

Tyler Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

April 12, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Tyler Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was conducted at the Delta Service Center in Tyler, Texas.

President Tonia Bickham opened with the ritualistic opening at 10:00 AM. The Sergeant At-Arm Soror C. Guthrie confirmed quorum was not established. Without a quorum the chapters' business cannot be completed.

President Tonia Bickham announced the following:

Call to Convention on a virtual format will open starting on May 20, 2025, to June 3, 2025. Please try to take the virtual option

ERT was not present, and the TAC chapter members were reminded of the exits by President Tonia Bickham.

The final meeting is set for May 3, 2025, at 10:00 am. Please encourage those to attend the meeting.

Corresponding Secretary

Soror Vivianne McGowan announced the following correspondence/announcements:

- Tyler Metro Chamber of Commerce is having their Image Awards set for April 25, 2025, at 7:00 PM. The location is Rose Garden/Tyler, Texas. Tickets are 50.00 presale and can be obtained from their website.
- April 29, 2025; to support the TAPS for the Day of Giving.
- September 6, 2025, Alopecia Awareness Sneaker Gala is set to be at the Meeting Place from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. You may RSVP to attend and the number is: 903-504-1188.
- Black Business Expo is set for April 25, 2025, "Understand your Business" 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Tyler Rose Garden. The event is free to the public. You may go to the website.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the Gamma Omicron Chapter of Tyler, Texas has requested winter items to be donated along with supplies to support the event. On the fourth Saturday of each month, the service project for the homeless community. Tyler Under the Bridge.

- Sickel Cell Drive is set for May 31, 2025, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for God's Way Baptist Church. See Soror Isabell for more information.
- May 17, 2025; is the Rose Rudman Park Walk to support the annual walk for babies. Starts at 9:00 am the check-in starts at 8:30 am
- Go Red for Women Luncheon is set for May 16, 2025, see Soror Jasmine Warren regarding sign up.
- Build HER Conference is set June 22, 2025, starting at 7:00 pm and June 28, 2025, starting at 10:00 am Soror Shequita Daniels will be a speaker in Gilmer, Texas at 613 West Cass Street. Please go and support
- TISD Care Closet is still accepting donations to support. Items can be donated, volunteer hours to assist, build bags or even adopt a local school to show support.
- Alopecia Awareness Sneaker Gala is set for September 6, 2025, at the Meeting Place located in Tyler, Texas.
- Tyler Alumnae Chapter we are still collecting books for the community library. Members are asked to please bring them to the upcoming chapter meetings.

Budget and Finance

Soror Hollisia Allen is the financial secretary and shared the following for March 2025: March 2025 receipts totaled \$17,958.10.

Soror Leora Coleman is the treasurer and presented the following:

The beginning balance of \$35,875.18

The increase of \$6306.44

The ending balance of \$42,181.62

Savings Account: \$7680.23 but after interests were collected the final amount is \$7685.92 (Gain of \$5.69)

Policy and Procedures

Soror Erika Smiley announced regarding Policy and Procedures. The proposed amendments have been uploaded to the website to review. All the suggested amendments have been on the website since late January 2025. There are five to consider. The item below will be voted on for May 2025, chapter meeting.

- Delta Service Center guidelines will be attached to the chapter's policy and procedures. The Delta Service Center will no longer be referred to as, "The House." We will use the term Delta Service Center. This keeps it consistent. (two to consider)
- Term limits for the appointed officers. It states that you cannot service more than two consecutive terms.

- Hospitality/Courtesy will be added/guideline. Also removing the reference of biological children.
- Scholarship Application: The scholarship application will be added.

Physical and Mental Health

Soror Jackie Hubbard spoke on the month of April being Child Abuse prevention month and reporting.

D.E.A.R.S

Soror Pamela Erwin spoke about the importance of getting together in the TRIBES and sharing with one another. Soror Pamela Erwin shared the following: completion of member profile, submitting a chapter headshot, and the evaluation. The target area for the month is Scholarship/Service and the history of May Week.

Economic Development

The Soror owned business of the month is featured as President Tonia Bickham who is a Mary Kay Consultant.

The Standing on Business will take us all together to make the program a success. Recommendations are needed for those vendors, panelists, speakers, and judges. It will take all Sorors to work together for success. The event is set for September 20, 2025, at the CTE in Tyler, Texas.

Hospitality/Courtesy

No report for the month presented.

Housing

The Housing housekeeping rules were briefly reviewed. Sorors are asked to RSVP to utilize the house. There is a QR code that can be utilized to secure a time to utilize the house. Take trash out once finished, sweep, move furniture back to its original location and please do not leave any food. The reminders were read aloud by Soror Shunetta Reed

International Awareness and Involvement

We have moved forward to partner with this organization in efforts regarding Human Trafficking with Saleh. We will be delivering items to help with their Easter Baskets. The items will be dropped off this upcoming Monday. We will be completing five baskets. Money and other items can be donated.

May Week

Soror Collette Stec announced the Save the Date for May Week luncheon. May 4, 2025; on Sunday starting at 1:30 PM at the Holiday Inn South Broadway Tyler, Texas. It is encouraged to wear red with pearls. After April 1st, the ticket sales are \$70.00. The Soror Crystal Gayden is the guest speaker for the event. She has spoken on various occasions with TAC.

Accomplishments for Sorors (25th and 50th), education/certifications, their children (Legatees) and Sorors who are completing their collegiate platform and transitioning to Alumnae chapters. We will recognize community partners and Delta Gems/Academy. All will be announced during May Week.

The scholarship recipients reflect the TAC. The names and school attending were announced.

Soror Kathy Cannon oversees the Delta Choir, and they will bless us with a performance.

Tickets prices can be accepted with Pay Pal and a form (Google) will capture the ticket purchaser's name.

President Tonia Bickham shared the Delta of the Year, Committee of the Year and the Officer of the Year will be voted on Sunday from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

Youth Initiatives/ Delta Gems and Academy

Soror Christiana Guthrie announced the final in person session is a celebration to close the year. It will be held on April 26, 2025, at the Pinot Pallet in Tyler, Texas from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Question regarding Senior Debs was asked. Soror Kimberly Miller and Soror Arielle Williams will look at reimaging the event. It will not occur in December 2025. The chapter will vote.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Shout Outs

Congratulations to Soror Christiana Guthrie and Soror Hollisia Allen who were awarded a rolling cart from Peete Elementary School. Peete Elementary is a school we have adopted.

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Soror Kathy Cannon Teacher of the Year at Forest Park Middle School in Longview, Texas.

Soror Faith Granville earned the Teacher of the Month at Forney High School.

Soror Ora Taylor was awarded as the Pioneer Education from the Phi Delta Kappa.

Soror Sharmecia Mitchell Jackson with FBLA/Future Business Leaders of America earned three national certificates and recognized as Champion Chapter of FBLA on a National Level. A Proclamation was declared on March 12, 2025, and a key to the city of Tyler. On March 20, 2025, 1330 KGLD was invited to speak on the radio and discuss FBLA.

April Birthdays were recognized with a birthday song.

Soror Pamela Erwin shared a photograph of the First President of Gamma Epsilon the picture is from 1946 with Soror Ollie Crawford pictured. She is the only in the photo that is still alive.

Soror Hollisia Allen will be graduating with her Master's from Wiley College. On April 3, 2025, her son pledged Omega Psi Phi. May 3, 2025.

Soror Leora Coleman shared her daughter's graduation is set for May 3, 2025, from UT Tyler.

The meeting closed at 11:00 am and the ritualistic proceeding followed.

Submitted by,

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