



Delta Connection

Hinesville Alumnae Chapter

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The President's Corner



Greeting Sorors,

Welcome Aboard USS Fortitude!
 First and Foremost, Thank you for continuing to believe in this leadership and re-electing me as your Chapter President. I am excited about our vision: To utilize our collective knowledge, skills and local/global resources to fulfill the mission to our Chapter;

engaging agencies and organizations to enhance our local and global leveraging power. Our mission: Reaffirm, Refocus and Reconnect for this sorority year. Our first Chapter meeting was clearly a sign of the greatness that is to come! With record number attendance, I pray that we continue moving forward and build upon this momentum.

In celebration of our 30th Anniversary, our theme Anchored in Delta: A Journey of a Lifetime is significant to our lasting commitment to this organization, this chapter and to our bond of sisterhood. There is nothing that we can not accomplish in this sorority year when we bond together to reach our highest moral, educational and spiritual goals while keeping in mind our Five Point Programmatic Thrust. In doing so, I have created three new committees: Economic Development, International Awareness and Involvement and Physical and Mental Health Awareness. Sorors, it is important that we stay on course and stop at each of our seaports (Five Point Programmatic Thrust) along this journey. Our vision and mission is clear and together we can achieve it!

In the month of September, we were able to impact the community by hosting a Voter Education Forum and Registration Drive in Jesup on September 22. Thank you to Soror Johnson, the Social Action Committee and Soror Davis; the event was awesome! On September 24th, members participated and support this year St. Jude's Children Research Virtual Run/Walk Drive. Thank you to all that contributed to this cause. On September 29, four boxes of books were donated to Bryan County Family Connec-

tion and Bryan Co 4H Club Book Drive; thank you to all that were able to donate! We kicked off the month of October with our first annual Teen Summit, that was held on October 1st, with 50 students registered and a full day of workshops. It was a SUCCESS! Thank you to Soror Caesar and all those who volunteered and assisted to make this event a success. On October 3, we will host a Voter Registration Drive at Liberty County High School and on October 4th, we will assist the Liberty County NAACP with the Political Forum. In closing, the great Steve Jobs once said, "If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." Remember the vision of our 22 Founders, our vision and our mission to help guide you.

Yours In Delta!

Soror Petula Y. Gomillion

Chapter President

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The Vice-President's Corner



Greetings Sorors!

I am excited about this "Journey of a Lifetime" that Hinesville Alumnae Chapter has embarked upon being "Anchored in Delta." The sailing will indeed be smooth as all of us take an active part in supporting the programs that have been scheduled this sororal year.

On this journey we will recognize the "Sorors of the Month." Get your points by attending chapter meetings, executive board meetings, committee meetings and chapter special events and programs; support the Project 13 Initiatives; and bonus points "for the health of it" exercise.

The first of the Project 13 Initiatives, the St. Jude Virtual Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer, was successful as the chapter met and exceeded its goal of \$500, raising \$700.00. Special thanks to the contributors: Sorors Gomillion, Caesar, Conyers, Covington, Davis, Ferrell, Frasier,

Harvin, I. Johnson, Lockwood, Luckey-Merritt, Starr and Stevens. Thanks also to our family members for their support.

We are a sisterhood! As we journey, we have the opportunity to go the extra miles with our "Special Soror." We will show acts of kindness (keep in touch, make calls, send notes, go to lunch, give a gift, etc.) throughout the year toward our *Special*.

Sorors, let's enjoy this journey!

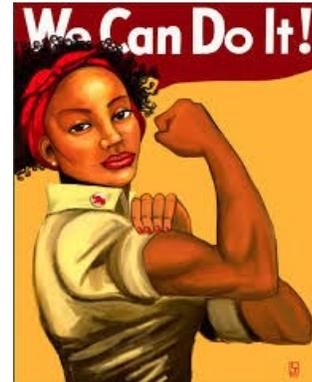
Yours In Delta,
Soror Sarah C. Stevens
Chapter Vice President



Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Retreat

The Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Retreat on August 27th, left us feeling rejuvenated and inspired to do the work of Delta! Soror Elena Ponder, our DID trainer paved the way with provocative open ended questions that helped us refocus, reaffirm, and reconnect. We ask that you reflect on these questions as we navigate through this year.

- Which of the nine cardinal virtues are hard for you?
- What does sisterhood mean to you?
- What are you doing to promote sisterhood?
- What is my chapter doing to promote sisterhood?



Test your Delta knowledge with a few more questions from our Chapter Retreat at this link below!

<https://goo.gl/forms/SoEttGhKm2mBsssC3>



Aug 10	Cynthia Smith
Aug 15	Althea Jackson
Aug 30	Gwendolyn Starr
Sep 6	Sallie Richardson
Sept 14	Debra Frazier
Sept 16	Christie Conyers
Oct 3	Edith Anderson
Oct 7	Daisy Jones
Oct 8	Carletha Davis
Oct 14	Chinreye Boozier
Oct 18	Clara Stewart-Rowsey
Nov 1	Annie Stewart
Nov 30	Virie Walton

Economic Development

The month of August was recognized at National Black Business Month. Sorors were encouraged by the Economic Development Committee to patronize various “Black Owned Businesses,” in our communities. The goal is for our sorority is to help establish a list of Black Owned Businesses for our service areas. We look forward to seeing this list grow throughout the year.

**Special Beginnings Hair Salon**

Owner: Tosha Bell

A1 Discount Floors

Owner: Anthony McQueen

Good 2 Go Jamaican Restaurant**Sho Nuff BBQ****U Bounce****Inspirations Dance Studios****Philips's Seafood**

Educational Development

Teen Summit – WE RISE

Submitted by Soror Myra Caesar

When the words “We Rise” were featured to describe the first ever Teen Summit, we did not realize that rising would be exactly what would happen. On Saturday, October 1, 2016, over 100 attendees including teenagers and parents rose to arrive at 9:00 a.m. at the Paul R. Smith Fort Stewart Education Center to become a part of history!

The Teen Summit, which was co-sponsored by Hinesville Alumnae Chapter and Webster University brought teenagers from Liberty, Bryan, Long and Wayne counties together in order to discuss important topics that impact the lives of teenagers.

The mission of the summit was to help all attendees realize that they can “RISE” above the current situations impacting their lives. In order to ensure they were prepared with the tools they needed, several people including volunteers and facilitators assisted with the event!

Facilitators including Will Bowman, Lauren Kidd, Ernest Jones, Wanda Wright and Shawntell Green provided tons of information on key topics including Interacting with the Police, Healthy Relationships, Digital Citizenship and Healthy Body/Self Esteem. All of the classes were extremely interactive and kept the students entertained.

Numerous Hinesville Alumnae Chapter members volunteered their time to assist in making the Teen Summit a huge success as well. Those sorors included Sorors Gomillion, Stevens, Walton, Covington, Starr, Patterson, Ferrell, Lett, Lockwood, Moss, Flora, Martin, Nelson, and Caesar.

Soror Jackie Day provided an extremely tasty breakfast and lunch food items for the students and parents, and the event was covered by the Coastal Courier! We look forward to article that will appear in the coming days in the local newspaper.

All in all, the event was a huge success, and we are confident that the students in attendance will continue to RISE in all of their future endeavors.



Educational Development



A special thank you to Soror Genese Lane for the program and flyer designs, as well as Soror Edith Anderson for the original article in the Coastal Courier.



International Awareness and Involvement



<http://www.socksforcourtney.org/>

Submitted by Soror Cassandra Moss

The ladies of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter is hosting a Sock Drive in honor of Courtney A. Kemp. Courtney passed at the tender age of nine due to undiagnosed heart disease. During her nine years on Earth a passion of Courtney was socks. Today her family has established a non-profit organization in her memory to bring awareness to heart disease. The socks they collect are donated to the American Heart Association, Haiti Relief Project, Buckner Shoes/ Socks for Orphans Soul, Various Nursing Homes, Homeless Shelters, Families in Peru, Memorial Children's Hospital and many more.

Socks that Heal Broken Hearts Donations will be accepted October 1st through November 30th. For additional information contact Soror Cassandra Moss or Soror Jamika Johnson. The chair and co-chair are committed to picking up socks of all sizes.



Physical and Mental Health



OCTOBER
NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH

Be Informed, Be Prepared, Know how to help!

Read these tips from the National Resource Center
on Domestic Violence

<http://www.nrcdv.org/dvam/>

If you are in immediate danger, please:

- Call 911.
- Contact your local hotline.
- Contact a national hotline:
- Call the U.S. National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or TTY 1-800-787-3224.
- Call, text or chat Love Is Respect—the U.S. National Teen Dating Violence Helpline: 1-866-331-9474 or TTY 1-866-331-8453, text "loveis" to 77054 or live chat at <http://www.loveisrespect.org>.
- Call the U.S. National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673 (HOPE), which automatically connects you to a local U.S. rape crisis program based on the area code of your phone number. Secure, online private chat is available at <https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>.

Remember: Corded phones are more private and less able to be intercepted than cordless phones or analog cell phones.

Be Aware: You may not be able to reach 911 using an Internet phone or Internet-based phone service, so you may need to be prepared to use another phone to call 911.

Contact your local domestic violence program, shelter, or rape crisis center to learn about free cell phone donation programs.

Tips for Using Technology

If you think your activities are being monitored, they probably are.

Abusive people are often controlling and want to know your every move. You don't need to be a computer programmer or have special skills to monitor someone's computer and Internet activities. Anyone can do it and there are many ways to monitor with programs like Spyware, keystroke loggers, and hacking tools.

It is not possible to delete or clear all the "footprints" of your computer or online activities.

If you are being monitored, it may be dangerous to change your computer behaviors such as suddenly deleting your entire Internet history if that is not your regular habit.

If you think you may be monitored on your home computer, be careful how you use your computer since an abuser might become suspicious.

You may want to keep using the monitored computer for innocuous activities, like looking up the weather. Use a safer computer to research an escape plan, to look for new jobs, apartments or bus tickets, or to ask for help.

Email and Instant/Text Messaging (IM) are not safe or confidential ways to talk to someone about the danger or abuse in your life.

If possible, please call a hotline instead. If you use email or IM, please use a safer computer and an account your abuser does not know about.

Computers can store a lot of private information.

This includes what you look at via the Internet, the emails and instant messages you send, Internet-based phone and IP-TTY calls you make, Web-based purchases and banking, and many other activities.

It might be safer to use a computer in a public library, at a community technology center (CTC), at a trusted friend's house, or at an Internet Cafe. Modern technology and social networks change frequently. Educate yourself by reading about the NRCDV's [*Tech Safety Resources*](#).

Political Awareness and Involvement

Voter Education Forum and Registration Drive

Submitted by Soror Iman V. Johnson

On September 22, 2016, Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Wayne County Branch NAACP partnered to host a voter education forum and registration drive at Bennett Union Missionary Baptist Church social hall in Jesup, GA. The panelist for this occasion was the Georgia State NAACP President, Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson. Dr. Johnson began the forum by enlightening the audience on important issues such as voter suppression and voter disenfranchisement, both of which are tactics used to discourage African Americans or other minorities from voting, or simply to prevent them from voting. He stressed the need for people to know their rights when they go to the polls, and be aware of the fact that a driver's license is not the only form of i.d. that is accepted. He said that any document that has your picture on it will suffice, i.e., passport, military i.d., etc.

Dr. Johnson also answered an array of questions from the audience, while also stressing that absentee voting is by far the best way to vote because you don't have to show i.d., just simply download the ballot online, fill it out, and mail it in, and these votes will have to be counted. He urged all voters to "never leave the polls without at least casting a provisional ballot". Dr. Johnson ended the night by urging the audience to "vote NO" for all four of the proposed constitutional amendments that will be on the ballot. All voters should make it a point to be well informed before going to the polls. As a reminder, early voting begins Oct. 17th- Nov. 4th, and election day is November 8th. Please make your voice heard and vote!



Pictured left to right: President of Wayne Co. NAACP, President Petula Gomillion, and Rev. Dr. Francys Johnson



Political Awareness and Involvement

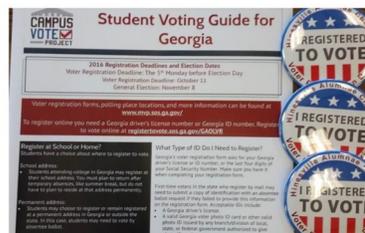
Members of the Hinesville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted a Voter Registration Drive at Liberty County High School for students ages 17 and a half to 18 years in age by the November 2016 Election Day.

Each student was provided a “I Registered To Vote” button donated by the Chapter!

The chapter showed its gratitude to (Soror) Stephanie Woods, Principal of Liberty County High School for allowing us to set up and use iPad to assist students with voter registration.

All students have until October 11th to register to vote so that they are eligible to participate in the November election.

Www.registertovovtee.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR

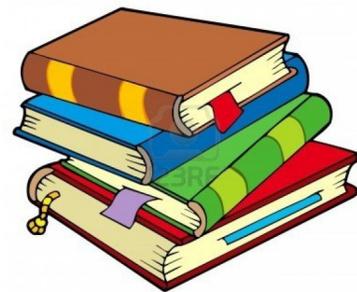


Book Drive

Submitted by Soror Petula Gomillion

The Chapter President presented to the Bryan County Family Connection Executive Director, Wendy Sims, four boxes of books. The books were collected by the HAC members in support of the Bryan County Book Drive to support the Bryan County 4H program.

In the near future, Hinesville Alumnae Chapter will also sponsor a book box constructed from an Old Newspaper Box Stand to hold the donated books. The Box Stand will be strategically placed at a location in Bryan County.



2016-2017 Hinesville Alumnae Chapter Elected Officers

- President - Soror Petula Gomillion
- Vice President - Soror Sarah Stevens
- Recording Secretary - Soror Dalmyra Caesar
- Corresponding Secretary - Soror Genese Baker Lane
- Financial Secretary - Soror Genese Lane
- Treasurer - Soror Cynthia Smith
- Chaplain - Soror Debra Covington
- Parliamentarian - Soror Gwen Starr
- Sergeant-at-Arms - Soror Jameshia Patterson



The Delta Connection Staff

Refocus Δ Reaffirm Δ Reconnect

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