



Central Arkansas Alumnae Chapter
CAAC

Delta DEARS Committee

Committee Report

Meeting Date/Time January 19, 2026/12:04 PM

Meeting Location: ZOOM

Attendees	
Ernestine Lawrence	Natalie Coleman
LaVerne Paige	Rhonda Valley
Ebony Crutchfield Wiley	Essie Trice Hewett
Debra Bennett	

Agenda Items	
Red & White Tea	
East LR Senior Tea	

Soror Paige offered meditation and prayer to start the meeting.

The East Little Rock Senior Tea is scheduled to be held at Ernestine’s on Wednesday, January 21st at 11:00. Essie said that the seniors will be loading up to head to Ernestine’s around 10:00. There will be about 13 to 15 guests. LaVerne, Rhonda and Natalie will be there around 9:00 to help set-up. Natalie will send out a reminder tomorrow (1/20/26) to remind DEARS about the East LR Senior Tea and Sorors should plan to be there by 11:00. Ernestine’s address is 7200 Glenn Hills Drive, Sherwood AR 72120.

Red and White Tea

- Ernestine said that she had spoken to Melinda and had been given permission to send invites.
- Essie has made contact with the Honorable Vivian Flowers, Pine Bluff Mayor who is our Soror and who is a legacy to see if she is available and willing to be our featured speaker.
- We will not have breakout rooms this year.
- To allow for attendee participation, we will present a question and Sorors can respond in the chat. A question example given was, “What are you doing to promote your legacy?”
- LaVerne will ponder and present 3 points for the featured speaker as it relates to our theme: Red & White Garden of Legacy – Honoring the Roots that Shape our Sisterhood. Some thoughts talked about were how Delta has inspired the future, how it preserves our past, how the 22 Founders built our inheritance of Sisterhood, how that inheritance has shaped our thought processes and spiritual inheritance and how the foundation will continue to influence our future.
- It was noted that the invitation to the different chapters needs to go out this week. Ebony suggested that we get a letter to accompany the Save-the-Date flyer. That letter and flyer from our Chapter President and DEARS Chair should go to the individual chapters by the end of this week. Ernestine will work on the letter today to get it to Melinda.
- The individual Soror invitation/flyer/registration will be sent by February 2nd
- The registration deadline will be February 20th so that we will have time to compile the PowerPoint/video with the registration information requested to be presented during the tea.
- Ernestine will request a QR code to be included on the registration flyer.

- The registration form should include name, mailing address, telephone number and legacy information to include name of legacy, relationship, each legacy member’s initiation date.
- Tea invitations will also be sent to the Regional Director Soror Barker, the State DEARS Coordinator (if there is one) and to the State Coordinator.
- It was suggested that the State Coordinator, Soror Kelly Bryant bring the greetings on the program. Claudette Barbee was suggested as a backup if Soror Flowers is unavailable to speak. It was also mentioned that Soror Barbee be asked to participate on the program in some other capacity should she not have to be the main speaker.
- We will meet every Monday at noon via ZOOM for the next 3 weeks to flush out program details. Other program detail suggestions were meditation be given by LaVerne and we should get Sorors from other Chapters to participate on the program.
- Rhonda will pull past Tea programs for us to review at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32pm.

Recommendations to Executive Board to be presented to Chapter

Item
none