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# MIDPOINT MESSAGE

Austin Alumnae Chapter,  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.






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Sorors, greetings!  
Thank you for your positive feedback,  
regarding our newly formatted MIDpoint Message!  
Please continue to enjoy and Happy Holidays!



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## Call for Nominations! AAC, Who Has Next?

The Call for Nominations opened on October 1, 2022. The Nominating Committee invites you to step up and step out. Select an office or position where you want to serve. **You can be nominated by an active member or you may self-nominate** by completing this form, **2023-2025 Chapter Officer Nominations**. Nominations close **Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 11:59PM CT**.

Refer to the *Call for Nominations* email sent on 10/11 for the full list of positions and current Austin Alumnae Chapter Policies and Procedures for complete eligibility requirements for each elected office and position.

Please email **[nominating.aacdst@gmail.com](mailto:nominating.aacdst@gmail.com)** with any questions you might have.

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## Membership Services - White Christmas Outreach



*It's time to spread some  
Christmas joy!*



**Join us this Saturday  
December 17th  
10am**

# **White Christmas Outreach**



## **MEETING LOCATION**

**PARSONS HOUSE**

**1130 CAMINO LA COSTA, AUSTIN, TX 78752**

It's a great time to fellowship with our homebound



sorors and their families in the Austin Area!



## **White Christmas Outreach**

Sorors, it's time to spread some holiday cheer!!!

On Saturday, December 17, 2022, the Austin Alumnae carolers will be spreading some cheer to our sick and shut-in sorors with holiday songs and a special gift.

Sorors, if you have questions about the outreach, please contact Soror Tanya Rippenkroeger ([tanya.rippenkroeger@hotmail.com](mailto:tanya.rippenkroeger@hotmail.com)) and Soror Melody Southall ([melynn95@hotmail.com](mailto:melynn95@hotmail.com)).

## City of Austin Helps Residents Prepare for Winter

### Tips to prepare your pipes for freezing weather:

Austin Water encourages customers to take steps now to prepare for winter. Following a few, easy steps now will help customers protect their property and prevent damage when freezing weather does arrive in Austin.

#### 1. Locate your water shutoff.

Locate the water main shutoff valve and keep it clear of debris and obstacles at all times. For most homes, the property owner's shutoff valve is on your side of the water meter at the meter box. For renters, please consult with your property manager. If you cannot find your shutoff valve or if it is damaged, then you should be prepared to access the City shutoff valve in the meter box in an emergency. You may need a water meter key to open the meter box, which can be purchased at most hardware stores.

**Watch a video about how to locate your water shutoff.**

#### 2. Weatherize to keep out cold air.

Make repairs to broken or drafty windows, doors, and walls. Seal all leaks in crawl spaces and basements. Winterize unheated spaces and be prepared to close garage doors for the duration of the freeze. Gather supplies to cover vents on your home's foundation.

#### 3. Weatherize exposed pipes and water heaters.

Prepare to insulate pipes in unheated and drafty areas, such as an attic or garage. Also check manufacturer recommendations for your tanked and tankless water heaters. Hardware and plumbing supply stores carry insulation to help keep pipes from freezing. Get all supplies now so you are ready to wrap pipes and water heaters when a winter storm is approaching.

#### 4. Learn how to drip faucets properly.

After the measures above are taken, drip one cold water faucet slowly if you feel your pipes may still freeze. The faucet you choose should be the one that is the greatest distance from your main shutoff valve. It does not need to be a running trickle. If you do drip your faucet, capture the water for future use.

**Watch a video about how to drip faucets properly.**

#### 5. Outside faucets.

Austin Water encourages all customers to turn off irrigation systems during the winter months to help conserve water. Prepare supplies to wrap outside faucets with towels or a Styrofoam insulator.

#### 6. Gather supplies to be prepared.

Having one gallon of water per person and pet per day for seven days on hand to help

**Learn more about how to stay warm and stay safe this winter [here](#).**

Residents are also urged to tune in for emergency alerts by:

Downloading the **Ready Central Texas mobile app**

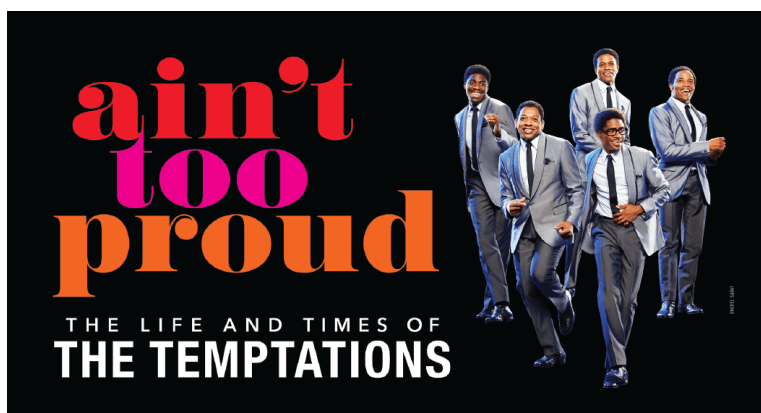
- Signing up for Emergency Alerts at **WarnCentralTexas.org**
- Register for Austin Energy's Outage Alerts by texting REG to 287846
- Bookmarking **COAUtilities.com**, **austinwater.org**, **austinenergy.com** and **outagem.ap.austinenergy.com**
- Sign up for Austin Water's **My ATX Water** customer portal
- Make note: Austin Water's 24-Hour Emergency Hotline can be reached at 512-972-1000, Option 1
- Follow Austin Water on social media:
  - **Facebook.com/austinwater**
  - **Instagram.com/austin\_water**
  - **Twitter.com/AustinWater**
- Follow Austin Energy on social media:
  - **Facebook.com/austinenergy**
  - **Twitter.com/austinenergy**
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## Arts and Letters Presents...



**Ballet Afrique Contemporary**  
Dance Company Presents  
Duke Ellington's  
The Nutcracker Suite at  
The Paramount Theatre





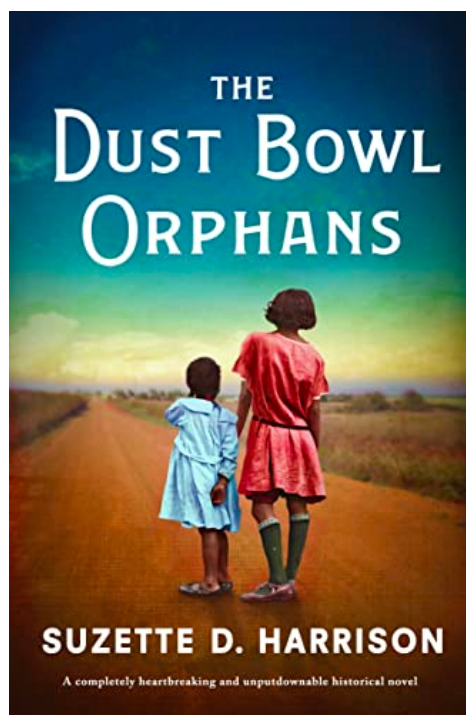
### **ain't too proud**

The Life and Times of The Temptations

Bass Concert Hall

2350 Robert Dedman Dr.

March 28 - April 2, 2023



### **Next DSTATX Book Club**

The Dust Bowl Orphans by Suzette Harrison

Save the date -

Saturday, January 21, 2023!

Zoom registration details, forthcoming.

### Long Center Presents Event for 2022-2023



## Long Center Presents A Conversation with TA-NEHISI COATES

Ta-Nehisi Coates is an award-winning author and journalist. He is the author of the bestselling books *The Beautiful Struggle*, *We Were Eight Years in Power*, *The Water Dancer*, and *Between the World and Me*, which won the National Book Award in 2015. He was a recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship that same year. He is a graduate of Howard University.

As a journalist with a career spanning over two decades, he's written for numerous publications including *The Washington City Paper*, *The Village Voice*, *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. During his time reporting for *The Atlantic* between 2008-2018, he penned numerous articles and essays, including the National Magazine Award-winning 2012 essay *Fear of a Black President* and the influential June 2014 essay *The Case For Reparations*. Ta-Nehisi also enjoyed a successful run writing Marvel's **Black Panther (2016-2021)** and **Captain America (2018-2021)** comics series.

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## Delta Red Carpet and DSTv 2022 Holiday Edition



Greetings Sorors:

The National Arts and Letters Commission hopes this communication finds you warm and well!

The Delta Red Carpet/DSTv Subcommittee is excited to present DSTv Holiday Movies! This edition includes a delightful offering of mostly holiday themed programming that features family-friendly, romantic, comedic, and dramatic storylines. These are great to watch from the comfort of home or perhaps with a group of sorors during the holiday season.

As we continue to acknowledge Arts and Letters Commission's 50th Anniversary, we want to highlight the amazing talents of these offerings, with majority Black casts, directors, and/or writers. In doing so, we can use the organized strength of our Sorority to influence the film and television industries to present positive Black artistic work.

Let's show our support using the hashtags **#DSTv** and **#DST1913**, along with any other hashtags for the programs you watch.

**Sorors, Tap Here and Access the 2022 Red Carpet/DSTv Holiday Edition!**

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## Historian and Heritage Archive Committee





Martin  
Heartha  
Black  
Dorothy  
Campbell  
Wilner  
Hill  
Charlotte  
Broussard  
Della  
Davenport  
Dorothy  
Williams  
Lillie  
Jester

*Pyramid Club*

### Heritage Archive Committee Collection Efforts

It is a National Initiative for chapters to preserve their history. We have been working at the Foundation House going through containers, closets and boxes looking for items to preserve our history. Our goal is to identify, categorize, label and preserve our history in one location, in a climate/controlled facility.

Pictures of various events identifying the people in the picture and the name of the event. We need your help, Sorors. Start looking in your closets, old photo albums, souvenir bags for the items we need. Please contact us by email at [dstatx.ha@gmail.com](mailto:dstatx.ha@gmail.com) or by cell phone Soror Nancy Thompson, Chair 512-565-1855; Soror Tashia Coleman, Co-Chair 512-897-9971 to arrange how we will pick up the items.

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## Local and Community News



Hi Sorors,

We are excited to fellowship with you on the day of our founding while supporting our soror entrepreneur in our own chapter. Here is the flyer and information:

Instructions to access the DELTA section on TicketMaster:

Go to **[Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com)**

In the search bar type Maze

Select "Find Tickets" for the Friday January 13, 2023 event at the HEB Center in Cedar Park

In the upper-right hand section, select Unlock

Enter Offer Passcode **DELTA** in all CAPS; click **Unlock**

This will reveal the section that is being held for sorors.

Tickets are floor seats priced at \$129.00

own Soror Rachel Pierce-Burnside by purchasing our tickets in our special Delta section for this event. Sorors, please plan to be in the building for what will be one of the most talked about events in Austin -- that just so happens to be held on our illustrious Sorority's Founders Day!

## **Up to \$10K in Grants Available! Apply Now!**

NABJ is offering grant funding to support freelance reporters and producers at Black-owned print, broadcast, and digital outlets through the “**Black Press Grant Program.**”

The program is supported by a grant from the **Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI).**

The grants aim to help ensure Black-owned media outlets are resourced with original and innovative coverage of the **COVID-19 pandemic and its intersections within the nation's K-12 education system.**



**2022 BLACK PRESS GRANT PROGRAM NOW OPEN!**

**SPONSORS FREELANCE REPORTERS AND PRODUCERS**

For original & innovative coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic & its intersections within the nation's K-12 education system published in/produced by Black-owned media (including broadcast, print, digital).

Fast grants awarded to Black-owned media, freelancers & producers up to **\$10,000.**

**APPLY NOW!**  
<https://bit.ly/NABJBlackPressGrant22>

Supported by:  
**Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI)**

Journalists and those within Black-owned media are invited to submit original proposals for investigative, feature, and enterprise for a single or series of original stories published/broadcasted in Black-owned media.

**Fast grants to freelancers and Black-owned media will be up to \$10,000.** NABJ will also distribute content produced from the grant through **BlackNewsandViews.com**, its newly launched news platform.

Program term ends December 2022.

### **Eligibility**

The grant is open to journalists working at a Black-owned media organization within the United States or serving as a freelance journalist to a U.S. Black-owned news organization. NABJ membership is not required for funding support, but is helpful.

**APPLY NOW!**

**[Click here to apply.](#)**

Sorors, please continue to lift the following sorors and their families up in fervent prayer:

- Soror Carla Emery-Culberson and family for the loss of her Sister;
- Soror Cathy Ellison and family for the loss of her Nephew;
- Soror Lorlie Ellis and family for the loss of her Father (Earnest Ellis);
- Soror Sandra (Sam) Willis and family for the loss of her Father-In-Law (KC Willis, Jr.);
- Soror Deidre Strong Brown and family for the loss of her Mother, Soror Dorothy J. Strong;
- Soror Thelma Madison;
- Soror Thedencia Horne and family for the loss of her Sister (Shaunice Andrea-Lynn Peebles);
- Soror La'Kisha Crenshaw and Antonia Crenshaw for their Father and Grandfather, respectively, who is recovering from an accident;
- Soror Nancy Knight Brown and family for the loss of her Father (William Knight);
- Soror Anita Roberts for healing and complete recovery after her surgery;
- Soror Jonna LaGrone-Haynes and family for the loss of her Father (John LaGrone) who has kidney disease;
- Soror Robin Blackmon for the loss of her Aunt, Soror Gaynell Thomas Johnson;
- Soror June Murphy and her Husband who has been hospitalized and is at home now, recovering;
- Soror Del Watson, who recently underwent cardiac surgery. Please keep her in prayer for recovery and healing;
- Soror Inette Brown and family for the loss of her Sister (Nancy Sue Hutching Sims);
- Soror Tanisa Jeffers' Mother for complete healing and recovery from her double bypass open heart surgery;
- Soror Sandra Williams Willis for health and healing;
- Soror Florence Smythe Macauley as her Son recovers from surgery;
- Soror Kerri Lang for health and healing; and
- Soror Sandra "FeFe" McCrary-Marshall for health and healing.

To submit your prayer requests and bereavement notices please [click here](#).

## January 2023 Chapter Meeting.

### Upcoming Odyssey Submission Deadlines

- January Odyssey - Submit all content by Tuesday, December 27
- January MIDpoint Message - Submit all content by Sunday, January 8
- February Odyssey - Submit all content by Tuesday, January 24

Please note, due to swift publication constraints, content not received by the stated deadline may appear in a subsequent edition of the desired Odyssey or MIDpoint Message publication. Questions? Please email Soror Autumn Caviness, [dstatx.journalist@gmail.com](mailto:dstatx.journalist@gmail.com).

The Communication and Public Relations Committee is in need of sorors, particularly sorors with technical skills to help with The Odyssey and MIDpoint Messages. Sorors, if you have that experience and are willing to learn - please reach out to Soror Caviness, we need you now!

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