



## MAY/JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is my favorite season; green grass, blooming flowers, laughing children, fragrant grills, family reunions all create a cacophony of stimulated and heightened senses. Bright, sunny days lift spirits and make everything seem brighter. It is so fitting that our busy year ends in June just as summer begins.

I want to thank you all for another rewarding year. I did my best to represent the best of Delta Sigma Theta. I so appreciate the prayers, support, well wishes, constructive criticism and hard work that so many of you willingly provided. In times like these, the public service

we provide is often the beacon of hope and good that so many need.

I did all that I could to make sure that the business of the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter was handled appropriately and efficiently. For those of whom my efforts fell short, I will continue working to do better. For those of you who have encouraged and supported my efforts, thank you - I will continue working to deserve and maintain your confidence and support.

I will continue to stay prayed up, keeping each of you and your loved ones in my prayers. Have

a restful and rejuvenating summer. Come to Round-Up in September renewed and ready to work. I am looking forward to another productive and stimulating year.



Love and violets,

*Regina*

### SUMMER READING LIST

- "The Shack" - Andy Andrews
  - "90 Minutes in Heaven" - Don Piper
  - "Bring on the Blessings" and "Second Helping" - Beverly Jenkins
  - "The Help" - Kathryn Stockett
  - "Counting Raindrops Through a Stained Glass Window" - Cheryl Michaels
  - "The Nappily Series" - Trisha W. Thomas
  - "That Mean Old Yesterday" - Stacie Patton
  - "The Color of Family" - Patricia Jones
  - "Til' You Hear from Me" - Pearl Cleage
  - "Denzel's Lips" - Anita Diggs
  - "Ida: A Sword Among Lions" - Paula Giddings
  - "The Devil in the White City" - Erik Larson
  - "Henrietta Lax Immortal Cells" - Roberta Slood
  - "The Promise: Barack Obama's First Year Report card" - Jonathon Alter
  - "Orange Crushed" - Pamela Thomas-Graham
- African-American Mystery Authors
- Nora DeLoach — Social worker Candi Covington, known to her daughter Simone as Mama, solves crime in the small town of Otis, SC, in this series of cozy mysteries. Titles include: Mama Solves a Murder, Mama Saves a Victim, Mama Pursues Murderous Shadows, and the last, Mama Cracks A Mask of Innocence.
  - Barbara Neely — Blanche White, domestic and accidental sleuth (she's as nosy as she is hardworking) is featured in this series which includes the novels Blanche on the Lam, Blanche among the Talented Tenth, Blanche Cleans Up, and Blanche Passes Go.
  - Valerie Wilson Wesley — Tamara Hayle, ex-cop turned gumshoe in Newark, appears in this extremely popular series. Titles include: When Death Comes Stealing, Devil's Gonna Get Him, Where Evil Sleeps, No Hiding Place, Easier to Kill, and The Devil Riding.



*Our Mission*

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is an organization of college-educated women committed to constructive development of its members and to public service with a primary focus on the Black community.**

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## JABBERWOCK 2010

Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recently presented "A Vision of the Future: Jabberwock 2010". This was the chapter's first time sponsoring the program and it was received as a rousing success; the culmination of six months of hard work by seven young men and women aged 12-17 from the Washtenaw County area. During this time students participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, attended a college preparation program and a Big Ten Men's Basketball game, all held at the University of Michigan. The students did community service with the United Way's campaign, Youth Day of Action. And each month, the program participants took part in workshops concerning goal-setting, self-esteem, career planning and development, etiquette, and recognizing potential and talent.

The final event, A Vision of the Future, took place at Eastern Michigan University on June 13th and drew a crowd of more than 40 family, friends and community members. The participants, Anthony Fisher (Willow Run High School), Brandon Frye (Ypsilanti High School), Landon Miller (Gabriel Richard High School), Dorien Walthall (Lincoln Senior High School, Lorrynda Walthall (Lincoln Middle School) and Amber Williams (Ypsilanti High School), presented posters. (Javin Kilgo (Lincoln Senior High School), the 7th participant was unable to attend do to unforeseen circumstances). The posters displayed photos and other memorabilia representing the past, present and future of the students' lives. Following the poster presentations students displayed their talents. The talents of the students were displayed with four of the participants reciting poems; two of them original poems. There was a musical performance on the saxophone, as well as a skit demonstrating the professional aspirations of a future sports analyst.



Jabberwock 2010 Participants (from L – R): Brandon Frye, Anthony Fisher, Landon Miller, Amber Williams, Dorien Walthall and Lorrynda Walthall, Javin Kilgo (not pictured)

The event concluded with all of the students receiving certificates of participation and U.S. savings bonds. Talent awards were presented to Brandon Frye (first place) for his musical performance of the song, "Going up a Yonder," Amber Williams (second place), and Lorrynda Walthall (third place), both reciting poetry. Mr. and Miss Congeniality, voted upon by the participants, were awarded to Brandon Frye and Dorien Walthall. Landon Miller was crowned Mr. Jabberwock and Amber Williams was crowned Miss Jabberwock, both received an additional U.S. Savings bond. The event was followed by a reception for participants, family and friends.

The name Jabberwock, is derived from the character created by Lewis Carroll in his classic "Alice in Wonderland" who summoned all of the creatures in the kingdom to perform a gala. The Jabberwock event as presented by our Sorority, was conceptualized as a variety show vehicle for fundraising in 1925 by Marian G. Conover Hope of Iota Chapter (Boston, Massachusetts). Since its debut, Jabberwock has continued to raise funds for scholarships and service projects sponsored by chapters of Delta across the world.

## HAITI PRAYER BREAKFAST

On Saturday, June 12th a prayer breakfast for Haiti Relief was hosted by Ann Arbor Alumnae's Social Action and International Committees, in conjunction with the Palm Leaf Club and Ekklesia Fellowship Ministries of Ypsilanti. The event was phenomenal, as anointed singers, ministers, and members of the local community came to-

gether to give of their time and talents to lift up our brothers and sisters in Haiti in prayer. A sermonette was delivered by Soror Lois Richardson, who spent several months in Haiti as a missionary. Soror Richardson's message was filled with hope and promise that Haiti "has not been forgotten." She went on to say that like a shepherd

to one missing sheep, so will God go after His people in Haiti. The event was both powerful and timely, helping to raise more funds in our chapter's on-going efforts to bring relief to Haiti. All funds donated in the free-will offering will be sent to the Yele Haiti Foundation, a charity dedicated solely to the restoration of Haiti.



**"The music, message, food and fellowship were all wonderful—I left with a better understanding of Haiti and renewed faith that it will rise again."**

**- Soror Leah Hubbard**



## SOLID GOLD IN EDUCATION

The Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has awarded over \$8,000 in scholarships and savings bonds this year to deserving students in the Western Wayne/Washtenaw area. The students were honored at the annual Solid Gold in Education Luncheon, held on May 15, 2010. The theme was "Education: The Key to Empowerment", featuring a keynote address by Dedrick Martin, Superintendent of Ypsilanti Public Schools.

For more than 25 years, the chapter has awarded multiple academic scholarships to young women who have excelled academically and made contributions to their schools and communities. This year, a new book scholarship for a non-traditional student attending Washtenaw Community College was added. All awardees must have met the criteria which include an excellent GPA, evidence of leadership, participation in extra-curricular and community activities along with letters of recommendation from school personnel. All of the young women have already been accepted at the university of her choice for the fall 2010 term. The 2010 Scholarship Recipients were:

### Josephine Owens Scholarship

Cherisse Woolard, a senior at Milan High School.

### Elizabeth Morris Scholarship

Betelihem Tizazu, a senior at Ypsilanti High School

### Rebecca Vaughn Scholarship

Jade Harris, a senior at Lincoln High School.

### Delta Sigma Theta Scholarships

Adorabelle Namigadde, a senior at Gabriel Richard High School.

Ogechi Jessica Obidike, a senior at Pioneer High School.

Destiny Hood, a senior at Belleville High School.

Christina Wade, a senior at Pioneer High School.

### Delta Sigma Theta Textbook Award

June Johnson, a non-traditional student at Washtenaw Community College.

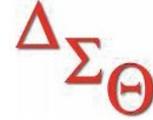




In addition, Solid Gold Awards were given to young women and men acknowledging and recognizing middle and high school students in the Western Wayne/Washtenaw area who have made a difference in their schools and in their communities as a whole. Solid Gold awardees must be nominated by school counselors or administrators. U.S. Savings bonds and a Solid Gold medal were given to middle and high school students who met the criteria. The 2010 Solid Gold Recipients were:

- Wilniqua Battle, an 11th grader at Roberto Clemente Development Center
- Breyonca Bow-Ewing, an 10th grader at Belleville High School
- Chelsea Evans-Warren, an 11th grader at Community High School
- Jasmine Hampton, an 8th grader at Tappan Middle School
- Tiyia James, an 8th grader at West Middle School
- Olivia Merritt, an 8th grader at Forsythe Middle School
- Delisia Morris, an 11th grader at Ypsilanti High School
- Antonia Smith, an 9th grader at Pioneer High School
- Danielle Thesiger, an 8th grader at Scarlett Middle School
- Savannah Thomas, an 8th grader at Clague Middle School
- Chinonye Uche, an 8th grader at Slauson Middle School
- Arielle Wallace, an 8th grader at East Middle School

UPCOMING EVENTS



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**DELTA SIGMA THETA**  
SORORITY, INC.

**ANN ARBOR ALUMNAE CHAPTER**

**MARRIOTT EAGLE CREST  
GOLF CLUB HOUSE**

1275 S. HURON ST./I-94, YPSILANTI

9:13 P.M. - 2:13 A.M.

Dress to impress - all white

Advance Tickets: \$20.00; At the Door \$25.00

For tickets, email: [dstwhiteparty@live.com](mailto:dstwhiteparty@live.com)

**MEN**

FREE BEFORE  
10:13 P.M.

▲ HORS D'OEUVRES ▲ CASH BAR ▲ 50/50 RAFFLE ▲



## SCENES FROM THE 2009-2010 SORORITY YEAR



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