

Anniston Alumnae In the News

January 2019- May 2019



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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority



Anniston Alumnae Chapter

Sisterhood, Service, and Scholarship

A Message From Our

President



Greetings Sorors!

As we come to the close of this sororial year, I must thank all of you for the fabulous year we experienced. Community service, Scholarship and Sisterhood remained in the forefront of our Chapter.

The Anniston Alumnae Chapter was very visible in the community starting with our United Way Day of Service, volunteering several times at the Anniston Soup Bowl, and assisting several students financially as they head off to college.

These last six months were filled with numerous activities starting in January with our 31st annual gala, Founders Day celebration, Go Red Luncheon and Health Fair, Sisterhood movie night, Connecting with the Collegiates, Sisterhood month and finally an awesome May Week.

Let us take a couple of months to relax from the rigorous monthly meetings as we prepare for the upcoming year. When we return in August for our Retreat and Planning Meeting – come prepared with new ideas to outline the business of DELTA. Let us keep the Joy in our Sisterhood by serving with a purpose.

Enjoy your summer, travel safely and BE BLESSED!

Marie Rhoden

31st Annual Scholarship Gala



The 31st Annual Scholarship Gala was held January 5th at the Anniston City Meeting Center. The more than 450 guests began arriving in their elegant ball gowns and tuxedos as the members of the chapter so elegantly strolled in wearing black formal gowns with beautiful bling. Everyone danced the night away to the tunes played by the Clinton Babers Band and enjoyed a grand buffet.

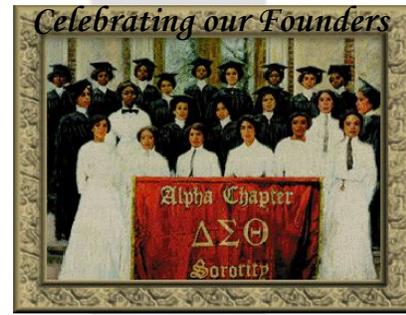
The night was exciting, enjoyable and did not end until a little after midnight. But the most excitement was the monies raised for scholarships for students in our service area (Calhoun, Cleburne and St. Clair Counties). This year two students Keirra Ashford of Anniston High School and Stephanie Armstrong of Jacksonville High School received scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 and five of our graduating GEMS, who will be attending college, received book awards in the amount of \$500. We would like to thank all those who attended and made the Annual Scholarship Gala a success!



Founders' Day

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Anniston Alumnae

The Anniston Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders' Day along with Gadsden Alumnae, Talladega Alumnae, Kappa Beta, and Alpha Zeta. Our very own Soror Ruth Moffatt gave inspiring words of encouragement. Soror Corine Tuttle was recognized for 69 years of service.



To end the celebration, Sorors attended New Life Apostolic Center in Anniston for Sunday worship. Each Soror received a souvenir plate.



“Red, Our Color...Our Cause”



The Physical and Mental Health Committee of the Anniston Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated presented the second annual National Day of Red for Women Luncheon and Health Fair. The theme was “Red” Our Color...Our Cause.” The event was held February 1, 2019 at the Oxford Civic Center, Oxford, AL. The event began with a health fair by medical professionals from RMC Stringfellow Hospital, Cardiac & Vascular Consultants LLC, and JSU School of Nursing Diabetics Educator.

Nearly 200 individuals took advantage of the various health screenings and educational materials. They also dined on a heart healthy lunch. Through a video presentation, everyone was educated on the plight of Preventing Heart Disease in Women: “The Silent Killer.”

The keynote speaker for the event was Hospitalist, Almena Free, M. D. She stressed the importance of maintaining a healthy heart. The audience was captivated by a real life cardio episode as told by cardiac survivor Linda Rhinehart. Additionally, healthy heart and diabetes tips were provided by Anita Pritchett, PhD, RN Professor, Jacksonville State University. She stressed the importance of recognizing warning signs of diabetes and seeking medical help. Members of Anniston Alumnae Chapter provided entertainment by showcasing their “Inner Fashionista” with a “RED” Fashion Show.



The event culminated with presentations and awards for the financial sponsors of the event: RMC Stringfellow Hospital, Joe Weaver, CEO, Anniston Cardiology, John Nwogu, M. D., Cardiac & Vascular Consultants, LLC, Osita Oneykwere, M.D., and North Alabama Women’s Center, James S. Daniel, M. D.

At the conclusion of the event, it was evident that “RED” is definitely our color and our cause because participants gained knowledge on heart health. Also, the success of this event raised \$2,046.75 which will be donated to the American Heart Association.

MAY WEEK

May week was a huge success this year! The week was filled with events that allowed Sorors to spend time with each other and to participate in community service activities. Some of the May Week activities included “Meet and Greet Monday” where Sorors met at a local restaurant for dinner and spoken word by Harold Outley “Tuff it out Tuesday” where Sorors gathered to exercise and prepare “Love Bags” for a local women’s shelter, “Women’s Wellness Wednesday” where Sorors met to distribute donated eyeglasses to a local recipient, and “Thirst for Knowledge Thursday” where Sorors read to kindergarten students at 10th Street Elementary School and donated supplies. The week ended with “Shout for Joy Sunday” where Sorors attended services at First Baptist South Church in Pell City where Reverend Jeffery Wilson is Pastor.





Reading to Students at 10th Street Elementary School



Worship at First Baptist South



Donating Eyeglasses to the Lion's Club



Donating Supplies to Kindergarten Teachers at 10th Street Elementary School



Donating Eyeglasses to the Lion's Club



Donating "Love Bags" to a Local Women's Shelter



First Baptist South

Delta Gems 2018-2019

Growing & Empowering Myself Successfully

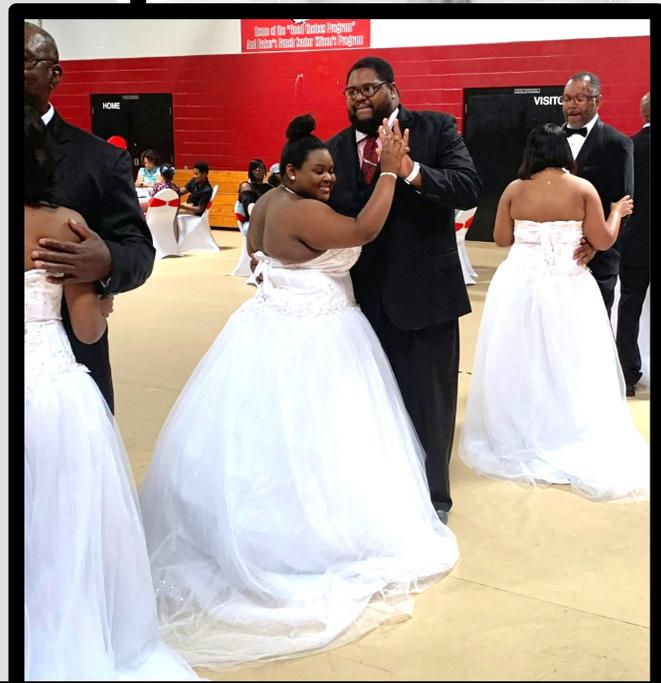


The Delta GEMS completed the 2018-2019 program with a formal cotillion. The young ladies looked beautiful in their gowns. The underclassmen wore red gowns and the seniors wore white gowns. The young ladies were escorted by their father or significant male figure and participated in a father-daughter or mother-daughter dance.



The underclassmen danced to the song "Daddy" by Beyonce with their father or significant person. The seniors danced to the song "Butterfly Kisses" by Bob Carlisle with their father or significant person. Their dance was interrupted by their male friend. The seniors and male friends proceeded to do the waltz to the song "All of Me" by John Legend.





Each GEM was given a certificate for participating in the 2018-2019 program and other gifts from our Sorors. The seniors were given special plaques to honor their commitment to the program from freshmen to seniors. In addition to the tokens of love, all seniors beginning school in the fall at a community college or university were surprised with a \$500 book scholarship!



Freshman Cotillion

Special Announcements



Soror Corine Miller Tuttle

Anniston Alumnae would like to congratulate Soror Corine Tuttle on celebrating 69 years of service to Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated! She is also a Charter Member of the AAMU Delta Delta Chapter.

69 Years



Jesse F. Berry and Soror Mary (Bell) Berry happily celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on April 19, 1969 in Munford, AL.(Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church). They have been blessed with 2 children, Frederick M. Berry and Chastity M. Berry Jones and 5 grandchildren. Jesse retired from the Anniston Army Depot with 30 years of employment and Mary retired from Education in Alabama and Georgia with 50 years of quality service.





A Recipe from

Soror Daniel

Hello Sorors! It is no secret that I love to bake! I am sharing my zucchini bread recipe with you all. It is quick to make and yummy to eat!

Zucchini Bread

Ingredients

3 1/3 Cups Flour
2/3 cup oil
2 2/3 cups sugar
4 eggs
2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp baking powder
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp cloves or nutmeg
2/3 cup chopped nuts
2/3 cup raisins
3 cups shredded zucchini
1/3 cup water
2 tsp Vanilla extract or flavoring

Directions

Sift together all dry ingredients in small bowl and set aside. Cream oil and sugar together. Add eggs and mix together for 3-5 minutes. Add water, zucchini, and vanilla until mixed well. Fold in dry ingredients mixture until all is completely moistened. Stir in nuts and raisins. Pour into two loaf pans that have been sprayed with Pam with flour or any baking spray. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 70 minutes. Let cool slightly before turning it out. Bread may be kept in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks and in the freezer for about 60 days. Enjoy!



Soror Beverly Porter

Sorors,

We all experience setbacks and obstacles in this life, but don't make the mistake of allowing those challenges to change your perspective. It's easy to forget just how incredibly blessed we are and feel like everything has fallen apart. Well my sisters, it hasn't! You are still blessed to be who you are and to have what you have. One of my favorite scriptures, Phillipians 4:8 states, "Finally, brethren (sister), whatsoever things are true, pure, lovely and of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things." So, don't allow unexpected situations to consume you. Look at the glass as being half full instead of half empty. One simple nugget: "It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it!"

Krystal Sears-Jan 1
Ruth Moffatt-Jan 3
Tanisha Mays-Jan 3
Corine Tuttle-Jan 5
Angela Bowman-Jan 11
Patricia Cole-Jan 24
Vivian Goggins-Jan 28
Beverly Porter-Feb 1
Zara Blakely-Feb 7
Edna Holloway-Feb 11
Katherine Hood-Feb 22
Dolores Traylor-Feb 27
LaRoyia Smitherman-Mar 1
Lucie Mitchell-Mar 9
Vergie Robinson-Mar 10
Joynell Wright-Mar 26
Jimmeka Leverette-Mar 27
Anne Storey-Mar 28



Jasmine Burns-Mar 31
Tamara Kidd-Apr 2
Denita Parson-Apr 8
Tamar Towns-Apr 9
Nakisha Twymon-Apr 14
Sandra Sudduth-Apr 21
Sharon Hill-Apr 24
Priscilla Marshall-Apr 28
Cynthia Fletcher-May 7
Marie Rhoden-May 20
Shenequia Cole-May 29
Mary Williams-Jun 13
Erin McIntosh-Jun 23
Leatha Tyus-Jun 23
Alfie Robinson-Brown-Jun 24
Jasmine Leonard-Jun 26
Joan Sandlin-Jun 29