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## President's Message:

Greetings Sorors!

It is sisterhood month and this sorority year is quickly coming to an end. Although we make an effort to be good sisters to each other throughout the year, this month we concentrate more of our efforts on being sisterly. Our national executive board has given several suggestions of activities that we can do as a chapter and some that each of you can do individually. Please review the list and pick 1 or 2 things to do for your sisters during the month.

In addition Sorors, please don't forget our about our wonderful endeavor for the first ever "Area-Wide Founders Day" on March 22 at Embassy Suites in Little Rock. If you have not secured a ticket by the deadline of March 8, please contact Claudette Barbee at 501-753-7308. We might be able to get you a ticket to attend the event, but there is no guarantee. So I hope each of you have already purchased your tickets! Soror Gwendolyn Boyd, our 22<sup>nd</sup> National President, will be the speaker. She is a phenomenal speaker, whom it will be a shame for you to miss!!!

I hope to see you all soon at one of our glorious events!

Love,  
Erica

### Recommended Sisterhood Activities

- Have chapter bible study
- Make hospital favors to brighten someone's day
- Grocery shop for a Delta Dear
- Send a relaxing CD of songs to a Soror
- Have a chapter spa day
- Send post cards/cards to Sorors – just because
- Run errands for a Soror who may not be able to do so herself.

## CAAC Reminders

- Δ Delta Academy/GEMS **March 15** at noon in the Main Library East Room
- Δ Book Club meeting **March 16**, 4 pm at The Laughing Moon Café  
722 N. Palm St. in Little Rock
- Δ Ronald McDonald House **March 21** at 5:00 pm
- Δ Dues **March 22** is the first deadline for dues. Continue to reclaim Sorors
- Δ Founders Day **March 22, 2008** at Embassy Suites—22<sup>nd</sup> National President Gwendolyn Boyd will speak.
- Δ National Call to Convention has been announced. Voting delegates may begin registering **March 17**; that registration will close **March 22**.
- Δ Elections will be held during the April meeting on **April 12**.





## Delta Spotlight Veronica L. Smith

By: Angela Austin

Soror Veronica L. Smith was born on November 14 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Soror Smith received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Nonprofit Professional Studies in 2006 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is currently pursuing a Master of Social Work at UALR and plans to graduate in spring 2009.

Veronica is a Case Manager with Life Strategies Counseling in Little Rock where she works with children at Cloverdale Middle School in Southwest Little Rock.

Soror Smith was initiated into the Mu Kappa Chapter in Fall 2005 as one of the "18 DSTined Souls." She currently serves on the Membership Services committee in CAAC.

Soror Smith is a member of New Nation Church in North Little Rock and serves in several capacities, which include Youth Department Director, Hospitality Committee, Soles 4 Souls Shoe Outreach Ministry, and Willing Workers.

She is a very active member of the community. Veronica spends time as a volunteer Probation Officer with the Pulaski County Juvenile Courts and is a member of the Board of Directors for Simone's Home Inc. She also commits time to her alma mater as an active member of UALR Alumni Association.

In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, listening to music, cooking, and jigsaw puzzles. Soror Smith's motto is: "*Be the change you want to see in the world?*"~ Mahatma Ghandi

## Road Trip to Memphis for Passion Play

By: Marnishia Matthews

The Membership Committee planned a road trip to Memphis on Saturday, March 1, 2008 to view the Passion Play. Members who participated included Soror Dorisene Wallace Hill, Soror Claudette Barbee, Soror Janette Cranford, Soror Veronica Smith, and Soror Marnishia Matthews. The Sorors had a marvelous time with each other.

The entourage arrived safely to their destination and stopped at the Wolfchase Galleria Mall to eat lunch at Ruby Tuesday Restaurant and shop at Dillard's retail chain. The members attending the 2008 Memphis Passion Play at the Bellevue Baptist Church located at 2000

Appling Road in Cordova, Tennessee had a great time. The title for this year's play was *Unto the Lamb*. The play started at 2:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

The play was based on the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There were extraordinary lighting designs, props of the Bible verses, sound affects, and angels coming from the ceilings.

The Membership Committee had a joyous time in Memphis and hopes to take another road trip together in the future.



### The Red Hot Readers

Meeting: March 16, 2008

Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

Book: *Don't Make a Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings*  
By Tyler Perry

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## What's in a Word? Delta Academy/Delta G.E.M.S.

By: Claudette Barbee

From the prestigious campus of Howard University to the Golden Roar of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff lie my dreams, my aspirations and my future. Whatever institution of higher learning selected, I must be prepared to meet the call. What call you say - the call of excellence, the call of knowing who I am and the call of meeting the challenge of entry into the world of higher education.

On Saturday, February 16, 2008 the Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter and Delta Academy/Delta GEMS set the stage in the journey of self discovery and the power of the word. Soror Latriana Robertson gave an informative and interactive workshop on the importance of effective essay writing and how the written word can affect future achievements. She explained to the young ladies how words are the key to expressing yourself and letting others see you through words.

After a brief overview and discussion of the elements needed in writing an essay, the young ladies were asked to write about themselves. Upon completion, volunteers were asked to

read their essay. Latriana gave tips that could be used when writing an essay for college or completing an application for scholarships. When applying to the various colleges and universities or completing the many scholarship applications, Latriana expressed the importance of making that written application the best it can be as this is the only picture the reviewer might see. She explained their goal should be, when their written words are placed side by side with others, to have their words set apart.

Soror Angela Austin provided a handout on the *Guide to Writing a Basic Essay.* The basic steps are: <sup>1)</sup> Choose a topic, <sup>2)</sup> Organize your ideas, <sup>3)</sup> Choose a thesis statement, <sup>4)</sup> Write the body paragraphs, <sup>5)</sup> Write the introduction and conclusion, and <sup>6)</sup> Add the finishing touches.

Well in answering the question, "What's in a Word"? Anything you want can be found in the written word. So as the young ladies of Delta Academy/Delta GEM answer their call to meet all their dreams and future aspiration, they can reflect on the knowledge gained as they move forward in their quest for greatness.



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*Have a Happy Easter!*



## DST Mission

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