

THE DELTA TIMES

Prince William County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



A Message from the President...

Dear Sorors,

My term as President has come to a close, I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of serving this incredible organization. The journey over the past four years has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional and personal life, and I have been constantly inspired by the dedication, passion, and hard work of all of you.

When I reflect on our collective accomplishments, I feel immense pride. Together, we have launched new initiatives, expanded our outreach, increased membership, organized and executed successful events, continued to promote higher education through our fundraising efforts and scholarship program, etc. just to name a few. These and many other milestones would not have been possible without the unwavering commitment and teamwork demonstrated by you Phenomenal women. What I cherish most are the relationships we've built and the spirit of collaboration that defines our Delta Sigma Theta. The support, encouragement, and trust you have shown me as President have been humbling, and for that, I am deeply grateful.

As I have transitioned out of this role, I am confident that the organization is in excellent hands. Our incoming leadership team, led by President Felicia Pryor along with her Vice Presidents, is well-equipped to continue driving our mission forward, and I have no doubt they will bring fresh energy and innovative ideas to lead us into the future. While I may no longer serve as President, I will always be a proud and active member of our sorority. Thank you once again for the opportunity to have led this chapter filled with phenomenal women, and for the countless memories we've created together. It has been an honor.

With deep appreciation and warm regards,

Sharon M. Andrews
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Chapter President 2020-2024



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PRESERVING OUR THROUGH SUSTAINED

*Legacy
Excellence* !



Felicia E. Pryor

**Chapter President
2024-Present**

Greetings My Dear Sorors.

As we kick off this Sororal year, I want to convey my heartfelt gratitude for this amazing opportunity to serve as your Chapter President.

Looking back over the years, I am incredibly proud of what our chapter has accomplished and look forward to preserving our legacy through sustained excellence. Your dedication and hard work have made a difference within our community and I confident that together, we will continue to inspire positive change, uplift others, and create a lasting impact for years to come.

As we come together to celebrate our chapter's 40th anniversary, we are reminded of our commitment to sisterhood, scholarship and service. This milestone is not just a reflection of our past, but a testament to the enduring bonds we share and the limitless potential for our future.

Our chapter has maintained a legacy of excellence and I realize this is based on your unwavering support and desire to give unselfishly of your time to help others and strengthen our bond in sisterhood. For this I say "thank you." Your contributions and enthusiasm are the driving force behind the impactful service we provide within our community.

I look forward to continuing this journey with you as we build on our successes, expand our outreach and work together to achieve milestones that focus on our organization's Five Point Programmatic Thrust.

With Much Sisterly Love,

Felicia E. Pryor

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Chapter President



Talia Fletcher-Gay

First Vice President



*Dr. Bethye "Ann"
Valenzuela*

Second Vice President



MEMBERSHIP *Services*



PWCAC DST members kicked off the 2023-2024 sorority year by attending the 56th National Convention both virtually and in-person in Indianapolis. Throughout the year, the Membership Services Committee fostered sisterly bonds through various events. The Fall Roundup, themed “Deltas Through the Decades/Back to the Future,” featured nostalgic styles during Reclamation month. The Winter Holiday Fest in December allowed Sorors and their families to create memories through activities like gingerbread house building and learning about Kwanzaa, plus a visit from Santa.

Celebrating Founders Day with a ‘Red Takeover,’ members from Prince William County and Manassas gathered to reflect on the legacy of the sorority, founded by 22 women 111 years ago. Monthly ‘Simply Unscripted’ sessions offered Sorors a chance to connect on a deeper level, discussing matters close to their hearts. March intensified the celebration of sisterhood with worship, check-ins, and dining together, supported by daily activities from the Membership Services Committee.

The Delta D.E.A.R.S. Connection also flourished, with members donating over 700 books to Title 1 elementary schools. To conclude the year, Sorors participated in “Speed Networking,” where they engaged in discussions and painting activities. At the 31st South Atlantic Regional Conference, they celebrated the theme “Celebrating the Journey; One Soror at a Time.” Congratulations to Sheila MG Mitchel for her recognition in the Delta PEARL Program and to Sharon Andrews and PWCAC DST for winning the 2024 Excellence in Programming Award for General Education Programming – Large





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14TH ANNUAL RED CARPET SHOWCASE

In December, Arts & Letters hosted the chapter's 14th Annual Red Carpet Showcase. Young ladies from our Delta Academy and Delta GEMS Programs participated, as well as a saxophonist, three authors and our own PWCAC Delta Dear "artist in residence" Evelyn Chatters.

10-YEAR BOOK CLUB CELEBRATION

In January, chapter sorors attended a special 10-year book club celebration. For Black History Month, the chapter hosted a reception in honor of the opening of Soror Yemonja Smalls' ARTfactory exhibit – "In Our Image: A Reflection of the Creator." Using this event to also spotlight economic development, several chapter sorors and other small business owners donated items that were raffled off during the reception.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Arts & Letters enjoyed a year of great books and engaging events. In September, Chapter Book Club members discussed Sadeqa Johnson's New York Times Bestselling novel, "The House of Eve." Two months later, sorors came together to talk about another New York Times Bestseller, Soror Victoria Christopher Murray's work of historical fiction, "The First Ladies."

For Sisterhood Month, Chapter Book Club members discussed Sheila Johnson's touching memoir, "Walk Through Fire." In April, several sorors attended CAPAC's production of the gospel musical, "Crowns." And sorors wrapped up the year in June chatting about another Sadeqa Johnson novel, "And Then There Was Me." PWCAC had an exciting year of exceptional books and exemplary events!





ARTS & LETTERS





PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

NATIONAL
Wear Red Day



JOIN PWCAC IN TAKING A STANCE AGAINST HEART DISEASE!

In keeping with Live Well: A Mental Health Movement, the Physical & Mental Health (P&MH) Committee participated in the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walks VA, held at the Collegiate School, Robins Campus in Richmond, VA on Saturday, October 7, 2023. This walk was a national movement to reduce the stigma of mental illness by sharing individual stories and encouraging others to do the same. While it was a rainy day, the walk was easy, and we had an opportunity to network with Sorors from Henrico County. This was followed by committee members assisting NAMI with a Prince William County Mental Wellness Event on October 11th at the Ferlazzo Building, Woodbridge, VA. Committee members assisted with registration, setting up vendor tables, serving dinner to participants and post dinner clean up. During Prematurity Awareness Month in November, chapter members donated over seventy books, collected for parents to read to their babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) and/or books for big brother and big sister to enjoy while visiting their sibling, with the final collection at the December chapter meeting.

The second part of the sorority year, P&MH Committee hosted the PWCAC-DST Red Takeover Mall Walk for heart health awareness, held at Manassas and Potomac Mills Malls on March 23. The purpose of this event was to encourage Sorors and community members to participate in a healthy activity to increase daily steps and overall movement. Sorors provided educational information regarding heart health and healthy living, as well as water and healthy snacks were provided to participants. Over 478 people participated in this event between both malls. Participants were encouraged to track their 2.2 miles with walk/run apps such as Nike Run Club app also shared in the chapter Sisterhood Month communication. As the sorority year was winding down, P&MH continued to support the community by collecting items and distributing twenty-five self-care packages to the Hilda Barg Homeless Prevention Center for mothers and guardians to provide a mental and emotional break from the pressures of daily life as they navigate their current life challenges. To support Our Blood Saves Lives, PWCAC-DST collaborated with the American Red Cross and hosted a Blood Drive on May 29, 2024. This provided an opportunity for community members to donate lifesaving blood urgently needed. Communities served included Prince William County, surrounding counties and states. The program goals were met by having at least twenty-five blood donors. A total of twenty-eight units of blood were collected from twenty-eight donors. Thank-you Sorors of PWCAC-DST for your support!

Co-Chairs: Teresa Polk & Lynne Wooten-Mitchell



Our Blood Saves Lives
American Red Cross

Sponsored by:
Prince William County Alumnae Chapter
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Wednesday, May 29, 2024
10 AM - 3 PM
Neaseco Baptist Church
15557 Neaseco Church Way
Dale City, VA 22193



To register, visit www.redcrossblood.org and search by PWCAC-DST or use the QR Code.
For more information, visit www.pwcacdst.org



AN *Eventful* YEAR

Programs

- Prince William County Candidates Forums
- Red Carpet Showcase
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Experience
- World AIDS Day Candlelight Vigil
- 3rd Annual HBCU College Fair
- Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Panel, Discussion and Q&A Workshop
- American Heart Association Walk & American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Senior Citizens Luncheon

Service

- Donated 700+ books to two Title 1 Elementary schools
- Collected/Donated school supplies for the "Stock-A-Teacher" program in support of educators in the Prince William County School System
- Collected/Donated food for the Northern Virginia Food Rescue
- Robust Academy and G.E.M.S. Mentoring Programs
- PWCAC DST Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up

Sisterhood

- Book Club Gatherings
- Delta D.E.A.R.S. Luncheons
- Sisterhood Month Activities, Round-ups, and Unscripted Series
- Northern Virginia Area-wide Founders Day and End-of-Year Fellowship

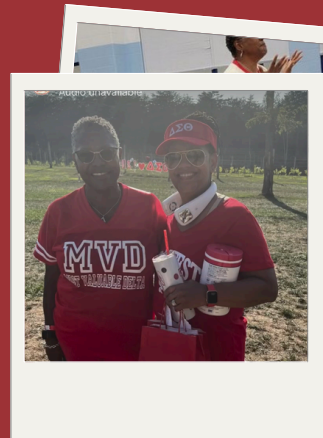
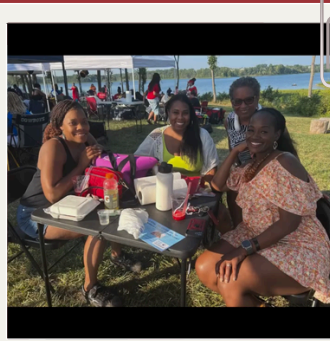
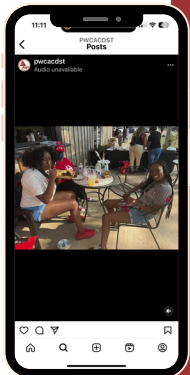
Scholarship

- Awarded \$60,000 to High School graduates in the Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park area!





FUNDRAISING





The MLK Experience

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The MLK Experience is a multi-faced series of activities celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our chairs and committees executed a fantastic arrangement of events including MLK Youth Oratorical Competition, STEM Learning Experience, 5k Wellness Walk to Eradicate Youth Gun Violence, and MLK Celebration.





ON THE *Calendar*

OCTOBER

- 11 – PWCAC Presents: Breaking the Cycle – Tackling Period Poverty in the Digital Generation (6:30pm – 8:30pm)
- 13 – Social Action Committee: Souls to the Polls
- 15 – Delta DEARS Connection: Lunch or Activity
- 17 – Sergeant at Arms Committee Mtg (7pm-8pm)
- 19 – Chapter Mtg (Virtual)
- 19 – Delta Academy Workshop
- 20 – Delta GEMS Workshop
- 20 – Social Action Committee: Souls to the Polls
- 26 – Membership Services: Simply Unscripted



NEWSLETTER
Committee

DORIS
Shropshire

KIRA
Cooper

KAITLYN
Williams

RAVEN
Andrews

JYNNIFER
Smith

NOVEMBER

- 2 – Book Club Meeting
- 7 – Delta GEMS Committee Mtg
- 9 – Chapter Mtg (In-person)
- 9 – Membership Services Committee: Veterans Tribute
- 16 – Delta Academy Committee: Workshop
- 16 – Membership Services Committee: Fall Round-Up
- 17 – Delta GEMS: Workshop
- 19 – Delta DEARS Connection: Technology Training (Virtual)
- 21 – Sergeant at Arms Committee Mtg (7pm-8pm)
- 30 – Membership Services: Simply Unscripted



DECEMBER

- 1 – 40th Anniversary Luncheon (11am-2pm)
- 1 – International Awareness & Involvement: World Aids Day
- 5 – Delta GEMS: Committee Mtg
- 7 – Delta Academy Workshop
- 7 – Arts & Letters Committee: Red Carpet Showcase (Noon-3pm)
- 14 – Chapter Mtg (In-person)
- 14 – Membership Services: Family Christmas Fellowship
- 15 – Delta GEMS: Workshop
- 19 – PWCAC DST's Zoom Mtg (7pm-8pm)
- 28 – Membership Services: Simply Unscripted



Send your suggestions/ comments to
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