

•••• ——— WILBERFORCE ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
**NEWSLETTER**



**FEB. 26**



## Monthly Meetings

- **February Chapter Meeting**
  - February 7- 12pm
  - Via Zoom
- **Executive Board Meeting:**
  - February 16 - 7:30 pm
- **February Hostesses**
  - Soror Johnson Jordan
  - Soror Morah
  - Soror Sci
  - Soror Coleman
  - Soror Littleton

## Birthdays:

2 - Elizabeth Ball  
2 - Monica Heflin  
25 - Deidra Kennedy

\*email Soror Spence (carynj7@gmail.com) if your birthday is missing or incorrect.

## Black History Month

February invites us to pause, reflect, and celebrate the legacy of Black history—our history. Black History Month is not only a time to honor the trailblazers who paved the way, but also to recognize the everyday excellence, resilience, and leadership that continue to shape our communities today. As women of service and sisterhood, we stand on the shoulders of those who dared to dream bigger, lead boldly, and serve faithfully. This month, may we recommit ourselves to uplifting our stories, supporting one another, and carrying forward a legacy of impact, pride, and purpose—together.



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# Community Service

Due to the frigid temps on our originally scheduled day, our community service event was rescheduled.

New Date:  
February 21, 2026

Please tell your families, friends, and community members to join us on this day to help pack food bags for the students at Kenwood Elementary.

Please bring non-perishable food items.



**Community Service Event**

Join Us for a Day of Service in honor of our Founders!

We are packing food bags for students at Kenwood Elementary and we'd love your help!

This is a perfect opportunity to bring your friends and family to join us, connect, and give back!

**Open to the public!**

**21 FEBRUARY 2026 11AM-1PM**

Kenwood Elementary  
1421 Nagley St,  
Springfield, OH 45505

What to Bring:

- Non-perishable food items (cereal, mac & cheese, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, chef boyardee, etc.)

Light snacks will be provided



# Homeless Services

The Homeless Services sub-committee requests that Sorors bring the following items to the January Chapter meeting to distribute to **Family Promise of Greene County**:

- Bleach/Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent/Dryer Sheets
- Milk/Juice
- Shower gel
- Hair Conditioner/Shampoo
- Paper plates/cups

**A SMALL DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Family Promise currently has 24 guests; 10 adults, 14 children - 6 girls, 8 boys.

Maybe getting rid of lightly used furniture for graduated families?? Please call Doug, their furniture guy at 937-684-2806.

Please bring items to the March meeting.

# February Prayer

Dear precious and Awesome God,

We praise and thank You, Lord God for the many blessings You bestow on us every day. We thank You for the blessings of life, family, provision, protection, and healing. Lord we face many challenges in life; health issues, family issues, work issues, community, finances, and sisterhood and Lord thank You for being with us through it all! Oh Lord take control of our plans, thoughts, and actions. Help us to be an overcomer. Give us guidance, wisdom, and understanding.

Lord we lift up the Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter. Strength our bonds of sisterhood. Empower us to live out the vision of our Founders and the principles of the sorority. As Lent begins this month, let us be more mindful of the needs of others, forgive and ask for forgiveness, be an agent of peace and love, and remember Your sacrifice for us.

**This we pray in the mighty name of Jesus,  
Amen.**

**Submitted by Rev. Dr. Peggy G. Turner**

## Celebrating 100 years of Black History Month

### 2026 – A Century of Black History Commemorations

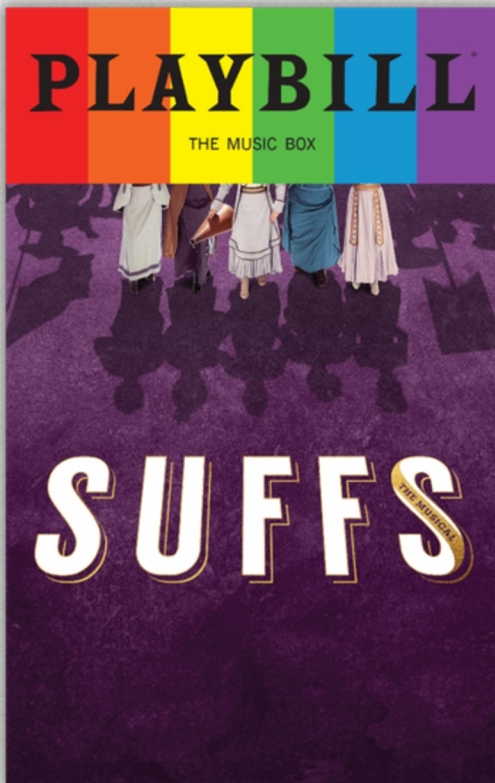
2026 marks a century of national commemorations of Black history. Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson, George Cleveland Hall, William B. Hartgrove, Jesse E. Moorland, Alexander L. Jackson, and James E. Stamps institutionalized the teaching, study, dissemination, and commemoration of Black history when they founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) on September 9, 1915.

In 1925, when Dr. Carter G. Woodson planned the inaugural week-long observance of Black history, he could hardly have anticipated the imprint he would leave on the world. From Negro History Week to Black History Month, ASALH has carried forth the tradition, and the observances have become part of the warp and weft of American culture and increasingly the global community. For our 100th theme, the founders of Black History Month urge us to explore the impact and meaning of Black history and life commemorations in transforming the status of Black peoples in the modern world



BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH

# Arts and Letters



“A musical event one hundred years in the making, ‘Suffs’ brings to life a complicated chapter in the ongoing battle for the right to vote: the American women’s suffrage movement. In the seven years leading up to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920, an impassioned group of suffragists -- ‘Suffs’ as they called themselves, took to the streets, pioneering protest tactics that transformed the country.

They risked their lives as they clashed with the president, the public, and each other. A thrilling story of brilliant, flawed women working against and across generational, racial, and class divides, ‘Suffs’ boldly explores the victories and failures of a fight for equality that is still far from over.” - PublicTheater.org.

We would like to view the production as a chapter on April 4, 2025 at 2pm.

A google form was sent for interested Sorors to vote on the following ticket level pricing: (prices include \$2 fee)

- Floor-Gold Level: \$131.00 (Paypal = \$134.93)
- A Level: \$92.40 (PayPal = \$95.17)
- C Level: \$64.50 (PayPal = \$66.44)

Please complete the Google Form in your email prior to the February Chapter meeting.

Once we announce the final ticket price determined by the majority of votes, money can be paid via PayPal.

## Program Planning & Development



Calendars for the 26/27 sorority year are due to our state PP&D liaison by May 1.

The sorority’s focus for next year:

- empowerment of women and girls
- physical/mental health.

Please keep these in mind when planning for next year. We want to be more intentional.

A form will be sent to the chapter in the coming weeks. Committee chairs must return them to the PP&D committee by the April chapter meeting.

# WAC Chapter Pics



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated  
MIGHTY MIDWEST REGION

**ABOVE & BEYOND 2.0**  
CLOSER TO OUR DESTINATION

Illinois | Indiana | Kentucky | Michigan  
Minnesota | Ohio | Ontario | West Virginia | Wisconsin

# MIDWEST NEWS

## Midwest Delta Business

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.  
MIGHTY MIDWEST REGION

*Celebrates*

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**ROOTED.  
RISING.  
REMEMBERED.**

This Black History Month, we celebrate where we came from, how far we've risen, and the legacy we carry forward.

@dst1913midwest #BHM2026  
#ROOTEDRISINGREMEMBERED

*Gave the Date*

**2026 Regional Conference Dates**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
2026 REGIONAL CONFERENCE CYCLE

Mark your calendars!

<b>CENTRAL REGION</b> DATE: MAY 21 - MAY 24 LOCATION: DENVER, CO	<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION</b> DATE: JULY 30 - AUGUST 2 LOCATION: CHARLOTTE, NC	<b>FARWEST REGION</b> DATE: SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 6 LOCATION: SALT LAKE CITY, UT
<b>SOUTHWEST REGION</b> DATE: JUNE 4 - JUNE 7 LOCATION: GRAPEVINE, TX	<b>SOUTHERN REGION</b> DATE: AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 9 LOCATION: ATLANTA, GA	
<b>MIDWEST REGION</b> DATE: JULY 2 - JULY 5 LOCATION: DETROIT, MI	<b>EASTERN REGION</b> DATE: AUGUST 27 - AUGUST 30 LOCATION: BALTIMORE, MD	

ONE DELTA, ONE MISSION: ANCHORED IN LEGACY, EVOLVING WITH INTENTION

## 100 Year MidWest Regional Centennial

**Detroit, Michigan  
July 2-5, 2026**

**Ready to Make Our Mark in Detroit**

Sorors, in just over six months, we will gather in Detroit, MI, the city of the "Big 3"—to celebrate 100 years of sisterhood, service, and impact in the Midwest Region! This historic milestone honors the legacy built by the trailblazers who came before us and the collective work that continues to shape our region.

Stay tuned for the first edition of the Centennial Regional Conference Newsletter—the countdown to history begins here...



## A CALL TO SOCIAL ACTION

Dearest Sorors,

On behalf of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Alumnae Chapter, we want to thank each of you for your support, words of encouragement and outreach as our community navigates this difficult time.

We all know that Social Action is the bedrock of our Sorority - in this moment there is a space and place for everyone to do something! Our strength has always come from connection, and every act of care and kindness helps sustain our community and our humanity.

As a sisterhood called to service and social action, we set the standard in our communities.

We urge you to call your legislators once a week and demand the following:

- Do not fund the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- Do not allow any legislation to move forward until ICE actions are halted.

After you've made contact, please complete this [form](#).

You can also leverage this tool to make your call quickly and effectively:

<https://5calls.org/>



## Resilience & Empowerment

**Sisters in Armor: Standing Strong Through Spiritual Warfare. Equipped. Empowered. Unshakable.**

Join us Thursday, February 12th from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. EST for a powerful panel discussion on spiritual resilience and empowerment, lead by our dynamic Regional Chaplain's Council. Gain practical strategies for strengthening your mind, body, and spirit in the face of life's challenges - both seen and unseen. Together, we'll explore how faith, sisterhood, and preparation help us stand strong when the battle intensifies.



# NATIONAL NEWS

## National Delta Business



The 22nd Annual Delta Days at the United Nations will be held on March 12 - 13, 2026.

Stay tuned for more information regarding conference format, programming, and registration details.



**Delta History Is Black History and Black History IS American History**

The legacy of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. affirms a fundamental truth: history is not merely to be remembered, it is to be safeguarded. Preservation is an intentional act, one that requires diligence, accuracy, and responsibility. From our earliest records to contemporary scholarship and archival efforts, Delta has demonstrated an enduring commitment to protecting its story and, by extension, the story of Black women's leadership in America. When we speak about American history, therein lies Delta history and Black history.



Sorors, we value your commitment to scholarship and the provision of chapter innovative programming.

The National Scholarship and Standards Committee is now accepting applications for our 2026-2027 scholarship/financial aid and chapter grant programs.

The application opens December 19, 2025, and closes on February 8, 2026.

To read more about award offerings, requirements, application guidance, and other information click [HERE](#)

## Delta Fellows Application Now Open!

The National Leadership Academy Committee is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2026-2027 Delta Fellows Program. The deadline for submitting applications is March 6, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EST.

The Delta Fellows Program is designed to identify, cultivate, and nurture aspiring leaders of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. by developing, motivating, and connecting alumnae members who have demonstrated advanced levels of achievement and leadership experience in preparation for the next level of service professionally and in Delta Sigma Theta.

To learn more about the Delta Fellows Program and to apply for the 2026-2027 Delta Fellows Program, click <https://form.jotform.com/253417810682155>

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We ask for your prayers and support for Soror Shonte Gonzalez, who recently laid her father to rest. Please keep our soror and her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Middle Run Baptist Church in Xenia is having **Brotherhood/Sisterhood Sunday** on **February 8th**. Our chapter is invited to worship that day, and there will be a reception after the service, where they want each D9 organization, Masons, Eastern Star, and Link organization to set up a display about their organization.

If any Soror would like to help Soror Kennedy set up our table with information and paraphernalia on that Saturday, she would greatly appreciate the help. She would appreciate the assistance and having the chapter members come sit with her in solidarity on February 8th at 10:30 am (meet at 10:15).

Address - 1000 East Church Street in Xenia

**Black Family Wellness Expo**  
The Links, Incorporated  
United in Knowledge, Connected in Service

**RACE & KIDNEY DISEASE PRESENTED BY**  
Springfield (OH) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER** > Christopher G. Brown, MD

**Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 10am-2pm**

Greater Grace Temple - 380 W. Leffel Lane, Springfield, OH 45506

SPONSORED BY **Vantive**

Use this QR Code or call 937-926-3985 to register for this FREE event

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## D9 COAT DRIVE

Helping those in need by donating clean new or used winter gear and essentials.

**DROP OFF & PICK UP LOCATION:**  
Dean of Students in Student Union

**FEBRUARY 6TH - 13TH**  
10AM - 5PM

**DONATE COATS & OTHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS LIKE:**  
GLOVES • HATS  
SCARFS • BOOTS  
SOCKS

Please bring donations to Wilberforce in the Nimrod Allen Commons Student Union - Dean's office