

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to host Fashion Fair

Since the early 1970s when the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. first hosted Ebony Fashion Fair, excitement soars when the date for the event approaches.

Each year, the chapter sponsors two major benefits for its scholarship fund; the fashion show in the fall and the Jabberwock Pageant in the spring.

The pageant is an extravaganza in which high school young ladies who are seniors are featured. Thirty five prospective 1998 Jabber-wockettes and their parents have already met with committee members and have been introduced to the membership at the October sorority meeting. The young lady raising the most money will be crowned Miss Jabberwock.

Out of funds generated by the two events, the sorority has awarded approximately \$190,500 in the past three years. Both activities have become essential and highly acclaimed in the Greensboro community.



Georgia Williams

Funding for scholarship is directly related to educational development, one of the sorority's main pro-gram thrusts. Other programs focus on economic development, political awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, inter-cultural awareness and involvement in arts and letters.

Greensboro Alumnae is one of approximately 900 chapters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in the United States and abroad, whose purpose is to provide service programs to promote human welfare. At the inception of the sorority in 1913 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C., 22 founders, young and full of vision, proposed an organization pledged to serious endeavors and community service. The Greensboro Chapter, chartered 55 years ago, has involved itself in projects reflecting the vision of the founders and the national program thrusts. Members share their skills and organizational services with

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History of the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

In December 1941, nine members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. met in Greensboro in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Warmoth T. Gibbs to request from the national body the establishment of a graduate chapter. The graduate sorors continued to meet through the spring of 1942, until their dream of a chapter in this city was realized.

The chapter was chartered as Beta Mu Sigma on May 24, 1942, with Marian Palmer Capps, regional director, officiating. The ceremony was held in the home of Dr. & Mrs. Warmoth T. Gibbs. Their daughter, Elizabeth Gibbs, one of the charter members, became the Chapter's first president. Other charter members were Lenore Barry, Selma Boone, Mae Sue Roberts,

Estelle Smith, Regina Smith, Ellen Torrance, and Georgie Willis.

Beta Mu Sigma was originally a part of the Eastern Region, but in 1960, due to reorganization mandated by the national organization, Beta Mu Sigma became a part of the newly created region, the South Atlantic Region.

In 1963, Grand Chapter authorized the change of graduate Delta chapters to geographic names. Beta Mu Sigma then became Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. For more than half a century now, Greensboro alumnae sorors have involved themselves in projects reflecting the national

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