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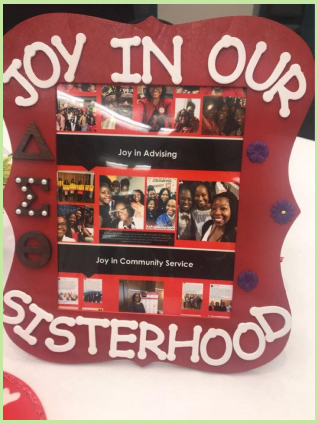
PRESIDENT'S POST

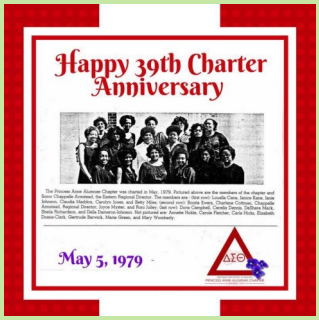
My Sorors! Wow! What a year, #thetotalPAACage. In this edition, you can explore and reminisce on the im-PAACt that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is making on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. This double-size edition includes an Annual Report to highlight the many activities of the 2017-2018 sorority year.

Our phenomenal year was documented through the record number of awards submitted to be recognized at the 51st Eastern Region Conference in Hartford, Connecticut. We submitted 11 awards and recognitions. And, we continued our winning streak for the fourth consecutive year: 1st Place for Collegiate Connection, Soror Whited 2018 Soror of the Year, and Soror Noble second runner up for Delta DEAR of the Year. Of significant note, PAAC has won Soror of the Year for two consecutive years, 2017 – Quinton and 2018 – Whited.



Our efforts were further reflected in my win among five strong candidates as Member of the National Finance Committee. I am grateful and appreciative of the support of PAAC members; those who attended and those who did not attend the regional conference. My win was truly a team effort and I could not have done it without the participation of PAAC sorors. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

Now, it is time to plan, prepare, promote, and participate in another phenomenal year. The 2018-2019 sorority introduces two BIG activities to our Chapter Calendar: Jabberwock and the 40th Chapter Anniversary. Yet, we still must continue to support our long-standing programs and activities. Now, is not the time to sit back on our laurels. Now is the time to step forward and be more of service to #thetotalPACCAge. #PAACNeedsYou!



I am excited about the upcoming sorority year. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Blessings! Sylvia L. Quinton

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It Was Good For Us To Be Here…

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. ***(St. Matthew 17: 1-9)***

The Transfiguration of Christ is considered, by Bible scholars, to be one of the pivotal points in the narrative of Jesus' life. The others are baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. This moment is described as one where Jesus is surrounded with rays of light; He is radiant in glory; He is transfigured! WOW! The text goes on to talk about the appearance of Elijah and Moses and tents that Peter offered to build--some say in an effort to keep Elijah and Moses there longer. Then there is the voice of God proclaiming Jesus as His son, with whom He is well pleased. There is so much goodness in this passage, and there is connectivity for us.

Jesus is said to be acting as a connector between heaven and earth; between the temporal and the eternal; between God and us. I wonder if Peter, James and John, who were simply on the mountain to pray, ever expected so much to come out of that one experience.

Having recently returned from the Eastern Regional Conference of our beloved Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, I understand this idea of seeing things in a different light and being renewed from something that seems simple and complex all at once. After being with thousands of Sorors, a mere portion of our totality, seeing the inner workings of Delta from the top down, and being a part of the election of our own Soror President as a member of the National Finance Committee, I can indeed proclaim with certainty and gratitude..."it was good for us to be here".

So whether you were in Connecticut or not, I hope you have started your summer with AWE...and not a discontented "awwwwe man". I challenge you to look for the ray of light and the radiant glory that would allow you to experience "the simple" with JOY. I challenge you to expect to be transfigured; expect to experience God in new and majestic ways that not only help your moments of unbelief but make you marvel at who God is in your life.
I am busy. We all are. It's the make up of women who are leaders, achievers, warriors, and goddesses. We are Delta. Even still, make and mark the moments of magic. By magic, I mean the moments that leave you wanting more of that feeling; the moments that have you saying "I haven't felt this good in a long time". Who doesn't want more of that?!

Our chapter members are opening new schools, speaking life into students, buying homes, making sure our own kids are change agents in there communities, leading the sorority, taking care of aging parents, putting out fires on a daily basis, making sure that what we eat is fit for consumption, molding college minds, mentoring and being mentored...we are guiding lights in a world that can seem dimmer and darker with each news cycle (this from a journalist). More than any of that, we are children of the Most High God, and it's my prayer that the Creator, the Universe, or that still, small voice inside would guide you in a direction of love, light, and more moments that have you saying..."it was good for us to be here".

Blessings to you, Sorors, today and always. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PRINCESS ANNE ALUMNAE ANNUAL REPORT: 2017-18

SOCIAL ACTION / POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

Attended Delta Days in Nations Capitol and Delta Days in Annapolis
Participation in MD Politics - attended Salisbury Pre-Primary Gubernatorial Forum, met with Wicomico County Executive, attended Salisbury MD Senate Forum
Voter Education Program (2 sessions) - "The Mechanics of Voting" and "Voting: Does My Ballot Count"
Social Media postings - Social Action Alerts and #PAACSavvySunday

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

"Sounds of the Sea" SerendipiTea with UMES Jazz Ensemble, high school musician and Art of Focus Award *(fundraiser)*
Attended Wicomico County Economic Sector Lunch
Sector Member for Pocomoke and Somerset County Drug-Free Community (DFC) Coalitions

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

May Week, including Rock Your LinkedIn, Career Development, and Book Signing
Recipient of 2017 Wicomico County NAACP Branch #7028 Community Service Award for an Organization (GEMS)
GEMS program with monthly education segments and community service, including annual Career Panel and College Tour (Howard University and Towson University)
Worcester County Scholarships (Three awarded)

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

Bras for A Cause – winning 2nd Place in Peoples Choice Awards
Mental Health across the Lifespan:
- Work with youth through GEMS
- Work with aging population with Deers Head Bingo

Journey to Wellness – Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Walk, Alzheimers Awareness Walk, March of Dimes Walk, two Zumbathons, and U1st Wellness Expo

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

Attended Delta Days in United Nations
World AIDS awareness Week ending with World AIDS Day at UMES
Domestic Violence Awareness Week at UMES

ARTS & LETTERS

Red Carpet Viewing of "Black Panther", including sponsorship of over 90 youth
"Sounds of the Sea" SerendipiTea with UMES Jazz Ensemble, high school musician and Art of Focus Award *(fundraiser)*

COLLEGIATE CONNECTION

Sponsorship of Collegiate Soror to Delta Days at United Nations (she was one of the two collegiate sorors at the event)
2018 Connecting the D.O.T.S. Regional Award 2018 at Eastern Regional Conference—acknowledging our work with our Collegiate Sorors
Monthly sessions (4) with Upsilon Sigma Chapter (UMES) and Nu Rho Chapter (Salisbury University covering Delta Business and ending with a Sisterhood Moment

COMMUNITY AWARENESS and INVOLVEMENT

Increasing the service and awareness of our chapter in the community continuously grows through collaborations and impactful activities:

Sponsors for local events supporting wellness including Somerset County Field Day (Sisters Supporting Wellness), Empowered Women of the Year Award Ceremony and Dinner (Quinetta Brundage Award for single mother who persevered through life threatening illness and empowered her community).
Extraordinary League of Gentlemen (ELOG) with "Bright Minds, Bright Futures" Bookbag Drive and Operation Belly Full
Maryland Food Bank - attended Meet, Greet, and Learn about agency resulting in volunteering twice in sorority year
Salvation Army / Toys for Tots – GEMS

SISTERHOOD (Membership) – Internal Chapter Sisterhood and Celebration of Members

Membership Activities (Fifers Orchard, Annual Christmas Party, Founders Day Celebration, Sisterhood Month activities including Paint Nite, Monthly First Wednesdays)
Project LEAD and Under5 initiative—developing chapter members
2017– 2018 Eastern Region Chapter Member of the Year - *second consecutive year awarded to a chapter member*

TECHNOLOGY

2018 Interactive Technology, Digital Scrapbook, and CodeRED participation certificates
Code RED session for high school girls at Salisbury Universeity
Delta DEARS sessions - (1) Group Me and (2) National and Chapter Website overview
Website, Event Flyer, and Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) Development

PROGRAMMING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT— EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MAY WEEK

PAAC hosted a week of fun and learning opportunities at both Salisbury University and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) from April 30th to May 4th . Though the week was planned by the Education Committee, it was a collaboration with the chapter Technology Committee, Arts and Letters Committee, Collegiate Connection Committee and the 40th Chapter Anniversary (2019) Committee. From Career Development and Personal Branding of through LinkedIn and professionalism to the interactive reading and book signing to the special sessions with our collegiate sorors and Charter members, the week was full of information for all ages. *NOTE: These special sessions were our Final Collegiate Connection Session of the year and a Charter Member Focus Group to prepare for our 40th Anniversary Celebration - these are covered in other sections of the newsletter.*

Rock Your LinkedIn Profile was a hands-on presentation held on April 30, 2018 in a computer lab at Salisbury University and lead by Chapter Technology Committee Chair, Sonya Whited. Attendees optimized their LinkedIn profiles and learned about capabilities of this powerful professional networking tool. With over 1 million users on the platform, "LinkedIn is a social network for professionals. Whether you're a marketing executive at a major company, a business owner who runs a small local shop or even a first year college student looking to explore future career options, LinkedIn is for anybody and everybody who's interested in taking their professional life more seriously by looking for new opportunities to grow their careers and to connect with other professionals" (Quote from Lifewire at https://www.lifewire.com/what-is-linkedin-3486382)

Tuesday, May 1st at UMES "*Career Infusion: Tips for Navigating Your Professional Goals*, was presented by Soror Tracy Kane Lofty, owner of The Lofty Group . During this interactive session, participants learned and received a workbook about how to write a cover letter and included a discussion about electronic networking, specifically LinkedIn, How to make a great first impression (interviewing, first day on the job), Tips for acquiring and transferring new skills, Strategies for advancing to the next level (effective communication skills); and How to dress to impress on a budget. We look forward to future workshops that will focus on her other areas of expertise (Pictured is Soror Lofty, her sister (a Soror) and her mom, PAAC Charter Member Janice Boettger).

The booksigning and presentation at UMES was a collaboration with the Arts and Letters Committee and Upsilon Sigma Chapter On May 2nd, they welcomed Mrs. Eleshia Best Thomas, mother of Soror Tanerra Best -Barnes (Upsilon Sigma Chapter), to read her contribution to Repositioned Crowns, Queens Who Snatched Back Their Rightful Positions. Mrs. Best Thomas's story is very compelling and those in attendance were shocked at the abuse she received but also delighted in her story of how she was able to remove herself from that situation and persevere.

PROGRAMMING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT— EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DELTA GEMS

The end of the year is always a fun and busy time for the Delta G.E.M.S. April is our college and career month where the girls are able to meet some ladies with that **#blackgirlmagic** during the career panel and attend a college tour. The career panel was a success and included nine ladies that are "bosses" in their careers from photography to a lawyer. The panelist represented a range of careers and offered great insight into their respective career path. The girls enjoyed hearing stories, interacting with them and networking. For the college tour this year we attended Howard University and Towson University. They were able to get an extra special treat to meet a PAAC scholarship winner from the shore and get a first-hand account of her experience of college life at an HBCU as well as city-living. The GEMS were able to compare the experience, opportunities, and climate of an HBCU and a PWI.

Our May session was on financial literacy led by Mrs. Deidre Johnson from Junior Achievement. The GEMS enjoyed learning about making good financial decisions and determining the difference between credit and debit. The year ended with a celebration at Altitude Trampoline Park in Delmar, MD. The GEMS danced, jumped, laughed and enjoyed pizza. The girls and the committee are excited to conclude another great year!

2018 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The three annual scholarships were awarded to Worcester County in 2018. Below are the three recipients - (1) La'Tia McReady, a graduate from Pocomoke High School who will be attending Savannah State in FA with a major in Social Work, (2) Ayonna Brunson, a graduate of Snow Hill High School who will be attending Morgan State with a major in Math Education, and (3) Diamond Rounds, a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School who will be attending University of Maryland College Park with a major in Computer Science.

La'Tia McCready

Ayonna Brunson, picture with her principal—PAAC Chapter member Dr. Kimberly Purvis

Diamond Rounds

SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR FOR PROJECT LEAD

PAAC began the national initiative of our sorority known as Project LEAD in the 2017-2018 sorority year. It is a program where a more experienced Delta works with a less experienced soror (under 2 years in our sorority) to hone both ladies' leadership skills. The six pairs of sorors had mutually beneficial experience that encourages open and honest dialogue and goal setting. Each pair was met at least monthly to assess their progress towards the established goal(s); the April session consisted of a collaboration with the Membership Committee—a focus group for the Under5initiative. The project officially ended on May 19th where we gave certificates of completion to our participants. Though many sorors have expressed the desire to continue in the project, participants will not lose touch with the mentor/mentee - it has built a lasting relationship. We look forward to continuing the program in the 2018-2019 Project LEAD year.

PROGRAMMING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT—PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

JOURNEY TO WELLNESS: MARCH OF DIMES WALK

The Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter participated in the March of Dimes walk that took place on Sunday April, 22 2018 at 10:00 am in Wicomico County. Sorors Hopkins, Miles, Mosley, and Sessoms joined other walkers in the community, including members from the Delta Omicron Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Eastern Shore of MD Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Raising over $200, all funds go directly to the March for Babies Foundation. These proceeds are used to fund research and create programs to promote successful growth and development for babies born prematurely.

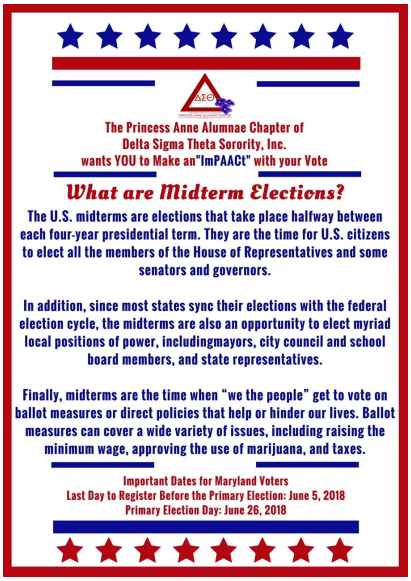
BRAS FOR A CAUSE—2ND PLACE PEOPLE CHOICE WINNER

The fourth year of collaboration between GEMS and PMH committee definitely met the theme of the contest—"Superheroes". The Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter was award second place for the people choice award for the third time this year with our "Warriors from Wa-Kancer" bra.

We raised over $300 for Women Supporting Women—a local organization helping survivors and spreading awareness about breast cancer.

POLITICAL AWARENESS AND INVOLVEMENT

#PAACSAVVYSUNDAY AND SOCIAL ACTION



The Spring has been very busy for the Political Awareness and Involvement Committee of Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter. We launched our **#SavvySunday** posts which will focus on using various social media platforms to educate our chapter and community on issues such as mid-term elections, primary elections, early voting, voting locations, and more. These posts allow us to encourage voters about how they can make an #imPAACt on the ballot. The social media campaigns will continue to be posted throughout the summer and into the fall as we prepare to "get out the vote" for the very important mid-term elections in November. To stay up to date, please make sure you are following all of our social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Now is the time for all of us to use the *Power in Our Voices* to make a change for the better in our local communities and nationwide.

In response to the calls to action from our National Headquarters, Princess Anne has answered. We were able to share the link and information from our National Leadership and our Sorors in Congress about the issue of Gun Reform in our country. As seen in recent months, our state of Maryland has had two major incidents that have involved gun violence. We stand in support of gun reform that supports the 2nd Amendment, but still keeps our communities safe. We have also answered the call to get out the vote. We are using social media and partnerships with our local legislators to promote voting on the Lower Eastern Shore. No matter the party, we want all voters to have access and information to vote for our elected officials at all levels of the government. Finally, we answered the call to rally against family separation at the borders. On June 30th, our Chapter President along with our Political Awareness and Involvement / Social Action Chair participated with many sorors from the Eastern Region in the rally in Washington, DC, as well as members participating in a local peaceful protest at Worcester Couinty Detention Center in Snow Hill, MD.. Delta always has and will have a say in the treatment of all people both in our nation and those outside of our nation. Princess Anne Alumnae will continue to answer the calls of those who need us on the Lower Eastern Shore, the state of Maryland, and in the United States.

We encourage everyone to spend the next few months researching the candidates that prevailed in the primary elections. The best voter is a voter who is informed about the selections they will be making in November. This vote has many things at stake including the nomination of a Supreme Court Justice, Immigration Laws, Gun Reform, Education Policy and more. As always, we are open to suggestions and information that will help us better serve our community. Please look out for events and updates coming from the Political Awareness and Involvement Committee and feel free to contact us at paacsocialaction@gmail.com.

JABBERWOCK 2019 KICKOFF

On June 3, 2018, while many chapter sorors were returning from the Eastern Regional Conference, sorors at home hosted young ladies interested in PAAC Jabberwock 2019. The committee who has been working hard since March for this April 2019 event, informed the attendees—high school aged, African American young ladies and their parents—informing them about the scholarship opportunities and other event details. To get details and receive an application please email paacdstevents@gmail.com

COLLEGIATE CONNECTION

The award winning Collegiate Connections program end with a bang in April and May. The May session, with our beloved Delta DEARS was an authentic Under5 moment where the collegiate of Nu Rho an Upsilon Sigma Chapter spent time with our phenomenal Delta DEARS through extended ice breakers and getting to know you sessions. They learned about the line names, time in Delta as well as conversation and advice about the future for both sets of sorors - this was a special and wonderful session!!!

Both April and May sessions included the business of Delta as well. PAAC shared their planning expertise and experience that will be vital to prepare for a successful and impactful 2018—2019 sorority year!

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVELEGES

FIRST WEDNESDAYS

PAAC First Wednesdays is an event whose idea was brought to the membership committee in 2016. These events are purely social, no business and they have been a great time for us to get to know each other - the chapter overall looks forward to these events!

The Membership Committee worked to ensure that we covered our service area of Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico Counties. This year our events were held at the locations below (The picture is from the April event:)

September 6, 2017	Sobo's Restaurant, Wicomico County
October 4, 2017	Fin's, Worcester County
December 6, 2017	Peaky's Restaurant, Somerset County
February 7, 2018	Poseidon's Pub, Worcester County
March 7, 2018	Koto's Japanese Steakhouse, Wicomico County
April 4, 2018	Harvest Moon Tavern, Worcester County

40TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE HOSTS CHARTER MEMBER FOCUS GROUP (MAY WEEK)

On the eve of our Chapter Anniversary, our May Week ended with a focus group with our Charter Members. The meeting was fun with memories and thoughts for the future. It ended with the committee giving the participants the "Heart of PAAC" keychain.

The 40th Anniversary committee is getting prepared with ideas for the celebration next year!

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVELEGES

PAAC DELTA DEARS ROCKED 2017—2018

PAAC Delta DEARS are the heartbeat of the chapter. As PAAC celebrates 40 years of sisterhood, scholarship, and service on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, our continued success will be measured by our efforts to have ALL members grow with the chapter. Inter-generality is PAAC's flagship banner—we are very proud to have very active DEARS, Divas, and Dolls who participate in the chapter programs and activities as well as bond in sisterhood with each other. The flagship is the ship that carries the commander of a fleet or subdivision of a fleet and flies the commander's flag. The Delta DEARS carry PAACs history, our flag. #Sankofa. The Sankofa Adinkra symbol represents the importance of learning from the past; representing the need to reflect on the past to build a successful future.

In the 2017-2018 sorority year, PAAC enhanced our efforts to ensure our Delta DEARS are engaged with the chapter's technology advancement as well as advance their personal lives through the use of technology. The following activities were conducted by the Technology Committee.

- Established a Delta DEARS GroupMe
- Engagement with the Internet – A Review the Sorority's National Website and PAAC's Website and social media platforms

During this current sorority year, we intend to continue with more technology training and other personal development services for our Delta DEARS. We will continue to celebrate their history and appreciated their continued hard work to have the chapter legacy continue to grow.

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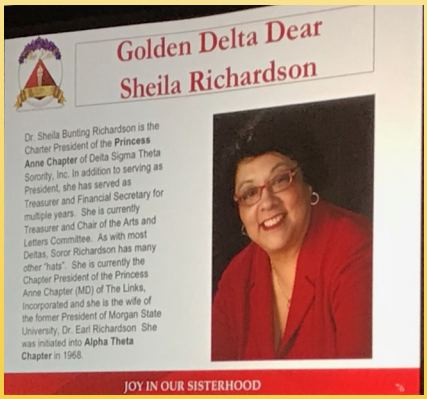
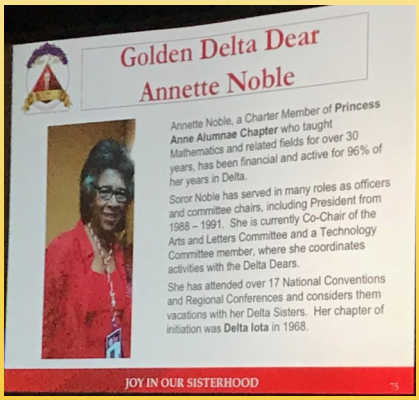
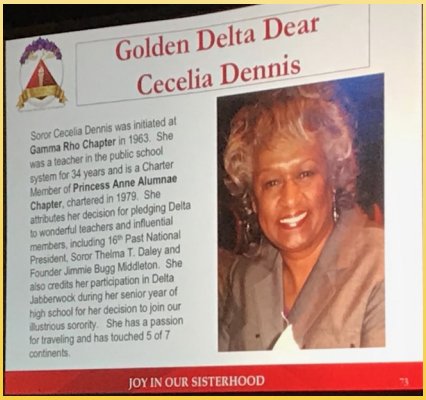
LIVING YOUR LIFE LIKE ITS GOLDEN:

SEVEN OF OUR GOLDEN DELTA DEARS WERE FEATURED AT THE 2018 EASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE







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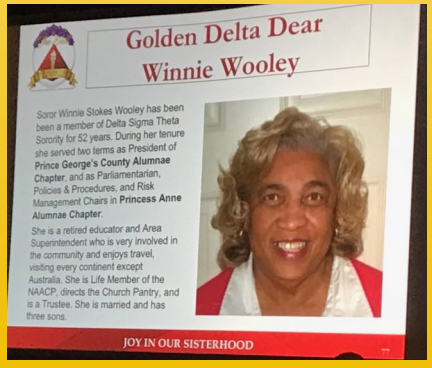

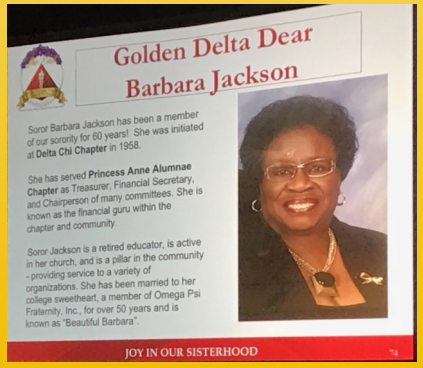

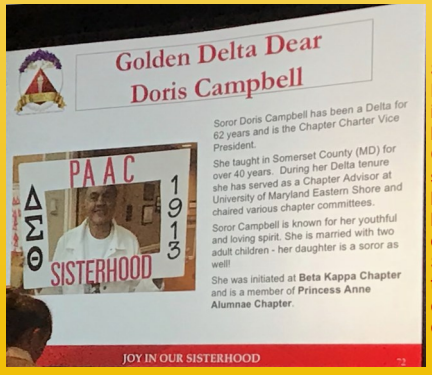

Soror Boettger was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 1960. She is a Charter Member of Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter and has served in several capacity. Music is her life -She teaches private piano lessons and she also plays organ, harp, oboe and the flute. Sharing her talents throughout the community; she has specifically been the Chapters Musician for nearly 40 years!

MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVELEGES

CELEBRATION OF INDIVIDUAL PAAC MEMBERS IN DELTA

PAAC celebrated many accomplishments of our membership. In May, three members were acknowledged by the chapter and the Eastern Region. At the final meeting of the year, Sonya Whited was award Princess Anne Alumnae Soror of the 2017—2018 and Annette Noble was awarded Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter Delta DEAR of the year. The picture is to the right and more information about them—a small part of their submission to the Eastern Region is listed below. At the Eastern Regional Conference the chapter also celebrated the election of our president, Sylvia Louise Quinton, to Eastern Region Member of National Finance Committee!!! More information about here is below...

Sonya Whited, Princess Anne Alumnae and Eastern Region Soror of 2017—2018 Year is the Chapter Technology Chair and Immediate Past President as well as current primary advisor (since 2016) for Nu Rho Chapter at Salisbury University. In addition to work with Delta, she is very involved in the community including member of Board of Directors for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Shore, Village of Hope (transitional home and program for women and children) and Wicomico County Education Foundation; as well as committee member with the Community Foundation of Eastern Shore and the United Way of the lower Eastern Shore. Soror Whited is blessed that her servant leadership is encouraged and rewarded at her job as Director of Process, Packaging and Commercialization at Perdue Foods, LLC and that her efforts resulted in being recognized as one of 2018 Maryland's Top 100 Women.

Annette Noble, Princess Anne Alumnae and 1st runner-up Eastern Region Delta DEARS of 2017—2018 Year is a chapter charter member, current historian and a recent Golden Delta *(see the next page)* - SHE is HISTORY! Soror Noble has great experience and a strong presence—she continues to use this to continually improve the chapter through matter of fact conversation, supporting a huge percentage of our many events, programs, and activities (she has the best attendance of most chapter members) as well as being the Delta DEAR spokesperson to the chapter and our collegiate - praise from Soror Noble means the world to all whom receive it! While living her Delta life out loud this year , She currently serves on the Liturgy Committee at St. Francis de Sales Church and utilizes her skill set and past career as a math tutor for 1st to 8th grades. Soror Noble also enjoys global travel for leisure and with her church.

Sylvia Louise Quinton, Esq., 2018—2022 Eastern Region Member of National Finance Commit-tee and 2016—2017 Eastern Region Soror of 2016—2017 Year is a Champion in Our Midst....

"Quinton is Qualified!" That's the slogan that rang out at the 2018 Eastern Regional Conference of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated as our beloved president of the Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter (PAAC), Soror Sylvia L. Quinton, Esq., ran for and WON the position of Mem-ber, National Finance Committee. While our chapter has seen her leadership up close and per-sonal for years, The East, as our region is affectionately called, recognized her talent and ability and agree that Soror Quinton is indeed qualified!

As the owner of a successful financial management company, Soror Quinton has a unique skill set that includes overseeing and managing the financial needs and policies of 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(7) organizations and businesses. In that capacity she also plans, organizes and coordinates million and billion dollar projects. During her successful campaign, which was run with the help of PAAC, Soror Quinton made it clear that there are many aspects of our Sorority that need our attention. While many Sorors see the importance of being savvy in the areas of Code of Conduct or Policies and Procedure, Soror Quinton stood at the podium and implored Sorors to understand that FINANCE IS EVERY SOROR'S BUSINESS.

Soror Quinton is not new to service or leadership in or out of Delta. She has been quoted as saying she looks forward to using her gifts and talents to continue the forward movement of our beloved Sisterhood, especially in the area of finance. She hopes to in-corporate the 9 Pearls of Financial Wisdom that she established during her campaign. They include:

*Increase Fiscal Understanding for all Members

*Understand the Finances of Delta

*Increase Training for Fiscal Officers

*Enhance Cost Savings Measures

*Create a Best Practice Tool Kit for Fiscal Officers

*Expand Income Generation Strategies

*Enhance Usage of the 501(c)(7) Status

*Broader Fiscal Experiences on the Finance Committee

*Elect Sylvia Quinton Member of the Finance Committee

One down and 8 more to go! As she works her way through the list, Soror Quinton remains humble and excited to have been selected by her Sorors in the East to serve as Member, National Finance Committee.

"FUN"DRAISING COMMITTEE—

Finding the "FUN"draisers to deposit into our PAAC Funds!

SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER—SISTERS ON THE SHORE

Resonating the theme, ***The Future is Female***; The Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter (PAAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. hosted the first **Sisters on the Shore (SOS)** event on ***Sunday, April 8th, 2018 at Sobos Wine and Beerstro from 3-7pm***. The purpose of this event was to Connect with Confidence over Cuisine and Cheer!

PAAC Fundraising, Arts and Letters and Economic Development Committees collaborative efforts resulted this pioneering event aimed to "connect" diverse women on the Eastern Shore to Convene, Converse and Build Connections. 120 Women of all professions, organizations and ages attended so that diverse females on the shore can build new professional and social networks. Sobos Wine and Beerstro provided a platform for a chic ambiance, fine cuisine and cheer while Sisters were greeted and gifted with an SOS buttons, a foyer of displayed business cards to contact swap, randomly seated at tables with Networking Quotes and Fishbowl questions to share amongst new meets.

All the while, Savvy Sounds were provided by the fashionable ***fem Dj Curley Sue*** from Washington DC. SOS recognized and celebrated 4 "Sister Spotlights" who were community nominated and deem domineering in their field regardless of age or affiliations; ***Sonya Whited, Lois Wilburn, Dr. Heather Holder Tucker and Imari Sydnor.***

The networking event was commemorated with auctioning off a painting that was constructed during the night of the event by ***artiste' Imari Sydnore***. Annette Noble closed the bid of the nights' signature art piece. Tynisha Mosley Downing won the $100 Business Card Raffle for Sobos Wine and Beerstro. The most anticipated portion of the evening was announcing the winner of the ***"Handbag for Her" raffle!*** An authentic Louis Vuitton Legendary Neverfull tote/ handbag in Damier Ebene canvas, valued over $1400, was awarded to Kay Blue, of Crisfield, Maryland. A Special Thank you to Expressive Threads of Salisbury, Maryland for donating a complementary monogram service for her luxurious bag!

Sisters on the Shore (SOS) T-shirts can still be purchased by contacting Nicole Bush- Buffington at paacfundraise@gmail.com

Happy Birthday to Sorors born in April through August!

April 4 - Chalarra Sessoms & Terra Taylor
April 5 - Melanie Davenport
April 8 - Doris Campbell
April 10 - Winnie Wooley
April 17 - April Stull
May 17 - Cheryl Thompson
June 15 - Allison Matthews
June 18 – Kairlyn Miles-Smith
July 8 - Annette Noble & Sylvia Quinton
July 14 - Undrea Blake
July 15 - Nicole Buffington
July 16 - Melva Wright
July 25 - Gayle Mason-Jenkins
August 5 - Sheila Richardson
August 8 - Audrey Spence
August 13 - Sonya Whited
August 24 - Shelley Doane-Gale

CHAPTER RETREAT— STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR 2018—2019 SORORITY YEAR AND BEYOND

This year our highly anticipated retreat was held in time for us to close out the 2017-2018 Sorority Year and set the tone for the 2018-2019 Sorority Year– it. was held on June 16th at Salisbury University's Scarborough Student Leadership Center. Our theme for this year was "**You Get What You Give: What's Your Contribution to the Total PAACage".** Our goal was to challenge sorors to think about how they can use their gifts and talents to enhance the chapter and our presence on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland

The robust agenda started with the Strategic Planning Delta Internal Development (DID) Training presented by Soror Rosie Allen-Herring (Federal City Alumnae Chapter) and Soror Charlene Dukes (Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter) along with special guest past National Treasurer Soror Barbara Mosely-Davis Here we focused on ensuring future chapter plans address the needs of the communities we serve and utilize strategic parterships and include full evaluation and analysis of our programs we offer, how to create strategic partnerships and more. The day also included with a video of the 2017-2018 chapter year, Delta/PAAC Trivia and Sisterhood activity. We concluded with discussion about the importance of sorors honoring their lifetime commitment of service to the organization and our "Sharing and Caring" chapter.

COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

We invite you to attend our 2nd Annual Community Prayer Brunch at the Richard Henson Center at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The theme for the brunch is ***Charting Our Course: Pathways to Building a Stronger Community*** and the speaker is Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre, 24th National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Tickets are $35.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporate - Mission Statement

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a not-for-profit organization of college educated women committed to the constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.

Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
Prayer Brunch Statement of Purpose

Under Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Political Awareness and Involvement Thrust, Social Action has always been and will continue to be a major part of who we are and what we do as Deltas. Founded by 22 women with Christian principals and impeccable values, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated also sees prayer as an integral part of our efforts to move forward with our Social Action agenda.

It is the belief of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and implemented on a local level by the Princess Anne Alumnae Chapter, that the legislative agenda, as outlined by the Grand Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., moves our Social Action agenda forward. The sorority's Social Action agenda strives for the honoring of our ancestors and our past history, acknowledges the work being done presently by Sorors worldwide, and invests in and shapes the future for generations to come.

The Princess Anne Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated (PAAC) Social Action goal is to bridge the gap that divides our families, communities and our nation. PAAC asks you join us in our annual community prayer brunch for the furthering of programs and services that will help with our Social Action agenda effort.

Specifically, the Social Action issues we support include but are not limited to:

-**Gun Control** that advocates for keeping our communities safe by expanding and enforcing background checks for all commercial gun sales and making mental health a priority and part of the gun purchase process.

-**Domestic Violence** to prohibit firearm possession by an individual who is subject to a court order that restrains the individual from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner or child of an intimate partner.

-**Healthcare** that allows for patient protection; children being insured through parents and protecting patients with preexisting conditions.

-**Education** funding for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Historic Preservation Program; Continued support for Pell Grants and Parent Plus Loans; Continued support for free and reduced school meal programs.

-**Voting Rights** re-introduce and pass the Voting Rights Act and continue Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act; implement and advance protection from voting suppression.

-**Economic Development** that funds training for 21st century jobs and provides affordable and accessible child care.

-**Financial Security** that provides protection for workers' rights and sustains and increases Social Security funding; maintains the current definition of Social Security eligibility.

The aforementioned issues are only a glimpse into the Social Action agenda of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Other issues include comprehensive immigration reform, the 2020 census, criminal justice reform, gender pay equity, and family leave. PAAC remains committed to public service and to the uplifting of the Black community.

Charting Our Course: Pathways to Building a Stronger Community
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