



Sorors pose with the speaker of the Vital Issues breakfast. Left to right: Delegate-Clarissa Felder, Valeria Edwards, Local President-Patsy Squire, Author-Dr. Vilicia Cade, Delegate-Donna Mickens, Anne Moye, Alternate-Mae Burner, and Cynthia Russell.

Phi Delta Kappa chapter attends conference

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Annual Eastern Regional Conference of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. convened in Langhorne, Pa. during the week of April 21-24 at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel.

Eight African-American teachers in Jersey City, N.J. started the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. in 1923. The purpose of the sorority includes "To foster a spirit of sisterhood among teachers and to promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession." The sorority has expanded throughout the United States with many educators as active members. The National President is Charlotte Williams of Baltimore, Md. Patsy Squire serves as the president of the local Beta Lambda chapter.

Rho Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. hosted the 76th Eastern Regional Conference. The confer-

ence theme was "Enriching Lives: Pursuing Excellence for All!" Over 400 sorors attended the regional conference. Members from the Winston-Salem Beta Lambda chapter attending included the President - Patsy Squire, past chapter presidents-Ann Moye and Valeria Edwards, Delegates-Donna Mickens and Clarissa Felder, Alternate-Mae Burner, and Treasurer-Cynthia Russell.

Eastern Regional Director, Noreen E. Little from Hempstead, New York presided over the conference. During the same period, the Anthropos, the male affiliate group under the leadership of Eastern Regional President Anthropos Derwin Sawyer-Boyd convened for their 48th Eastern Regional Conference.

Beta Lambda Chapter members took advantage of every moment of the conference. The first session on Friday was the leadership institute which had its emphasis on helping members of the sorority to know

the duties of each office in clear details.

The second session provided professional development workshops throughout the day. Topics included:

- *Teaching in the 21st century!
- *How Does Your Staff Garden Grow?
- *The Bully, Bullied and the Bystander!
- *Assistive Technology for Adults with Disabilities
- *In the Ways of the Ivory Tower: Black

Women in Professoriate; Strengths and Challenges

The first plenary session convened on Friday evening, followed by a welcome reception, games and a fashion show.

Saturday's Vital Issues breakfast featured speaker was Dr. Vilicia Cade, Senior Director of Secondary Education, Christina School District, Wilmington, Del. Her topic was: How do we get Youth That Experience Trauma to Excellence? Dr.

Cade emphasized the importance of leveraging obstacles and valuing excellence. Dr. Cade gave us four action steps to take back to our schools: 1. Understand root causes; 2. Eradicate obstacles; 3. Be resilient; and 4. Endure to excellence. Dr. Cade also reminded us to lead with humility. She was available for her book signing, "If Not for Love."

Participants attended professional as well as personal workshops, followed

by the second plenary session and concluded with the Torch Lighting Ceremony.

The awards banquet was held Saturday during which the banquet presented two \$6,000 scholarships from the Eastern Region to high school seniors and a \$1,000 scholarship to a soror pursuing a doctoral degree.

The conference concluded on Sunday after the third plenary session.

Farrakhan coming to Winston-Salem in May

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The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is coming to Winston-Salem May 21-22 to keynote a national fund raising effort to help establish and construct the Fuller & Dudley Entrepreneurship Museum.

The three-day event begins on Saturday, May 21, at the Benton Convention Center and will feature several national and international business leaders including George Fraser, best-selling author of "Success Runs In Our Race," and creator of Fraser-Net, the nation's largest professional networking organization; Lisa Nichols, CEO of her own company and best-selling author of six books including, "Chicken Soup For The African-American Soul," a celebrated trainer, facilitator and life coach whose rags-to-riches success story has fast become a national blueprint for established and aspiring entrepreneurs; Debra Bartlett, the renown Caribbean media mogul and Chairman of the CEO Network; and the legendary founder of Dudley Products, Joe L. Dudley, Sr., best-selling author of "Walking By Faith," who started the company that bears his name with \$10, a dream, a prayer and dogged determination that led him to build what has now

become a third-generation black-owned business, a rarity in black America.

Held in honor of the late Chicago-based business tycoon and civic leader, SB Fuller, the nation's first self-made black male millionaire, and Dr. Dudley's 79th birthday, the event comes to a dramatic conclusion on Sunday, May 22, at a star-studded black-tie affair featuring the legendary leader of the Nation of Islam, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, whose keynote address will outline plans for business, financial, economic self-sufficiency and community responsibility.

On Sunday, May 22, Joe L. Dudley Sr.'s 79th birthday celebration is a gala black tie event to raise funds for construction of the Fuller - Dudley Entrepreneurship Museum. This is where Minister Farrakhan, the chief organizer of the historic 1995 Million Man March that brought more than a million black men to Washington, D.C., will bring the message to close out this historic event.

An overflow crowd is expected to attend the event which will be held at the Embassy Suites. Advance registration is required. No tickets or registration material will be available at the door. To secure RSVP registration, call 336-782-8383 or email rayeandrosie@aol.com.

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