



Delta Days at the Nation's Capital

Advocacy in Action: One Nation or Two?

“Opening Statements and Messages”

- ❖ **Dr. Paulette C. Walker** – Welcome to the movement. The best medicine for depression is ACTION!
- ❖ **Taylor McCain** – “What a time.” Lead with a we-can attitude. We are the change agents.
- ❖ **Congresswoman Marsha L. Fudge** – We will never recover in her lifetime. “God is in Charge.”
- ❖ **Dr. Louise A. Rice** – “Be a voice for justice and equality.”
- ❖ **Cynthia Butler McIntyre** “We’re on the Battlefield”
- ❖ **The Honorable Dianna E. Bajoie**– “We’ve Come This Far by Faith”



L. to R. Mary Phillips, Lorraine Coleman, Sybil Henderson, Alisha Smith-Freshwater (bottom left pic)
Top left with Michael Eric Dyson; top right with Rev. Jimmie Hawkins – Off. Of Public Witness PCUSA, Capitol Hill

2017 DDNC Legislative Agenda: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Health Care: Protect and block the repeal of the Affordable Care Act - Obama Care.

Education: Pass and fund HR 295, the HBCU’S Historic Preservation Program, Continue Pell grants and Parent Plus Loans. Implement consistent standards for public & charter schools.

Voting Rights: Reintroduce and pass the Voting Rights Restoration Act.

Civil Rights and Equal Justice: Require fair and non-discriminatory community policing and immigration policies.

Economic Development: Provide funding for 21st Century jobs. Expand affordable housing, transportation systems, childcare. Create living Wage jobs

SAVE THE DATE:

April 7, 2017

Chapel Hill NAACP
Freedom Fund Banquet

May 3, 2017

Delta Days at the
State Capital

May 17, 2017

Divine Nine Day at the
State Capital

DELTAS in the U. S. House of Representatives

1. Marcia L. Fudge (D-OH)
2. Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY)
3. Brenda L. Lawrence (D-MI)
4. Val Demings (D-FL)
5. Joyce Beatty (D-OH)

CHCAAC Social Action Committee

Chair: Sybil Henderson

Co-chair: Mary Phillips

Committee Members:

Sue Florence

Dianne Jackson

Dianne Peerman-Pledger

Alicia Smith-Freshwater

Julia Woodard

2017 DDNC Legislative Agenda: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, cont.

Financial Security: Maintain Social Security, sustain and increase funding. Require fair and non-discriminatory affordable housing and lending practices. Protect workers' rights.

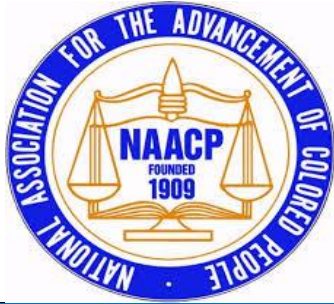
Delta Days in the Nation's Capital Selected Session Summaries

- 1. Best Practices – Roundtable Session:** The session was led by members of the National Social Action Commission. Sorors shared information on their most successful social action programs for the year. Specifically, we were to describe the program, identify major challenges and share the results. CHCAA presented three of our programs, Get-out-the-Vote, First Day Vote Initiative and Women Running for Public Office. Several sorors complimented our programs including Past Regional Director Linda Wilson.
- 2. Social Action Luncheon: Elaine R. Jones, Esq.** President and Director-Counsel Emerita, Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. Soror Jones' powerful, riveting and insightful message resonated with the attendees. She reminded us that in, "In tough times, you get tougher" and that the issues of today require persistence. She advised us to "*focus* on what we want and *strategize* how to get there." She used as her example the school desegregation cases and the strategies employed by Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall. Much of her presentation was around two issues: federal judgeships and voting. Federal Judgeships - There are 119 vacancies. Educate ourselves, then educate our senators. Lobby them to support fair judges. Voting Rights – Expand the vote. Get back Section 5 of the Voting Rights Law. "Get back what your state had in 2008 when they took away Section 5. They took the engine and left the car. Take back the car and the engine."
- 3. Wrap-Up Session:** The Wrap-up Session followed the visit on the Hill to meet with our Senators and Representatives. We actually met with Senators Burr's and Tillis' staff as we were not able to get an appointment with either of the senators even though they were in town. We also met with the staff of Congressman David Price as he was doing a town hall in Chapel Hill. During the Wrap-up Session, we were asked to give feedback on those experiences. We shared that we learned that Senator Tillis does his "town halls" via telephone surveys in pre-selected counties to pre-selected constituents. We asked how the counties were selected. The staff member reported not knowing the process but that a survey firm helps the senator with the calls. It was an arrangement in place when Senator Tillis was elected, which he decided to continue. We were told that during the floods he called constituents in several of those counties impacted.

4. **Meeting with Congressional Black Caucus Chair Cedric Richmond:** Tayon Dancy, NC Social Action Chair arranged a meeting of the NC delegation with Congressman Richmond. Soror Mary Phillips was asked to lead the delegation. Congressman Richmond expressed doubt that any progressive legislation would be passed during the current legislative session. This includes all legislation that would be beneficial to the African American community including health care, minimum wage, education, criminal justice reform, environmental safety and voting rights, among others. We expressed our interest in being able to influence legislation which adversely affects our communities. The congressman asked about our method of communicating with each other. We briefly outlined the social action network in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We shared with him that we are interested in knowing about legislation as soon as possible so that we can mobilize our membership to be engaged early in the process by communicating our positions on pending legislation. (You may sign up to receive Congressman Richmond's newsletter by going to his congressional web site. You will be asked to identify the issues you are concerned about so that you can receive information related only to those issues.)



Center – Right, Congressman Cedric Richmond, Mary Phillips and other members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated



Chapel Hill – Carrboro Freedom Fund Banquet, April 7th

Mary Phillips – Contestant for NAACP Mother of the Year

CHCAAC: NAACP 2015-2016 Honor Roll

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Current Members:

1. Sylvia Black
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3. Deborah Debourg-Brown
4. Sue Florence
5. Sybil Henderson
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7. Rosemary Jackson
8. Addie Laws
9. Mary Phillips
10. Katrina Pointer
11. Alicia Smith-Freshwater
12. Erma Smith King

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