



# The Beta Delta Times

“Highlighting the Beat of Beta Delta”



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## President's Corner

To my Iota Phi Lambda Beta Delta Sisters... What a year this has been. As I reflect over this last year it all started out with business as usual. We passed the torch, ushered in new leadership and got busy doing the work of Iota; of course as we are all aware the COVID 19 pandemic stepped in and literally changed our way of life and our mindset. How unsettling and scary! I in my first term as Chapter President having to adjust to my new role and responsibilities, not to mention the adjustment other chapter members were experiencing with new leadership and now yet another paradigm shift. This Pandemic is certainly testing our resolve but more importantly, I believe it is revealing the many ways our lives intersect. This makes me wonder... Is this an opportunity for us to re-imagine what we can be? Is there something we can learn from this, something that will prepare us to weather the next crisis; is this an opportunity to change our thinking, our behavior, and are we capable? I Believe WE Are!!!, We Can!!

I encourage all of my Iota sisters and especially my Beta Delta sisters to recommit to the power of sisterhood, to be intentional about taking our chapter and this organization to the next level. We have in our midst the perfect mix of God given gifts, talent, intelligence, tenacity and charisma, to weather any storm. Combine these traits with hard work, dedication, and commitment to a central goal and we can overcome and accomplish anything we set our sights on. Of course it requires All Hands on Deck, working together and bring all of our gifts and talents to the table for a central goal, as I expressed during our recent retreat. I am honored and thrilled to have the opportunity to work with and lead such a fabulous and fierce group of women, and I am grateful to each and every one for their hard work, dedication and support given to me and this chapter over that past year. I look forward to the year ahead and all the great things we will accomplish together. Thank You- Thank You- Thank You!!!



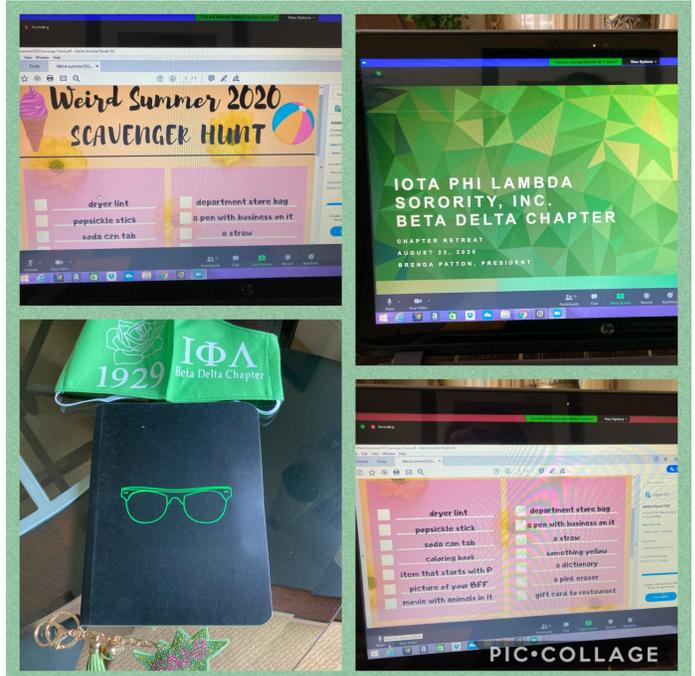
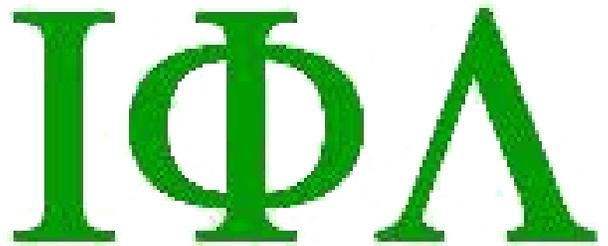
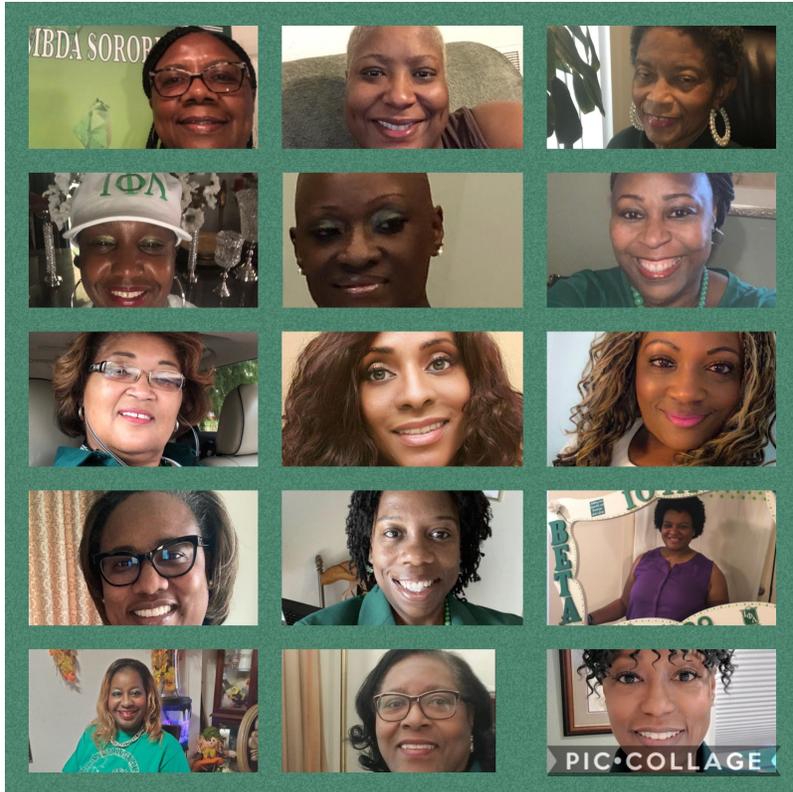
Soror Brenda Patton, President  
Beta Delta Chapter

*National Theme:*

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

# Chapter Retreat

Beta Delta held a virtual chapter retreat August 22, 2020. We had a great time fellowshiping, getting a refresher on our IOTA Tools and IOTA Business virtually. We had a scavenger hunt for our ice breaker. We also did the DOPE Personality Bird assessment activity to identify our inner strengths and positive qualities within our chapter. Our President gifted members with a nice care package which included a monogrammed mask. Beta Delta getting ready for the 2020-2021 Sorority Year!



# Supporting Our Sister IOTA Chapter



President Brenda Patton attended Beta Pi's 72nd Anniversary and Tea Party held virtually. Soror Brenda represented us well and she also won the prettiest teacup contest!

## Southwestern Region Chapter Leadership



Members of Beta Delta Chapter Leadership team participated in the Southwestern Region Chapter Leaders Meeting via Zoom hosted by, Vahnita Loud, SWR Director, and facilitated by Rosetta Davis, Asst. SWR Director. The meeting was geared towards Chapter Presidents, First and Second Vice Presidents to hear leadership best practices from other chapters as well as explored some of the challenges to ultimately strengthen our Leadership skills. Additionally, Soror Charlotte Berry National President- Elect presented the group with updated schedules and changes to the Chapter Reporting Guidelines, as well as updates on Iota programs and projects.

## Chapter Fundraiser



**African American Expressions™**

Beta Delta began a virtual fundraising in July to get a start on the 2020-2021 Sorority year. Selling African American Expressions gifts through their online account will continue this year. Special thanks to the Fundraising Committee!

# Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation (LMPF) Town Hall



Chapter members attended the Zoom meeting held on August 27, 2020 to discuss the purpose of the LMPF and the partnership with Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

The Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation for the Economic Empowerment of Business and Professional Women (LMPF) is committed to the professional development of youth and women within our communities. It is invested in overcoming the societal and cultural barriers to success, that they face and to successful recognition of their potential.

- LMPF is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity
- LMPF is governed by a Board of Directors and a Board of Advisors
- The Directors are Sorority members and community members (5 – 15 members)
- The Advisors are the Sorority Regional Directors and any other community members (5-13 members)
- Partnership focus is to enhance programming for Iota and the community
- Looking for a grant writer to offer assistance to chapters with fundraising
- Signature program is I3 – Inform, Inspire, Ignite



# Beta Delta Shout Outs



## *Happy Birthday Wishes*



*Vera Flournoy 9/25th*

*Happy Anniversary Wishes  
MOI Stan and Soror Michele  
Sanders 8/3rd*

*Happy IOTAVERSARY Sorors Ester Lunnon  
& Jenny Varnado 8/16th (5 years)  
Misty Gee, Rhonda Miller, & Michele Sanders  
9/25h (4 years)  
Nicole Davis, Michele Martin, Denisha Prim,  
& Ayanna Tasby 9/7th (1 year)*



*Beta Delta Established  
48 Years Ago  
9/23/1972*

## Calendar of Events

- Southwestern Region Planning Meeting - Saturday, September 26, 2020
- Beta Delta Chapter Meeting - Monday, September 28, 2020
- American Education Week - November 2020

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

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



**Last year Beta Delta participated in the Regional Day of Caring Community Diaper Drive. Diapers collected by the chapter were donated to the Legacy Community Health Center, where our chapter member Soror Denisha Prim is employed. The entire staff at Legacy Center was very appreciative and welcoming to us on the date of the delivery and provided us with refreshments and information about their programs and services. Due to our efforts, Legacy notified us and stated that still have plenty of diapers and “Thanked” our chapter for thinking of them! We are so happy to be able to be a blessing to our community.**