

The
Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter
of
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Celebrates
Its



25th
Anniversary

Homestead Steak House
Timberlake, NC
Saturday, June 3, 2006
11:00 AM

Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter History

Following twelve years of effort to charter a local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in the Roxboro and Person County, North Carolina area, Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter was chartered March 28, 1981.

In 1969, Soror Jacqueline Green Booker communicated with National Headquarters and with South Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Barbara J. Williams, seeking criteria for the establishment of a local chapter. In 1972, Soror Betty Byers Parham contacted Soror Booker concerning the criteria to find that there were not enough Deltas in the Roxboro community to establish a chapter. However, together in 1979, the two sorors located enough inactive members of DST to successfully proceed with the process of chartering a chapter in the Roxboro area.

During the several months that followed, the chapter was being shaped into a reality with the encouragement and advice of South Atlantic Regional Director (1978-81), Soror Norma Hardin Sermon (Boyd) and members of the Chapel Hill-Carboro Area Alumnae Chapter of DST.

Under the direction, interest, leadership of South Atlantic Regional Director, Norma Sermon (Boyd), the 680th chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter, was chartered at South Elementary School, Roxboro, NC.

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Delta Sigma Theta chartered

The Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. was chartered Saturday, March 28. Charter members and officers of the community service-oriented sorority are, from left: front — Jacqueline Booker, corresponding secretary; Doreleena Sammons, recording secretary; Betty Parham, president; Doris Blackwell, vice president; Helen Johnson,

treasurer; second row — Myra Lunsford; Gloria Boyd, chaplain; Laurietta Green; Angela Sampson; Marie Robinson, financial secretary; Brenda Nichols; Marie Wilkerson, sergeant-at-arms; Vickie Cartwright, historian; and Sandra Wilkerson, custodian.

(Staff photo by Ken Martin)

The fifteen charter members were: Sorors Doris S. Blackwell, Jacqueline G. Booker, Gloria B. Boyd (Prout), Vickie Cartwright (Nelson), Laurietta Greene (Gentry), Helen L. Johnson, Myra Lunsford (Booker), Brenda Nichols, Marie Robinson, Doreleena Sammons, Angela Sampson (Muldrow), Beverly Snipes, Marie Wilkerson (Mangum), Betty B. Parham and Sandra C. Wilkerson.

Past presidents of the chapter are: Betty B. Parham (1981--83), Jacqueline G. Booker (1983--85), Marie Wilkerson (Mangum) (1985--87), Mildred S. Chambers (1987--89), Wilma C. Bryant (1989--91), Dorothy C. Yarborough (1991--93), Sandra C. Wilkerson (1993-95), Pattie J. Tapp (1995--97), Gladys W. Jeffers (1997--99), Freda S. Tillman (1999--01), Helen L. Johnson (2001--03) and Myra L. Booker (2003--present).

Throughout the years, the Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter has implemented the sorority's Five Point Thrust Program. The chapter has awarded approximately \$100,000 in scholarships through the proceeds from the Delteen Cotillions and the Jabberwock Programs. In addition, the chapter has sponsored numerous community projects, e.g. Single Parent Workshops, Health Fairs, Black History Month displays, Adopt-A-Black Business, The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance Banquet, a trip to The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in Atlanta, GA for middle school students, International Day of Awareness -- HIV/AIDS Workshops, Senior Citizen Bingo parties, Greek picnic with step-show and entertainment and social affairs. The chapter sponsored a Delta Retreat with Dr. Bertha Maxwell (Roddey) as presenter (*Understanding Self and Others*), the 21st Annual (Roxboro) and the 35th Annual (Durham) Area Founders' Day with sorors attending statewide. The chapter has made numerous local, regional, state and national contributions as part of their public service.

Presently, the current membership is approximately thirty-nine (39) members.

Delta Sigma Theta celebrates 25 years of service to community

The Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. celebrated its 25th anniversary last weekend. The Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter was chartered March 28, 1981, under the direction of Dr. Norma Sermon-Boyd, who at that time was the South Atlantic Regional Director of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



Norma Sermon-Boyd

On Saturday, June 3, Sermon-Boyd returned, still holding the key to the city of Roxboro, and commended the chapter members for the many years of public service to the community.

A 25th anniversary luncheon was held at the Homestead Steakhouse at 11 a.m.

Sermon-Boyd, the keynote speaker, is a retired public school superintendent of the Jones County School System. She currently serves as executive director of the Jones County Partnership for Children and is an adjunct professor at ECU. She has been highly acknowledged for her service and dedication as a community leader, volunteer and educator.

Sermon-Boyd commended the Roxboro chapter for focusing on the Five-Point Program Thrusts that the sorority promotes and praised the charter members for their efforts in starting the chapter here in Roxboro and its service to the community.

Also, during the luncheon, the chapter's history was read and the charter members were recognized. Charter members of the chapter were Doris S. Blackwell, Jacqueline G. Booker, Gloria B. Prout, Vickie C. Nelson, Lauryetta G. Gentry, Helen L. Johnson, Myra L. Booker, Brenda Nichols, Marie Robinson, Doreleena Sammons, the late Angela S. Muldrow, Beverly Snipes, Marie W. Mangum, Betty B. Parham and Sandra C. Wilkerson.

On Sunday, June 4, at 4 p.m., the chapter continued its celebration with "Songs of Praise" at Shady Hill Baptist Church. During this service, the charter members were again recognized and the deceased members of the chapter were memorialized. Songs of praise were given by the New Saint James Mass Choir of Leasburg and the Lawson Chapel Mass Choir.

Proceeds from the offering are to be used to support the Esther M. Harper Scholarship Fund.

Myra L. Booker is the current president of the chapter of approximately 40 active members.