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# Delta Sigma Theta to be chartered

After planning the organization for more than a year, local members of Delta Sigma Theta will be officially chartered on Saturday, March 28, under the name of Roxboro Area Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

The organization was founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University, Washington, D.C. with 22 members who were pledged to serious endeavor and community service. Even today, being college educated with high scholastic achievement is a standard requirement for membership.

Since its founding, Delta has grown into the largest black sorority in the world. There are over 100,000 members and 642 chapters in 45 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Liberia and the Republic of Haiti.

Delta women are committed to a lasting development of community services without regard to race, creed, or color. The organization's public service program consists of five areas: Educational Development, Economic Development, Community and International Involvement, Housing and Urban Development and Mental Health.

As a local chapter, the members will be concerned with the cultural and scholastic development of youth, the elderly, and projects in mental health. Other efforts will be directed toward individual and community needs.

Local members are quoted as saying they are very proud of their heritage. Like their founders, they have devoted a great deal of their time to public service programs, while excelling in their own professional fields. Presently, they are eagerly awaiting charter so as to implement more formal-type programs in the Roxboro area.

The prospective charter members are: Doris Blackwell, Jacqueline Booker, Gloria Boyd, Vickie Cartwright, Lauryetta Green, Helen Johnson, Myra Lunsford, Brenda Nichols, Betty

Parnam, Marie Robinson, Doreleena Sammons, Angela Sampson, Beverly Snipes, Marie Wilkerson and Sandra Wilkerson.

A pre-reception will be held at the public library on Friday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

The charter service, which is not open to the public, will be held March 28.