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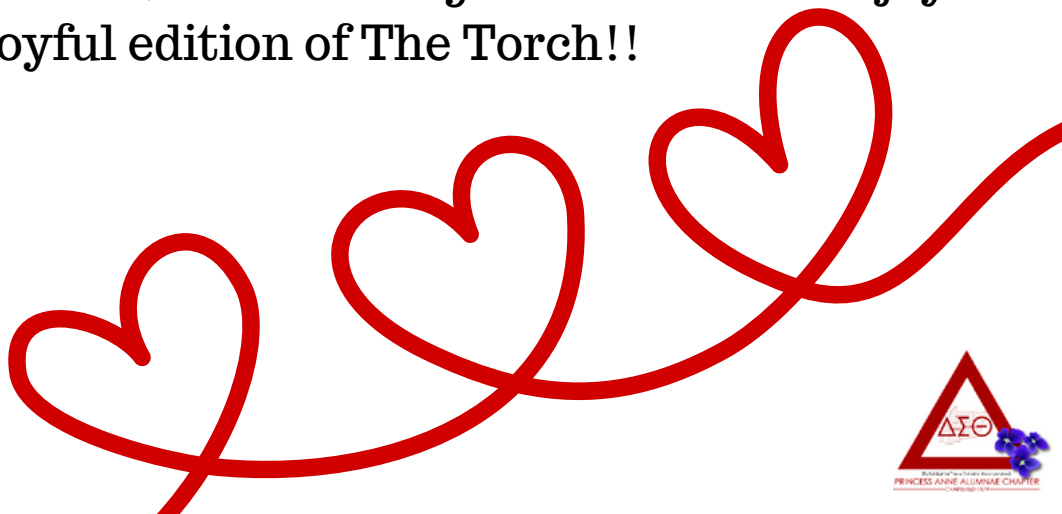
The Torch



The Quarterly Newsletter for Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sylvia's Section

This newsletter demonstrates that a pandemic will not stop the work the [#totalPAACage](#). We have adapted and we are continuing to serve. The vignettes in this edition highlight the ingenuity of the committees and their members to ensure PAAC continues to serve our members and our service areas. Yes, we are working in a different and limited environment but yet, still PAAC has risen to the occasion. The common thread through each vignette is joy. The pictures of our members serving are examples of our joy. The smiles, the showing up, the continuation with our traditional programs, and the adding of new ones such as the gingerbread contest, Census 2020, Stroll to the Polls, Black Lives Matters Bingo, Zumba, and Walking for Wellness. Enjoy this joyful edition of The Torch!!



Chaplain's Corner

When People Let You Down

Disappointment feels like a heavy rock sinking to the bottom of my spirit—especially when others disappoint or deceive me. Often I ignore my disappointment, shut it in a box and hope the lid holds. Sometimes I gloss it over with a quick, “People will let you down, but God never will.” True, but does this really help me process the hurt? One morning, I poured out my sadness, anger and disappointment to God about a close relationship. As the tears slipped down my face, I begged for an answer: What do I do with this? Show me. I’ll do it because what I’ve been doing is not working. In my spirit, Jesus said, “Grieve.” Really? I questioned. I remembered that Jesus knew disappointment—Peter’s denial, Judas’s betrayal and the disciples falling asleep during his anguish before his crucifixion (see Matthew 26). Jesus understood my pain. So I cried, feeling every ounce of the disappointment. I told God all the things I wished were different, all the things I thought this person had done wrong, and what I wished this person would change. After the winds of grief subsided, I was done. Grieving was the bridge I had to cross to move beyond the disappointment. On the other side, I could embrace the relationship for what it was, not what it wasn’t. Only after we’ve allowed ourselves to grieve will we know how to respond in the way God wants. We may need to talk to the person who disappointed us or get godly counsel. We may need healthy boundaries or to just let it go. Once we’ve completed those steps, the words “People will let you down, but God never will” will be comforting, not empty.

My Sorors, learn to fully depend on God.



Melva Polk Wright, Chaplain



Membership #thetotalPAAcage

PAAC Retreat 2020

Chapter Retreat looked very different this time around but was exactly what we needed. The retreat was held virtually via zoom on Saturday September 19, 2020. The theme this year was "L.E.A.D - Living Everyday As Deltas. The retreat was successful and allowed sorors to partake in a fruitful and impactful conversation on leadership and their Delta lives!



The Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter
Membership & PPD Committees Present...

L.E.A.D

Living Everyday As Deltas



Chapter Retreat

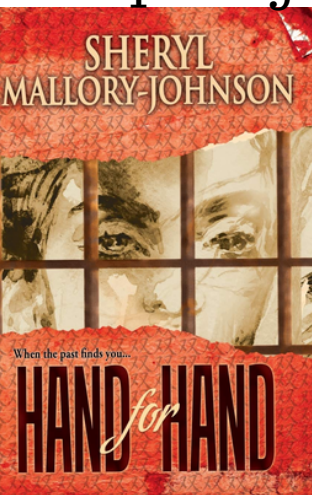
Saturday, September 19th

12:30 pm via Zoom



GET LIT🔥 - Membership and Arts & Letters Collaboration

PAAC celebrates 3 years of GET LIT🔥 the book club collaboration between Arts & Letters committee and Membership. For the opening book, sorors discussed Hand for Hand with author, Soror Sheryl Mallory Johnson. The conversation was lively covering a variety of topics.



Sorors look forward to reading more of her work!

Soror Mallory-Johnson
FB post!



Sheryl Mallory-Johnson's
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I just wrapped up an amazing "Hand Series" book talk with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority "Get Lit Book Club" out of Maryland. Thank you, Sorors, for making my day!



December First Wednesday



On December 2, 2020 Membership Services hosted 1st Wednesday the HOLIDAY EDITION! Sorors celebrated [#JoyInOurSisterhood](#) with good laughs and a sisterly gingerbread house competition! This was the first time building a gingerbread house for most of the sorors on the call. At the following chapter meeting on December 19, 2020 sorors voted on the BEST gingerbread house. The winner was Soror Terra Taylor!



PAAC Christmas Party

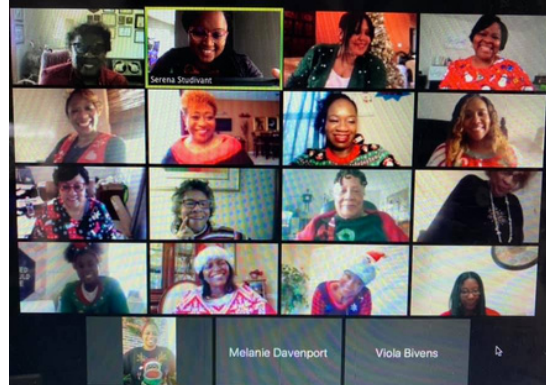
The chapter Christmas Party is always a great way to end a year. This year, Membership Services decided on a BLACK ish themed party. It was BYOC (bring your own cookie, cake, etc). Sorors were very creative with their C's! Being virtual definitely didn't stop our traditional Ugly Sweater Fashion Show- sorors strutted on camera in their ugly sweaters while Soror Ricki Reavis hosted with festive holiday riddles and placards to get the crowd hype!



Eat, Drink &
BE
UGLY



Sorors ended with a sisterly game of BLACK Taboo. The christmas party was a festive way to end 2020 and filled with laughs, smiles and true **#JoyInOurSisterhood!** There's nothing like the **#totalPAAcage**.



Political Awareness and Involvement

Census 2020



Soror Sonya Whited, Co-Chair of Social Action Committee was dedicated and committed to ensuring Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter was represented during the 2020 Census. Soror Whited attended many events in Wicomico County raising awareness and increasing the completion rate.

Voting in Presidential Election

Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter Social Action and Technology committee collaborated with Eastern Shore Greeks on a social media campaign to share important voting information in the Eastern Shore community.



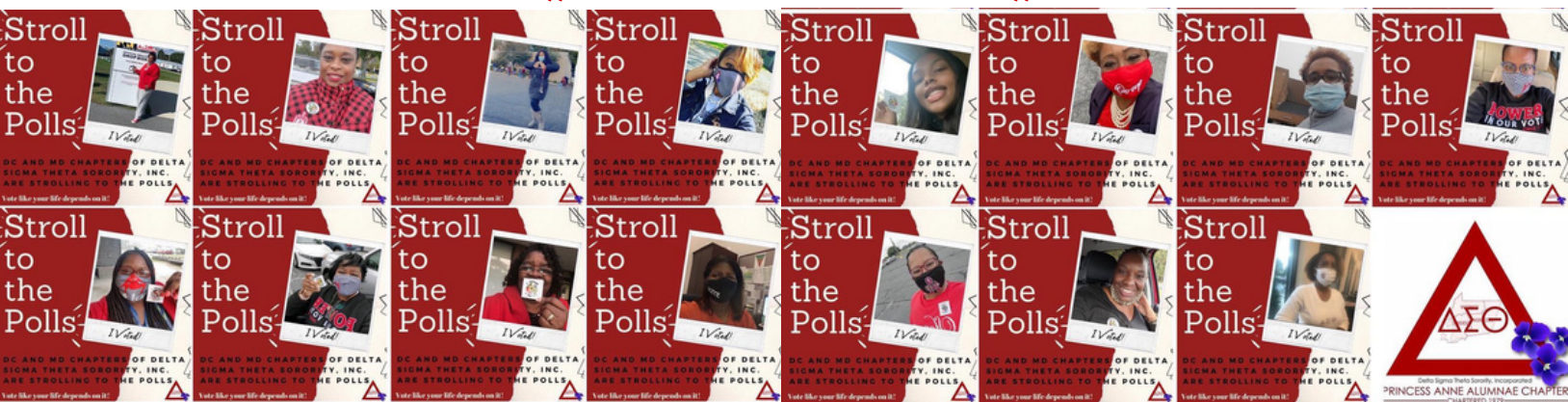
The week of October 12 through October 16 there were post each day on each Divine Nine chapter social media platforms to multiply the message. **#D9Votes**



EASTERN SHORE GREEKS VOTER ACTIVATION WEEK
October 12 - 16, 2020

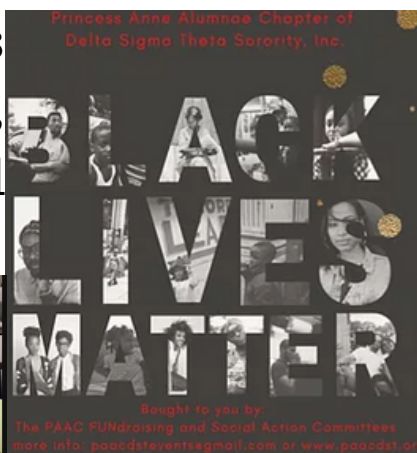


Chapter members were encouraged to vote and snap a picture after. The photos were posted in a social media campaign "Stroll to the Polls". **#PowerInOurVoice #PAACVotes**



Black Lives Matter Bingo

On October 30, PAAC Social Action and FUNdraising committee hosted Black Lives Matter Bingo virtually through zoom. There were participants from DMV to Ohio to LA. The attire was BLM or empowerment gear. There was a great mixture of laughter, social action education and BINGO seriousness this night.



THE POWER
OF THE
PEOPLE
is greater than
THE PEOPLE
IN POWER



Program Planning and Development

Physical and Mental Health

Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter of DST

Ocean City Experience

JOIN OUR TEAM

Event Menu

\$285 Raised

Goal \$200

also raised \$285 for the cause!
#TogethertoFightSuicide #OCWalkTogether

Physical and Mental Health started off the sorority year on a strong Journey to Wellness with back to back awareness walks being held "virtually". On September 27, 2020 sorors participated in the Ocean City "Out of Darkness" hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Sorors not only participated in the wellness experience but



Soror Chalarra Sessoms, Chair of Physical and Mental Health Committee took on her own wellness journey task by participating in a 26 mile marathon on behalf of PAAC with Women Supporting Women; a

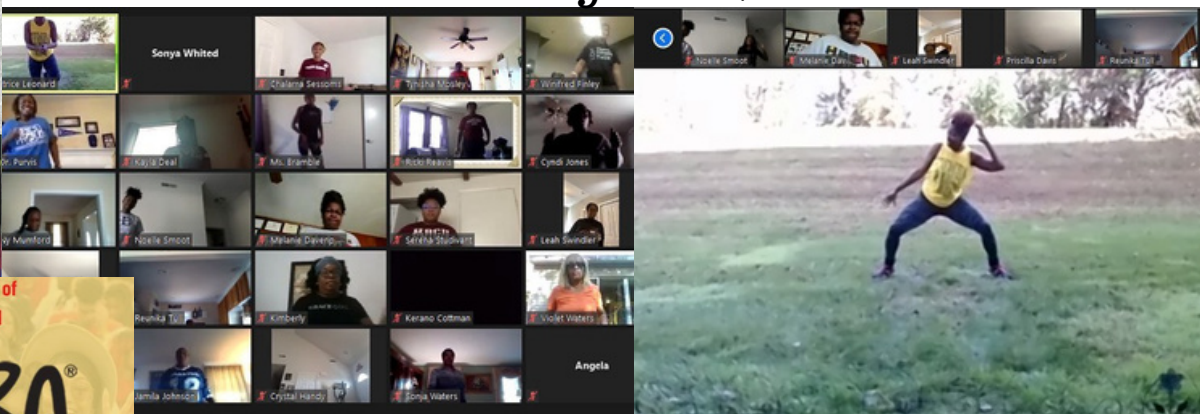
local non-profit organization on the I Pink I Can team. Soror Sessoms trained for 6 weeks in preparation for the big day on October 3, 2020. The I Pink I Can team raised over \$13,700 in donations. Chapter members supported with donations and walked in solidarity with her in their respective neighborhoods.





Basket 2.... Retail Therapy Gift cards valuing over 100.00 Walmart, Panera, Chipotle, Royal farms, Subway. Puzzle books, candy and more.

Donations were collected from chapter members to contribute to a basket for Women 4 Women; an local organization of black women. W4W hosted a Stomp The Violence virtual happy hour event where the basket valuing over \$100 was raffled off.



Our annual Zumbathon was hosted virtually on November 7, 2020. This Zumbathon was HBCU Homecoming themed in light of homecoming season. The event was kicked off with a 10 minute program where sorors shared HBCU history and it's importance.

Sorors also shared facts about Diabetes, as November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Our favorite Zumba instructor, Deatrice Leonard kept the constant energy for a full hour of routine! Participants won door prizes (1st guest to enter the room, 1st person to answer the Diabetes trivia question correctly and the person with the most HBCU pride! The event was a complete success! Getting fit virtually, is fun too!

Delta G.E.M.S



Delta G.E.M.S met on December 7th for their #LevelUp session hosted by Soror Serena Studivant. G.E.M.S created virtual vision boards using a online platform prior to the meeting and shared their visions with the other G.E.M.S and Delta advisors.



That evening the G.E.M.S also participated in festive activities such as creating gingerbread trains and playing holiday games. The G.E.M.S ended by sharing their favorite holiday traditions and their holiday wishes for this year.



Community Service

Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter became sponsors of #kindSBY a local organization that focuses on kind acts in our community. Soror Chalarra Sessoms and Soror Sonya Whited are Kindness Commissioners who participated in The "Celebrate Diversity" book campaign; where they made deliveries to local schools during World Kindness Week.



This holiday season, Membership Services hosted "Christmas in a Box" to some amazing families in the Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties. Each box had food items to make a complete holiday dinner. Thanks to chapter members for donations to help spread love during this holiday season.

#TisTheSeasonForGiving



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