

Phi Delta Kappa Inc. salutes Dr. Florence Hunt

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Founded in 1923, The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. celebrated 76 years of service to communities. The conclave was held in Milwaukee, Wis., July 16-23.

President Daisy Staten represented the local chapter, Beta Lambda. Her husband, Leonard Staten Sr., attended the conference as a delegate for the Anthropos, a national organization of men in the lives of the sorority sisters working to support them and do community projects.

The conclave theme was "Preparing Tomorrow's Future Today." The purposes of the conference were to bring together the best thinking to resolve sororal issues and societal concerns; to identify, revise and create meaningful youth activities and help youths to unlock their untapped potential.

This sorority of educators has the responsibility of providing leadership and training on the national, regional and local levels in order to increase delivery of services in an observable, efficient manner to sorors and their communities.

Phi Delta Kappa Sorority is an organization of teachers and educators dedicated to stimulate professional growth among its members, to promote the highest teaching ideals and to encourage the development of the potential of youths.

The highlight of the conclave was the honoring of our only living founder, Dr. Florence Hunt, who is 99 years young, and celebrating her birthday. She has 76 years of service to the sorority.

The conclave was stimulating

and productive. One day the attendees wore African attire. It was a sea of beauty to see delegates so elegantly dressed in many different kinds of African attire.

More than 700 delegates attended from around the nation and chapters from Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa; and St. Michael, Barbados, West Indies.

The workshops and institutes were interesting and informative. Guest speakers were dynamic and inspiring.

Speakers included Dr. Donna Oliver, assistant dean of academic affairs, Bennett College in Greensboro; Joe Louis Dudley Sr., president and CEO of Dudley Products in Kernersville; and Cam Boyd, president and founder of The Art of Positive Teaching Inc.

Our purpose is to motivate and stimulate our youths to rise to excellence in education and other fields of endeavors.

Beta Lambda Chapter welcomes teachers and other educators who are actively working in the field of education and share in our ideas, to join us and become a member of The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Our Supreme Basileus is Ardena Dixon. The newly elected director of the eastern region is Ella F. Carter.

Officers of Beta Lambda Chapter are: Beth Day-Hairston, First Anti Basileus; Helen Johnson, Second Anti Basileus; Elinor Spearman, Grammateus; Patsy Squire, Tamiouchos; Jacqueline Spencer, Tamias; Sallie Ledbetter, Grammateus; Valeria Edward, dean of pledges; Virginia Allen, sergeant at arms; Daisy Staten, Basileus.



Above, Daisy Staten, president of Beta Lambda Chapter, and her husband, Leonard Staten Sr. Below, Daisy Staten, dressed in African attire, stands beside a poster honoring Florence S. Hunt, the only living founder of Phi Delta Kappa.



Bethania Hauser Williams reunion was event-filled

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The descendants of Bethania Hauser Williams Russell and T. C. Hauser gathered for their annual reunion during the last week in July. Activities were staged in Yadkinville, Winston-Salem and at the N.C. Zoo in Asheboro.

The date of the reunion was changed this year to encourage descendants to attend the National Black Theater Festival, which was held the first week in August.

Bethania was purchased in Bethania for \$840 and in 1840 was brought to the Yadkin region of what was then Surry County (Yadkin County was not chartered until 1850), where she later served as the head housekeeper for T.C. Hauser. She became the mother of three sons before she left the T.C. Hauser household after the end of slavery.

Bethania later married Lewis Ned Williams and became the mother of four more children. After Williams' death she married David Crockett Russell, and they added four more children to the family.

The Hauser and Russell branches constitute the majority of the family. Family members are scattered throughout the United States. Among the descendants are: social workers, educators, nurses, business men and women, police officers, firefighters, military personnel, artists, musicians, a dentist, a physician and a state legislator.

Bethania's second son, Martini, began inviting relatives and friends to his house more than 75 years ago to celebrate his mother's birthday. Annual get-togethers have

been held throughout the years.

In 1952, 1953 and 1954 the T. C. Hauser descendants took the lead in organizing the gathering. His descendants and the descendants of his former slaves were invited. The events were held at the home of John Henry Hauser on Hauser Hill.

This year's celebration opened with a reception at the Sleep Inn in Yadkinville on Friday. Saturday's activities included a trip to the N.C. Zoo and the Dixie Russell Moore banquet at the Sawtooth Building in Winston-Salem. Photos of Bethania, eight of her children and family members at previous reunions were shown at the reception and the banquet.

Peaches Hauser Golding, of Bristol, England, a great-granddaughter of T.C. and Bethania, presided at the banquet. She was honored as the person traveling the farthest to attend the reunion.

Yvette and Yvonne Floyd were the youngest descendants in attendance.

Activities at the banquet included: a memorial service, a concert by the Young Adult Choir of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Durham, a fashion show featuring Kathy Carter as announcer and family members participating, a family history trivia game and election of officers.

Fay Hauser-Price of Van Nuys, Calif., a great-granddaughter of T.C. and Bethania, was elected president for the 2000 reunion.

The reunion was concluded with a worship service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Yadkinville, where the family gave a

donation to the church for the graveyard, and a visit by a small group to the houses owned by Herman Hauser and John Henry Hauser, and the cemetery on Hauser Hill.

The final activity was a visit to the home and grave of T.C. Hauser at Harmony Grove and the grave of Bethania at Pleasant Grove Church Cemetery.



Principals at the Bethania Hauser Williams Russell reunion, left to right: Lucille Hauser Miller of Yadkinville, great-granddaughter of T.C. Hauser; Harold Hauser of Yadkinville, great-grandson of T.C. Hauser and Bethania, oldest Hauser in attendance; and Fay Hauser-Price of Van Nuys, Calif., great great-granddaughter of T.C. Hauser and Bethania, president of the 2000 reunion.

Local student accepted by N.C. School of the Arts

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Constance Thomas of Winston-Salem has been accepted for enrollment for the 1999-2000 year at the N.C. School of the Arts.

Constance will study scene painting in the School of Design

and Production at the N.C. School of the Arts, where she will be a freshman. She is the daughter of Gloria P. Moore of Salem Lake Road. Constance was previously a student at Parkland Senior High School in Winston Salem and Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte.

The N.C. School of the Arts is one of the world's foremost arts conservatories, training students for professional careers in the performing, moving image and visual arts. Established by the N.C. General Assembly in 1963, NCSA became part of the University of North Carolina in 1972.

Tari LaQuann Walker wins Mt. Olive Baptist baby contest

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Tari LaQuann Walker was the winner of the Aug. 8 baby contest at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

He was born to Janell "Nikki" Walker on June 13, 1997. Karl and Barbara Walker are his maternal grandparents.

Tari is 2 years old and attends Christ Temple Day Care and Mt. Olive Baptist Church.



Tari LaQuann Walker

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