

# NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming:

- June Chapter Meeting
  - June 7- 12pm
  - Xenia YMCA
- Executive Board Meeting:
  - June 16- 7:30 pm

# June

## HAPPY SUMMER!

As we welcome the month of June, we also prepare to pause and reflect. Our chapter has worked diligently throughout the year, pouring our hearts into service, sisterhood, and excellence. As we take a well-deserved break for the summer, let us use this time to rest, recharge, and reconnect with ourselves and our loved ones. We'll return in August with renewed energy and purpose — ready to continue the impactful work that defines our sisterhood. Until then, stay safe, stay encouraged, and take care of YOU.

## June Birthdays!

13 - Jazmyne Henderson  
14 - Grace Tinsley Clark  
15 - Wendy Doolittle  
20 - Venita Vivians  
23 - Peggy Jones  
28 - Eileen Turner  
30 - Traci Douglas



# JUNE PRAYER

Dear Gracious and Faithful God, our Provider, our Protector, our Healer. We thank you for Your many blessings. We thank You for letting us see another month. We surrender June into Your hands. Lead and guide us with clarity, understanding, and purpose.

Give us strength to face challenges that may arise. Give us peace and patience in difficulties and trials. Bring us from setbacks to breakthroughs and restoration.

Lord we lift up our family, friends, the Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter, and those in need. This we pray in the mighty name of Jesus, Amen.

Have a peaceful, blessed, and safe summer!

Soror Dr. Peggy Turner



## PRAYER BREAKFAST



Our prayer breakfast will be held this Saturday at the Xenia YMCA starting at 11:30 a.m. We will have a light, but delicious breakfast menu, followed by a short Prayer Breakfast program, including prayer, a brief message, and other spirit-appropriate activities involving the participation of chapter Sorors.

The program is going to be a beautiful, blessed event, and you will not want to miss it or the lite, light breakfast. Our regular chapter meeting will begin at approximately 12:15, and we will be ready to participate in our meeting after the truncated Prayer Breakfast,

# DELTA DEAR HIGH TEA



Wilberforce Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

## *Delta Dear High Tea*

*Violets and Pearls*

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Sunday, June 22, 2025      ●      Tickets: \$50  
3pm - 5pm

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Courtyard by Marriott      Tickets can be purchased  
100 S. Fountain Ave.      via Paypal:  
Springfield, OH 45502      WACPayPal@gmail.com

*Prizes for the Best Red Hat, Biggest Hat, and Best Fascinator.*



Please purchase your tickets to this year's Delta Dear High Tea! It's sure to be a lovely event! There are prizes for Best Red Hat, Biggest Hat, and Best Fascinator. Please support our last event of the sorority year, and help make it a success!

# HOMELESS SERVICES



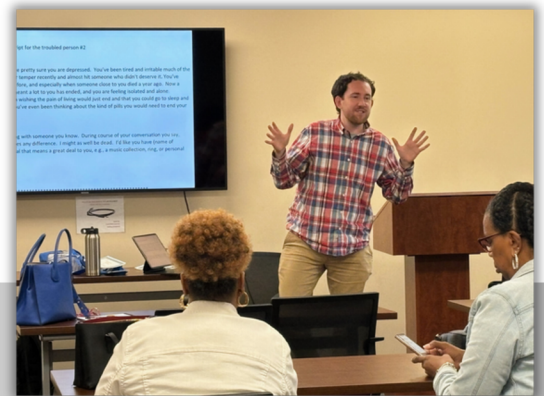
The Homeless Services Committee volunteered their time on May 16, 2025 serving at Family Promise Homeless Shelter.

Good work Sorors!

## QPR TRAINING

Big thank you to all of the Sorors (and community members) who supported our QPR training held on May 31, 2025.

We really hope you were able to leave with valuable information and techniques to assist those who are struggling with their mental health and possible suicidal ideations.



Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom, resilience, and Black excellence. On **June 19, 1865**, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, the last enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas were finally informed of their freedom. Today, we honor our ancestors' strength, reflect on our history, and continue the fight for justice and equity. As Sorors, let us celebrate our legacy and uplift our communities with pride and purpose.



**June is Oral Health Month! Good oral care is essential at every age. For our families and our beloved seniors, regular dental visits, healthy eating, and daily hygiene make a big difference. Let's protect our smiles and support our loved ones in doing the same — because oral health is family health!**



As members of an organization committed to sisterhood, service, and social action, we pause to recognize another important moment: **Pride Month**. This June, we honor and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community—recognizing the courage and resilience of those who have fought and continue to fight for equality and inclusion. Pride Month is not only a time of celebration but also a call to action to ensure that all people—regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression—are affirmed, supported, and safe.

# National News



For those attending convention, the convention orientation webinar will prepare voting delegates, alternate delegates, and non-voting delegates for total engagement in the 57th National Convention.

- The objectives of the webinar are to:
- Familiarize convention delegates with how business is conducted.
  - Review and identify the resource documents that will be utilized.
  - Examine the processes and procedures that will be implemented.

**Saturday, June 7, 9 am ET**

Link: [https://deltasigmatheta-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_tKP2c3VqShmsIFcAMSf65g](https://deltasigmatheta-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tKP2c3VqShmsIFcAMSf65g)

***Registration for convention is now closed***

**Reclamation and Retention  
Webinar: Part II  
June 11, 2025, at 9:00 PM EST**

The National Membership Services Reclamation and Retention Subcommittee is excited to invite you to Part II of our Reclamation & Retention Webinar Series! This session will continue the conversation around our recently released Reclamation & Retention Toolkit, offering new insights, practical strategies, and actionable steps to reconnect with sorors and foster long-term engagement.

In response to your overwhelming participation and enthusiasm in Part I, this session will also revisit some of the most popular questions and topics raised during the previous webinar, offering deeper guidance and clarity.

Please register in advance by clicking the link in the email you received on June 4th.



## **A Call to Action!**

We are calling on you to contact your Congressional representatives and demand they resist harmful policy changes to the Medicaid program.

To find your members of Congress, go to [www.Congress.gov](http://www.Congress.gov). You will see a box that says "Contact Your Member." Enter your home address to access the contact information of your Member of Congress. You should call and/or email your representative.

## **Protecting Medicaid**

Sorors are asked to call or email their representatives and provide the following message:

**"As a voter in your district, I am calling on you to vote NO on changes to Medicaid that impact enrollment and funding."**

**I am writing to urge you to reject proposals designed to force people out of the Medicaid program. Balancing the federal budget by harming individuals and jeopardizing the health of communities is wrong. These proposals include freezing states' ability to use or increase provider taxes, the imposition of burdensome and too frequent redetermination requirements, and the imposition of cost sharing for individuals over 100% of the federal poverty level.**

**All around the country, Medicaid is a lifeline for the most vulnerable among us. Vote NO on changes to Medicaid as they will leave states with budget shortfalls, create increased uncompensated care, increase reliance on emergency rooms as a site of care, and worsen health outcomes across communities."**

Sorors, thank you for your work to ensure our families, friends, and neighbors continue to have access to necessary healthcare.

See you on the frontline,  
**Elsie Cooke-Holmes**



## **A Call to Action!**

We are calling on you to contact the members of the House Ways and Means Committee and your Congressional representative and demand they resist the adoption of a policy designed to intimidate and threaten nonprofit organizations.

The House Ways and Means Committee added language to the reconciliation bill that would give the administration unchecked power to revoke nonprofit tax status for organizations.

### **Defending Nonprofits**

Sorors are asked to call or email the committee members and their own representative and provide the following message:

**"I am (calling/writing) to ask you to OPPOSE the reconciliation package and any efforts to include language, like that of H.R. 9495 or 6408, giving the Treasury Secretary unchecked power to weaponize the government to target nonprofits.**

**Section 112209 raises profound constitutional concerns. It opens the door to restrictions on free speech and could be weaponized against organizations that promote civil rights, liberties, and racial justice.**

**This provision would eliminate due process, meaning the administration could strip a nonprofit's tax-exempt status without giving it a meaningful opportunity to defend itself in court.**

**This change to the law is not necessary because the government already has broad authority to prohibit transactions with people and entities it deems connected to terrorism. Nonprofit organizations are already prohibited—including under criminal law—from providing material support for terrorist organizations.**

**I urge you to respect the vital work of nonprofits, protect the right to due process and oppose this language in the reconciliation package."**

Sorors, thank you for raising your voice to protect nonprofit organizations like Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., DREF, D4 Women in Action, and countless others working to protect and support our communities.

See you on the frontline,  
**Elsie Cooke-Holmes**

# Midwest News

## ERT | "Safe Travels" - Travel Safety and Preparedness

The Midwest ERT Committee wants you to be safe and prepared to travel to D.C. in July. Join us for a Travel Preparedness Webinar on **Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m CST** for tips to keep you safe and organized, including travel advisories.

The link to register is in the Midwest email you received on June 4th.



## Let's Get Cooking with Membership Services!

The Midwest Membership Services Committee brought the flavor last biennium when they introduced the Midwest Regional Cookbook.

This November, the committee will bring the cookbook to life with a live cooking demo—but they need YOU to lead it! If you're ready to cook live and represent the region, email

**[membershipservices@dstmidwestregion.com](mailto:membershipservices@dstmidwestregion.com)**.



## Q4 State of the Region Registration

We can hardly believe we're already in the fourth quarter of the biennium! Join us for the final State of the Region Webinar on **Wednesday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. EDT**.

During this session, your Midwest Region Leadership Team will share key updates, celebrate accomplishments, and provide a look ahead as we close out the 2024–2025 sorority year. You'll also have an opportunity to engage directly with leadership, win raffle prizes and hear from special guests! Don't miss this important conversation—register today!

# Announcements

Our sincerest condolences go out to **Soror Khabira Salter**, whose grandmother, Barbara Talley, recently passed. Please keep Soror Salter and her family lifted in prayer.



The poster for Anointed Dance Academy's 10th Dance Recital features a central image of a dancer in a gold and black sequined costume with arms raised. The background shows a crowd of people with their hands raised. Text on the poster includes the academy's logo, the phrase 'Come Celebrate!', the event title '10TH DANCE RECITAL', a QR code, a ticket stub graphic with the number 823438, and the website www.AnointedDanceAcademy.com. The bottom section provides the location (295 E Salem St, Clayton, OH 45315, United States) and the date and time (Saturday, June 28, 2025, 3:00 p.m.).

295 E Salem St  
Clayton, OH 45315  
United States

3:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28,  
2025

Please come support **Soror Monica Heflin** as her Anointed Dance Academy is having their 10<sup>th</sup> recital on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

We hope to see our chapter come out and support!