the love app. Read Romans 8:38-39.
- Worried? Try the refuge app. Read Psalm 46:1.
- Fearful? Try the power app. Read 2 Timothy 1:7.
- Guilty? Try the forgiveness app. Read Colossians 1:13-14.
- Praying? Try the prayer app. Read 1 John 5:14-15.



The Scriptures are God's storehouse of meaningful applications for what we face every day. Think of the Bible as the iTunes Store of spiritual apps. Best of all, everything's free!

—Timothy Merrill



BIRTHDAYS
this quarter



July

- 9 Frances Quarterman
- 16 Janice Dansby
- 16 Shirley Frasier
- 21 Javon Jones
- 27 Tonja John

August

- 10 Cynthia Smith
- 15 Althea Jackson
- 30 Gwendolyn Starr

September

- 6 Sallie Richardson
- 14 Debra Frazier

Deltas on the Move



Members of Hinesville Alumnae attended worship service at Mt. Zion Baptist Church as part of May Week 2015.



Scenes (above) from Homeless Coalition presentation. See story on page 9.



Sorors with Delta Dears after a delicious dinner.



Sorors Debra Covington, Petula Gomillion and Sarah Stevens attended the Omega Omega Service for Soror Myra Thompson (one of the Charleston Nine).



Delta Dears enjoying our outing!

Hinesville Alumnae Fun shot!



Deltas on the Move

Mental Health Across a Lifespan Initiative Forum



With the assistance of the Community of Inspired Women and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. the Chapter welcomed over 50 guests and a very distinguished panel of mental health professionals to the beautiful Liberty County Performing Arts Center. Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition and during May Week, the Chapter along with the rest of the country brought awareness to mental illness.



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has partnered with the American Cancer Society to help educate sorors about breast cancer and reduce the impact of the disease, especially in our communities. In keeping with this commitment members of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter participated in the Liberty County Relay for Life event on May 15, 2015.



“Crushing Cancer”

GEMS goCAMPUSing

A key part of deciding which college to go to is finding a good fit. And a great way to get more information is to visit the colleges in person. The GEMS along with several sorors and two other organizations embarked on this journey on April 10, 2015. Colleges visited were Emory University in Macon, GA, Georgia State and Kennesaw State in Atlanta, GA. Along the way, current GEMS had the opportunity to meet past GEMS.



COLLEGE Tour



GEMS Celebrate Success

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter's Delta GEMS Program held its End-of-Year Celebration on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The GEMS concluded an eventful year of activities exploring the theme "Self-Awareness: Connecting the Mind, Body, and Spirit." Miss Alliyah McMillian, former Hinesville Alumnae Chapter GEM and current senior at Georgia Southern University, provided thoughtful words of encouragement. All GEMS received certificates of appreciation and achievement for participating in the 2014-2015 activities. Graduating GEMS Mikia Frazier, Kalia Burks, Rozalyn Chandler, and T'Keyah Lowder were presented beautiful gemstone desk accessories recognizing their completion of the program. Hats off to the GEMS Committee for a successful year!



Congratulations to End of Year Award Recipients



Great Leadership

President Petula Gomillion (r) pictured with Vice-President Sarah Stevens



**Committee of the Year
May Week/Fundraising**
(l-r) Sorors Dalmyra Caesar, Debra Covington and Petula Gomillion



Hardest Working Soror

Soror Dalmyra Caesar (l) pictured with President Petula Gomillion



Neophyte

Soror Iman Johnson (c) Pictured with President Petula Gomillion (l) and Vice-President Sarah Stevens (r).



Committee of the Year

GEMS



Clutch

Sorors Charisse Brown (l) and Doris Barrett (r) pictured with President Petula Gomillion (c).

2015 May Week Activities Appreciation Award

Recipients

Sorors Debra Covington, Sarah Stevens, Shirley Frasier, Tonja John and Genese Lane

Soror in the Spotlight

Submitted by Soror Edith Anderson



Who Is She?

One might ask, who is that lady with the singing voice of an angel? Who is that lady who loves to bake mouth watering cakes?

Well, according to Virie Walton, she is a wife, mother, grandmother,

sister, aunt and teacher. "But before I was either of the aforementioned persons, I was a learner, a student. I was the first born of four children to Charlie and Flossie Chambers in Fairfax, Alabama."

"I was surrounded with lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins. I had two sets of grandparents who supported and loved me. Because my parents worked every day, my grandmother took care of me. She taught me how to read and write before I started to school."

Soror Virie Walton is married to Dea. Rudolph V. Walton Sr. "We have been married 45 years. Rudy and I went to high school together," she said. They are the proud parents of three children (Althea Walton Jackson, Rudolph V. Walton, Jr., and Bryant D. Walton). They also have six grandchildren (Joshua Jackson, Meghan Walton, Mason Walton, Rachel Jackson, Rebekah Jackson and Krista Walton) who they enjoy spoiling.

"Due to my husband's military career, we have traveled and lived on three continents, several states, and cities within the United States," she noted. Since relocating to Liberty County via of the military, Soror Walton and her family have

Meet Soror Virie Walton

become well known and respected in the community because of their work in the church and the community.

A faithful and dedicated member and officer of the Baconton Missionary Baptist Church of Walthourville, Georgia, she teaches adult women Sunday School, serves as the director of children's and men's choirs, works and assists with the youth department, and is a longtime pianist and director. Soror Walton is recognized near and far for her anointed singing and her ability to play the piano. Her love of music and singing is evident and overflows whenever she is in the "house."

A teacher among teachers, Soror Walton is a graduate of Rehobeth High School, Southern Union State, Alabama (AA), University of Hawaii (BA), and Armstrong Atlantic State University, Georgia (Masters in Education). She has served as a teacher for over 30 years, and has been a teacher with Liberty County Schools for 22 years. Soror Walton is also a facilitator with Galaxy (a resource corporation that trains teachers in the area of English and Language Arts). Additionally, she is a volunteer coach with Taylor Creek's Boys and Girls Running Club.

She was initiated into the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in the Spring of 1993. A past President (2000 – 2004) of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, she also served as Chaplain, Chair of the Social Action Committee, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Chair of Program and Planning. Presently, she is serving as Treasurer.

During her "me" time, Soror Walton loves to listen to and play music, read, sew, and work in her garden.

"Who am I? I am teacher, for when I am a teacher, I am a student. For I learn as much being a teacher as my students do. I am a teacher."

May Week 2015 submitted by Soror Dalmyra Caesar, May Week Chairperson

The Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recognized May Week from 1-8 May in and around the city of Hinesville with the theme of "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." It was a phenomenal week that provided the chapter an opportunity to refocus, reconnect and reaffirm our commitment to our service areas and its citizens. The chapter also used May Week to focus our efforts on three of the five programmatic thrusts of the sorority: Educational Development, Physical and Mental Health and Economic Development. There were a number of community leaders and Hinesville residents who attended the events throughout the week.

On May 2nd, with the assistance of the City of Hinesville Homeless Coalition Program Director, Soror Daisy Jones and Case Manager, Matt Ross, the chapter along with the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. inspired and motivated 11 single moms by providing words of inspiration along with baskets of hope.

On May 3rd, 11 members (missing from photo on page 4 is Soror Anderson) of the chapter arrived at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church ready to worship with Bishop and First Lady Jackson. The service was absolutely beautiful! Soror Stevens provided greetings from the chapter and presented a \$350 check which included donations from 16 Sorors from the chapter. Bishop Jackson inspired us to continue our focus on the community by knowing that "God already knows what he is going to do for us; we have to speak it and realize that he is with us."

And on May 5th those words spoken by Bishop Jackson continued to motivate us as we recognized the month of May and focused on Mental Health. With the assistance of the Community of Inspired Women and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. the chapter welcomed over 50 guests and a very distinguished panel of mental health professionals to the beautiful Liberty County Performing Arts Center. Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition and during May Week, the chapter along with the rest of the country brought awareness to mental illness.

And finally on May 7th, the chapter closed out May Week by focusing on Economic Development by providing an interactive workshop on budgeting, saving and retirement. Soror Vel Douglas, an expert in financial planning and saving, provided an awesome workshop to sorors and guests. The economic workshop was extremely helpful to all and will serve the chapter well as we continue to be good stewards of our own money and the chapter's money into the future.

May Week was a huge success that provided the chapter an opportunity to recommit to our chapter's vision and focus on educating the community. The May Week Committee Chairs would like to thank all of the chapter members who supported, advertised and discussed the May Week events with members of the community. The week of events would not have been a success without your support.



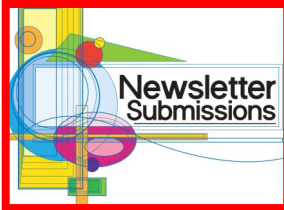
Soror Vel Douglas



Sorors in attendance at the Economic Development Workshop

2014-2015 Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Elected Officers

- President - Soror Petula Gomillion
- Vice President - Soror Sarah Stevens
- Recording Secretary - Soror Dalmyra Caesar
- Corresponding Secretary - Soror Dalmyra Caesar
- Financial Secretary - Soror Cynthia Smith
- Treasurer - Soror Virie Walton
- Chaplain - Soror Debra Covington
- Parliamentarian - Soror Gwen Starr
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Soror Tamika Torres



This quarterly chapter newsletter is what we make it! Please submit articles and photos to the chapter journalist at Hac_journalist@yahoo.com.

Article submissions for the next newsletter are due by Sep 15, 2015. Try to keep your article to 500 words or less or your article may have to be trimmed to fit into the Newsletter.

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