



The Minerva

Richmond Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sorors,

It was wonderful to see your beautiful smiling facings at our in-person September Chapter Meeting. After more than two years of virtual meetings, we were able to safely get together to conduct Delta business. We must remember the opportunities we have been afforded to maintain and sustain our chapter, in this unprecedented climate, so our next two meetings will be virtual to give everyone a chance to adjust to our varied meeting options.

We have begun our 2022–2023 sorority year with a high level of enthusiasm, sisterhood, and commitment. Let us keep that positive attitude from the September Chapter Meeting and encourage other sorors to also commit to that same level of sisterhood and determination to support committee activities, programming, and events throughout the year.

Please continue to give special attention to our sorors who have either experienced health issues or death in the family. A kind word, short text, or loving card is always appreciated by the recipient.

We look forward to seeing you at our October Chapter Meeting which will be held on *Saturday, October 15, 2022 via Zoom*.

2022 – 2023 Chapter Meeting Locations

In-Person (Huguenot High School)_

September 2022
December 2022
March 2023
May 2023
June 2023

Virtual via Zoom

October 2022
November 2022
January 2023
February 2023
April 2023

Sisterly,

Vanessa

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Takeisha Brown, Chaplain
chaplain.dstrichmond@gmail.com

PRAYER CALL

Join us for prayer, song, and an inspirational word on
Sunday, October 23, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84275488056?pwd=aklsK3pzay9lam1HendvbGILRVq4QT09>

Meeting ID: 842 7548 8056

Passcode: 003797

Welcome	Soror Carla Jackson, Assistant Chaplain
Opening Prayer	Soror Danette Porter
Inspirational Song	Soror Lynne Brownlee
Inspirational Word	Soror Takeisha Brown, Chaplain
Closing Prayer & Benediction	Soror Jeanetta Lee



Richmond Alumnae Chapter



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MEDITATION & PRAYER CALL

Join us weekly & invite a soror.

Thursdays at 6:00 am

Call-in: 667-770-1025. Passcode: 498044#

Mobile one click:

667-770-1025,,498044#

Join by FCC App: Enter meeting ID: sarc2020

Hosted By:

Reverend Tayon Dancy
South Atlantic Regional Chaplain

Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

CHAPTER CALENDAR

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October

- 10/15 Chapter Meeting
- 10/15 Sisterly Lunch after Chapter Meeting | Membership Services
- 10/16 Self-Reflection Program / **Virtual** | Physical and Mental Health
- 10/19 Risk Management Volunteer training (2) | Risk Management
- 10/22 Community Voting and Information Fair | Social Action/Political Awareness and Involvement
- 10/22 College Financial Planning Workshop | Economic Development
- 10/23 Monthly Prayer call | Chaplains Corner
- 10/28 Project ACT (U of R College Tour) | Educational Development
- 10/28-10/29 Fall State Meeting (hosted by Henrico County Alumnae Chapter) | SARC
- 10/29 Partnership Event with Omega Psi Phi Upsilon Nu | Fundraising
- TBD College Bound-College Readiness Workshop | Delta GEMS

VOLUNTEER / SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY – NOT RAC Sponsored Events

- 10/15 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk | Physical and Mental Health
- 10/16 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk | Physical and Mental Health
- 10/22 2022 Richmond Heart Walk (Am Heart Assoc) | Physical and Mental Health: Libby Mill Downtown; Led by Soror Renee Fleming Mills

November

- 11/1 Executive Board Meeting
- 11/1 – 11/12 Community Thanksgiving Collection | Membership Services
- 11/5 Walk to End Alzheimer's Physical and Mental Health
- 11/5 Stroll 101 | Step Team
- 11/12 Jabberwock Workshop | Scholarship
- 11/19 Chapter Meeting
- 11/19 Fellowship after Chapter Meeting to kick start the Holiday Season | Hospitality Committee
- 11/26-31 Shop Local/Shop Black | Economic Development
- 11/27 Chapter Prayer Call

COMMITTEE SIGN UP LINK

PLEASE REFERENCE 9/8/22 CONTACT OR COPY/PASTE LINK BELOW

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National Communications:

- o 2022 Election Organizing Guide emailed September 18, 2022
- o National Program Planning and Development Committee Updates emailed September 24, 2022
- o Midterm Elections 2022 Webinar Series Continued emailed September 29, 2022
- o Announcing 2022-2023 Leadership Delta Cohort emailed September 30, 2022
- o 2022 Delta Candidates Directory emailed October 3, 2022; deadline October 12, 2022

Regional Communications:

- o Are You Prepared? from the South Atlantic Region Emergency Response Team emailed September 28, 2022

Appreciation for expressions of condolences received from:

- o Soror Betsy Smith for the loss of her husband, Tommy Smith

“Thank You” notes to chapter received from:

- o Soror Ashley Cooper for flowers sent from Chapter following her surgery
- o Soror Connie Thompson for flowers sent from Chapter following her surgery
- o Za’chari Bey, 2020 Jabberwock participant

Organization and event announcements received from:

- o The Grace E. Harris Leadership Institute at VCU: 16th Annual Higher Ground Women’s Leadership Conference, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, November 4, 2022. *Information and registration: gehli.vcu.edu/conference*

SOROR SPOTLIGHT

SORORS DENISE CREWS AND TAWANA FERGUSON



The Richmond Alumnae Chapter congratulates Soror Denise Crews, who recently was announced as a winner in The Fresh Market's "Win Free Fresh Food and More for One Year" Sweepstakes. More than 125 winners shared their stories of winning on The Fresh Market's website, including our soror Denise! The Fresh Market stated that when the winners shared their reactions, "two themes came through loud and clear: giving back to others and creating special occasions." "I was so excited and thrilled to win, because The Fresh Market is one of my favorite stores," said Denise. She stated it was "such a nice surprise and it will help alleviate some of the costs of inflation and help with [her] monthly grocery bill." Congratulations to Denise Crews on this amazing honor!



Congratulations to Soror Tawana Ferguson, who recently was promoted to Regulatory Compliance Supervisor with the Virginia Department of Corrections (VADOC)/State Board of Local and Regional Jails. Tawana has been a VADOC employee for more than 28 years. In her new role, Tawana will be managing the certification, audit, and inspection process of the 89 jails and lockups throughout the State of Virginia. In addition to her promotion, in August of this year, Tawana was recognized when she was tapped by the Department of Justice to conduct PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) audits at two prisons in the state of Michigan. As if she is not busy enough, Tawana was accepted to the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration. Hats off, to Soror Ferguson.

Bernita Williams, Vice President Scholarship
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**RICHMOND ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.**

**UPSILON NU SCHOLARSHIP AND
SOCIAL ACTION FOUNDATION**

RVA THRILLER

HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH AT THE NATIONAL

7PM - 12AM

HIGH DEFINITION BAND & DJ ROB STACKS

CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS:
RVATHRILLER@GMAIL.COM OR CALL (804) 818-6161



Please use QR Code for additional information.
Anita Roane, Event Lead, at RVAThriller@gmail.com

Let's Lunch: October Pop-Up



Sorors, please mark your calendars and plan to join the Membership Services Committee as we meet for lunch throughout our great city! We will meet following our virtual October chapter meeting. Know a great restaurant on your side of town? Please email 2ndvp.dstrichmond@gmail.com. More details to follow but please hold the date on your calendar.

RAC Red Carpet Events

The Woman King Red Carpet Event

Thank you for your support of the RAC Red Carpet Event for the Woman King. On Sunday, September 18, 2022, more than 75 sorors, family members, and friends filled Theater #6 at the Bowtie Movieland Cinema for the opening weekend of The Woman King. This was our first in-person Arts and Letters Red Carpet Event since January 2020! One guest, Paula Clements, was visiting from Seattle, Washington, and stated, "It was a privilege to see this movie in a theater full of Black women. That probably wouldn't have happened in Seattle, where I live." The afternoon was a time of great fellowship.



The Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

A RAC Red Carpet Event for The Black Panther: Wakanda Forever will take place during the film's opening weekend, November 11-13. More details will be provided regarding the date, time, and location.



Honoring our Sorors in Uniform

If you are an active-duty member, reservist, or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, we would like to honor you. Please send, via e-mail, your name, military branch, rank, and a picture (preferably in uniform) to: artsandletters.dstrichmond@gmail.com no later than Friday, October 21st.

save the date



December 17 th - Red Shoe Revue



Are you RED-y for the Red Shoe Revue Virtual Footwear Fashion Show and Contest? Get your red shoes together. Details about the program format, footwear categories, entry submission, and prizes will be provided in the November Minerva and announced during the November chapter meeting.

"I believe every woman should own at least one pair of red shoes." Terry Tempest Williams

The Arts and Letters Committee meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. If you enjoy literature, music, media, food, history and culture, consider joining us!

"Psst...Could You Do Me a Favor?" Email Scam

Familiar with this scenario?

Have you received an email from a well-known friend, family member, or organization that is asking you for help? An email subject line that starts out as 'Can You Help Me?' or 'I Need a Favor'. Being the financial, savvy soror that you are, you check the email address of the sender and notice that the email address is indeed legitimate. And the sender of the email gives an excuse of "traveling" or being in a predicament where she can not call you directly with the request. But the body of the email has spelling errors - which is a red flag. And the favor that is asked is a monetary gift card that can be given to either another friend in immediate need or a charity organization.

By now, many of you may have already been a recipient of an email scam or have been a victim of a hacked email account. If you were the recipient of the email, you likely ignored the email or deleted it. And if you were a victim of the hacked email account, you likely endured the calls from friends and family and apologized for the phishing email that was sent using your name.

How to Handle this Scam?

If you have received this type of phishing scam, it's best to not respond and just call the owner of the account. Although these emails are coming from the actual owner's account, the scammer is betting that he will notice --> read --> respond --> delete emails in the owner's account prior to the owner noticing any of the activity. It's better to call the owner of the account and notify her that the account may have been compromised. Never click on any links within the email's message. And don't buy or send any gift cards!

If you were a victim of a hacked account, it's important to move fast and secure your account. Most likely, no personal information has been compromised. However, you don't want the scammer reading your incoming emails...learning your lifestyle, or whom you associate with in business. Follow these simple steps to secure your account:

1. Change your password. Don't use the same or similar password that is used for other online accounts.
2. Check your Managed Device panels and make sure you recognize all devices that have permission to your email address
3. Set up a Two-Factor Authentication. Yes, this type of authentication can be annoying and time-consuming each time you try to log into your email account. However, it makes it extremely hard for your account to be hacked
4. Check your Recovery settings. Recovery settings either have a secondary phone number or email address that the email company can send authentication codes or email notifications in case your primary email account is not working. Make sure that the scammer has not set up his own email address as a secondary communication.
5. Check if your email or phone has been put on a data breach report by checking out <https://haveibeenpwned.com>

The next Economic Development Committee Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 25th at 7PM via ZOOM**. If you are interested in joining the committee or just want to attend a meeting, please reach out to the committee's mailbox for the meeting credentials.



**Hat, Mitten and Glove Drive
for Overby-Sheppard
Elementary School**

Saturday, December 3, 2022

Drop off Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Address: 2300 1st Ave, Richmond, VA or, send
items via **Amazon** using the link below
<https://tinyurl.com/RAChat-gloveDrive>

You can help our children stay warm this winter!
Join the Richmond Alumnae Chapter in
collecting warm hats, mittens and gloves.

Donated items should be
***New** in original package
*** Various sizes** for elementary-age children
*** Unlimited**-donate as many as you wish!

Sponsored by The Richmond Alumnae Chapter
Educational Development Committee of Delta Sigma
Theta Sorority, Inc.

For more information please contact
Soror Dionne Ward (804) 385-6116 or
Soror Decardra Jackson (804) 399-0677
Email: educationaldev1.dstrichmond@gmail.com



2022-2023 FITNESS CHALLENGE

Sorors WE ARE BACK and better than ever! October 1st kicks off our 2022-2023 fitness challenge. It's never too late to get healthy. Register for this year's fitness challenge by clicking the link below. We've even made it easy for you to include all exercises and convert them to steps by using the conversion calculator. [RAC DST Fitness Challenge 2022-2023 Activity to Steps Converter | Good Calculators](#)

Stay tuned for this year's theme!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Heart Walk

In Loving Memory of  *Ms. Glennys E. Fleming*
1954 - 2022

Girl Scout Troops 34 and 35
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Richmond VA

will participate in the
Richmond Heart Walk

TEAM NAME: Glennys' Go-Getters!

Please register to join our team and/or donate at
http://www2.heart.org/goto/Glennys_Go-Getters

DATE: Saturday, October 22, 2022

CHECK IN TIME: 8:30 AM

Please register to join our team and/or donate at
http://www2.heart.org/goto/Glennys_Go-Getters



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S
alzheimer's association

RICHMOND ALUMNAE CHAPTER
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.
invites you to ...

JOIN OUR TEAM
*** Use QR code to register ***

RAC DST "Unstoppable Alzheimer's Angels"
Team Captain - Renée Fleming Mills

November 5, 2022

Schedule of Events:
Site Opens at 8:30 a.m | Ceremony at 9:30 a.m | Walk at 10:00 a.m

Route Lengths: 1-Mile and 2.5 Miles

Location:
Libbie Mill Midtown | 2101 Libbie Lake East Street
Richmond, VA 23230

Team Goal: \$1000
*** Use QR code to donate ***

Members of Delta Sigma Theta, Family and Friends Are Welcomed to Join Our Team!



OCTOBER 2022 PROTOCOL MOMENT

It's Fall, the season we welcome back-to-school events, cooler weather, and reuniting with Sorors! This is your sisterly reminder that we should be mindful of our presence while attending events. Rep your school during football season but don't disrespect Delta! When you are attending the RVA Thriller Halloween Party on October 29th, let's remember our Delta etiquette as we party with a purpose!

Things to remember:

- Each soror shall maintain high standards of personal conduct.
- Sorors are prohibited from using Delta's Marks in a manner that would defame Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. or otherwise damage its reputation and goodwill.
- Sorors should refrain from wearing the Marks, Insignia, or Symbols in casinos, nightclubs, bars, or any establishment while consuming alcohol that is open to the public.
- And let's have fun!



MEETING ATTIRE

FRIDAY, 10/28 - DELTA CASUAL

SATURDAY, 10/29 - BUSINESS

Richmond Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



COMMUNITY VOTING & INFORMATION FAIR
Saturday, October 22nd ~ 11:00am to 2:00pm
Second Baptist Church of South Richmond
Branches Shopping Center, 3300 Broad Rock Blvd.
Join the Social Action Committee as we prepare to
EDUCATE & MOBILIZE Our Community for the
NOVEMBER 8TH ELECTION!!!



Look out for our Chapter email and messages from the Social Action Committee for more information. Email Social Action at social.act.dstrichmond@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Courtney Rice, Chair
stepteam1.dstrichmond@gmail.com

Stroll 101

November 5, 2022

10:30am-12pm



Doors Open at 10am



Bring Water



Please RSVP to:
stepteam1.dstrichmond@gmail.com

The Bolden Academy
7193 Stonewall Pkwy
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Brought to you by RAC Step Team

Tia Murphy, Financial Secretary
finsecretary.dstrichmond@gmail.com

Financial Tip

Our Chapter has various bank accounts through which we process transactions. With that being said, we respectfully ask that you submit **separate checks for each payment**. This will allow for prompt transacting and receipting of funds.

For example, if you were paying for a RVA Thriller Ticket and Membership Dues, you should submit a total of two checks, one for each item.

We appreciate your support in this effort! If you ever have questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the Finance Team at finsecretary.dstrichmond@gmail.com.



As we FALL into the new sorority year, we wanted to again say thank you to everyone for your efforts in making the 30th South Atlantic Regional Conference the **MOST MEMORABLE REGIONAL CONFERENCE EVER EXPERIENCED!**

We received an outpouring of love and appreciation from sorors across the region, so from our perspective, we brought the vision of excellence to life. As part of our final report, we wanted to inform you all that we were able to provide over \$15,000 to our community service partner, Safe Harbor, during the conference. **The Richmond Alumnae Chapter provided over \$2,000 in gift cards!**



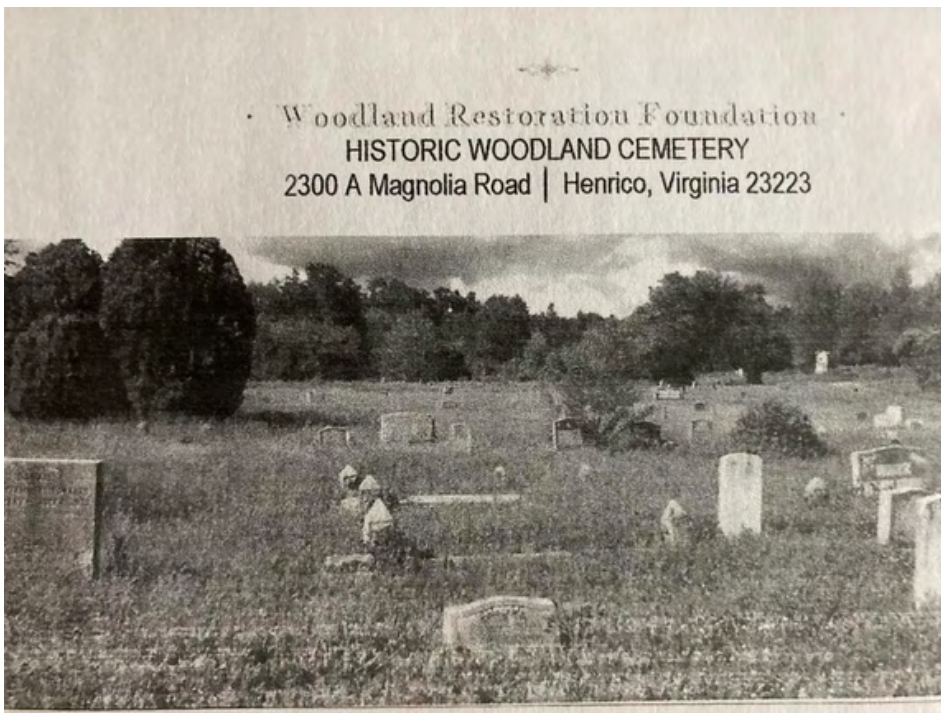
During the ecumenical service, the South Atlantic Region again raised over \$15,000. In support of our Regional Director's vision to support women and children, these funds will be split evenly between Safe Harbor, the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Central Virginia, and the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. Each group has expressed their sincere appreciation and has extended themselves as resources should we desire to engage in future programming.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working with the local and regional finance team to ensure that all obligations have been satisfied and that the remaining funds are allocated in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve and are forever grateful to the Richmond Alumnae Chapter for hosting an excellent conference this second time around!

NPHC Metro / Community Events

Woodland Cemetery Clean-up



Held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, in support of the Woodland Cemetery Restoration Foundation, the National Pan Hellenic Council of Metro Richmond assembled a group of Divine Nine members to assist in cleaning up the cemetery grounds. Only two members from each chapter were asked to participate in this effort. **Richmond Alumnae Chapter was represented by Soror Sandee Smith, 2022 NPHC representative and Soror Marilyn Goss-Thornton, Adopt-A-Street committee member.**