



# THE METRO

## St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter



Jeanice Baker  
Chapter President

### A Message from our President....

Greetings Sorors: Happy New Year!

Thank you Sorors for all you've done as we navigated these difficult times together. Saint Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter remained focused on our mission, adapted and rose to whatever challenge 2020 brought. The pandemic affected us in all areas, yet we persevered and finished the year strong. I want to reflect on all that we accomplished and look forward to the months ahead.

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| △ 6 United We Vote Forums                             | △ Distributed 1500 Ballots                                  |
| △ Launched Deltas Talking Spiritually                 | △ Virtual 5K Run/Walk & Turkey Drive (Provided 175 dinners) |
| △ Virtual Chapter Retreat                             | △ Launched Deltacise  |
| △ Welcomed 54 New Sorors                              | △ Reclaimed 30 Sorors                                       |
| △ The Movie Rigged Viewing & Panel Discussion         | △ Black Owned Businesses Virtual Series                     |
| △ Developed World Aid's Day & Voting Awareness PSAs   | △ Held 2 Virtual Talks with Non-Financial Sorors            |
| △ SLMAC Delta Reunion                                 | △ Delta Dears Holiday Party                                 |
| △ Distributed 2K+ Christmas Cards to First Responders | △ Hot Chocolate & Movie Netflix Teleparty & Zoom Discussion |
| △ Virtual Christmas Party                             | △ Virtual Kwanzaa Celebration                               |

As we pivot to a new year, I am thankful for Saint Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter and the leaders that I've had the pleasure to serve alongside. Sorors let's continue the momentum, remain safe, healthy and strong. In the Spirit of Sisterhood...

*Jeanice Baker*

# Remembering SLMAC Charter Member & Chapter President

## Richelle S. Clark

Our beloved Soror Richelle S. Clark departed this earthly life on November 16, 2020. While death leaves a void in our lives, memories of her will remain. She left a bright light for us to follow in Delta! Highlights from her Delta journey are noted below.



1969	Initiated Epsilon Psi Chapter - University of Missouri-Columbia
1998	Charter Member, St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter
2004-2008	2nd Vice President, St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter
2008-2012	1st Vice President, St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter
2008	Appointed Asst. Sergeant-At-Arms, 49th National Convention
2008-2010	President, National Pan-Hellenic Council– St. Louis
2011	Chair of Rules Committee, 44th Central Regional Conference
2012	Leader of Minerva Circle– Drama Act III
2014	Co-Conference Coordinator, 45th Central Regional Conference
2014-2018	President, St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter
2020	Queen Mother; CE Risk Management Co-Coordinator; Co-Chair Policies and Procedures

She served as Collegiate Advisor for Omicron Pi, for several years; Collegiate Connection, Delta Dears, Reclamation and Retention, Step Show, Protocol and Traditions, Founders Day and President's Council. She humbly supported Scholarships and Destination 22.





## Social Action

Sorors of SLMAC exercised our right to vote and created a PSA to encourage others to do the same. To view the PSA, click on the [underlined link below](#).

SLMAC again co-sponsored United We Vote Forums that gave candidates for local and State offices the opportunity to state their position on critical issues. SLMAC Sorors could be seen all over St. Louis City and County on November 3rd voting and working the polls.

### Why We Vote PSA



In October, SLMAC welcomed 54 members through the Membership Intake process.

*D. S. Dauntlessly **RED**esigned 54*

Congratulations and welcome to the Sisterhood.

Deborah Dilworth	Tashara Earl	Sandra McIntyre-	Ashley Moore	Taylor Yates	Renee Richardson
Shannon Mitchell	Dana Tomas	Anniece Spencer	Lakesha Thomas	Ta'Mare Banks	Kelli Singleton
Mellani Jones-	Diona Mills	Jacqueline McNair	Ebonee Shaw	Kristyn Bryant	Carmen Stayton
Kinyetta Alexander	Chaunceia Boyd	Omobolanie Adeniran	Ivy Grant	Sharon Davis	Alexus Williams
Christie Hollinger	Lenisha Campbell	Ashley Bonner	Chandra Thurman	Andranique Henderson	Valaur Dickerson
Latasha Sain	Anitra Cole	Monique Griffin	Shalon Robinson	Shaylon Moorehead	Kisha Lee
Crystal Spearman	Sonja Johnson- Stiles	Patricia Johnson	Relunda Washington	Nila Tuckson	Carrie Henderson
Chanel Watkins	Roerica King	Teresa Jones	Gina Watkins	LaTasha Vick	Jasmine Cooper
Donnatesa Dean	Arlene Major	Maya Mason	Barbara Wilson	Rashara Givhan	Clara Stevenson

## Sorors in the Spotlight



**Dr. Anniece Spencer**  
was recently featured in the St. Louis American Newspaper In Education Healthy Kids section under Healthcare Careers.



**Kendra Neely-Martin**  
was promoted to Specialty Sales Representative for Astellas.



**Anitra Lee Cole**  
has been selected to serve as an Autism Speaks Volunteer Advocacy Ambassador for the State of Missouri.



## Service in Our Hearts

### Virtual Walk/Run and Turkey Drive



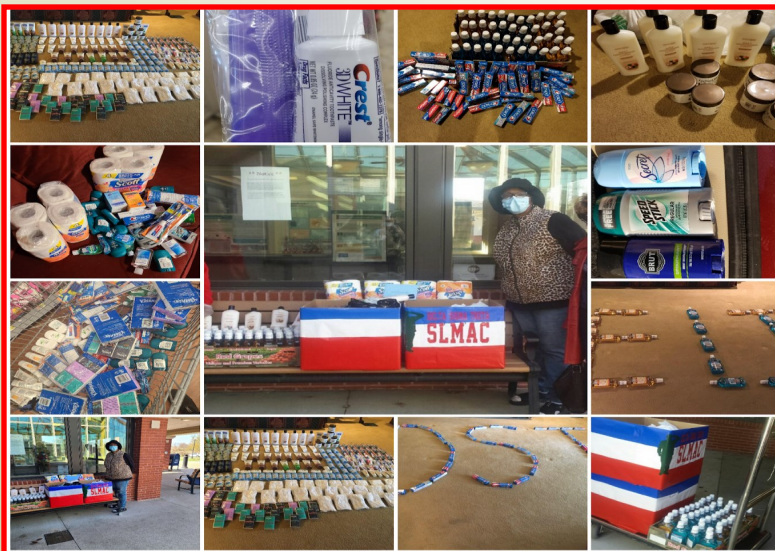
SLMAC helped to raise over \$2,000 in its first ever Virtual Walk/Run event in collaboration with Epsilon Lambda Charitable Foundation to raise money for the Annual Turkey Drive. A total 110 individuals participated in the event receiving medals and t-shirts. Through these efforts, we were able to provide 100 turkey dinners to families in income challenged households. **Membership Services** spearheaded this outstanding effort.

In Tribute to Charter Member, Betty Jean Kerr, SLMAC made a \$250 donation was made to the Betty Jean Kerr Scholarship.

Pictured to the right is Soror Jeanice Baker and other Sorors making donations to the families of Almost Home. holidays.



### Salute to Veterans



The **Delta Dears** along with **Metro Melodees** and **Volunteer Services** Salute our Veterans at the Veterans home on 367 with toiletries that included mouthwash, toothpaste, lotions and the like. Volunteer Services provided the box decorations as Metro Melodees gave extra supplies. Big shout out to everyone who made this opportunity possible for our veterans.



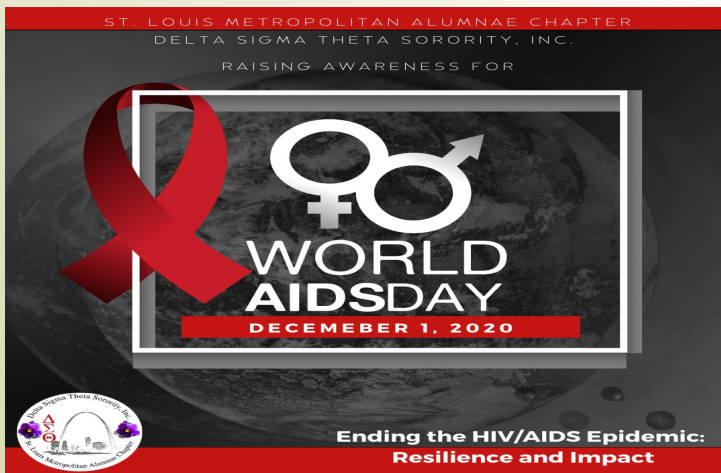
## Health Awareness

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, SLMAC Sorors participated in the Sister Strut 2K Virtual Celebration and the Komen Greater St. Louis Virtual More than Pink Walk. Team Fortitude for Fitness, took steps to walk for the cure in honor and memory of loved ones.



## SLMAC Rocked the Ribbon in Honor of World AIDS DAY 2020!

The **International Awareness** Committee developed a series of PSA in recognition of World AIDS Day 2020. Throughout the day, on December 1st, various PSAs were distributed via SLMAC's social media outlets. Sorors were asked to wear red ribbons in to show their support for continued HIV and AIDS education and recognition.



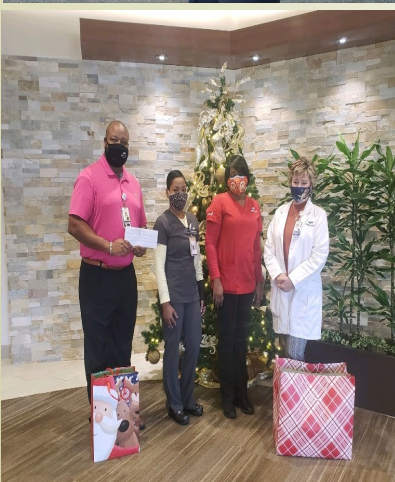


## Holiday Happenings

**Volunteer Services** partnered with **Metro Melodees** and **Delta Dears** to carry out the *Christmas Project – Frontline Responders: Christmas Card and Candy Cane Initiative*. This project provided workers at 16 area hospitals, nursing home facilities, veteran's homes and fire houses with Christmas cards, candy canes and a personalized letter from SLMAC to say *Thank You* for all of their sacrifices and hard work throughout this very trying year. The photos below capture some of the deliveries.



2,105 cards  
were delivered!



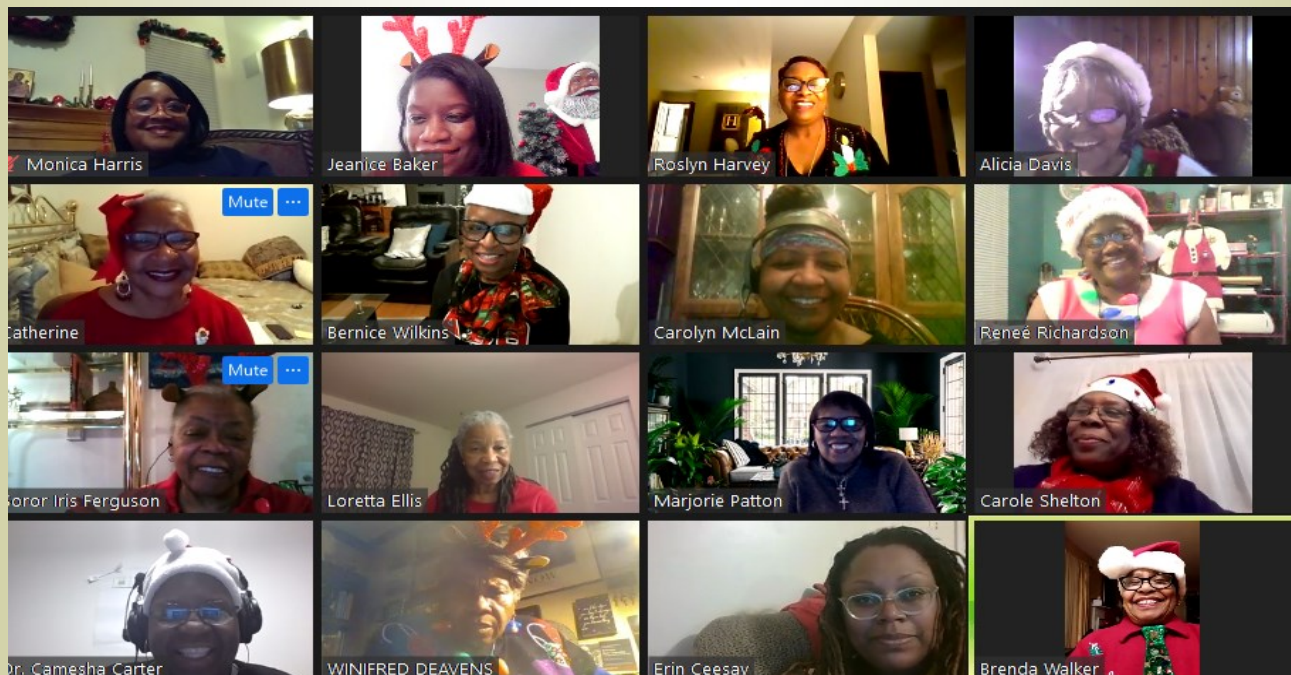


## Holiday Happenings

Being Virtual did no stop SLMAC from enjoying holiday festivities at our Virtual Christmas Party! Games, Caroling, Secret Soror and an Ugly Sweater Contest gave opportunity for Sisterhood and Fellowship! Thanks **Reclamation and Retention** for another great event.



## Delta Dears Holiday Party





## Signature Events

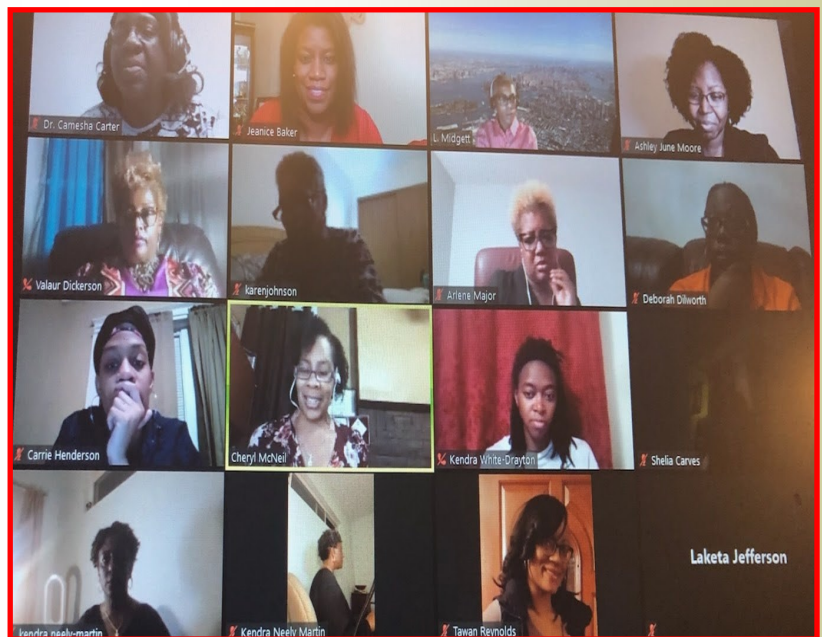
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### Black Owned Businesses Virtual Series

Supporting & Sustaining Our Community During  
These Unprecedented Times

SLMAC's **Economic Development** Committee hosted the **BOB Virtual Series**, "Supporting & Sustaining Our Community During These Unprecedented Times" from October 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:13pm (Thursdays). Each session was held on Zoom and then shared via Facebook Live. The 1-hour segments were split into 2 parts—30 minutes each, to maximize information shared, impact, and reach. This series brought Black Business Owners in our community to a platform where they can offer guidance and support to other BOBs, extend opportunities for collaboration, and bring vital resources & information to our community at large.

Deltas Talking Spiritually was hosted by SLMAC **Chaplin's Council**. This Month's facilitation was from Soror Lisa Midgett and the question that was asked, "What do you do while you wait?" This was a powerful bonding time as testimonies and how questions shaped a spiritual experience like none other. Don't miss next month's Hour of Power.



SLMAC's **Collegiate Connection** hosted its 2nd Annual Red Table Talk. This year's facilitator was our own Soror Fredrecka McGlown. Collegiate Sorors from colleges in the Central and Midwest Regions participated in a heartfelt exchange on the expectancy of moving to an Alumnae Chapter. Lead by Soror Pegues and Johnson-Lewis, the Collegiate Connection team did an outstanding job!

## Educational Development

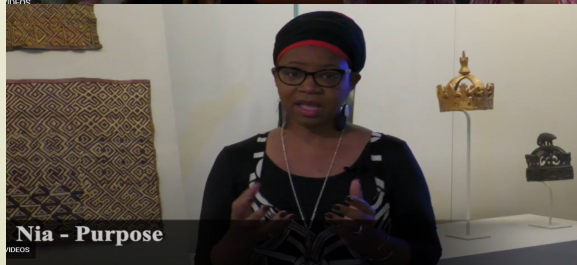
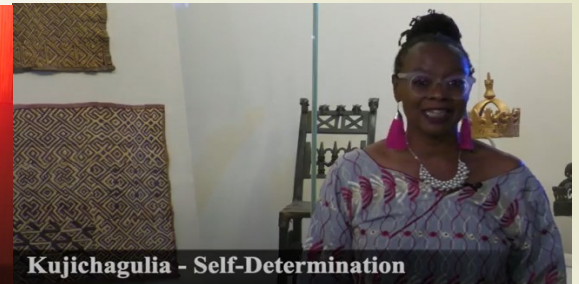
### Annual Introduction to Kwanzaa

SLMAC continued its educational programming by introducing its educational program participants to Kwanzaa. Participants learned the principles and witnessed an Alvin Ailey Access Presentation where they had the opportunity to dialogue with former Ailey dancer Kirvin Douthit-Boyd after the performance screening.

### ANNUAL INTRODUCTION TO KWANZAA: KUJICHAGULIA AND KUUMBA



SLMAC collaborated with the St. Louis Art Museum for its 2020 Kwanzaa Celebration: Power in Our Voice. Pictured below are Sorors who explained each of the Seven Principles celebrated.





## Arts and Letters

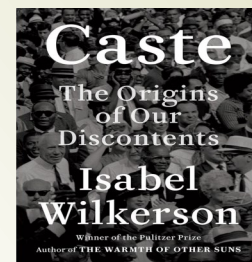
The **Arts & Letters** Committee once again supported non-profit sponsors Cinema St. Louis in this year's St. Louis International Film Festival. SLMAC sponsored "Farewell Amor" where an Angolan immigrant is reunited with his wife and daughter in the U.S. after 17 years. Now strangers sharing a one-bedroom apartment, they discover a shared love of dance that may help them overcome the distance between them.



The November 7, 2020 **Sylvia A. Bailey Book Club** gathering featured guest author of "Broken Conditions," Soror Jo Lena Johnson. There was a wonderful discussion with Soror Johnson on her book and how it resonated with us in so many ways.



February 2021 book selection: **Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent** by Isabel Wilkerson



SLMAC **Arts & Letters** Virtual Movie Night was held on December 18th. We watched the movie "Holiday Rush". Sorors attended online and commented together as the movie played. Sorors also watched via Netflix and joined us for the discussion via Zoom.





## SLMAC Upcoming Events

### Mental Health - Let's Talk About It

#### Special Guests



**TRACIE BERRY-MCGHEE M.ED**  
LPC LICENSED PROFESSIONAL THERAPIST

**DR. BRANDY S. PEOPLES**  
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST



**MIKKI NORFOLK**  
FOUNDER & CEO OF WE RISE UP 4 KIDS

JOIN US!

JANUARY 30, 2021

10 a.m. -  
11:30 a.m.

ST. LOUIS METROPOLITAN ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.

### Sorortine's Virtual Day Party

A MEMBERSHIP SERVICES EVENT  
FOR SORORS OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY



3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**CALLING  
ALL  
SINGLE  
SORORS  
TO THE  
FLOOR!**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

OUT OF TOWN SORORS - FEB 6 | IN TOWN SORORS - FEB 10

REGISTER ON [WWW.DSTSLMAC.COM](http://WWW.DSTSLMAC.COM)

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### Heart Health Happy Hour

featuring guest presenters



**Dr. Denise Hooks-Anderson**  
President of the Board of Directors  
St. Louis Affiliate-American Heart Association



**Karla Lockridge**  
Certified Fitness Instructor



**Dorian Doss MS RD LD CLC**  
Registered Dietitian & Nutritionist

FEBRUARY 19, 2021

6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Join us on Zoom!

To register visit [www.dstslmac.com](http://www.dstslmac.com)

This event will address women's heart health matters.



**Dr. Carolyn Pryor Shurn, Moderator**  
Board Certified Obstetrician & Gynecologist

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### 2020-21 Jabberwock

**BECOMING:**

*a journey of growth, hope,  
and perseverance*



Saturday,  
February 27, 2021  
3:00 P.M.

This will be an online event.