

Greensboro Deltas will host regional gathering

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The Greensboro Alumnae, Alpha Mu, Omicron Delta and Omicron Eta chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are hosting the 23rd South Atlantic Regional Conference, June 14 - 16. More than 1,500 members of the Sorority from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Bermuda will convene at the Koury Convention Center.

This year's business and programmatic thrust will focus on the conference theme "Impacting Communities: Service with a Visible Difference." Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has a rich history at the national and local levels dedicated to community service. Several events are open to the public



The future home of the International Civil Rights Center and Museum.

during the three-day conference. On Friday, June 14, a step show will be held from 7 - 10 p.m. On Saturday,

June 15, there will be a social action luncheon from 12 - 2:30 p.m., and on Sunday at 9 a.m., a ecumenical service will be held.

Delta Sigma Theta has been in the forefront of issues involving racial and ethnic equality. As a result, the sorority's community service project is to assist the International Civil Rights Center and Museum, formerly the F.W. Woolworth site of the first sit-in. A walk-a-thon will take place on June 13 at 12:30 p.m. to raise money for the museum. Participants will gather at the bronze statue of the Greensboro Four on the campus of N.C. A&T State University. Funds from the walk-a-thon will assist with the opening of the museum, which will be a historical landmark for citizens internationally. Members of

the sorority and community participants will walk from the campus to the museum, where a ceremony/celebration will take place.

The conference will also sponsor its first golf tournament on June 15 at the Bryan Park Golf course. This tournament will serve as one of the sorority's major projects to raise scholarship funds for students attending college. Tee off time is 8 a.m. The event is open to the public.

Local conference co-coordinators are President Carolyn Moore, Sharon Long-Stokes, Jamesena Watkins, Georgia Caldwell Williams, Linda Wilson and Edith Chance.

For more information, call 336-856-1026.

Malveaux will keynote NAACP gala

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The new president of Bennett College will keynote the Winston-Salem's NAACP Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Gala on Friday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux has been described by Dr. Cornel West as "the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country."



Malveaux

As a writer and syndicated columnist, her work appears regularly in USA Today, Black Issues in Higher Education, Ms. magazine, Essence magazine, and the Progressive. Her weekly columns appear in numerous newspapers across the country including the Los Angeles Times, the Charlotte Observer, the New Orleans Tribune, the Detroit Free Press, and the San Francisco Examiner.

Local talents Precious McCloud and Lazarus Ligrant acted out a scene from "Mahalia - Queen of Gospel," which will return to the 2007 festival after a stellar run at the '05 NBTF.

Leslie Lewis Sword recited a piece from "Miracle in Rwanda," a one-woman show she will bring to this year's festival.

Funeral arrangements for Hamlin were incomplete as of press time.

For tickets and other information about the 2007 NBTF, call 336-723-2266 or go to www.nbtf.org.

Transplant candidates creating nonprofit funds to cover their expenses is common, said Hillian. So common, she said, it was suggested in a mandatory class that she was required to take as a transplant candidate.

Donations to the Karyn Hillian Liver Transplant Fund can be made in person at Mechanics & Farmers Bank or mailed to The Karyn Hillian Liver Transplant Fund, 3401 Jeketer Dr, Winston-Salem, NC, 27105. Checks or money orders should be made out to "Karyn Hillian Liver Transplant Fund."

Malveaux became the 15th Bennett president June 1, succeeding Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole. Well-known for appearances on national network programs, Dr. Malveaux is a charismatic and popular guest on a variety of shows. She appears regularly on CNN and BET. She has also hosted talk radio programs in Washington, San Francisco, and New York.

A native San Francisco, Malveaux received her BA and MA degrees in economics from Boston College, and earned a Ph.D in economics from MIT.

For more information on the Freedom Fund Gala, contact Jim Shaw at 287-5053 or Stephen Hairston at 813-7311.

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extraordinary son, Larry Leon.

Hamlin-Johnson, who teared-up during her remarks, asked the media to respect the family's privacy by not inquiring about the nature of Hamlin's illness. Neither Hamlin-Johnson nor Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin were on hand at a news conference Wednesday when the Black Rep announced Hamlin's death.

So far a slate of dozens of shows will be offered at the 2007 festival, which will be from July 30 - Aug. 4. Longtime celebrity friends of the festival will return this year, including actor Malcolm Jamal Warner and Hal Williams, who will be one of this year's celebrity co-chairs. Williams, a veteran actor, is best known for his role on the 1980s NBC sitcom "227" and

most recently scored a supporting role as the grandfather in the comedy "Guess Who," starring Bernie Mack and Ashton Kutcher.

Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway will share chair duties with Williams. Calloway's work transcends both small and silver screens, with appearances on TNT's "The Closer" and CBS' "CSI: Miami." Nominated for seven NAACP Image Awards to date, Calloway can be seen in such films as "Biker Boyz," "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "What's Love Got to do With It."

Many well-known entertainers will be bringing shows to the festival, including Sheryl Lee Ralph, whose "Sometime I Cry" will focus on the lives of women touched by HIV/AIDS. Veteran actor

Glynn Turman will star in "Movin' Man," which will open the festival on July 30 after the star-filled gala at the Benton Convention Center.

Tommy Ford, best known for his role on "Martin," is bringing "South of Where we Live," which he stars in and directs. Ford flew in from Los Angeles to be at Tuesday's news conference. A newcomer to the festival this year, Ford says he has been hearing a buzz about it for quite some time.

"I am so excited about being here," he remarked. "For many years, I've been doing theater in Los Angeles, where I'm from, and... people kept coming to us at the end of the show saying, 'Have you heard about the Black Theater Festival going on in North



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transplant. Of those who have the procedure, 77 percent live a longer, better quality lives.

So far there have been several fundraisers for her fund. Both Hillian's sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., and her church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, have helped her raise money. A local McDonald's gave 15 percent of the restaurant's profits from 5 - 8 p.m. for three consecutive Thursdays. Letters have also been sent out requesting donations. Currently, The

Chronicle is giving a portion of subscriptions sales to the fund, as well. Hillian's next fundraiser will be a Family Fun Day on June 16 at the local Sarah Alston Head Start Center. The event will feature games, food and a speaker from donor services.

Hillian's mother, Vera Hillian is president of the fund's committee. She called Hillian an "exemplary daughter" who has planned all her life to succeed. Vera Hillian says that people tend to like her daughter when they meet her. She said her daughter has been a productive per-

son who contributed to society and deserves the help she's asking for.

"We're caring people and sharing people and now we need people to share and care with us," said Vera Hillian.

This isn't the first time Hillian has had to struggle with major health problems. While attending Winston-Salem State University, she was diagnosed with Ulcerative Colitis and had her colon removed. After numerous surgeries, she returned to WSSU and completed her degree in management information systems in 1999. She said com-

plications from the colon removal led to her current liver disease.

Even now Hillian is planning ahead for life after the transplant. She recently graduated from Forsyth Technical Community College with an associates degree in architectural technology, a field she hopes to work in. She said she doesn't let her disease get her down and keeps an optimistic attitude.

"I have a pretty positive outlook," said Hillian, "I never have an actual bad day, just an hour out of the day maybe, but I'm never 'woe is me.'"



Vera Hillian with her daughter, Karyn.

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