

The Quack

The Official Newsletter of the Houston Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

DATE: October 6, 2012
TIME: 2:30 P.M. PROMPTLY
PLACE: One Delta Plaza
ATTIRE: Business

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Review of September Meeting Minutes
- IV. Communications
- V. Recommendations of the Executive Board
- VI. Welcome
- VII. One Delta Plaza Educational Center (ODPEC)
- VIII. Chapter Reports
 - A. Officers
 - B. Finance
 - C. Standing Committees
 1. Arts & Letters
 2. Courtesy
 3. Delta Academy
 4. Delta GEMS
 5. EMBODI
 6. Financial Empowerment
 7. HAC Wellness Initiative
 8. Heritage & Archives
 9. Internal Audit
 10. Investments
 11. Local Projects
 12. Membership Services
 13. Pan-Hellenic Council
 14. Program Planning & Development
 15. Protocol & Traditions
 16. Publicity & Public Relations
 17. Quack – Deadline: Wednesday, October 24, 2012 (5:00 p.m.)
 18. Rituals & Ceremonies
 19. Rules of Order/Policies & Procedures
 20. Scholarship & Awards
 21. Social Action
 22. Technology & Information
 - D. Special Committees
 1. Conference/Convention Planning
 2. Delta Daytimers
 3. Emergency Response Team
 4. Founder's Day
 5. International Day of Service—IMPACT Day
 6. May Week
 7. Project ACE
 8. Sisters' Keepers
 9. Social Events
 10. Special Events
- IX. Unfinished Business
- X. New Business
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Acknowledgement of Birthdays
- XIII. Adjournment
- XIV. Closing



PER PROTOCOL, THERE WILL BE NO ADMITTANCE DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

President's Message



*Karen Hauser, 43rd President
Houston Alumnae Chapter
2011-2013*

Good morning, my sisters!

Are you ready? Are you prepared, fired up, and registered to vote?

It may seem that these are rhetorical questions. Indeed, they are not! Having worked with Vickie Byrd and the Social Action Committee to assist with the registering of voters, these inquiries are genuine, real, and warrant concern.

Sorors, this election is critical. But, more importantly is your voter registration status. I am gravely concerned because the apathy that I experienced while talking with some of the citizens in our community regarding voting was heartbreaking! I was shocked at the numerous excuses offered for not voting. I even talked to some people that have NEVER voted and were 50+ years of age.

Houston Alumnae, we cannot let this election pass us by! We must remember the prominence of this right which was not always afforded us! Utilize it! Lest we forget that people marched, struggled and died so that we may exercise it. As a sisterhood, we are charged with ensuring that every chapter soror is registered to vote! My sister, are you? If not, we are our sisters' keeper! Heed the call. **Spread the word!**

If you need help with voter registration, contact Vickie Byrd at 713.854.4463. She's standing by to support you right **now**. Make your vote count! You are also encouraged to visit <http://1866myvote1.com/>, an excellent resource recommended by Delta Sigma Theta for voter education. On this site you can get information on registration and even report voter irregularities.

Stand up! Be counted! Every vote counts!

Good morning,

Karen

Birthday Wishes

Bernadine Duncan	Oct-01
Earline Murray	Oct-01
Wendy Stewart	Oct-03
Vickia Gibbs	Oct-06
Carolyn Guess	Oct-07
Rachel Dickson	Oct-09
Madeline Hartwell	Oct-10
Lollie Radford	Oct-11
Vicki Preer	Oct-13
Mary Goffney Brannon	Oct-15
Gaylon Cunningham	Oct-16
Gwendolyn Harris	Oct-16
Betty Baldwin	Oct-18
Joya Cooper	Oct-18
Myra Kindle	Oct-18
Sabrina Curtis	Oct-19
Jesselyn Long	Oct-19
Betty Bancroft	Oct-20
Elnita Bates	Oct-20
Betty Foreman	Oct-20
Lisa Collins	Oct-21
Vivian King	Oct-21
Ritchie Wilson	Oct-22
Ashley Bingham	Oct-23
Kayce Solari-Hall	Oct-25
Carmen Adams	Oct-26
Yakia Hall	Oct-29
Wyline Thompson	Oct-30



Courtesy Corner

Please keep the following sorors and their families in your prayers.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- Soror Bennie Blake—loss of aunt
- Soror Courtney Petty—mother is currently hospice care
- Soror Alfiee Herron—illness of mother
- Soror Richele Howelton—recovery and healing of parents, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Howelton
- Soror Regina Jenkins— recovering from illness

Please report all courtesies to the President and Soror Mildred Baszile, Chair, Courtesy Committee.



Sorors, please remember to take a moment out of your busy day to mail a card or make a phone call to our sisters who are recuperating from illness, caring for or grieving the loss of their loved ones.



HAC Committee Briefs

EMBODI—The Kick-Off for EMBODI was great. The committee is very excited and ready to work. Applications for young men, ages 13 through 17, are still being accepted. The youth meetings will be held on the Saturday after our regular EMBODI committee meetings.

Founders Day—The Founders Day committee will meet on Monday, October 15th, at 6:30 p.m. via audio conference call. Contact Soror Penny Nobles at pnobles427@hotmail.com or (832) 526-9320, if you have questions or are interested in joining the committee.

HAC Wellness- The committee, which focuses on the physical and mental health initiatives, will be celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the October sorority meeting.

Local Projects— Are you ready for the call to duty? This community is looking for Sorors who were called to serve. Please plan to attend Local Projects committee meeting on Monday October 8, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Quack Committee - Quack submissions should be sent to the Quack Chair, Soror Letitia Ivey, at the new e-mail address, quack@dsthoustonalumnae.org. If you are a new soror or you know of a financial soror who has not been receiving the newsletter, please send an e-mail with the contact information and birth date. The November submission deadline is **Wednesday, October 24th, at 5:00 p.m.** **Please be advised that anything submitted after the posted deadline will not be accepted.**

Rituals & Ceremonies - All sorors are privileged to the Three Rites of Passage. One of which is the Omega Omega Ceremony for active or inactive sorors. Please fill out the enclosed Omega Omega Information Form on page 11, and return it at the October Chapter meeting. Please join the Ritual and Ceremonies committee meeting on Monday, October 8, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. Also bring your Ritual with you. Contact Soror Yolanda Jones if you have any questions or concerns at 832-656-6355 or ritual@dsthoustonalumnae.org.

Special Events (Jazz Soiree) — All Aboard!! First stop on the Orient-Express will be at Neiman Marcus (Galleria Store) on Tuesday, October 9th, at 7 p.m., in the Jewelry Department. You can meet Stephen Lagos, the designer. **Please RSVP to valuepeace@aol.com, if you plan to attend.** For your information, 1000 tickets have been picked up to date, so please be sure and get your tickets before we sell out! Red Room VIP tickets are limited to a maximum of 200 passengers. Mystery and Intrigue await you on the Orient-Express!

Social Action—The Office of Council Member Wanda Adams, the NAACP –Texas Southern University Chapter, and the University of Houston Student Government Association will be hosting –Party in the Park: A Voter Education Outreach and Registration Drivel, on Saturday, October 6th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peggy Park. HAC has been invited to participate. Please contact Soror Vickie Byrd at vbyrd0710@sbcglobal.net or call 713-854-4463.

******NOTICE!!******

**VOTER REGISTRATION FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION ENDS ON OCTOBER 9, 2012.
EARLY VOTING BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 22ND. VOTE EARLY AND BEAT THE LINES
ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 6, 2012!**

ODPEC—ODPEC will hold its Golf Tournament Committee kickoff meeting on Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. For information about this meeting, please contact Soror Tonja Jackson, Golf Tournament Chair, at 713-962-3369. Thank you in advance for your support!

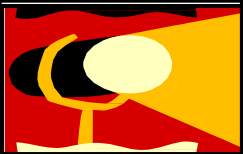


CHECK YOUR FINANCIAL STATUS – DUES NEWS YOU CAN USE!

DUES FINANCIAL STATUS TABLE

FISCAL YEAR	July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012 (Current)	July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013	July 1, 2013- June 30, 2014
WHEN DUES ARE PAYABLE	January 1, 2011–March 31, 2011	January 1, 2012–March 31, 2012	January 1, 2013- March 31, 2013
FINANCIAL FOR ACTIVITIES THAT OCCUR DURING	July 1, 2011–June 30, 2012	July 1, 2012–June 30, 2013	July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014
LATE FEE IS APPLICABLE IF	Dues were paid April 1, 2011–June 30, 2011 a \$5.00 fee is applicable.	Dues are paid April 1, 2012–June 30, 2012 a \$5.00 fee is applicable.	Dues are paid April 1, 2013–June 30, 2013 a \$5.00 fee is applicable.
REINSTATEMENT FEE IS APPLICABLE IF	<p>You did not pay all dues and fees for the 2011–2012 fiscal year by June 30, 2011, a \$15.00 fee was applicable on July 1, 2011.</p> <p>You have not paid all dues and fees for two or more years a \$25.00 fee is applicable as of July 1, 2011.</p>	<p>The reinstatement fee is waived for a six month period, beginning January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.</p> <p>You have not paid all dues and fees for the 2012–2013 fiscal year by June 30, 2012 a \$15.00 fee is applicable on July 1, 2012.</p> <p>On July 1, 2012, if you have not paid all dues and fees for two or more years a \$25.00 fee is applicable on July 1, 2012.</p>	<p>You have not paid all dues and fees for the 2013–2014 fiscal year by June 30, 2013 a \$15.00 fee is applicable on July 1, 2013.</p> <p>You have not paid all dues and fees for two or more years a \$25.00 fee is applicable on July 1, 2013.</p>

**Note: In order to register for the 51st National Convention in 2013 when registration opens, you will need to be financial at that time. For example, if registration opens February 1, 2012, you will need to be financial for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012. Read the Event Registration Guidelines when posted for all pertinent information.*



Sorors in the Spotlight

*We want to celebrate all of our sisters!
Let us know about the special events in your life!*

Angelina Williams-Buggs— successfully passed the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) board exam. She is now a specialist in this field of veterinary medicine and receives the title of Diplomate. Congratulations on achieving this grand distinction, Soror Williams-Buggs!



October is
AIDS Awareness Month,
Breast Cancer Awareness
Month and Family
Health Month.



The Local Projects Committee is looking for a few good sorors to volunteer to serve on this very viable committee. Please contact Soror Yolanda Jones at localproj@dsthoustonalumnae.org for more information.



SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 22, 2013

ONE DELTA PLAZA
EDUCATIONAL CENTER, Inc.

& HOUSTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, Inc.

Present

5th ANNUAL RED & WHITE ON THE TEE GOLF CLASSIC



S. W. A. T.

Sorority Wide Achievement Team

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Welcome Home to Houston Alumnae

Usuria Anderson Williams
 Tonya Armstead - Katrina Barnett
 Eileen Barrett Williams - Troi Bingham
 Bonnie Finch - Tori Foster Alexander
 Crystal D. Gardner - Carolyn Hausey
 Chaka Mattheve
 Neysha Mayes - Chrystal McDonald
 Daisy McKenzie - Cynthia Mills
 Brenda Joyce Parker - Bianca Schonberg
 Alydia Taylor Robertson

119 more to reach 400 reclaimed!

Reclaimed

Fanisha Baker - Patricia Bynum
 Vickie Byrd - Deidra Collins (2)
 Deborah Hawkins - Bobbie Henderson
 Rashida James - Erica Lewis
 Keshia McNeil (2) - Laurel Thomas
 Verna Wright



Thank you for bringing sorors home to HAC in September 2012!

Membership Services Reminders

1. We will send sorors chapter meeting & reclamation e-vites on your behalf. Just email us at membership@dsthoustonalumnae.org.
2. T.A.G. a soror on the 13th just to touch and give words of encouragement.
3. Prize will be awarded to the soror with the most guests present at chapter meeting.
4. Don't forget your Centennial P.A.S.S.
5. Ask sorors to report your name to Financial Officers when you reclaim!

October 2012

Coming Attractions

HAC Directory Photo Shoots

Thursday, October 4th - 5:00-8:00 PM

Saturday, October 6th - 4:30-6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 10th - 5:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, October 17th - 5:00-8:00 PM

\$10 Sitting Fee - Wrap & accessories provided.

Visit www.dsthoustonalumnae.org

for November & December dates.

Olympic Reclamation 2012

Bring the Gold Home!

Sunday, October 21st

3:00 - 5:00 PM at One Delta Plaza

Represent your favorite country:

America-Jamaica-China

Italy-France-England

Centennial Savings with

PrimeWay Federal Credit Union

Open 2013 Centennial Savings Account

PrimeWay Federal Credit Union

HAC has saved **\$47,381!** Make your deposits to reach the **\$100K** goal.



HAC is home to **281** more sisters

since **September 2011!**

Membership Services thanks each of you for your reclamation efforts.

Olympic Reclamation 2012

Houston Alumnae is Bringing Home the GOLD!



Join Houston Alumnae Chapter for the
2012 New Member Orientation - Reclamation

Sunday, October 21, 2012

3:00 - 5:00 PM

One Delta Plaza

Experience global food, fun & fellowship in HAC!

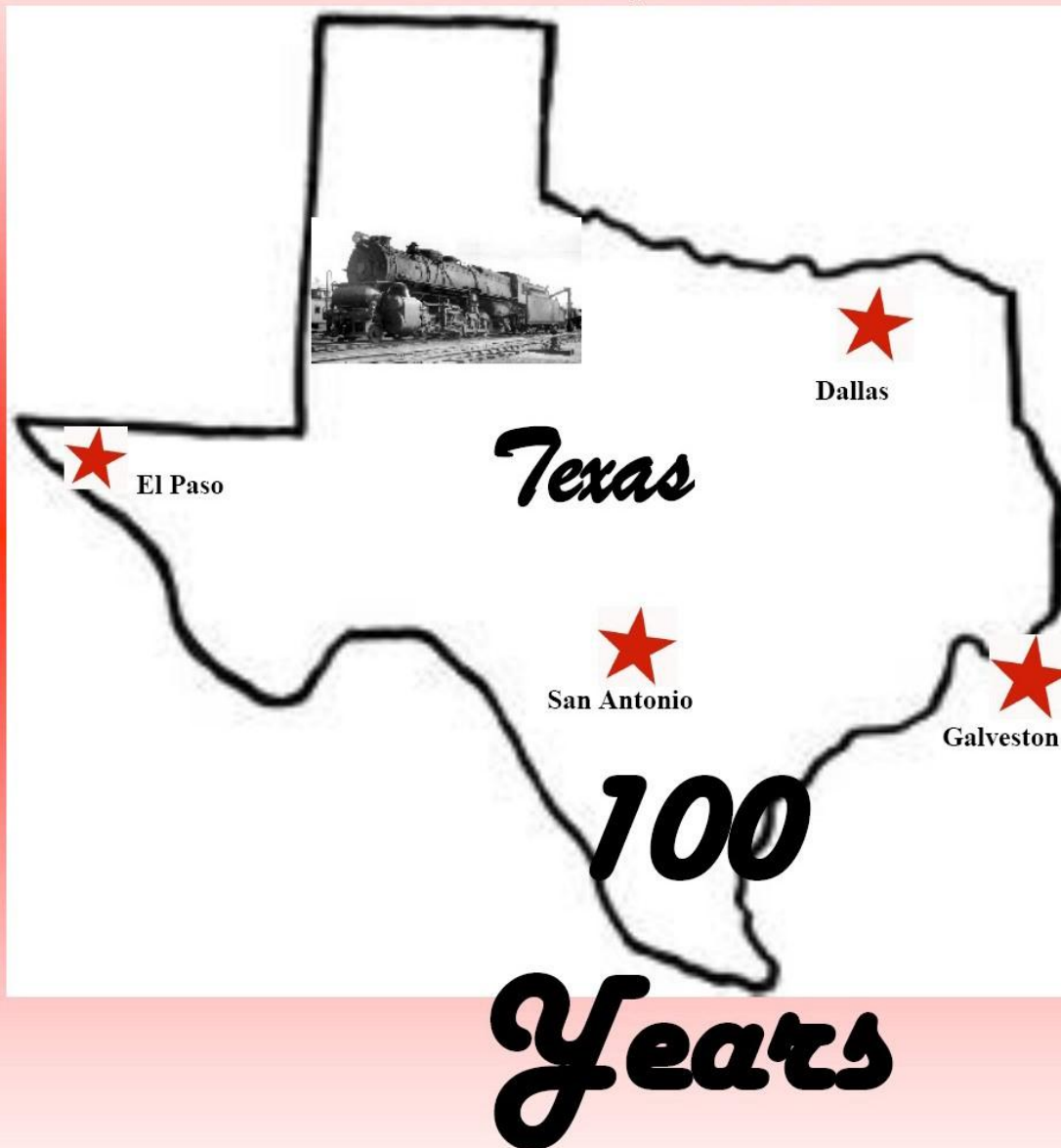
Represent your favorite country - American flag included - for Olympic Prizes.

Learn about **HAC and why it's the place to be.**



HAC Membership Services - membership@dsthoustonalumnae.org - www.dsthoustonalumnae.org

Heritage & Archives Presents:
“Pit Stops with our Texas Founders”
Follow Their Journey back to DC



Houston Alumnae Chapter
Serving the Community
85 years 1927-2012

Quench Your Thirst with Coca Cola!



Project ACE Fundraiser

**Purchase
20oz. Coca Cola Products
Only \$.92 per unit**

Case Cost \$22.00

(24 Bottles Per Case-some prices vary)

Order Your Case Today!!!

Order Dates: October 6, 2012-November 21, 2012
Pick Up Date: December 1, 2012
Pick Up Location: 3333 Old Spanish Trail Houston, TX 77021

For more information, contact your Project Ace salesperson!



Houston Alumnae Chapter Omega Omega Information Form

Current Name of Soror: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Membership Number: _____ Date of Initiation: _____

Initiating Chapter: _____ City, State: _____

Family Contact Person: _____ Family Contact Phone Number: _____

Delta Contact Person: _____ Delta Contact Phone Number: _____

To ensure the proper removal of Sorority property, whom should the Chapter contact (Name)? _____
_____ and phone number? _____

Delta Involvement: _____

Names of (Financial) Sorors to be part of the service:

1. Soror Chosen for Eulogy:	
2. Soror	
3. Soror	
4. Soror	
5. Soror	

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOLANDA JONES AT CHAPTER MEETING OR VIA EMAIL AT ritual@dsthoustonalumnae.org.

Technology and Information Corner

New Year, New Website!-The HAC website is now available. Visit the site <http://dsthoustonalumnae.org> today for immediate access to forms, calendars, newsletters and the latest HAC announcements.

Don't have a Userid?- Be sure to update your National Profile in order to have full access to the member's only section of the site. Expedite this process by updating your email addresses at http://deltasigmatheta.org/membersonly/members_login.asp. If you experience problems, a Technology Committee table will be setup at the October 6th meeting to assist with updating National Profiles, Twitter accounts, Facebook accounts and accessing the HAC site.

New Communication Tools!-Continue to Like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DSTHAC1913> at **DeltaSigmaThetaHAC** page and follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/DSTHAC1913> **DeltaSigmaThetaHAC**.



Membership Services invites you to visit the chapter website to sign up for your HAC Directory Photo Shoot. Go to: <http://www.dsthoustonalumnae.org/>

1. Member Center
2. HAC Sorors (Log in using the password from the Technology Committee)
3. Committees
4. Directory Photo Shoot



You may secure your chosen time for your photography session. By doing so, you will receive automatic email reminders for your appointment.

We hope to see you in the lights!
Membership Services Committee

Voter Mobilization 2012



DELTA RED ARMY Second Mobilization Election 2012

Date	October 27, 2012	Goal	100 Chapters in SW Region
What	GOTV-Distributing Get Out the Vote flyers	Attire	Red/RED/Red
Where	OST Corridor	Why	Since 1913, DST has been about voter participation.

The Current Situation: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is partnering with the NAACP and the Urban League to get out the vote for 2012. The goal is to increase voter turnout in selected communities in the Southwest Region.

***All chapter members are asked to participate!! Please contact Vickie Byrd at vbyrd0710@sbcglobal.net, if you have any questions.**

**1-866-MYVOTE1 Hotline
<http://1866myvote1.com/>**

Info: We want to blanket our streets, campuses and churches with this number. This number can assist any voter with any questions on voting issues.

**Houston Alumnae Chapter (HAC)
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated**

Youth Initiative Programs

Risk Management Training

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (Delta) currently sponsors the following youth initiative programs designed to promote the development of young African American girls and boys. Training sessions will be held to ensure that HAC administers these programs in accordance with policies detailed in Delta's Risk Management Manual. This training is **"mandatory"** for applicable HAC members, parents of youth participants and applicable volunteers.

HAC Members, Parents and Volunteers Working on Youth Initiative Committees*

Date: October 27, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: One Delta Plaza

**Individuals that completed training for the 2011-2012 program year" are not" required to be re-trained for the 2012-2013 program year.*

Delta Academy

"The Transformation of Me... Knowing Me, Developing Me, Preparing Me"



Catalyst for academic excellence among young African American girls ages 11 to 14. The academy curriculum is designed to develop young women with positive attitudes towards themselves and others, and who are effective and optimistic problem solvers, that are confident about their future.

Delta GEMS

(Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully)

(Addressing the needs of young African American women in grades 9 through 12; between ages 14 - 18)



EMBODI

(Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence)



Program which is designed to address the plight of young African American males ages 12 – 18. These youth continue to be in crisis and are not successful educationally, socially, and emotionally. Program intent is to address these issues by collaborating with organizations and agencies through dialogue, programs, and activities.

Direct all questions to Karen Hauser, HAC President (832-687-8550; k-hauser@sbcglobal.net) or Carolyn Grant, HAC 2nd Vice President (713-906-0715; grant2252@aol.com).

SORORS, YOUR ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED!

Delta Internal Development Workshops

When: Saturday, October 20, 2012

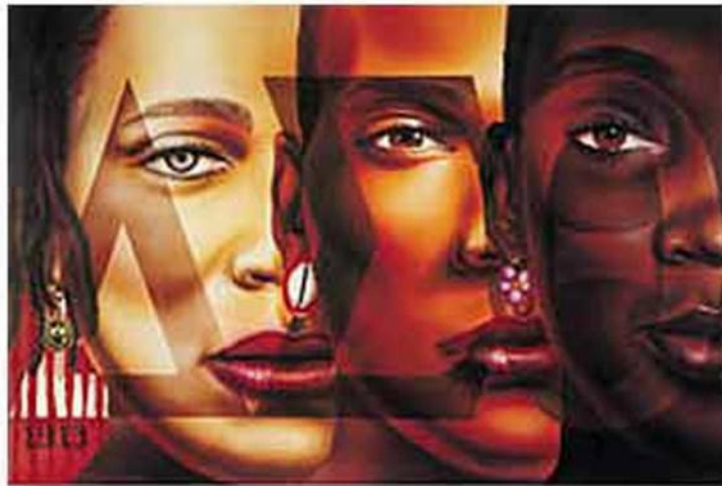
Where: One Delta Plaza

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Topics: –Chapter Managementll, –Protocoll and –Risk Managementll

Who is Invited?: All HAC Sorors

Lunch will be served! Door prizes throughout the day!



"The Delta girl is one who has been given the opportunity of education and broad development: she is one who has enjoyed the privileges of culture and selected environment...It is pleasing to a heartfelt depth to see her not as self centered, not desirous of selfish power, not wanting the plaudits of people, not wanting glory- but with a purpose which directs her activities and all that she may control toward lifting somebody else."

-Soror Mary McLeod Bethune

“Scenes of Sisterhood”

Sisters Keepers Meeting
Monday, September 17, 2012

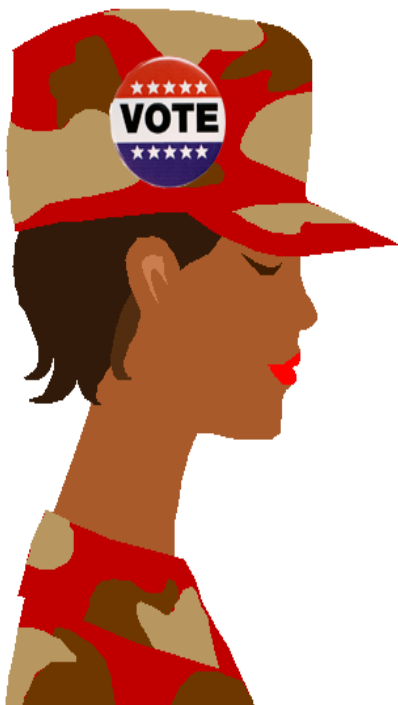


"Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service : Connecting the Pieces to Strengthen the Community"

—Scenes of Sisterhood!

Delta Red Army Mobilization

Saturday, September 22, 2012

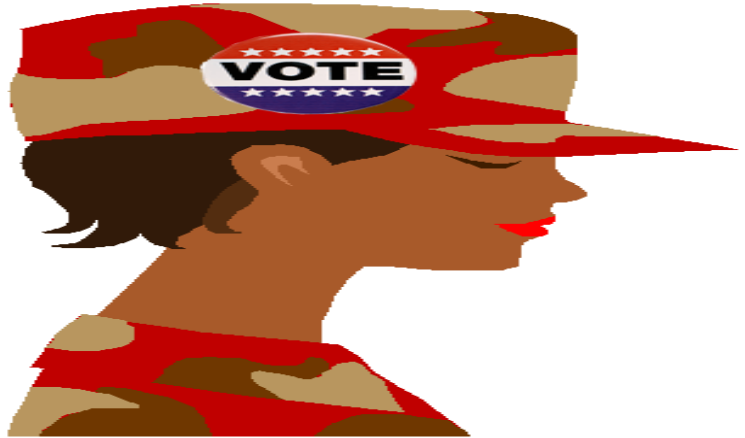


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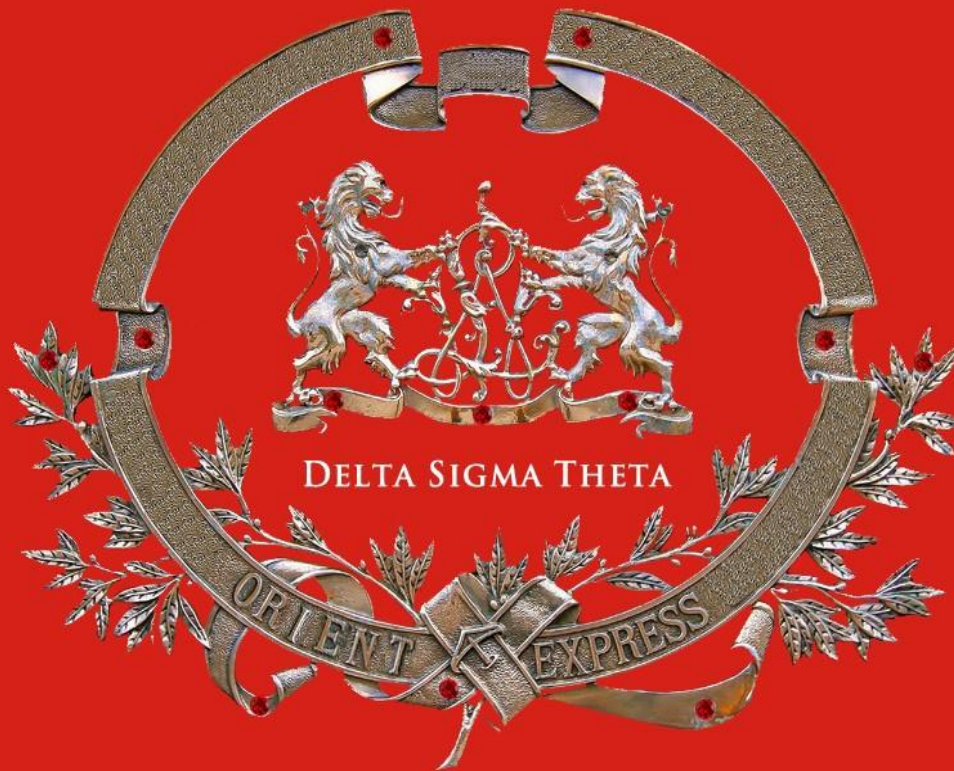
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***EAST MEETS WEST ON THE ORIENT-EXPRESS
AT OUR 11TH ANNUAL JAZZ SOIREE'
JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY LIKE NONE OTHER!***

***Sunday, December 2, 2012
Hilton Americas
1600 Lamar Street
Houston, Texas 77010***

Tickets will still be available at the October chapter meeting!

Daily Devotional - October 2012

Thought for the Month: Faith expects from God what is beyond all expectation.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1 Romans 8:28	2 Hosea 14:7	3 Psalms 25:5	4 Habakkuk 3:19	5 John 14:15
6 1 John 4:10	7 Hebrews 12:28	8 John 14:21	9 1 John 5:3	10 Psalms 119:165	11 2 Peter 1:3	12 Matthew 5:8
13 Acts 5:29	14 Isaiah 40:31	15 1 Corinthians 15:58	16 Psalms 142:3	17 2 Corinthians 6:18	18 1 John 5:20	19 Psalms 119:142
20 Psalms 16:11	21 Psalms 85:8	22 John 19:30	23 1 Corinthians 2:15	24 Psalms 34:18	25 Psalms 103:11	26 2 Corinthians 5:5
27 Matthew 24:13	28 Psalms 37:4	29 Psalms 37:5	30 Proverbs 19:23	31 Psalms 37:3		

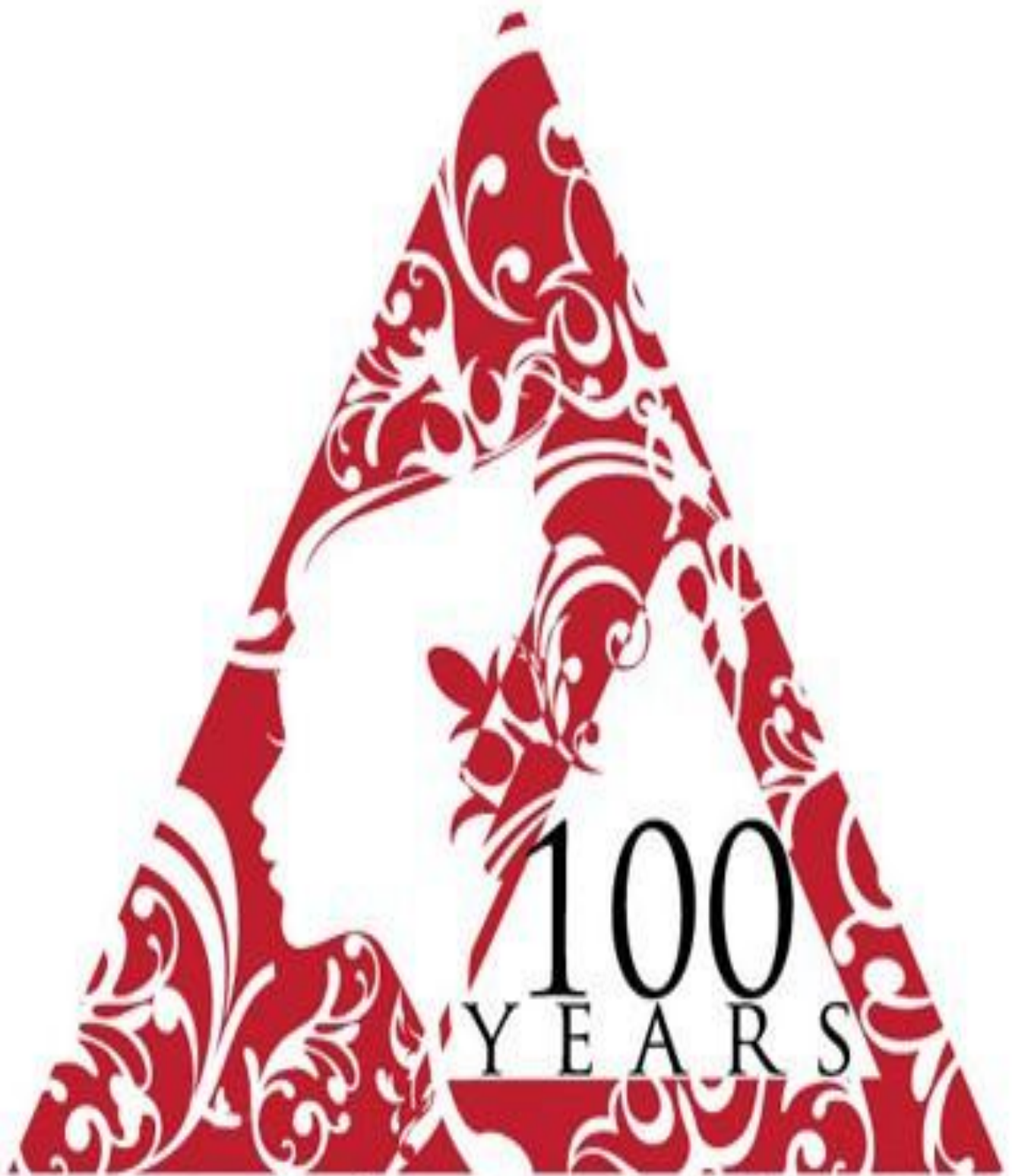
~ Compliments of the HAC Chaplains Council ~



October 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 (U of H- Downtown) 11 AM—2 PM Voter Registration Drive	3	4 (ODP) 6:30 PM Executive Board 5:00—8:00 PM Directory Photo Shoot	5 Centennial Savings Account Deposit	6 (Peggy Park) “Party in the Park” 11 AM (ODP) 2:30 PM <u>Sorority Meeting</u> 4:30—6:30 PM Directory
7	8 (ODP) 5:30 PM <u>R & C</u> 6:00 PM <u>Social Action</u> 6:30 PM <u>Risk Mgmt</u> 6:30 PM <u>Local Projects</u> (SHAPE CC) 6:30 PM	9 (Galleria) 6:00 PM Jazz Soiree’ Neiman Marcus Party	10 (ODP) 5:00—8:00 PM Directory Photo Shoot 6:30 PM Membership Services	11	12	13  TAG Day
14	15 (ODP) 11AM <u>Sisters Keepers</u> 6:30 PM Founders Day (Conference Call)	16	17 (ODP) 6:00 PM Steering <u>Committee Mtg.</u> 6:30 PM <u>Special Events</u> 5:00—8:00 PM Directory	18	19 Centennial Savings Account Deposit	20 (ODP) 9 AM <u>DID Workshop</u> 9:30 AM Internal Audit
21 (ODP) 3—5 PM Fall Reclamation/ New Member Orientation	22 Send a “Thinking of You” card to a soror 	23	24 (ODP) 5:30 PM <u>T & I</u>  6:30 PM EMBODI & <u>Delta GEMS</u> Quack Deadline	25	26	27 (ODP) 12 NOON <u>Delta GEMS</u> 1 PM Risk Management Training & <u>Delta</u> <u>Academy</u> EMBODI @ 2 PM
28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN 	<u>Thought for the Month</u> "Faith is the power to stand up to the madness and chaos of the physical world while holding the position that nothing external has any authority over what heaven has in mind for you."		



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YEARS

DELTA SIGMA THETA
1913-2013