

Diamond Jubilee Gala Tickets Available



Our 75th Chapter Anniversary is a momentous occasion! We need the participation of every chapter member to make our Gala a success! Please pick up your Gala Tickets at the April Chapter Meeting or arrange for them to be delivered to you.

If you have not received tickets, please call **Sorors DeVita Slaughter** at 912-429-9565; **Renee Cannon** at 912-272-1888 or cnay1990@aol.com and **Omesha Coppock** at 912-272-2363 or ohmesha@bellsouth.net.

All sorors are encouraged to sell a minimum of four tickets!

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Pearls of Delta Knowledge

MARCH 2016

Savannah Alumnae Chapter

DELTA DAYS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL FOCUSES ON ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's 27th annual **Delta Days in the Nation's Capital** was held February 27 – March 1 in Washington, DC. This year's theme, "**Advocacy in Action**," highlighted the sorority's focus on social action through legislative briefings, issue forums, and advocacy skills development.

Featured speakers included members of the United States Congress, Congressional staff members, and national issues experts. Delta congresswomen Karen Bass (California), Joyce Beatty (Ohio), Yvette Clark (New York), and Marcia Fudge (Ohio) were also among the speakers.

Participants from around the country attended legislative sessions and advocated for issues of importance to the communities they serve. Over 1200 participants attended the 2016 *Delta Days in the Nation's Capital*.



Savannah Alumnae Chapter members pictured above with Georgia Senator Buddy Carter, left to right: **Jo Holiman, Carolyn Williams-Price, Jacqueline Elmore, Senator Carter, Elaine Campbell, Rhonda Houston and Joyce Davis** were among the 1200 sorority members in attendance. Also in attendance but not pictured, **SAC sorors Donna Brooks and Myra Pope**.

In 1989, the National Social Action Commission of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. instituted Delta Days in the Nation's Capital, an annual legislative conference to increase members' involvement in the national public policy-making process.

- PRIORITIES PRESENTED TO LEGISLATORS INCLUDED:**
1. The President should exercise his constitutional duty to appoint a Supreme Court Nominee; the senate should perform its responsibility of advising and delivering a vote
 2. Economic parity for men and women
 3. The Affordable Care Act
 4. Education Reform
 5. The Voting Rights Act should be restored

DELTA DAYS AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Savannah Alumnae Chapter was also well represented at Delta Days at the United Nations held February 28-March 2 in New York City. Pictured above at a meeting at the UN, back row left to right: Sorors Joyce Davis, Carolyn Williams-Price and Ann Levett. Front row left to right: Dr. Patricia Brown, Dr. Myra Pope and SAC Social Action chair, Jacqueline Elmore.



Serving Our Community

Youth Mental Health Symposium at SSU in April

The incidence of mental health diagnosis is on the rise in the United States and mental health conditions are becoming increasingly common in youth and young adults ages 12 - 24. Roughly 1 in 5 young people live with a mental health condition - half develop the condition by age 14 and three quarters by age 24 (National Alliance on Mental Health, 2015).

This means that in addition to the normal developmental changes that adolescents and young adults experience they may have the added issue of a mental health condition. For some, experiencing the first signs of mental health conditions can be scary and confusing. While we understand that discussing what you may be experiencing can be very helpful, we also know that mental health issues can carry

unnecessary stigma that makes it very difficult to discuss or seek help.

The 2016 Mental Health Symposium is designed to open the dialog for youth, parents, and young adults. The Symposium will feature mental health care professionals that will provide information on diagnosing, treating, and thriving with mental health issues. It will also provide information on crisis interventions for youth and young adults and how to navigate the criminal justice system when dealing with mental health issues.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions in an effort to increase understanding and dispel the stigma that often unjustly accompanies mental health conditions. Finally, treatment organizations will be available to distribute information to interested individuals.



The SAC 2016 Mental Health Symposium will be held on Sunday, April 25th, at 4:00 pm in the Student Union at Savannah State University. This symposium is presented in partnership with Savannah State University - College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences and the Center for Leadership & Character Development.

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1st Vice President

SO YOU WANT TO PURCHASE A HOME



Whether this is your first home purchase or not, the tips of purchasing a home remain relatively the same. Here are a few tips from the U.S. Department of HUD and Realtor.com.

1. Find a Lender

Before you begin looking at houses, it is vital that you know what you can afford. The best lender will work with you to ensure that you stay within your budget, clean up any credit history mishaps, and help you select the best financing option. If possible, become preapproved for your loan and keep cash-on-hand for your earnest money deposit.

2. Select a Real Estate Professional and Shop for Your Home

Search for a licensed agent that specializes in the area that you are looking to purchase. Buying a house is one of the most important decisions that you will make, so you want to select someone that is dependable, knowledgeable, and trustworthy. Your agent will ask the right questions to ensure that you are presented with homes that meet your needs, so be honest with the agent and yourself.

3. Make an Offer

You found the home that meets your needs and want to

make an offer. Remember until you are under contract, do not become emotionally attached. Your agent will do everything that is legally in his or her power to bring you closer to your home choice. Good luck!

4. Get a Home Inspection, Hurry, and Wait...

Once your home-to-be is under contract, the days leading to your closing date will come and go. Complete all items prior to their due date to ensure that you stay within your contingency periods. Ask trusted sources for leads on home inspectors and have the home inspected. Your due diligence period is the time to ensure that this is the home for you. Once you make it through this period, you will continue towards your closing date. Your lender will require you to shop for homeowner's insurance and flood insurance (if applicable). Your personal finances will remain under a microscope until you close, so please do not make any major purchases that will put your loan in jeopardy.

5. Closing Date

You should do one final inspection of your home with your agent prior to closing to avoid any surprises after you close. If any funds need to be brought to the table, the lender and/or closing attorney will contact you. If certified funds are required, be sure to bring it to avoid any delays. Enjoy all that your home has to offer and best wishes!

Membership Happenings

Sisterhood Month Celebrations

Sisterhood month kicked off with **Soror Juanita Adams** speaking at the chapter's Founders Day event March 4 at First Bryan Baptist Church. Soror Adams reminded us to stay true to the Founders mission of serving the needs of the community.

Heeding the call, SAC hosted **Project Esther**, March 12 at Tremont Temple Baptist Church. Homeless women were treated to mini manicures, light massages and tips on make-up and skin care. Sorors also provided information on how to dress for success, complete job applications and how to conduct themselves during an interview.

Savannah Alumnae was also honored at the National Council of Negro Women's breakfast for collaboration and service to the community.

Sisterhood month concluded with worship service at First Jerusalem Baptist Church and lunch at the Hilton Garden Inn. Sorors shared laughs, love and lots of good food. A perfect conclusion to the months activities.

