

FELLOWSHIP: WORKING IN THE SISTERHOOD

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

2023-2024 FWAC MEMBERSHIP SERVICES LEADERSHIP TEAM



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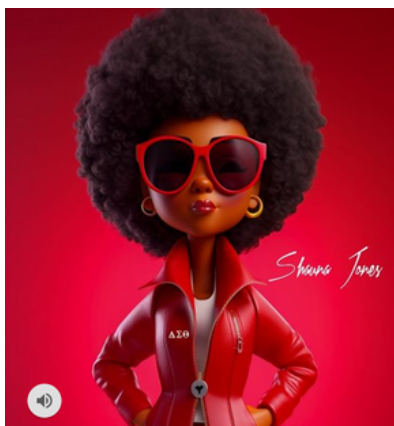
Nichole Richmond Pinkney, Co-Chair
Retreat



Connie Carrell, Co-Chair
Retreat



Sharron Credle, Co-Chair
Retreat



Get to Know the Membership Services Leadership Team

This team is assembled to “Work That”, Sorors! We will work that thing out for our membership by using our skills and talents to offer outstanding bonding and sisterhood activities to maintain chapter morale. We have over 100 members on the Membership Services Committee and with your help and dedication we will together be able to “Strengthen our Bond: One Soror at a Time”.

“STRENGTHENING OUR BOND: ONE SOROR AT A TIME”

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WELCOME BACK EVENT FWAC HOMECOMING KICKOFF REP YOUR DECADE ~ REP YOUR SCHOOL ~ REP YOUR CLUSTER



On Saturday, September 10th the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter welcomed back over 200 members for a special Homecoming: Welcome Back event. It was a great time had by all where the attendees had a lot of fun & fellowship with sing-a-longs, speed dating, Lip Sync Battles, Candy Chapter Strolls, Cluster Sweetquel Contest, line dancing, 360 Photo Booth and more! Sorors were adorned with gear from their alma maters and repped their schools with pride. The highlight of the event was the stroll from our Delta Dear step team. We salute our Dears for repping their decade with style and grace. The winner of the Sweetquel Contest was Soror Jalea Adeboyeku for her Strawberry Shortcake.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL BODY MEETING



The General Body of the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter assembled for their first meeting of the Delta Year on September 16th. Pictured above is the new chapter photo which includes the newly elected Executive Committee. There were 20 visiting sorors present and the Membership Services Chair, Michelle Dacanay, greeted each of them with a warm sisterly smile and gift and allowed them to introduce themselves to the assembly. Before and after this meeting, Membership Services conducted a Swap and See and a Secret Soror gift exchange. Courtesy and Hospitality, a subcommittee of Membership Services, provided refreshments prior to the meeting.

EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- Oct 21- Breast Cancer Survivor Recognition
- Oct 27- Reclamation Event #1
- Oct 28- Dear/PEARL Welcome Event
- Oct 29- New Member Orientation

SOROR RECOGNITION

	JULY '23	AUGUST '23
BIRTHDAY DEAR	10	10
BIRTHDAY SOROR	29	45
DELTAVERSARY	2	0
MISSING YOU VIDEO	0	94
TOTAL CARDS SENT	41	149
SEPTEMBER GENERAL BODY MEETING: 20 VISITING SORORS		

SPECIAL THANKS

Special Thanks to the Special Projects and the Welcome Back Homecoming Kickoff Event Subcommittees led by Soror Sabrena Pringle and Soror Angela Pettis. It was a lot of hard work planning the Welcome Back Event over the summer and the sorors really appreciated every aspect of the event.

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Breast Cancer Survivor Recognition

October was Breast Cancer Awareness month. Membership Services recognized 9 FWAC Breast Cancer Survivors pictured left at the October 21, 2023 General Body Meeting. FWAC was blessed by the testimony of Soror Aaron Johnson Hearn who shared her breast cancer journey with the chapter. Membership Services gave each soror a token of love.



Reclamation Event #1

On October 27, 2023, Membership Services held the first Reclamation event of the year. A Night of Black Art & Jazz at the Kulture Gallery in Waldorf, Maryland was a night to remember! There were 9 inactive sorors that attended the event and a total of 18 Sorors were present. The backdrop of the Kulture Gallery with the beautiful art, solo violinist, wine tasting, and light fare gave FWAC sorors a nice, relaxed afternoon to meet new sorors.



DEAR/Pearl Welcome Event

On October 28, 2023, the DEAR/Pearl Welcome event was held at the Temple Hills Community Center. There were 41 sorors in attendance. DEARs were matched to their Pearls. The event consisted of games, ice breakers, light fare and sisterly bonding.

OCTOBER 2023 FWAC-DST MEMBERSHIP SERVICES
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*New Member
 Strengthening Our Bond
 Workshop*

On October 29, 2023, Membership Services welcomed and loved on 12 of our new members. We strengthened our bond through interactive activities, with food, fun and fellowship. 32 sorors attended the event located at Potomac Knolls Community Center in Ft. Washington, MD.



*FWAC Celebrates Woman's
 day at Mt. Ennon Baptist
 Church*



Members of Fort Washinton Alumnae Chapter celebrated Woman's Day at Mt. Ennon Baptist Church on October 15, 2023. The Guest Preacher was National Chaplain Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie.

Women's Day
 Sunday, October 15, 2023



The survey results from the New Member Orientation Strengthening Our Bond Workshop were favorable and we look forward to the next workshop in February 2024.



Soror Recognition

- October cards:
- DEAR birthdays: 5
- Soror birthdays: 34
- Deltaversaries: 9
- Welcome videos: 7
- Soror Spotlights on Padlet: 4
- October General Body Meeting Visiting Sorors: 9

Special Thanks

Kudos and Special thanks also to the Reclamation Sub-Committee led by Soror Lynnette Walker-Crayton for the outstanding Reclamation Round-Up. The event was well attended, classy and a lot of fun. Special thanks to the Receiving and Recognition Sub-Committee for welcoming our new members in true FWAC style at the Strengthening Our Bond New Member Workshop. Our new members felt the FWAC love and are now equipped with all the tools to acclimate into FWAC. Lastly, special thanks goes out to the DEAR/Pearl Subcommittee led by Sorors Brenda Bluford and Elizabeth Bell. The DEAR/ Pearl Meet and Greet was a huge success and it is attributed to their dedication and hard work.

Events



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November 2023

November is Reclamation Month!!!!

The Eastern Region gave us a charge to be Reclamation Ambassadors as we Reclaim, Engage, Affirm and Empower our inactive sorors and bring them back into the fold with a host of weekly reclamation activities.

#RECLAIMTHEeast, #EReclamation23

The Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter Membership Services Reclamation Sub-Committee held 3 reclamation events in November. On November 11, 2023, in partnership with the Physical and Mental Health Committee, sorors gathered at the Tucker Road Ice Skating Rink for a wellness walk, Sorors Exercising Together (S.E.T.) on the Tucker Road trail.



Reclamation Round-up

Later in the evening sorors gathered for Part 2 of our Reclamation Round-Up. Sorors who attended the morning workout event along with FWAC members connected for food and fellowship at the Greene Turtle in Brandywine, Md.

The "Bring Your Line Sisters Home to FWAC" Reclamation Contest will also run from November 2023 – June 2024. The FWAC-initiated lines will compete to reclaim the highest percentage of their inactive Line Sisters. The winning line will receive a special gift, a Membership Services-sponsored fellowship for all financial and active sorors on the line, and bragging rights!!

The general FWAC Reclamation Challenge will be held from November 2023 - June 2024. The soror who reclaims the highest number of inactive sorors will have her 2025 local dues paid.

SORORS EXERCISING TOGETHER RECLAMATION ROUND-UP

November is Reclamation Month and FWAC wants to bring our inactive Sorors back into the fold and home to Delta! Sorors looking to be reclaimed and reengage with a chapter, we invite you to join FWAC Sorors for a morning of exercise and sisterly fellowship.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Part 1: 9 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
Sorors Exercising Together (S.E.T.)
Tucker Road Community Center Walking Trail
1977 Tucker Road
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Part 2: 11 a.m. -1 p.m.
Food and Fellowship
The Greene Turtle
1584 Crain Highway
Brandywine, MD 20811

PIC-COLLAGE

FWAC RECLAMATION ROCKSTAR SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN FOR DY/SY 2023

Soror Lucy Gause

Chapter and year of initiation:
Alpha Theta, Lincoln University of
Missouri, 1963

Why she reengaged with Delta: "I
love Delta and I joined for life!"
Welcome back into the fold, Soror
Gause and happy 60th
Deltaversary!



Soror Freda Collins

Chapter and Year of Initiation:
Alpha Chi Chapter, Tennessee
State University - Spring 1999

Why she reengaged with
Delta:
"After being inactive for
several years, I knew it was
time to come back. Delta is an
important part of my life, and I
was ready. I missed my
Sorors, I missed the service,
and I missed the Sisterhood."
Welcome back into the fold
Soror Collins!



First and foremost...

On November 5, 2023, the
Caregivers Committee under
the Soror Engagement Sub-
Committee, chaired by Soror
Cheri Mitchell, held a Virtual
Red Table Talk. The Leads for
this event were Soror Yvette
Lewis and Soror Leah Swindler.
There were 25 sorors in
attendance. The speakers were
Soror Kelli Stonework and Soror
Sereta Moore.

Top news of the month



November 11th marks the day we
honor our FWAC Delta Sheros.

On November 18, 2023, the
Membership Services
Committee presented a video to
honor our FWAC Veterans
during the General Body
Meeting. FWAC has many
members who are currently
serving or who have previously
served in all branches of the
military and the Public Health
Service. We salute you and
thank you for your sacrifices,
strength, courage, success and
service. We know the price of
freedom is not free!



FWAC Sunday Worship

On November 19, 2023, the
Membership Services Committee,
in partnership with the Chaplain's
Council, attended church services
at the home church of Soror Tanya
Butler. 18 FWAC sorors were in
attendance as we celebrated
Friends and Family Day.

Soror Recognition

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Soror Birthdays: 24
Deltaversaries: 61
Welcome Videos- 2
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Special Thanks



**Caregivers
Connection**



Are you a Caregiver? Would you like to connect with
other FWAC Caregivers to share your experiences
and learn self-care and coping strategies?



Join our Virtual Event.
Sunday, November 5, 2023
3:00-5:00p.m.

Special thanks to Soror Lynnette Walker-Crayton for your vision and dedication to reclaiming sorors back into fold. Special thanks to Soror Yvette Lewis for facilitating an excellent Caregiver Virtual Table Talk, Special thanks to Soror Angela Tilghman for developing the veterans tribute video. Lastly, special thanks to the Co-Chairs of the Membership Services Committee, Sorors Rhonda Carter, Cheri Mitchell, and Lynnette Walker-Crayton for excellent programming this month.

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FWAC Sunday Worship Service



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On December 10, 2023, Membership Services, in partnership with the Chaplains Council, attended a Sunday Worship Service at New Vision Church (Home church of Soror Tami Dabney); 12 sorors, family and friends were in attendance.

Retreat Sub-Committee Holiday Fellowship

On December 6, 2023, Membership Services' 2024 Retreat Subcommittee held a holiday fellowship at the home of Soror Sharron Credle. This gathering allowed the members of the committee to meet and greet, fellowship and enjoy food, fun and conversation.



The trio you need to look out for

The hard-working 2024 Retreat Subcommittee Tri-Chairs are Sorors Sharron Credle, Connie Carrell and Nichole Richmond Pinkney. These sorors have worked tirelessly with a core team to lay the groundwork for the upcoming 2024 Retreat. Thanks again for your vision. At the December 6th holiday fellowship, the committee also filmed the sneak peek video for the December 16th General Body Meeting which unveiled the retreat location and date. Are you Ready? We are ready and excited to elevate your retreat experience to higher heights!



Drum Roll Please....

During the December 16, 2023, General Body Meeting the Retreat Sub-Committee unveiled a sneak peek video which revealed the location, date and theme of the 2024 Retreat.

SAVE THE DATE

Location:

HYATT REGENCY Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina
100 Heron Blvd, Cambridge, MD 21613, USA
www.chesapeakebay.regency.hyatt.com

Dates: 8-10 November 2024

Theme:

UBelong: Strengthening Sisterhood Connections and Commitment!

Payment plans, deposit amounts and cost of the retreat will be unveiled at the January 8th Executive Board Meeting and January 20th General Body Meeting.



Your Opinion Matters! We invite you to let your voice be heard by participating in our 2024 Retreat survey. This survey consists of 28 questions designed to gather your honest feedback. Your responses will play a crucial role in shaping our upcoming retreat workshops. Responses were due by Sunday, December 31st and has been extended to January 31, 2024. Thank you for your candid participation!



DY2023-2024 Budgets

Our Membership Services Financial Secretary, Soror Dawnielle, has been working hard for Membership Services behind the scenes. She submitted our 2024 Program Planning Tool and 2024 Budget on time in a concise and comprehensive manner. She ensures every dollar is accounted for and submits all disbursement requests on behalf of the committee to ensure we have a balanced budget. She makes budget adjustments as requested and ensures each co-chair is aware of their budget and available balances. We would like to say thanks for all you do as our Financial Secretary, Soror Battle!



Special thanks to Soror Lynnette Walker-Crayton who stepped in to populate the Membership Services News You Can Use articles as well as capturing the meeting minutes for September & October 2023.

In November 2023, Soror Pereuna Johnson stepped up to be the Membership Services Recording Secretary. She has taken over the role of populating our weekly News You Can Use articles as well as capturing the meeting minutes for our monthly meetings. Starting in January 2024 Soror Johnson will populate the next volumes of the Membership Services Quarterly Newsletters. Thank you, sorors, for your willingness to serve.

Hospitality and Courtesies

Hospitality and Courtesies is a Sub Committee of Membership Services. The Co-Chairs are Sorors Kristina Roberts and Shetee Williams. These two Sorors always ensures that if known, bereavements are sent to our Sorors at a time of loss of an immediate family member. They also play a key role in setting a hospitable environment, which welcomes a sisterly spirit to our members by way of repast at meetings and or coffee and conversations before virtual General Body Meetings. Lastly, this sub-committee will provide appropriate courtesies in a timely manner as required. Sorors, we thank you for the nourishment you have provided us thus far. .

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December Cards sent:

- DEAR Birthdays- 12
- Soror Birthdays- 30
- Deltaversaries- 38
- Welcome Videos- 2
- Soror Spotlight Padlet: 3
- Visiting Sorors at the December GBM: 8



Special Thanks

Sorors of the Membership Services Committee: the Co-Chairs and I want to say thanks to each and every one of you from the bottom of hearts for all you have done and will continue to do for Membership Services this Delta year. We can't do this alone. You have showed up and showed out to ensure each and every program was manned, which is a testament to your dedication and unwavering love for our beloved FWAC membership. It's because of you we can! From our heart to yours we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Michelle V. Dacanay