



# The Delta Connection

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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## The President's Corner



Greeting Sorors,

As I sat contemplating what should I say; I thought about the Ecumenical Service at the Georgia State Cluster and having a feeling of Renewal once our Regional Chaplain delivered her message. Then I recalled that our National

President, Dr. Walker spoke about a time of Renewal (being made new, fresh, or strong again) on her most recent *25th on the 25th* message. It got me to thinking about our Chapter and how we are in a Renewal phrase. We have lost a few members but most importantly, we have gained some new members. And, we have done so much in the first six months of this sorority year than in previous years.

I say that to say this is not a time to be weary, this is not the time to slack off. Sorors, this is a time that you need to Refocus, Reaffirm and Reconnect to this Sisterhood, this Chapter and our mission. Some of our members need to be recharged and feel that as a collective body we have their backs and we support their efforts. We also need to take responsibility in letting others know that they need to let go and stop holding on to issues because we are in a phrase of Renewal; "we are being made new, fresh and strong again" because we are in preparation for Growth and there is no place for that in OUR Chapter. Before I close out, I want to acknowledge a few Sorors, who I believe, need a

round of applause for what they are doing for Hinesville Alumnae Chapter and when you see these Sorors, tell them *THANK YOU* for what you do for Delta and we appreciate you.

Special recognition goes to the Sorors on the GEMS Committee, the Fundraising Committee, the Arts & Letters Committee and the Hospitality Committee and last but not least, I want to thank Soror Debra Frazier for being there in a pinch and being able to deliver on more than one occasion within this sororal year.

Sorors, are you ready to recharge and push through to make sure that Hinesville Alumnae Chapter is putting a mark on our community?  
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## The Vice-President's Corner



Greetings Sorors,

We are Deltas! What does it mean to you to be a Delta?

Proudly we wear our crimson and cream!

Proudly we wear our letters! Are we wearing our letters in our heart? When we do, we carry each other and show that we matter to one another. When we do, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority becomes our responsibility for as long as we live.

Our 22 Founders had compassion for achieving and helping others. They took the initiative to make a difference in their lives and their community. They did not give up no matter what adversity they were faced with. The 22 were strong Christian women! They were leaders!

Sorors, we are a sisterhood called to serve. Hinesville Alumnae has been quite active over the past few months. As we go forward, let's all remember that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in our communities. To accomplish the sorority's purpose, support is needed from each and every one of us. If you are serving on a committee, please work to get the job done! When called upon to support a program, please do all you can do for the success of that program!

Sorors, we are Deltas! We are leaders! We are not just wearing our crimson and cream! We are not just wearing our letters! Members of Hinesville Alumnae are about

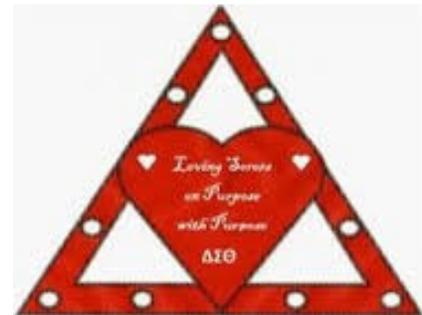
doing the work of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in our communities.

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

Yours In Delta,

*Sarah C. Stevens*

Soror Sarah C. Stevens  
Chapter Vice President



## President

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I hope you are because we have so much more to do and we need everyone to pitch in to see us through the final stretches of this sorority year.

Yours In Delta,

*Petula Y. Gomillion*

Soror Petula Y. Gomillion  
Chapter President

## A Call to Serve

Ruth M. Walsh wrote: "I was naked, and you questioned my lack of modesty in my appearance. I was imprisoned, and you debated the legal aspects of interference. I was penniless, and you discussed tax-deductible donations from your wealth. I was sick, and you thanked the Lord for the blessings of your health. I was hungry, and you formed a committee to study malnutrition. I was homeless, and you said God's love was shelter under any condition. I was lonely, and you left me by myself while you and your friends prayed. You seem so holy and close to God, yet I'm still sick and alone and afraid!"

By contrast, in the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus says, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV). When we fail to serve our neighbors, we fail to serve Jesus. Yet when we feed the hungry, we're actually feeding Jesus. When we visit the sick, we're actually visiting Jesus. And when we love one another, we're actually loving Jesus.



**BIRTHDAYS**  
this quarter



### April

- 8 Doris Barrett
- 14 Iman Johnson
- 14 Betty McCray
- 19 Vivienne Shipman-Davis
- 20 Sarah Stevens

### May

- 7 Domonique Logan
- 16 Stephanie Woods
- 20 Cassandra Moss
- 22 Chante Martin

# Deltas on the Move



*Sorors pictured with 24th National President Cynthia M. A. Butler - McIntyre at Albany Alumnae Founders Day*



*Sorors attending Albany Georgia Alumnae Founders Day*



*Sorors pictured with Soror Sallie Richardson, 2015 MLK Parade Grand Marshal*



*Sorors attending Georgia State Cluster*



*Sorors attending Alpha Kappa Alpha Founders Day*



*Hinesville Alumnae featured as "Business of the Week" at Ameris Bank*

# Deltas on the Move



*Sorors pictured with WNBA Delisha Milton-Jones at the Eleven Black Men of Liberty County, Inc. 21st Annual Banquet*



*Soror Shirley Frasier (center) receiving Reclamation Award*



*Sorors attending Community of Inspired Women, Inc Heart Health Month Celebration*



*Sorors in attendance at the NAACP Community Policing Forum*



*4.5 mile Good Friday Walk supporting Liberty County Homeless Shelter*

**Literary Café** Submitted by Soror Yvonne Woods

Nearly a capacity crowd filled the Liberty County Performing Arts Center on March 27, 2015. Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. presented an evening of cultural entertainment in its signature event, Literary Café. The local community enjoyed an evening of jazz, song, dance, and poetry. This event is directly aligned with our National Commission on Arts and Letters established in 1973. We are dedicated to preserving, supporting, communicating and projecting all art forms that express the African American experience.



Local artists included Tyrick Holmes, Lisa Jackson-Chaney, Juanita Lowery, McKineley Sartin and the band Q<sup>2</sup>. The Savannah State University Dance Ensemble brought the crowd to its feet. The featured performer hailed from Atlanta, Georgia. Tavares Stephens is an educator, producer, musician, writer and poet. He spoke impromptu on timely topics in a poetic manner. WTOC Anchor, Dawn Baker served as our guest host. She has connections to Liberty County as well, for she is a product of Liberty County School System in her early years.



The Arts and Letters Committee wishes to thank everyone for their support.



## Go Red For Heart

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta used the month of February to raise awareness about heart disease and how people can prevent it — both at home and in the community.

On National Wear Red Day, Friday, February 6, 2015, sorors were committed to wearing red and posting pictures on social media to spread the word.

A Go Red Bowling event was held on February 22, 2015. The event was dedicated to making an impact in our community's fight against heart disease, the No. 1 killer.

In addition to raising awareness, we donated a total of \$500.00 to the American Heart Association. A display with recipes and health tips was made available for attendees.

A total of eighteen teams participated in the bowling event. Trophies were awarded to the winning teams as follows:

- 1st Place - Atomic Boom
- 2nd Place: Strictly Business
- 3rd Place: Mu Phi Chapter Omega Psi Phi

Our goal, to spread the news that heart disease can be prevented or controlled by lifestyle changes, was accomplished with the successful events held by our sorority.



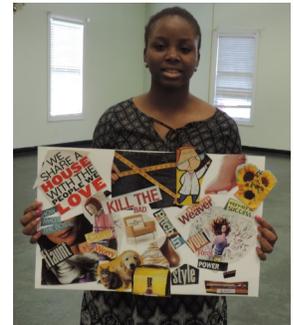
## Health Tip: Tips for a Safe and Healthy Life

Putting Themselves First:  
Delta GEMS February and March 2015 Workshops  
Submitted by Soror Chante Baker Martin

On February 7, the Delta GEMS participated in a workshop entitled, "Loving Your Inner Self." The guest facilitator, Minister Cynthia Felix, shared a moving account of her life story with the girls wherein she emphasized the importance of having high self-esteem and sound moral values. The workshop concluded with the girls creating vision boards describing their future goals and aspirations. On March 7, the GEMS were led through an etiquette workshop facilitated by Soror Sarah Stevens. The session, aptly entitled

"Presenting My Self to Others," was designed to provide the girls with helpful pointers for conducting themselves in formal and in informal settings. The workshop concluded with the GEMS putting their learning into action. Joined by their parents, the girls were treated to a three-course lunch. Mrs. Sharon Coats, mother of GEMS Shatia Coats, provided lovely table decorations for the occasion.

Scenes from Loving Your Inner Self



## Scenes from Presenting Myself to Others



### Project 13 submitted by Soror Sarah C. Stevens

This sorority year chapters were encouraged to participate in Project 13 (P-13), an initiative of the Sorority designed to demonstrate our united power of service and our commitment to lead, serve and empower our communities. Thirteen dynamic organizations were identified that have synergy with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and are aligned with our mission to be engaged in public service, the core pillar upon which our organization was founded in 1913.

Three of the projects were required to be completed by April 1, 2015. Hinesville Alumnae came through, selecting the St. Jude's Give Thanks Walk (\$1,215 raised), the American Heart Association Go Red

(\$500 raised) and the NAACP Membership Drive (10 memberships purchased, \$300).

Thank you Sorors!



## Soror in the Spotlight

Submitted by Soror Edith Anderson



Public service with a smile! She has a smile that lights up a room and radiates a sense of caring.

Soror Sarah C. Stevens, a youthful looking Delta Dear and former President of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, personifies dedication to duty. Despite retiring from the University of Georgia

Cooperative Extension Service in 1999 after 27 years, the word retirement is not in her vocabulary.

A native of Midway, Georgia, Soror Stevens resides in Savannah, Georgia. She remains a dedicated and faithful member of the church she joined at the age of nine, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Hinesville, Georgia. For the past sixteen years, she has served as the church secretary. She actively serves in the choir, deaconess ministry, women's ministry, and food ministry. Soror Stevens is also a member's care team leader and board of director's member.

A 1968 honor graduate (salutatorian) of Liberty County High School, Midway, Georgia, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Textiles and Clothing (cum laude) from Savannah State College (now University) in 1972. While attending Savannah State, Soror Stevens was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on December 4, 1969 at Delta Nu Chapter. She was Chapter President from 1971-1972.

As an employee with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extensive Service, Soror Stevens worked in the areas of Home Economics and 4-H and Youth in Sumter and Chatham counties. She inspired and coached hundreds of 4-H'ers to participate in 4-H competitions every year and introduced thousands of youth to the 4-H Camping program. Thousands of youth were reached through the 4-H classroom programs and the summer activities offered each year to include babysitting classes, sewing classes, a variety of cooking classes, etiquette classes, and many more.

## Meet Soror Sarah Stevens

A charter member of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter, Soror Stevens also served as Vice-President (1989-1992) and President (1992-1996). Instead of enjoying her role as a seasoned soror and Delta Dear, she is now graciously serving as Vice-President (2014 to present).

During her tenure as President, Hinesville Alumnae Chapter was involved in numerous projects and activities. Two Jabberwocks were held as its fundraisers for the scholarship funds. Folk artists, Ron and Natalie Daise of Beaufort, South Carolina, were featured guests of the Arts and Letters Program. Financial support was given to the Boys and Girls Scout Troops, Habitat for Humanity, Dorchester Center Restoration project, Liberty County Training Center, United Negro College Fund, flood victims in Albany, Georgia, the Eleven Black Men of Liberty County, and the NAACP Membership Drive. High school graduates from Liberty and Long counties received college scholarships. Books and toys were donated to the Riceboro Learning Center and books and magazines were given to the Midway-Riceboro Branch Library and Riceboro Pre-School Learning Center.

The Chapter also participated in health screenings for pre-school children at Winn Army Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia. Members of the Chapter conducted weekly tutoring and leadership development programs at the St. James Community Center in Holmestown, Georgia, for grades 1-12 with improving reading, math and study skills.

Soror Stevens is proud to be a longtime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. "First of all, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a sisterhood. Sisterhood is at the core of our being as an organization. As sisters, we are different flowers from the same garden," she noted.

"Several words come to mind when I think of how I would describe the sorors of Hinesville Alumnae Chapter. Through all of us, put together, I find flowers of Hinesville Alumnae that are caring, compassionate, cooperative, energetic, faithful, generous, hard-working, humble, intelligent, kind, loyal, reliable, respectful, thoughtful and warm. I also see a need for us to come together to foster, rekindle and nurture meaningful relationships built on principles of sisterhood."

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***DID  
YOU  
KNOW?***

**Dorothy I. Height**, Ph.D., 10th National President (1947-1956), was appointed by President Carter to the Presidential Commission on a National Agenda for the 1980s. She served as president of the National Council of Negro Women for more than 40 years.

**Barbara Jordan** was the first African-American to serve in the U.S. Congress from the South since Reconstruction. She was the first Black woman to preside over a state senate and the first African-American to deliver the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention.

**Patricia Roberts Harris** served as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s first Executive Director. She was also the first Black woman to be appointed ambassador to a European country (Luxembourg) and to be appointed to a presidential cabinet post as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She was later appointed as Secretary of Health and Human Services. In January 2000, she was honored on the 23rd commemorative stamp in the United States Postal Service's Black Heritage Series. Other Deltas that have been ambassadors are Ann Holloway and Bynthis Perry.

## **Soror** (continued from page 10)

When asked what advice she has for the younger sorors who are just starting out, Soror Stevens stated, "My advice for the sorors who are just starting out is to remember that membership in Delta Sigma Theta is for life and to be committed! Take an active part in the programs of the sorority through the local chapter and be ready and willing to serve!"

Soror Stevens said the late Soror Alfretha Adams of Midway was her mentor. "As a young girl, I was involved as a 4-H'er in Liberty County under her leadership. She also inspired me to become a home economist with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service."

In addition to being a very active Delta, Soror Stevens is also a member of the African American Extension Retirees Group, the NAACP, and the Friends of the Coastal Gardens. She is a supporter of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the American Heart Association.

A woman of grace and poise, she continues to teach etiquette classes to young ladies. "It is important to empower young ladies with manners, social skills and poise, allowing them to be more confident in social settings and to feel good about themselves."

"I am blessed and thankful for all that God has allowed me to accomplish and experience. One of my 'favorite verses is Psalm 34:1, *I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*"

Soror Stevens has been married to the love of her life and husband, Edward Stevens, for forty years. This union was blessed with two sons, Gregory (1976-1983) and Everett (his wife, Nikia). They are the proud grandparents of two grandsons, Landen Elijah and Levi Edward.

While her son, Everett, was in school (elementary, middle and high), Sarah was actively involved in the P.T.A. and the P.T.S.A. at each school he attended, serving as president of the organizations at each school.

A true role model and example of Delta's sisterhood, Soror Stevens reminds us: "My inspiration to continue to perform acts of public service comes from our sacred vow. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is public service!"

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](mailto:Hac_journalist@yahoo.com).

Article submissions for the next newsletter are due by May 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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