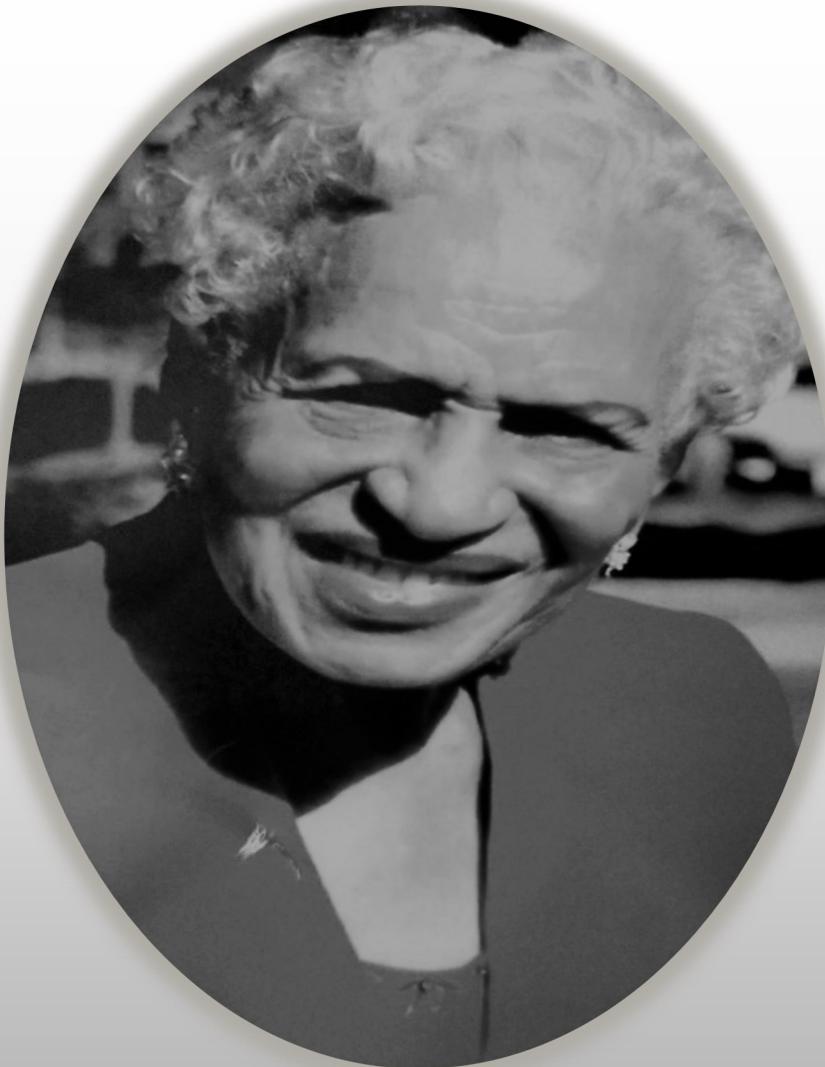




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FRANCES MARTIN CULPEPPER
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SOROR FRANCES M. CULPEPPER



Frances Martin Culpepper



Frances Martin Culpepper was born March 6, 1925 in Macon, GA as the first of four children to the late Harry and Jessie Martin. The family later moved to Thomasville, GA, where she graduated valedictorian of her class in 1941. Soror Culpepper was awarded a scholarship to attend Fort Valley State College where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. While at Fort Valley State, Soror Culpepper and six other women chartered the Eta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., on November 17, 1944.



After receiving her undergraduate degree Soror Culpepper moved to Columbus, GA where she began her teaching career in 1945. Soror Culpepper taught chemistry and biology at Radcliff High School. While in Columbus, Soror Culpepper and 11 other women chartered the Gamma Rho Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. on February 14, 1948. This chapter was later renamed Columbus GA Alumnae Chapter. Soror Culpepper went on to earn her Master of Science degree from New York University in 1953.



In 1950 Soror Culpepper moved back to Thomasville, GA, where she became -Head of the Science Department at Douglas High School. She taught at Douglas High School for several years before moving to Atlanta, GA with her sister June Martin. Soror Culpepper began her teaching career with Atlanta Public Schools in 1961 teaching science at Turner High School. Chosen as one of the teachers to integrate the Atlanta Public School System she started teaching at Northside High School in 1970. While there Soror Culpepper was promoted to Head of the Science Department and was later named Science Coordinator for the Atlanta Public School System. She held this position -until she retired in 1995.



Continuing her commitment to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Soror Culpepper, along with 73 others, chartered the Atlanta Suburban Alumnae Chapter on April 24, 1993. Soror Culpepper served as Treasurer for the chapter and Delta Vision, the chapter's foundation. She loved working with young girls and along with other members introduced what would become one of Atlanta Suburban's signature programs, Calendar Doll. Soror Culpepper served on the Membership and Educational Development Committees. Soror Culpepper was always excited about young sorors in the chapter and took every opportunity to mentor them. A Golden Life Member for over 70 years, her love for Delta was evident.





46TH SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE



Members of our chapter converged in Nashville, TN “Moving to the Rhythm of Delta's Beat” June 28—July 1 for the 46th Southern Regional Conference. Over 4,000 members of our illustrious sorority were in attendance, making this the largest conference ever for our region.

Congratulations to our sister chapter, Columbus Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter, for being awarded the Chapter of the Year (medium category) and Newsletter of the Year.





12TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE



12th Annual Blood Drive sponsored by The Delta Life Development Foundation, The American Red Cross, and The National Panhellenic Council. Thank you to all who came out to donate blood and save lives.





SORORAL YEAR KICKOFF BACK TO BUSINESS



Our theme this year: Crimson Queens: The Royal Treatment. Our speaker was Soror Dr. Alicia Bryan giving us the strategies needed so we do not become a "Solo Sandy," an "Obligated Opal," or a "People Pleaser Patty."





VOTER REGISTRATION AND MOBILIZATION



Voter Registration Drive held during the Tuskegee-Morehouse Football Tailgate



Davis Broadcasting, Inc., sponsors “Get Out The Vote” Rally featuring national radio host Michael Baisden and Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams. Pictured (L-R) are Jeanella Pendleton, Rep. Carolyn Hugley, Geniece Davis-Granville, Michael Baisden, Rep. Calvin Smyre, Pat Hugley-Green, Dr. Cathy Cook, Gubernatorial Candidate Stacey Abrams.

Voter Registration deadline for the state of Alabama is October 22 .



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



Facts About Breast Cancer In The United States (from NationalBreastCancer.org)

- One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.
- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women.
- Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among women.
- Each year it is estimated that over 252,710 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,500 will die.
- Although breast cancer in men is rare, an estimated 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 460 will die each year.
- On average, every 2 minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer and 1 woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes.
- Over 3.3 million breast cancer survivors are alive in the United States today.



This year, Piedmont Columbus Regional held their 16th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon Tuesday, October 2 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center. Two members of the CAC were recognized for their work in Breast Imaging, Andrea "Nicole" Cole, M.D. and Tiffany S. Overstreet, D.O., R.D.M.S.



Members of CAC and friends attending the 16th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Financial Fortitude: Diversifying Your Portfolio

Free Session on: 401Ks, Stocks & Bonds, Mutual Funds, Real Estate Investments, Land Investments, IRA's New Tax Laws for 2019

October 20, 2018

11:00am-1:00pm

Columbus Public Library-Main Auditorium

3000 Macon Road Columbus, GA

On The Table Chatt: Coffee & Community Conversation with CAC

October 23, 2018

5:30pm-7:00pm

Delta Life Development Foundation House

Stroll To The Polls—A Voter Mobilization Event

Key Note Speakers:

GA State Rep. Carolyn Hugley

Michael Soul K92.7 - Davis Broadcasting

Rev. Adrian Chester - Greater Beallwood Baptist Church

October 27, 2018

9:00am-10:00am

3172 Macon Road

(Citizens Bank Parking Lot)

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