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# **Chapter Meetings**

Meetings for the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter are only open to the duly initiated members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

For details and to receive a virtual meeting registration link, please contact: membership@raleighdst.org

# PEARLS OF WISDOM

By: President Lillian M. Davis

We have come to the intricate season of spring when everything begins to bloom, days start to get longer giving us the opportunity to be outside! It is also a time for celebrations such as Mother's Day and school graduations.



I hope that in all your events and activities that you will make time for yourself. We can all use a moment of self care and reflection to hit the reset button before the next curtain call of life.

Raleigh Alumnae has been quite busy this season and I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter. In all that we do, community/volunteer service is always a priority for our chapter. May this spring season bring happiness and great adventure for you and your family!

# NATIONAL GO RED DAY

Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national movement to end heart disease and stroke in women in support of American Heart Association Go Red Day. Chapter members showed their support by wearing red on February 4th.



# The Sweet Side of Support

# Saturday, February 19th NOTHING BUILD CAKES

Raleigh Alumnae Chapter received a percentage of ALL in-store sales for the day to support our community programs!

Thank You For Your Support





SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S GALA SATURDAY

> FEB. 18 2023



Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the 2022 Scholarship Gala Committee would like to thank you all for your continued support of our Scholarship Gala. The theme for the 2022 gala was "A Legacy of Excellence" and you helped us to build on the legacy. Whether you donated to or purchased a silent auction item, donated money or were a sponsor, your participation led to a successful event. It takes a village and helping to afford a college education is a small part of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter's legacy of community improvement. We take pride in giving back and partnering with like-minded individuals and companies.

Our Chapter members with their Sponsorships, including Diamond Circle of Honor and our individual donors made a difference in us reaching our goal. Your commitment to continuing the legacy of our chapter in making an impact in our community goes without saying. We would like to give a special thank you to our major sponsors - corporate, small business and individuals. Your dedication to the community and our chapter is appreciated.



We invite you to SAVE THE DATE for the 2023 Raleigh Alumnae Chapter Scholarship Gala being planned for February 18, 2023.

We look forward to hopefully getting back together in person to celebrate life and an emergence from the pandemic. There is no better opportunity to show gratitude and appreciation than with a warm hug, laughter, fun and dancing.



SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S GALA

**SATURDAY** 

FEB. 18 2023



# Thank you Sponsors!

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# Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking Awareness



Domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking are inter-sectional issues for many survivors. Like domestic violence and sexual assault, trafficking (DV/SA/HT) is about power and control and exploitation of people, particularly women and children.

We would be remiss if we did not highlight efforts from our October observance of National Domestic Violence Awareness month where the Raleigh Alumnae Domestic Violence Awareness Committee participated in #PurpleThursday a national day of action. This is an annual event to raise awareness about domestic violence and an easy way for people to show our commitment to promoting healthy relationships. On October 21st, a social media campaign highlighted members of our chapter showing allegiance to this cause by wearing purple. Additionally, we hosted a "support the supporter" luncheon for the staff of Wake County Victim Service Domestic Violence Civil Intake Unit. Ten Diva (self-care) tote bags were given to the intake team to distribute to domestic violence survivors.

January has been declared Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month, during which Raleigh Alumnae's **Information & Technology Committee** further promoted advocacy and awareness during our January Internet Safety Event.



# INTERNET SAFETY



Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Invites You to Our Annual Internet Safety Webinar January 27th at 6:30pm ET

#### NC FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

Members of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated attended Founders Day held in Greenville, NC February 11th-12th. The event was hosted by Kinston Alumnae Chapter and theme for the day was The Resurgence of Sisterhood. The speaker was the 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Dr. Cynthia M. A. Butler-McIntyre.







#### WAKE UP AND READ BOOK DRIVE



The 9th Annual Wake Up and Read Book Drive kicked off on January 29th and ran through February 28th. Arts and Letters supported the organization by being a literary champion and hosting two Book Drives; one at Garner Road Community Center on February 5th and one at the Junior League of Raleigh on February 25th. Wake Up and Read is a community coalition of 30+ organizations in Wake County committed to improving childhood literacy. The organization distributes donated books at 15 partner schools and 17 childcare centers in wake county, where children self-select books through free book fairs to take home and begin their own library. Arts and Letters collected a total of 757 books representative of the multicultural students in the schools and daycares. This number exceeded the committee's goal of 500 books!



## LITERACY IS A RIGHT FOR ALL CHILDREN



Many thanks to the chapter members, their family and friends, as well as community members for helping us support the literacy efforts for youth in Wake County.



# **RALEIGH WOMEN'S CENTER VOLUNTEER EVENT**







The Raleigh Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. MID-Z (Millennials and Gen Z) Group enjoyed a morning of sisterhood & service February 28th while packing breakfast and lunch bags for the ladies at the Women's Center in Raleigh, NC.





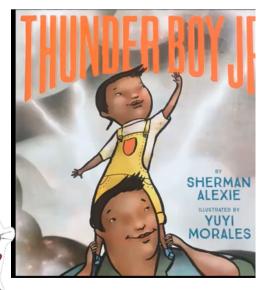


## **READ ACROSS AMERICA**

During the week of March 1st-4th, Arts and Letters Committee participated in Read Across America 2022 at Walnut Creek Elementary, Raleigh NC virtually by reading to students via recorded readings, as well as live via Google Meet. Chapter sorors were excited to volunteer their time reading to the kindergarten through 5th grade students. The school was provided six recorded readings that students can watch at any time. Additionally, 13 live readings were performed, with at least three readings occurring each day.





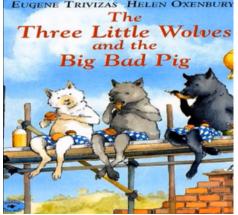




## **READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

Read Across America Day was launched in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA) and is the nation's largest celebration of reading, to nourish a child's creativity and curiosity, and inspire a passion for lifelong learning. Raleigh Alumnae has participated in Read Across America at Walnut Creek Elementary for the past several years. This year was the first time the event has been held virtually and it was a great success! Both the videos and live readings via Google Meet were well received by the students, teachers and principal according to Maxine Clarke, the school's media specialist. She was excited about the recorded videos and stated, "I will use these recordings as examples for future virtual/online readers." Many thanks to the Arts and Letters Committee members, FOCUS Taskforce members, the Information Technology Committee, and chapter members for volunteering to read.







# **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

Raleigh Alumnae supported the Durham Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Incorporated Women's History Month worship service at St.

Joseph AME Church in Durham where our 22nd National President, Gwendolyn

E. Boyd was the guest preacher.





# SISTERHOOD MONTH CELEBRATION

Raleigh Alumnae chapter members showing their support of Sisterhood month with their Facebook profile picture frames.



























# SISTERHOOD MONTH EVENTS

The core of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is sisterhood. It is a sisterhood founded on Christian principles. This deep and abiding bond based on love and respect has sustained the organization, allowing it to withstand the test of time. Bound by a common experience steeped in tradition, the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. continue to set the standards of scholarship, service, social action, and Sisterhood.

Sisterhood motivates Delta women to set examples within their communities, and pushes women in today's society to stray away from stigmas that prevent them from excelling. It also allows Delta women to reflect on themselves, challenging them to love unconditionally, laugh all the time, and live life fully. In recent years, Deltas everywhere have observed March as Sisterhood Month for the sorority, a time when members put forth an extra effort to reach out to one another and show their love.

Raleigh Alumnae's Membership Services Committee hosted multiple events during March to generate excitement and to increase our sisterly love. Special thanks to the Team Leads for making each event so memorable.



# SISTERHOOD MONTH EVENTS





#### **DELTA GEMS CAREER DAY SPEAKERS**



Dr. Sullivan







Ms. Blue Engineer/ College Advisor







Ms. Gilchrist Chef/ Entrepreneur







Ms. Blanco Journalist/ Podcaster



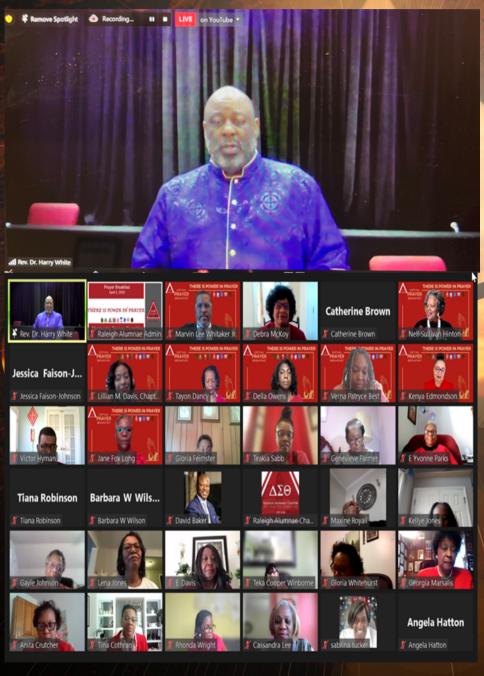


Delta GEMS committee hosted a career day on March 20th for student members. The event featured a panelist of women in various disciplines who offered guidance and shared their experiences. The students also had self care time and made sugar scrubs lead by one of the student participants.



# VIRTUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

A virtual prayer breakfast was held by Raleigh Alumnae and members of the Divine 9 on April 2, 2022. The Reverend Dr. Harry L. White, pastor of Watts Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was the speaker. Family and friends of the community participated as well.





Ida Dawson

Debra C. McKoy, Chaplain



#### MARVELOUS MEMBERS ← ──





February Marvelous Member: Michelle Cofield
received her Juris Doctor and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism
from UNC Chapel Hill. Throughout her career she has
practiced law, served as an assistant Dean at UNC Chapel Hill,
at NCCU School of Law, a Bar Executive, a currently Chief
of Staff for the Durham District Attorney. She recently passed
the Green Belt test will earn her green belt this year upon
completion of the green belt project. Michelle is the proud
mother of two children Bria and Chase. Chase is following in
her footsteps as a journalism major at UNC!

March Marvelous Member: Montez Bates has been selected as the Teacher Assistant of the Year (TAOY) for Carnage GT-AIG Magnet Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year! She has also been selected as one of the 10 finalists for the TAOY for Wake County Public School System (WCPSS) for the 2021-2022 school year! Montez is loved and respected by students, families, colleagues, and administrators.





March Marvelous Member: Devin Graham recently completed her Certification in "Persuasive Communication"! Devin also received the "You Rock" Award for Provisionals from the Junior League of Raleigh!

### MARVELOUS MEMBERS ←— ○ ○ ○ ○





March Marvelous Member: Carol Howell-Moore is leading the way at UNC Health by building and managing a sophisticated liability insurance program. Carol has earned several professional designations through the American Hospital Association & she's a recent graduate of UNC Health Leader! Carol is a proud wife. mother and a christian woman. Carol is a profound role model for young girls in her family and in her church.

April Marvelous Member: Kamira T. Jones has been appointed as a Director on the Board of United Way in Chatham County. Professionally, Kamira works in a leadership role as a Salesforce Business Solutions Architect. Kamira was recently reappointed to the National Technology Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for the next two years!





**April Marvelous Member: Tiana Robinson completed her** Master's in Information Science in 2013 at NCCU. Tiana is a Network Security Engineer at IBM. Tiana has been a Mentor/Coordinator for the HBCU student bootcamp programs created to enhance and advance the students for on the job coding skills. Tiana was promoted to the Risk & **Compliance Focal for their entire CIO Organization** Domain which will advance her to the role of Senior Engineer. Tiana served as one of the Team Leads for the 2022 RAC Sisterhood Month activities!



## MARVELOUS MEMBERS ←





# Congratulations!





KAMIRA JONES

National Technology Committee, Webinar Sub-Com. Chair



TERRY SPICER

National
Public Relations &
Communications
Committee



SHELLENA ATLAS

National Arts & Letters Commission





### **Annette Watson**



Annette Oakley Watson, Past President of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter 1989-1993, transitioned to a "higher calling" on Friday, April 8, 2022. She had a gift of giving beyond the realms of what most would accept as humanly possible.

Soror Watson was inducted into the Alpha Lamda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta in 1958. Her service and support of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter included two terms as President (1989- 1993), two terms as Vice President (85-89); Chairperson of the Education Committee; Chairperson of the Thirty-Second Area Founders Day Observance - 1999; Chairperson of Delta Carousel for several years; Chairperson of the Betty Shabazz Delta Academy during its inception, Membership Intake Chairperson for 1987-88; and Delta of the Year 2004.

Soror Watson co-founded Strengthening The Black Family, Inc. in 1980. It was incorporated into a non-profit 501(c)3 in 1987 with the goal of improving the quality of life and survival of families in Wake County, with a special focus on traditional values to strengthen black families.

We lift up and celebrate her legacy to our chapter and impact on our local community and beyond.

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# Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Raleigh Alumnae Chapter



# May Week

May 16-22, 2022

A May Week Affair of Wellness, Education, Reuniting, & Rejoicing

May Week is a Delta tradition emphasizing the importance of education and celebrating the professional achievements of African American women.

MAY 17	MAY 19	MAY 21	MAY 22
Zumba Mix* 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Education Panel – Addressing the Education Gap in 27610	Chapter Meeting* @ 10 AM 	Worship Service @ 10 AM
Virtual Pre-registration required *RAC Sorors Only	7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Virtual Pre-registration required	Fun & Food in the Park! 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Advanced food purchases required	Virtual Pre-registration required

#### Thursday, May 19, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM



#### #RACMayWeekEducation

This event is open to the public. Invite your family and friends to join in the conversation.

All participants must register!



# Raleigh Alumnae Chapter DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

A May Week Affair of Reuniting
Saturday, May 21, 2022
3:00 PM -6:00 PM
The Cottage at Anderson Point Park

ne Cottage at Anderson Point Park Featuring: RAC Step Team

DJ Hindu Foreman, Fun & Door Prizes!
Bring A Comfortable Chair!

#### Food Trucks!

- Baton Rouge Cuisine, Leslee Greenup, Owner
- Smoke N Jerk, Chef Luveni Williams, Owner #RACMayWeekReuniting



August 4-8, 2022 Richmond, Virginia