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## President's Message:

Greetings My Dearest Sisters!

What a blessing it is to live to see a new year, a new season, a new day, a new hour! Many of us have experienced challenges and struggles in the past year. But with faith in God and perseverance, there is nothing that we can't overcome in 2008 and beyond!

As we continue our mission for Delta, celebrate the many accomplishments of Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter. In the month of December alone, our Delta Academy/Delta GEMS participants performed community service at the Ronald McDonald House's Annual Christmas Lights Ceremony. Our chapter served dinner to many families at Ronald McDonald House. CAAC's book club met to discuss "Girl, Get Your Credit Straight". The chapter also sponsored, at the request of the Step-Up Support Center, an additional Health and Healing Workshop with guest speaker Reverend Randolph. And last but not least, our Delta Academy/Delta GEMS meeting, which reviewed genotypes, phenotypes, and some other complicated biology stuff that was over my head, was a huge success. The young ladies seemed to thoroughly enjoy the lesson and had a great time making ornaments as part of a special Kwanzaa activity.

January promises to be filled with even more fun, adventure, and giving back to our community. I look forward to seeing each of you at chapter meeting, book club, Delta Academy/Delta Gems and/or Ronald McDonald House. Remember that your input and participation is always valued.

Delta Love,

Erica Jenkins  
President

## CAAC Reminders

- Δ Delta Academy/GEMS **Jan. 19** at noon in the Main Library East Room
- Δ Book Club meeting **Jan. 20**, 4 pm at The Laughing Moon Café  
722 N. Palm St. in Little Rock
- Δ Valentine's Day raffle money due during Chapter meeting **Feb. 8**
- Δ Chapter meeting **Feb. 2** in the Darrough Center 11:00 am
- Δ Arkansas Statewide meeting **Feb. 8-10** in Fort Smith, AR
- Δ Dues renewal period **January to March**; Please continue to reclaim Sorors
- Δ Founders Day **March 22, 2008** at Embassy Suites—22<sup>nd</sup> National President Gwendolyn Boyd will speak.



**The Red Hot Readers**

**Meeting: January 20, 2008**

**Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Location: The Laughing Moon  
Café at 722 N. Palm St. in LR**

**Book: Players Got Played  
By ReChella**

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## Delta Spotlight Joanna Nelson

By: Angela Austin

Soror Joanna P. Nelson is the only child of Joe and Paula Nelson. She was born in New Boston, TX and graduated in 2003 from New Boston High School.

She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resources from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in May 2007.

Soror Nelson is employed with Baptist Health System as a Human

Resources Generalist and pursuing a MBA from UALR with plans to graduate this fall.

Soror Nelson was initiated into the Mu Kapp Chapter on the campus of UALR in the spring of 2004.

Joanna is a new member of CAAC and currently serve on a few committees.

Soror Nelson's motto is: *"Fantasy is what people want, but reality is what they need"*—Lauryn Hill

## Christmas Spirit is in the Air

By: Angela Austin

Sorors gathered at Johnny Carinos Italian restaurant in Little Rock on December 7, 2007 for CAAC's annual Christmas party.

Everyone convened for a fun filled night. Many Sorors arrived with gift in tow for the greatly anticipated dirty Santa game. Soror Claudette Barbee welcomed everyone to the event and the fun began.

Sorors answered fun trivia questions pertaining to Christmas and enjoyed a game of Christmas Taboo—remember, you cannot say red nose, reindeer, or leader.

Soror Joanna Nelson facilitated the dirty Santa game. The gift could not be

taken any more than two times. Once a third person touches the gift it is theirs for keeps. There were a variety of gifts available for the taking; gifts included Christmas dishes, a gift card to Bath & Body along with a many fragrance gift set, an embroidered throw and many other exciting gifts.

Soror Barbee prepared nice favors for everyone to take home. Along with the candy was a card stating the "Things They Never Told You Before You Crossed." A few statements that stood out most were: Delta Sigma Theta is a sisterhood, but it's also a sisterhood ABOUT BUSINESS; ALL Deltas are created equal, regardless of Alumnae or Collegiate initiation; Learning to be a "Sister" sometimes can be a lifelong process; and Remember how to always be a lady in your letters.

## Genetics and DNA Principles

By: Shirley Tyson

The Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter's Delta Academy/Delta Gems met on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Dee Brown Library. The session was kicked off by April Nichols with an "ice breaker" which paired the participants to get better acquainted. Each participant was given a sticker and was paired by individuals with the same stickers. The pairs were instructed to ask questions about one another and share it with the group.

Chapter member Shirley Tyson conducted a lecture on a Genetics SEE (Science in Everyday

Experience) activity. She explained "Why we are who we are" and how Genetics plays a part. After giving an overview of Genetics and the principles of DNA and heredity, the participants were given material to create a person and assign dominant and recessive traits and explain how it affects the person they created.

Following the Genetics SEE activity, a presentation on Kwanzaa and the connection with African Kwanza was given. The participants then created Kwanzaa gifts by decorating Christmas tree ornaments.

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## Happy Founders Day 2008

On Sunday, January 13, 2008, Deltas gathered across the world to commemorate 95 years of service rendered to communities across the nations. Many members have work diligently to implement programs that to enlighten and empower the community. Thanks for the work that each of you do and Happy Founders Day!

## DST Mission

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.