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NEWSLETTER



JAN. 26

NEW YEAR

2026

Monthly Meetings

- **January Chapter Meeting**
 - **January 3** - 12pm
 - Wilberforce Community Center
 - 1208 Wilberforce-Clifton Rd, Wilberforce, OH 45384
- **Executive Board Meeting:**
 - January 19 - 7:30 pm
- **January Hostesses**
 - Soror Gonzalez
 - Soror Roberts
 - Soror Heflin
 - Soror Douglas
 - Soror M. Johnson

Birthdays:

6 - Bobbi Cunningham
7 - Tanya Morah
10 - Tonjarene Bronston
27 - Alisa Simon

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

Happy New Year!

January is a season of new beginnings – and there is no better way to start the year than surrounded by the strength of sisterhood.

As we step into 2026, we do so with renewed purpose, fresh goals, and a shared commitment to growing together. This chapter continues to be a place where connection, service, and love guide everything we do. May this new year bring each of us clarity, courage, and countless opportunities to uplift one another as we move forward – together.



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Statewide Founders Day



2026 OHIO STATEWIDE
FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

 GREATER CLEVELAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER
HOST CHAPTER

The Power of Sisterhood: 113 Years Strong

February 6 - 8, 2026
Hilton Cleveland Downtown
100 Lakeside Avenue E., Cleveland, OH 44114

Keynote Speaker
Rev. R. Janae Pitts-Murdock
National Chaplain, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Ticket Prices
Alumnae: \$125 Collegiate: \$100

Scan QR code to register!



Ticket Information
founders.day@dstccleveland.org

Sorors, please let us know if you plan to attend the Statewide Founders Day celebration. We would love to have a strong showing from the Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter!

Dates: February 6 - 8th

Registration: \$125

Location: Hilton Cleveland Downtown

Hosted by:

Greater Cleveland Alumnae Chapter

National Blood Donor Month

All Sorors are encouraged to donate blood during the month of January.

Please search www.redcrossblood.org for blood drives near you.

Arts & Letters

We will be planning dates and times for chapter members to come together to watch the “**Satisfied**” documentary and attend “**Suffs**” at the Schuster Center.

Stay tuned for more information!

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/Body wash
- Dish soap
- Paper plates/cups (completely out)

Family Promise has 19 guest, 7 adults, 12 children - 7 girls, 5 boys.

January Prayer

Almighty and Gracious God,

We thank You for bringing us through another year. We thank You for Your many blessings each day. We give thanks for our family, friends, health, Your provision, and Your protection. Fill our hearts with gratitude for what You have done and what You will do.

Lord, as we enter a New Year, let us exhale grudges, anger and all the pains, and inhale God's peace and love. Help us to live each day with intention and purpose and to remember those in need.

Lord we pray for unity, remembering we are one, and embracing all. Lord we pray for peace in this nation, our communities, and our families. Help us to spread love, joy, and compassion. God of promise, empower us to endure the challenges we may face and give us the strength to keep on keeping on.

We lift up the Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Lord, guide the officers and members through everything new this year and that we maybe an inspiration.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”. Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower down on you and bestow each of you with a bright, healthy and peaceful New Year!

Rev. Dr. Peggy G. Turner

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

2026 THEME: "AMERICA TELL THE TRUTH"

MLK Memorial March

Monday, January 19, 2026

March starts at 10 a.m.

Location: Assemble at

1323 W. Third St.,

Dayton, OH 45402

(Near Drew Health Center)

March ends at

Sinclair Building 12



Arts and Letters



"Satisfied" - streaming now on Apple TV+, Prime Video and Google Play

The documentary follows actress and Delta member Renee Elise Goldsberry as she balances the demands of her career with her personal life. It explores her journey as a mother, her experience with fertility and the personal cost of making history on Broadway. The film uses personal vlogs and behind the scenes from the making of Hamilton.

CRIMSON STAGE AND DSTV

"Suffs" - 2026 Tour Coming Soon!



"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.

DAYTON, OHIO
SCHUSTER CENTER

March 31-April 5, 2026



MIDWEST NEWS

Midwest Delta Business



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...





MIDWEST NEWS

black girl vitamins

Health and Wellness at a Discount

Finding a vitamins brand doesn't have to be daunting! Our friends at Black Girl Vitamins have a special offer just for the Mighty Midwest Region, perfect for the holiday season—20% for all first-time customers!

Use Promo Code: **DSTMIDWEST** at checkout to claim this amazing deal!

Reigniting the Flame

Session 2: HERE TO STAY - Combating Imposter Syndrome: Why am I here? How did I get here? Am I enough?

You belong. Through shared stories and expert insights, discover tools to transcend past difficulties and embrace your unique strengths. This session acknowledges that imposter syndrome is a common experience and that it's okay to feel that way. You will learn that everyone brings unique strengths to the table.

We address how some sorors make others feel as if they should not be on certain committees or even a part of the Sorority by the way they treat them. Comments like "Made vs Not Made" or "Undergrad vs Alumnae" tear at the soul and weaken the fabric of our collective sisterhood.

To register for the remaining sessions in the series, click the links in your email.

Session 2: Jan 29, 2026

Pearls & Pages Book Club

The Midwest Region Arts & Letters Committee Presents: Pearls and Pages Book Club

Join us for the first installment of our Pearls & Pages Book Club series, featuring author Ann Clay and her inspiring novel, *Love Sunday*. This discussion will explore themes of love, resilience, faith, and the stories that strengthen our bonds as women and as a sisterhood.

Save the Date:
Thursday, January 22nd
Time: 7:00 PM EDT

Order your copy of *Love Sunday*

Come prepared for thoughtful conversation, shared reflections, and a celebration of the power of storytelling to inform, inspire, and strengthen our bonds. This is an evening of connection, culture, and collective growth you won't want to miss.





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.

SAVE THE DATE | National Founders Day Celebration



Please join us on **Sunday, January 11, at 7:00 pm EST** for a national virtual Founders Day celebration. More details to come as we look forward to celebrating **113 years** of sisterhood, scholarship, service, and social action!

#DST113 will reconnect every Delta woman with the WHY of our founding and the purpose that continues to propel our work forward. Under the theme "**Anchored in Legacy, Evolving with Intention**," our Founders Day observance will honor the 22 trailblazers who charted our beginnings and celebrate the Delta women who have preserved and expanded our legacy. As we honor their legacy, we recommit ourselves to evolving with clarity, courage, and conviction.



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](#)



Join the 2026 Regional Nominating Committee for an informative webinar to review the Guidelines and Instructions for seeking office in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and have your questions answered.

Members interested in seeking elected Grand Chapter positions, as well as those who would like to gain valuable information on the process of running for a national office in the Sorority are invited to participate in this webinar.

Register in advance to attend one of the webinar listed below.

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 8:30 p.m. ET - [Click Here to Register](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We ask for your continued prayers for the healing of Soror Karen Johnson Jordan's daughter, Brittany, as she continues to recover. Please keep the family in your thoughts during this time.

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