

## JUNE KEY DELTA COMMUNITY CENTER

The June Key Delta Community Center is located at 5940 N Albina Ave. In Portland, Oregon. The building has been recently renovated from a former abandoned Richfield ARCO gas station completing a twenty year vision for the Portland Alumnae Chapter. The purchase of the property was negotiated with the oil company by Soror June Runnel Key, a charter member of Beta Psi Chapter. Open House was held August 10, 2011. The community center is available for short term rentals.

(To view the progress of the construction or) For further information about the community center project:

[www.key-delta-living-building.com](http://www.key-delta-living-building.com)

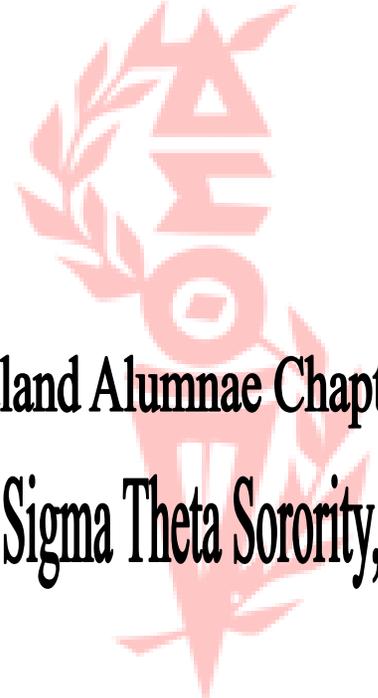


A community garden was created as a intergenerational community project in the lot next door to the Center.



*The Piedmont Rose Connection, Inc* is a non profit organization that supports the activities of the Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

Portland Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc  
P.O. Box 4265  
Portland, Oregon 97208



# Portland Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc

### Location:

June Key Delta Community Center  
5940 N. Albina Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97217

### Chapter Mailing Address:

Portland Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc  
P.O. Box 4265  
Portland, Oregon 97208-4265



Chapter President: Vera Pool  
E-mail: [pac@dstportland.com](mailto:pac@dstportland.com)  
503 285-2061

# MISSION STATEMENT

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc is a private, non profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities through the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black College educated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan, Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are base upon the organizations Five Point Programmatic Thrust:

- Economic Development
- Educational development
- International Awareness and Involvement
- Physical and Mental Health
- Political Awareness and Involvement

The Sorority was founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University. These young women wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence; to provide scholarships; to provide support to the underserved; educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public solutions to problems in their communities.

## DELTA MOTHERS & PATRONS CLUB

was established December, 1954, to assist and support the Portland Alumnae chapter programs, especially the development of Scholarships for youth. The Mothers & Patronesses fall fund raiser is a Waffle Breakfast.

The Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, age or financial status of its activities or services.

## FIVE POINT PROGRAMMATIC THRUST

*Local programs support the biennial theme of the Grand Chapter*

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

On August 10, 2011 Portland Alumnae celebrated the Open House of the June Key Delta Community Center. A renovation project that transformed an abandoned gas station into a living “green” sustainable building.

### EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Portland Alumnae chapter conducts:

- △ Programs for youth 11-18 through EMBODI , GEMS, and Betty Shabazz Academy.
- △ Spring of 2011, awarded ten \$1000.00 Scholarships to high school graduates

### PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

- △ Health Summit - “For Colored Girls. . .
- △ HIV/AIDS education & awareness
- △ Susan B. Koman walk for Breast Cancer
- △ Journey to wellness - 2,013 miles by 2013

### POLITICAL AWARENESS & INVOLVEMENT

- △ Proclamation by Multnomah County Commissioners to the chapter for Women and Girls HIV/AIDS awareness Day
- △ A day at the State Capitol in conjunction with the Urban League of Portland

### INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS & INVOLVEMENT

- △ “Change 4 Change” Support for Schools in Africa
- △ Funded Water Well in Africa
- △ Community Run to raise funds to donate Tents for Haiti Earthquake victims
- △ Lunch and clothing donations to HIV/AIDS Day Center program

Portland Alumnae website/ is under construction

National Website: [www.deltasigmatheta.org](http://www.deltasigmatheta.org)



# PORTLAND ALUMNAE HISTORY

Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was chartered in Portland Oregon May 25, 1945 as Beta Psi Chapter. The Charter Members included : Hattie Fannings Gaskin, Florence Mills Morton, Lena Hillsman, June Runnels Key, Fannie Stills Chatman, Lucille Triplett Morgan, Mignon Lilly Cabell, JoAnna Young Bradford, Geneva Turner Jordan and Ellen Torrance.

In the late 70s the chapters were renamed to identify Alumnae chapters within the respective cities. Beta Psi became Portland Alumnae Chapter. In 1993 Beta Psi was reactivated as a city wide collegiate chapter.

## 2011-2012 Program Highlights

### *Educational Development*

Portland Alumnae’s three Education programs serve youth 11-18 include;

Betty Shabazz Academy for young women 11-13

GEMS-program for young women 14-18

EMBODI - program for young men 13-18

Education Programs meet at the  
June Key Delta Community Center



October 22, 2011

Mothers & Patrons - **Waffle Breakfast**

November 19, 2011: **Peppermint Soirée**

March 10, 2012 **Impact Day of Service**

May 19, 2012 **Women of Excellence  
Scholarship Luncheon**