



Founders Scramble

In her haste, a dedicated Soror scrambled the names of our twenty-two Founders. Please help her to unscramble the names so they can be properly recorded in our history. Select one name from each column to correctly name our Founders.

First Name

1. Myra
2. Ethel
3. Edith
4. Jessie
5. Pauline
6. Winona
7. Zephyr
8. Osceola
9. Marguerite
10. Bertha
11. Edna
12. Frederica
13. Olive
14. Jimmie
15. Vashti
16. Naomi
17. Mamie
18. Eliza
19. Florence
20. Ethel
21. Wertie
22. Madree

Middle/Surname

1. McGuire
2. Young
3. Brown
4. Chase
5. Bugg
6. Cuff
7. Turley
8. Blackwell
9. Mott
10. Reddy
11. Letcher
12. Oberdorfer
13. Pearl
14. Davis
15. Carr
16. Pitts
17. Penn
18. Chisom
19. Sewell
20. Macarthy
21. None given
22. Cargile

Last Name

1. Alexander
2. Campbell
3. Carter
4. Jones
5. Richardson
6. Hemmings
7. Shippen
8. Rose
9. Dent
10. Middleton
11. White
12. Young
13. Toms
14. Alexander
15. Weaver
16. Minor
17. Watson
18. Coleman
19. Murphy
20. Dodd
21. Adams
22. Black



Delta Sigma Theta



CHARTER

To all to whom these Presents shall come, greetings. Be it known that this charter for the establishment of a chapter of the Sorority of Delta Sigma Theta at

Springfield, Illinois

to be known and designated as the

SPRINGFIELD-DECATUR AREA ALUMNAE

Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, is hereby granted to the persons hereinafter named as Charter members thereof, conveying to them and their duly elected associates and successors all the privileges conferred by the charter and by laws. In token thereof we hereby set our hands and seal, this 10th day of January nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

Thelma T. Taylor
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

NATIONAL SECRETARY



Gloria Foster Anderson

Almeta Triche Barton

Mildred Taylor Bond

Thelma Bonds

Beverly A. Bowman

Deborah Louise Browne

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Bobbie Wanzo

Antoinette Henderson Washington

Clemmie Jackson Webster

Janet S. White

Doris Reynolds Woods

Juliet L. Woodson Wilson

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CHAPTER HISTORY

On January 10, 1976 at 12:20PM, eighteen sorors chartered the Springfield-Decatur Area Alumnae Chapter, the 536st chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Among the charter members were recent college graduates, sorors who had been inactive for a number of years, as well as sorors who had been active in other chapters in the area.

Our Charter Members are: Gloria Foster Anderson, Almata Triche Barton, Mildred Taylor Bond, Thelma Bonds, Beverly A. Bowman Lott, Deborah Louise Brown, Elizabeth Harden Chambliss, Edyth L. Cole, Geraldine Dubison Lee, Norma L. Cochran Hollin, Irene King Morgan, Priscilla Palmer, Bobbie Wanzo, Antoinette Henderson Washington, Clemmie Jackson Webster, Janet S. White Young, Doris Reynolds Woods Fuller and Juliet LaVon Woodson Wilson

SOROR J. LAVON WOODSON WILSON

"The Delta Scholarship"

1976-1979

Soror J. LaVon Woodson Wilson served as the first president of the chapter. Known for community activities, the sorority held public workshops on such topics as assertiveness training, financial planning, sex education for youth and breast cancer awareness. Chapter members conducted all of these workshops. The chapter also became involved in Big Brother/Big Sister, NAACP, Springfield Urban League and sponsored a health fair. Sorors also staffed the information booth at Lincoln Fest. In addition to organizing the chapter, sorors began to hold fundraisers for scholarship funds.

One of the charter members, Soror Almata Triche Barton, a math and science teacher died on August 15, 1977. In her memory, the Barton family established a scholarship, administered by the chapter, to be awarded to graduating high school planning to major in math or science or attend a historically black college. The first scholarship for \$250 was presented in 1979.

On April 30, 1977, the chapter initiated one new soror.

On February 4, 1978, the chapter initiated five new sorors.

On March 22, 1978, the chapter lost another charter member, Soror Irene King Morgan.

SOROR ANTOINETTE HENDERSON WASHINGTON

"LaPetite Delta"

1979 - 1983

In 1979, another charter member, **Soror Antoinette Henderson Washington**, took over the chapter's presidency. The sorority became involved with the Sojourn Women's Center, a violence prevention agency and shelter for battered women. As a chapter fundraiser, the chapter also produced a cookbook. It was during this administration that the sorority began

the LaPetite Delta program to provide educational and cultural activities for girls in their early teens.

On April 19, 1979, the chapter initiated one new soror.

On May 15, 1981, the chapter initiated seven new sorors.

On April 1, 1982, the chapter initiated nine new sorors.

The Chapter mourned the loss of Soror Marquita Reynolds Fielding on March 13, 1983.

On April 9, 1983, the first LaPetite Gala was held with 23 young ladies participating. Adding to the Almeta Triche Barton Scholarship, the first Delta Scholarship was awarded in 1983.

SOROR IRENE OUTLAW ROBINSON JOYNER

"Voter Registration"

1983 – 1987

When **Soror Irene Outlaw Robinson Joyner** became chapter president in 1983, the chapter began a tutoring program at Monroe Street Christian Church and helped coordinate the SAT/ACT test preparation program. In addition, the chapter held candidate forums and voter registration drives to get more minorities involved in the electoral process. Several Holiday Dances were held with the admission being a toy that was then donated to local daycare centers.

On October 26, 1984 the chapter initiated six new sorors.

In 1985 the Barton Scholarship was increased to \$1000 and the sorority began giving three Delta Scholarships in 1987.

On November 1, 1986, the chapter initiated six new sorors.

SOROR CYNTHIA STRINGFELLOW SOROR JOHNETTA WILLIAMS JORDAN

"The Bank One Christmas Tree and Delta Day at the State Capitol"

1987 – 1991

In 1987 **Soror Cynthia Stringfellow** was elected chapter president. Shortly after assuming the leadership position, Soror Stringfellow moved from the Springfield-Decatur area.

Soror Johnetta Williams Jordan, an initiate of this chapter became the president in 1987. The sorority's community involvement was continued. The chapter began decorating one of the Christmas trees in the Marine Bank/Bank One lobby. The sorority also participated in the 1987 and 1988 Christmas Parades. In 1987, the Sorority's entry received a second place award for theme interpretation.

On October 29, 1988, the chapter initiated four new sorors.

The Springfield Chapter of the NAACP recognized the sorority's community involvement and presented the chapter with their Community Service Award in 1989. The chapter began participating in First Night Springfield in 1989 and in 1990 sorors volunteered for First Night Decatur. The chapter also served as host for the 1989 and 1990 statewide Delta Day at the Capitol and was involved in the chartering of the local Pan-Hellenic council. Under the direction of Grand Chapter, the sorority began the School America Program in September 1989.

The chapter paused to mourn the loss of another charter member, Soror Antoinette Henderson Washington, on September 12, 1989. Through the chapter, her family established a scholarship for a student planning to study music education or other educational areas.

In 1990, the Scholarship Committee was able to award \$3400 to college bound graduating high school students in the Springfield-Decatur community.

SOROR JENNIFER HARVELL

"Ebony Fashion Fair and Disadvantaged Youth"

1991 – 1993

Another chapter initiate, **Soror Jennifer Harvell**, was elected in 1991 to carry the chapter's torch. To promote the School America Program, the chapter participated in the Black Community Day sponsored by the March of Dimes. In addition to ongoing projects, the chapter made financial donations to the Teen Parent Support Group and volunteered at the Angel Wish Tree. Both projects were coordinated by the Family Service Center.

During 1993, chapter members became involved in the election process by becoming deputy registrars. The chapter also sponsored the 1993 Ebony Fashion Fair. Proceeds from the event were benefited the chapter's newly created Disadvantaged Youth Fund that provided area youth with financial assistance to offset the cost of educational and cultural activities. The chapter also collected and donated items to the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

SOROR PRISCILLA PALMER

"Habitat For Humanity"

1993 – 1995

In 1993, **Soror Priscilla Palmer**, a charter member, was elected president. In conjunction with Grand Chapter's work with Habitat for Humanity, the local chapter contributed to the "4 N '94" Blitz sponsored by Habitat for Humanity in Sangamon County. In 1994 the chapter again received the Civic/Fraternal Award from the Springfield Branch of the NAACP. The chapter also hosted the 1995 Statewide Delta Weekend.

Charter member Soror Beverly Bowman-Lott died on December 17, 1993. In her memory, one of the 1994 scholarships was given to a student majoring in music.

On April 22, 1995 the chapter initiated ten new sorors.