

# The Beta Delta Times

“Highlighting the Beat of Beta Delta”



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## President's Corner

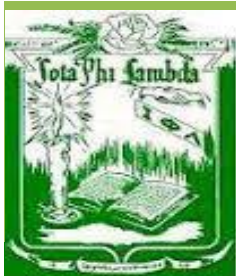
On behalf of Beta Delta Chapter it is my great pleasure to extend heartfelt greetings to the sisterhood of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., I trust that everyone will have a healthy, happy and Prosperous New Year. Our current climate can seem a bit unsettling at times where compassion, and civility appear to absent especially on the National scale. As we embark on this new decade especially as Professional African American women, we need to be on the forefront of making and changing history without losing site of the past while maintaining compassion.

We all want to be part of a team that leaves a legacy and is remembered for years on what we have accomplished and I am proud to be part of an excellent group of women that strives on reaching for success and greatness.

To all of my sisters, I implore you to not let your hearts become jaded by the rampant selfishness, negativity, and rudeness surrounding us. Let us all continue to demonstrate to the world as we continue to carry out the vision of our founders, that the purpose of human life is to serve, show compassion, and the will to help others. Let's recognize and move towards positive changes for women as we Celebrate National Women's History Month!

Sisterly,

Soror Brenda Patton, President  
Beta Delta Chapter



*National Theme:*

*“Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for  
Generational Financial Empowerment”*

# Black History Month



February kicks off IOTA Phi Lambda Sorority Inc. Black History Month. Members of the Beta Delta Chapter hosted its Black History Program entitled “Honoring our Blacks in the Military” Our guest speakers for the day Doc Brown, Brenda Forbes, and Tina Charles.

# Women's History Month

The month of March is declared as Women's History Month. The Theme for 2020 is "Valiant Women of the Vote." As the National Women's History Alliance website explains, the 2020 theme celebrates the women who have fought for woman's right to vote in the United States. In recognition of the centennial of the 19th Amendment, we will honor women from the original suffrage movement as well as 20th and 21st century women who have continued the struggle (fighting against poll taxes, literacy tests, voter roll purges, and other more contemporary forms of voter suppression) to ensure voting rights for all.

Make sure you exercise your right to vote during this election year and encourage others.

Soror Sharyl and Soror Ester attended our "unite" with the women at NASA/Johnson Space Center International Women's Day Program

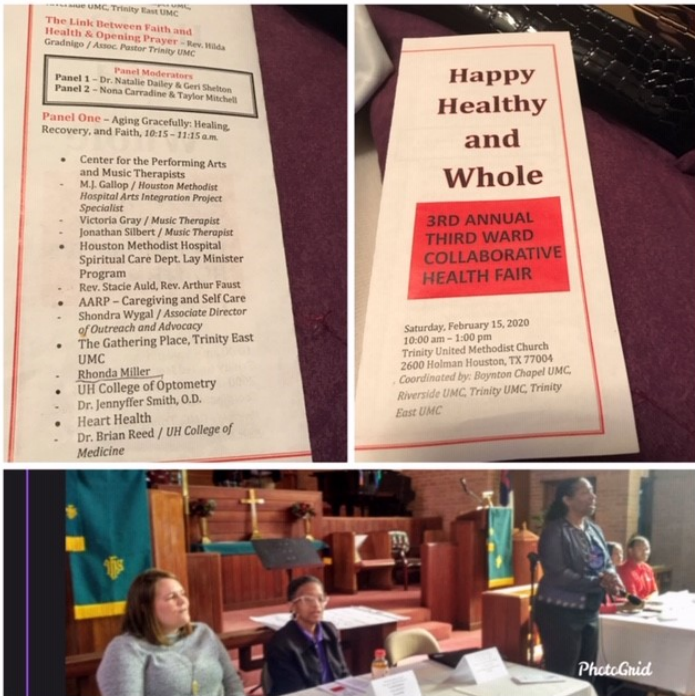


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Up for  
Change





# Beta Delta Out and About in their Communities



Soror Rhonda Miller is definitely working and not shirking! She served on a panel for Health Care in the Houston area Third Ward Community.

Soror Rhonda is a recurring volunteer with The Gathering Place at Trinity East United Methodist Church. The church offers monthly services to give care givers a respite time for those suffering from dementia or just the aging process. Soror Rhonda enjoys giving them her attention and just taking and sharing activities with them one on one.

Soror Rhonda is a recurring Lay Minister at Houston Methodist Hospital and was able to share when Rev. Stacie Auld presented a segment on Spiritual Care.

Community Outreach Event –Beta Delta Chapter will have a space set up networking at the annual Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival held in the Historic 5th Ward area on Saturday, April 4, 2020 from 12:00 pm. - 5:00 pm.

- The Lyons Avenue Renaissance Festival celebrates the history, art, and culture of Houston's historic 5th Ward. Activities include Houston's only egg drop by helicopter! Over 50,000 goodie-filled, plastic eggs are airdropped at 3 PM on festival day. Featuring live-music stages with authentic blues, hip hop, rock, gospel, and other acts. Full lineup to be announced soon! Featuring Houston's best soul and Creole food, BBQ and other down-home treats. Also, including a unique variety of vendors and service providers!





# Beta Delta Shout Outs



*Happy Anniversary Wishes  
MOI Reginald and Soror Jenny Varnado Celebrating  
February 14th*

*A Turtle Welcome to Soror Cynthia Patton  
and  
Soror Shandra Butler*



## Calendar of Events

- **Beta Delta Chapter Meeting - March 21, 2020**
- **73rd Southwestern Regional Conference - March 26-29, 2020**
  - **Houston City Marriott Place at Springwoods Village**

*Southwestern Regional Theme: "Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood, Committing to Business and Developing Leaders"*

[www.swregion-iota.org](http://www.swregion-iota.org)

## Upcoming Event(s)

**Beta Delta Annual Business Month Event coming up April 18, 2020**

**Theme: Candid Conversations Changing Communities**

**Event time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Place: Pinnacle Senior Center at 5525 Hobby St., Houston, TX 77053**

**Guest speakers: Andre Brackett, Financial Analyst PRIMERICA; Shay Huda, License Professional Trauma Counselor; Franchesca Sanders, Founder/Owner Discover Your Path College and Career Readiness**

**If you are interested in being a vendor at the event contact Michele Sanders at 832-407-9551**

**Come out and join us for our candid conversations. We look forward to seeing you!**