



The History of Sacramento Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

1970-1979

Delta Theta held its first Scholarship Recognition Ball. Twenty-two graduating senior high school students participated.

The Ebony Fashion Show continued to be the only fund raising project. It grew from an audience of approximately 600 to 3,000. With such an increase in funds, the chapter had the capacity to enlarge its program thrust.

The Financial Assistance Program was broadened. Scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors through these years increased to \$7,000. In 1977, the Chapter sponsored a "Delta Chair" and contributed to the United Negro College Fund. Revolving Loans were established at two junior college campuses, Consumnes River Junior College and Sacramento City College, to assist students in securing emergency loans.

In 1973, Delta Theta Chapter was chartered as the Sacramento Alumnae Chapter. The Chapter was chartered during the presidency of Eleanor Nelson.

The **CHARTER MEMBERS** were:

Verna Banks	Jeanette Hampton	Hazel Mahone	Gertrude Tyler
Gloria Blanchette	Pauline Harris	Vivian Martenia	Esme Williams
Lillie Campbell	Elaine Hudson	Eleanor Nelson	Gwen Williams
Lucille Copeland	Joyce Irving	Edith Roberts	Doris Woods
Barbara Desmangles	Muriel James	Gloria Robertson	Virginia Woods
Lana Edwards	Adah Kennon	Shirley Shaw	
Margaret Fortune	Cohuita Kennon	Julia Sledge	
Juanita Gilbert	Sumatra Kirkland	Brenda Smith	
Connie Gipson	EmClaire Knowles	Lou Spencer	

Sacramento Alumnae sponsored the establishment of two undergraduate chapters, Lambda Xi at the University of California, Davis, and Nu Lambda at the California State University, Sacramento.

One of the Chapter's major objectives as suggested by Grand Chapter was the reclamation of in-active Deltas. The Founder's Day Program served as the vehicle for honoring 25 and 50 year



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Deltas (Lucille Copeland/Julia Sledge), past presidents, chapter founders, and rekindling sisterhood through a program of chapter memories.