

1 Columbia MD Alumnae Chapter  
2 December Chapter Meeting Minutes  
3 Saturday, December 17, 2022  
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5 The meeting began at 12:00 with a formal opening.

6 Diane Martin, Chapter President, called the meeting to order at 12:14 PM. The meeting was a Zoom  
7 meeting per DST COVID-19 guidelines. There was a quorum present.

8 The agenda was adopted as presented.

9 The minutes of the November 19, 2022, meeting was adopted.

10 **President's Report - Diane Martin**

11 Completed Delta Sigma Theta Drug and Alcohol training online on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

12 Participated in a chat with our National President Soror Elsie Cooke-Holmes on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

13 Attended the installation of our County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball and County Council on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

14 Attended the Eastern Regional Fall Cluster Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

15 Attended the Washington Metropolitan Area Wide Founders Day, Day of Service Committee meeting.

16 The committee has set a goal of \$22,110.00 and our chapter voted at Executive Board meeting to send  
17 \$110.00. Patron donations are also being accepted, sorors you may give a donation towards this  
18 endeavor.

19 **First Vice President - Adrienne Morrow**

20 Our next committee meeting will be January 25, 2023, the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The youth  
21 program Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy will start on January 17, 2023, from 3-4:30 pm at Oakland  
22 Mills Middle School. We are looking for volunteers that have gone through risk management training.  
23 Soror Melinda Pope will be heading up our Strategic Planning Committee.

24 **Emergency Response – Dr. Barbara Clorey**

25 We posted in the chapter announcement safety tips on Christmas trees.

26 **Economic Development – Teleshia Taylor**

27 Our meeting was held on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. Financial Wellness and Mental Health  
28 public event was held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The 21-Day Financial Fast Kick-off Seminar  
29 will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

30 **International Awareness – Adrienne Morrow on behalf of Alana Murray**

31 International Awareness and Involvement celebrated International Day of the Girl on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We  
32 held a webinar on World Aids Day in conjunction with the Howard County Health Department. We are  
33 excited to participate in Delta Days in the United Nations in 2023.

34 **Risk Management – Adrienne Morrow on behalf of Dionne Rogers**

35 Soror Rogers has been doing Parent/Guardian and Youth training for the debutantes and their families.

36 Soror Rogers is also collecting the risk management youth initiative parent/guardian forms packet.

37 **Second Vice President - Eugenia Woodson**

38 The committee met via Zoom on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm. We planned our Spirit Week which kicked-  
39 off earlier this week. We plan to collaborate with Physical and Mental Health to host a vision board event  
40 in January. Our chapter Kwanzaa Experience will be via our social media. Our next meeting is January 4<sup>th</sup>  
41 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. We will have a new member (new to the chapter) Love My Sister Week Meet and  
42 Greet at the Doubletree on Twin Knolls in Columbia from 6-9 pm on January 12, 2023.

43 **Third Vice President - Khalida Burton**

44 The Holiday Soiree is on December 18, 2022. The New Year's Day Party has been cancelled. Our  
45 Founders Day Giving Campaign will commence soon. The debutante retreat took place on December 10<sup>th</sup>  
46 at 12 pm. The Fine Dining workshop will be held on January 29, 2023, at the Merriweather Lake Front  
47 Hotel as well as The Mother Daughter Breakfast/Fashion Show which will take place on February 4,  
48 2023. The Cotillion will be held on April 1, 2023, at the BWI Marriott.

49 **Correspondence – Beryl Graham**

50 The chapter received three checks for the soiree, a vendor's check, Bank of America statements and dues.  
51 A Thank You card was received addressed to Soror Samantha Phillips Chester on behalf of Community  
52 Outreach from an Adopt a Family member. Thank you card from Soror Patricia Hill for the loss of her  
53 mother.

54 **Financial Secretary's Report - Linda Swain**

55 November 1-30, 2022

56 November Receipts = \$4,562.00

57 Year -to-Date Receipts = \$13,661.00

58 Financial Members = 285

59 The sorority is switching from a fiscal year to a calendar year for dues payments. A presentation was  
60 presented to explain the change as related to dues for 2023 & 2024.

61 **Treasurer's Report - Michelle RhodesBrown**

62 November 1-30, 2022

63 Beginning Bank Balance = \$239,856.99

64 Ending Bank Balance = \$241,128.71

65 DREF Restricted funds as of September 30, 2022, \$4,923.20

66 The sorority is switching from a fiscal year to a calendar year for dues payments. As a result, there will  
67 be two budgets prepared and presented for the remainder of 2023 and calendar year 2024.

68 **Committee Reports**

69 Scholarship – Sarita Payne

70 We started our year in October to prepare for the BSAP College and Career Fair night which was held at  
71 Long Reach High School on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We met on November 17<sup>th</sup> focused on risk management  
72 training for committee members and the scholarship application package. The scholarship application is  
73 live and in all the high schools via Naviance.

74 Community Outreach – Samantha Phillips Chester

75 The committee met on 12/1/22 @ 7 pm via Zoom. We discussed planning for our recurring service at the  
76 Columbia Community Care every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. We also discussed and signed up for the  
77 Marine Corps Reserve Howard County Toys for Tots to sort unwrapped toys on 12/16/22. Upcoming  
78 events are Founders Day of Service at the Columbia Community Care on January 14, 2023, and MLK  
79 Day of Service hosted by the HC MLK Commission on January 15, 2023. We are asking sorors to bring  
80 canned goods and non-perishable items for the Harriet Tubman Center. Our next meeting will be on  
81 January 5, 2023 @ 7 pm via Zoom. A motion was on the floor to move \$850 from PP&D budget to  
82 Community Outreach budget. The motion was withdrawn after further discussion.

83 Rituals & Ceremonies – Robin Steele

84 We will be having a Rededication Ceremony on Friday January 13, 2023, at 6:13 pm at St. John Baptist  
85 Church. The attire is black no pants, use the link in the chapter announcement to RSVP. We will present  
86 two workshops on Omega Omega information. At the end of life, what happens to your Delta properties?  
87 Who would you like to participate in your Omega Omega Service? The workshops will be held on  
88 January 19, 2023, at 6:30 pm and February 18, 2023, at 9:00 am.

89 Social Action and Political Awareness – Edith Howard on behalf of Valerie Montague

90 The committee met on December 5, 2023, at 6:30 on via Zoom. We discussed recently attended meetings  
91 including Delta's statewide Social Action Committee meetings where we discussed the upcoming  
92 Maryland General Assembly. The General Assembly session will begin on January 11 and Delta Days in  
93 Annapolis will be held on a Saturday in February or March. Delta Days in Annapolis will be virtual in  
94 2023. Delta Days in the National Capital will be held in-person and virtually March 24-28. We also  
95 discussed Howard County's Age Friendly Initiative. Sorors interested in joining an Age-Friendly  
96 Howard County committee can do so by contacting Terri Hansen or Morgan Spliedt at  
97 agefriendly@howardcountymd.gov.

98 New Business

99 N/a

100 Announcements

101 Beryl Graham announced the funeral of Soror Patricia Hill mother on January 7, 2023, at Howell Funeral  
102 Home in Jessup.

103 Valerie Montague announced that Soror Sharon Cooper-Kerr has been named Village Manager of Wilde  
104 Lake, the first African American woman to serve in that kind of role.  
105 Terri Showers announced Arts and Letters partnership with Physical and Mental Health book read Take  
106 My Hand will be held in May. The book can be purchased on Amazon.  
107 Elizabeth Sapp Jones is offering an eight-week virtual course on The Seven Principles for Making a  
108 Marriage Work.  
109 The closing ceremony was conducted.  
110 Soror President Diane Martin adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM  
111 This ends the Recording Secretary report,  
112 Tonya R. Rountree  
113 Assistant Recording Secretary