

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Savannah Alumnae Chapter

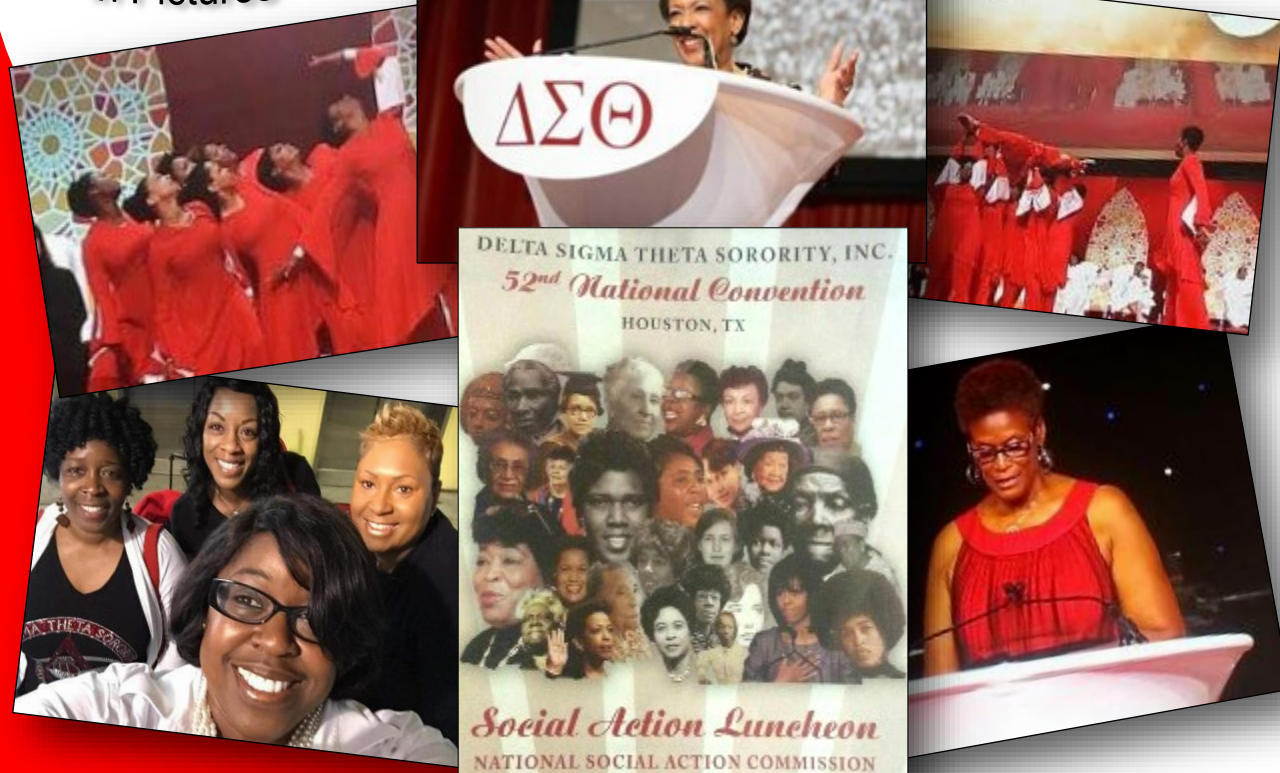
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emersion into Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service at its best. There were many highlights to our National Convention. Our opening session on Saturday, July 25 was simply beautiful; the sea of white is always breath taking! We received our charge from Soror Paulette Walker, our National President, as we move into the next century of our beloved sorority. Special highlights for members of Savannah Alumnae Chapter included the honoring of our own Soror, Frankie G. Washington, as an active 50+ year Delta Dear in the Southern Region.

Soror Washington was recognized during the regional lunch July 26. Savannah Alumnae Chapter was also presented with a 2015 Delta Heritage Celebration Award at the conclusion of the Town Hall Meeting. An inspiring message from Soror Loretta Lynch, the United States Attorney General, at the Social Action Luncheon July 27, reminded us of our committee to social action.

Other conference highlights include Soror Jo Holliman serving as the Chair for the Evaluations Committee for the conference, and our Immediate Past President, Soror Grayzel Ellison, participating in the Long Range Planning workshop.

52nd National Convention in Pictures



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- The EOA 50th Anniversary Commemorative Annual Meeting & Luncheon **Friday, October 2, 2015** at 12 p.m. Savannah Marriot Riverfront Hotel. Tickets are \$45.
- King Tisdell Cottage Foundation 2015 Awards Gala **Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.** at Savannah State University. Tickets are \$75.

LACE UP

Interested in joining a SAC walk/run group? Please send your contact information to Soror Sondra Sherman-Mays at Maysonshine@yahoo.com and include "RWI" for Run Walk Interest in the subject line.

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September 2015

Savannah Alumnae Chapter

52nd NATIONAL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated's 52nd National Convention was nothing less than spectacular. The Savannah Alumnae Chapter delegation consisted of fifty-one chapter members who traveled to Houston, Texas for seven days of

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A Message from the President



I greet each of you in the name of love, and welcome you back from our summer hiatus with open arms. July 1, 2015 marked a new beginning for Savannah Alumnae Chapter, a change in leadership of our chapter. As your 34th Chapter President, I have a vision for growth within Savannah Alumnae and our impact on the community. We have already begun with the kick-off of our youth initiatives programs, voter registrations drives in our high schools, and planning for the celebration of our 75th Chapter Anniversary. Our chapter is comprised of 247 talented women who bring awesome gifts to the "Delta House". This new biennium is an opportunity for Savannah Alumnae Chapter to

present new ideas in order to make excellent projects and programs better. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to committee chairs and co-chairs who are serving for this biennium. Thank you for graciously accepting the call to lead our chapter. I would also like to express my appreciation to all of the outgoing committee chairs and co-chairs, who have laid an excellent foundation that we can build upon to make our chapter even greater. I am looking forward to working with all of you during this biennium as we take Savannah Alumnae Chapter to greater heights. Our 75th anniversary year promises to be an exciting one! I invite all of you to join us as we continue to stand on the dreams of our thirteen charter members and walk into our destiny as we chart the course of the purposeful impact of Sisterhood, Scholarship and Service in the Savannah community for the next seventy-five years.

Laura N. Wiggins, Chapter President



PROGRAMS

Greetings Sorors! As part of the inaugural edition of the Delta Pearl, I would like to share with you some “pearls of wisdom” from our Regional Planning and Development Committee.

These “pearls” will be delivered over a series of articles within the next few months, so be sure to stay tuned so that you will have the recipe for constructing an effective program/activity.

Service is an important part of what we do as members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We are charged with uplifting the communities where we serve. In order to accomplish this goal, we must be thoughtful in how we construct and implement programs. Therefore, we must ensure the

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following in order for any program to be successful and effective: (1) determine if there is interest within the chapter and in the community to conduct the program; (2) need...we must be aware of the needs in the community, so that we can design programs around community need; (3) we must make sure that the resources are in place to deliver quality programming. Resources include more than just securing a location and providing materials. It includes making sure that sorors will be available to plan and execute the project/activity properly; and (4) we need to make sure that we study/research the needs of the community and our ability to effectively deliver what is needed,

Once we have given careful consideration to each of these requirements, we can begin the development of the program/activity. During the developmental stage of any

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program, we must clearly articulate the goals and objectives of the program and identify measurable means of determining effectiveness. Simply stated “what are we trying to accomplish?” with this program/activity.

This is an excellent time to get the Evaluation Committee involved. The Evaluation Committee is here to help make sure we are effectively delivering services under our Five Point Programmatic Thrust. They will make sure that we collect good demographic data so that we will know who our constituents are and whether we have reached our performance goals.

Stay tuned to next month’s edition for more information!

Sametria McFall-Dickerson
1st Vice President

Ready, Set, Go!!!!!!!

My Sorors! Let’s get ready, set and back to **Sisterhood**. As we begin this sororal year, let us embrace our national theme and “**Love our Sorors on purpose with purpose**”. We must show love for our Sorors with our actions, our words and more importantly, our deeds. We should always put **Sisterhood** first and it should be seen in all that we do for Delta.

My Sorors, we will also embrace our Southern Region Theme and “**Pump up the Volume**”. Let’s pump up our participation by supporting **all** of our chapter’s activities. Pump up your support

and participation on your committees. If you signed up, please do the work! We need each of you to make Savannah Alumnae a success. Lastly sorors, please commit to assisting membership services with bringing our inactive sorors back to the fold. We need to reach out to them and show them love.

If you are a newly reclaimed soror – less than 2 years, new to Delta or just need a refresher, I encourage you to register and attend the GA State Cluster STAARS Workshop. This workshop gives you a general overview and refresher of Delta. I also ask that you invite sorors who are inactive to attend as well. We want to wrap our arms of

Sisterhood and love around them and bring them back to Delta.

The membership committee has been busy and working hard to bring you quality activities, demonstrate love and kindness monthly with a personal touch and putting **Sisterhood** at the center of all we do. So, Sorors of the Savannah Alumnae Chapter, let’s get ready, set and back to **Sisterhood**!!

Janice Dandy Harris
2nd Vice President
Chair, Membership Services Committee

Soror Wins American Fisheries Society Award

Soror Dionne Hoskins, Ph.D., associate professor of marines sciences at Savannah State University (SSU), won the **2015 Emmeline Moore Prize** from the American Fisheries Society (AFS). The award presentation was held during the annual AFS meeting on August 17 in Portland, Oregon.

The award is named after the first female AFS President, and awarded to an AFS member who demonstrates strong commitment and exemplary service to ensuring equal opportunity access to higher education in fisheries and/or professional development in the broad range of fisheries science disciplines. Soror Hoskins was selected for this national award in recognition of her robust engagement with the local community and exemplary commitment to educating and expanding opportunities for minority students in fisheries-related science fields.

Soror Hoskins thanked the AFS for recognizing her efforts to educate students in the marine and fisheries sciences and for graduating students of color in these fields.

Hoskins is also the director of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) sponsored programs at Savannah State University (SSU). Hoskins received her bachelor’s degree in marine biology in 1992 from Savannah State College and her doctorate in marine sciences in 1999 from the University of South Carolina. As a benthic ecologist, she works primarily on the ecology of deposit feeding organisms in marine sediments and on essential habitat in soft sediment areas.



Soror Hoskins, accepts the 2015 Emmeline Moore Prize

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FINANCIAL TIP OF THE MONTH

We all have dreams for the future, and many of those dreams require money to make them come true. Perhaps you want to buy a place you can call home, travel to Europe with your dearest friend, start saving to send your children to college or attend a Delta National Convention. Reaching those milestones starts with setting clear financial goals.



There are three ways to help achieve those goals:

◆ Define your goal clearly

A goal is the first step that sets you on a path. It should be inspirational and based on your own values and interests. It should also be achievable, specific and measurable.

◆ Identify your time frame

Categorize your objectives by short-term, medium-term, and long-term financial goals. This will help you focus your plan. It also helps you match your goals with the appropriate investment resources. Consider ways to invest or save your money such as a savings account, savings bond, certificates of deposit (CDs) and mutual funds.

◆ Monitor your progress

Check in frequently on your money to make sure your goals are on track. At each check-in, ask: Am I earning/saving as much money as I expected? Am I contributing enough? Review your progress on a monthly basis for short-term objectives, and quarterly and annually for longer-term goals.

Saving and investing with a goal delivers its own reward: the purchase or life change that you’ve dreamt of and worked to achieve.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Savannah Alumnae Chapter has tremendous spending power and it's time to make a difference in our community. One way to show our influence is by patronizing an African American/minority owned business on a quarterly basis. For the next three months we would like to support Belford's Restaurant located in downtown Savannah. To help with this effort, they have provided a coupon for a free dessert with the purchase of an entrée.