

# ***THE METRO***

## **St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter**



**Jeanice Baker**  
**Chapter President**

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

My Dear Sorors:

As we approach our work for Delta in 2022, I want to take the time to thank all of the Sorors of St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter for all you've done as we navigated these difficult times. As I've noted before, the success of our chapter is based on the relationships we have built over the years and new partnerships. The work of the chapter is based in service to those in our communities and to each other. You will see in this newsletter how we have answered the call that our Founders issued 109 years ago! We continued to find creative ways to support the most vulnerable populations through our Volunteers Services, Social Action, Educational Development and Economic Development committees. Our bonds grew stronger everyday as we navigated our way through this ongoing pandemic. We will finish this sorority year strong and I look forward to all that SLMAC will do.

With Delta Love in My Heart,

*Jeanice Baker*

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*2021 Pan Hel Picnic*

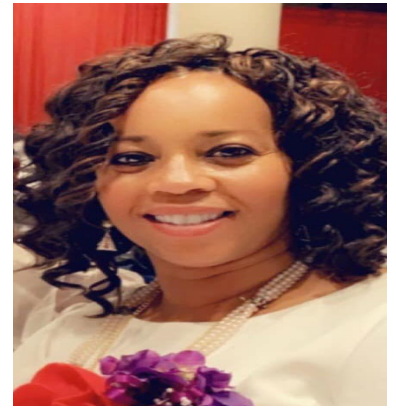


## Sorors in the Spotlight



The National Leadership Academy announced the participants for the Second Cohort of the Delta PEARL Regional Leadership Program for 2021-2022.

**Congratulations to our SLMAC Sorors!**  
**Soror Heidi Lovett, PhD.**  
**Soror Stephanie Collins-Williams**



**Soror Anne-Marie Clarke** received the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award from Northwest Missouri State University.



**Soror Tashara Earl** was named a 2021 Neighborhood Leadership Fellow.



**Soror Jeanice Baker** received the 2021 Innovation in Business Award from NAACP St. Louis County



**Soror Monique Norfolk** was instrumental in St. Louis County securing up to \$9 million dollars from the Center for Disease Control to strengthen the area's public health infrastructure.



**Soror Gina Watkins** is the Nine PBS Wittcoff Community Engagement Fellow. She was featured in the St. Louis American for the organization's partnership with Harris-Stowe State University's Community Impact Network Education Center.



**Soror Alexis Williams** was selected to the Missouri Bar's Leadership Academy class and received the Missouri Lawyers Media's Women's Justice Award for Pro-Bono Service.



## Sorors on the Move



Kudos to **Shameka Smith** on making Partner @ Crowe LLP effective April 1, 2022



**Soror Anitra Lee-Cole** was featured in an article in the St. Louis American for her role as senior director of human resources at St. Patrick Center.



Kudos to **Jasmine Cooper** Partner Liasion Commercial Banking @ Wells Fargo effective November 30, 2021

### Social Action and Awareness

In collaboration with the League of Women voters of Metro St. Louis, SLMAC hosted a health care panel Discussion on Medicaid Expansion: Next Steps. A distinguished panel of guests discussed the current status of Medicaid expansion implementation and ways citizens and organizations could support timely enrollment and achievement of optimum outcomes. **Soror Louis Wilkerson** served as moderator for this well-attended event.

Panelist included: Donna Checkett–Vice President at Health Management Associates, Board Member Missouri Foundation for Health and Past Director of MO Medicaid; Amy Blouin–Founder, President & CEO Missouri Budget Project;; Senator Brian Williams–Dist. 14, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Senate Appropriations Committee Member; Representative LaDonna Applebaum–Dist. 71, Ranking Minority Member of the Health and Mental Health Policy Committee.

## Great job Ways and Means!!

Kudos to all SLMAC Sorors who participated in the Double Good Fundraiser! This effort exceeded expectations and raised over \$6000 for Chapter scholarships! Sorors set-up Pop-Up Virtual Shops and solicited their family and friends to purchase popcorn for this great cause.



## Service in our Hearts

Kudos to Volunteer Services who joined Food Outreach St. Louis for a cook and pack where they helped to create 3,000 meals. Food Outreach shared a post on their social media. The committee supported Almost Home's Christmas Wish List by collecting toys for children of young mothers. There was also an effort to warm up the homeless by collecting men's socks for distribution.



## Educational Development

Educational Development teamed with Economic Development to host the annual Karamu. The focus this year was on Ujaama (or Cooperative Economics) and entrepreneurship. In addition, SLMAC was awarded \$1000 seed grant for Local Presidential Youth Conference. **Soror Erica Moore**, SLMAC Second Vice President, noted "Big Applause to Educational Development for putting on an amazing Presidential Youth Conference. The speakers and facilitators were phenomenal. The students were engaged and came up with some excellent campaigns to make a difference in our community. Awesome job everyone!"





## Reclamation and Retention



Reclamation & Retention Committee had a wonderful start to the sorority year. The Committee held a Virtual Talk on August 28th for Sorors who were not yet financial with a chapter.

R&R then hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ingathering Retreat with the theme "Anchored in Sisterhood, Powered by Purpose" on Friday, September 10, 2021 via zoom.

Our very special guest speaker was the 25<sup>th</sup> Past National President, Dr. Paulette C. Walker who prepared us to reset and refocus in the name of sisterhood.

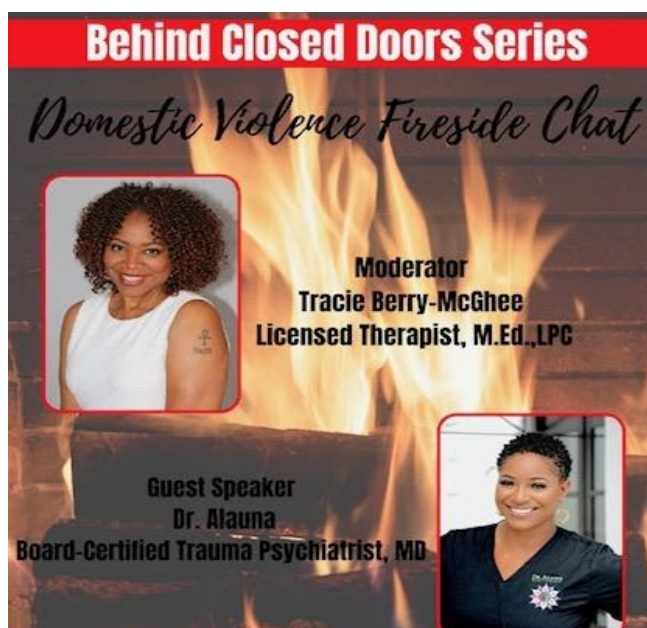
To conclude our retreat, on Sunday, September 12, 2021 we worshiped in-person at Friendly Temple MB Church, the home congregation of our Chapter President—**Soror Jeanice Baker**.





## Physical and Mental Health

SLMAC remained committed to improving the health and wellness of all its members and the community. The chapter followed CDC guidelines and remained intentional in wearing masks. Our Fortitude for Fitness group participated in the Susan G. Komen More than Pink Virtual Walk. SLMAC also hosted virtual events that focused on mental health and heart health utilizing the expertise of Sorors and community professionals.



In support of our Holiday Turkey Drive, several committees including Membership Services, Physical and Mental Health and Volunteer Services hosted "Moving with Purpose Hybrid 5K Walk/Run". Participants were encouraged to walk or run at their leisure or join us at Forest Park and walk together.





## Arts and Letters

SLMAC's Sylvia Bailey Smalls Book Club is off to a great start. During the summer, we read *Summer on the Bluffs* by Sunny Hostin. In October, we read the Children's book "Changing Seasons" by **Soror Mon Trice Williams**. Soror Williams joined us for our meeting and also read from her book "Cannon's Crash Course" and shared her inspiration on how she became a published author. The November selection was "When the Words Suddenly Stopped" by St. Louis native, **Soror Vivian King** (Epsilon Psi Spring 85). Soror King joined us for the virtual discussion. Arts and Letters also supported the St. Louis International Film Festival's virtual showing of *The Kinloch Doc* which showcased the City of Kinloch, Missouri. Kinloch is a municipality in St. Louis and is known as Missouri's first Black City. SLMAC was a co-sponsor with Project A. R. T.



## Economic Development



The Economic Development Committee hosted its first Black Owned Businesses Virtual Event with guest speaker Deborah M. Bryant. The topic was Remaining Agile to sustain Unprecedented Times. The committee implemented a Black-Owned Business Blitz spotlighting Black-owned business during Small Business Saturday. In addition, a focus on BOBs continued weekly highlighting Auto Services, Event Planning, Health and Wellness and Home Services. The committee also hosted a virtual Marketplace during Karamu.



## SLMAC at the 55th National Convention



JOY IN OUR SISTERHOOD - POWER IN OUR VOICE - SERVICE IN OUR HEART







HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*SLMAC Executive Committee 2021-2022*





## Upcoming and Ongoing SLMAC Events

109<sup>TH</sup>  
*Founders Day* CELEBRATION

"YEA THOUGH THEY WALKED...  
Continuing the Legacy of the 22!"



**FEB 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
11 AM-1 PM  
**\$70** per person

**WITH GUEST SPEAKER**  
REV. ERICA N. WILLIAMS, M. DIV.  
NATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZER


**Deltas Talking Spiritually**

EVERY 2ND MONDAY  
7:00PM-8:00PM  
on zoom  
ONE HOUR OF POWER

PRESENTED BY  
CHAPLAIN'S COUNCIL  
OF  
SAINT LOUIS  
METROPOLITAN ALUMNAE

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ALL DELTAS ARE WELCOME




St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



**2022 Jabberwock**

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GREAT  
EXPECTATIONS



**Sunday, February 27, 2022**  
**3:00 P.M. Virtual Experience**

The Sylvia Bailey Small SLMAC February Book Club selection is *"Hey Lil' Black Girl...It's Your World"* by Chapter Soror and Past Regional Representative **Fredrecka McGlown**.

Soror McGlown will be joining us on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for the discussion.

