

St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter
of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



ST. LOUIS POST DISPATCH RECOGNIZES SLMAC FOR THE 2014 KWANZAA CELEBRATION

St. Louis, Missouri December 28, 2014 The St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was recognized by the St. Louis Post Dispatch along with the Saint Louis Art Museum for the tremendous public turnout to its signature event, the Kwanzaa Celebration. The event, which has been a longstanding collaboration with the Saint Louis Art Museum, drew hundreds of guests and featured spoken word artists, African drumming and dancing, a Kwanzaa exhibit and craft activities for families. Below is an excerpt from the article written by Lilly Fowler.

Given the unrest in the region since the killing of African-American teenager Michael Brown nearly five months ago, the holiday took on special meaning for many at the museum. During a stage performance, Sam Cooke's "A Change Is Gonna Come," a song that became an anthem for the 1960s civil rights movement, resonated throughout the museum's auditorium.

"I think it is so appropriate since we are still involved in turbulent times," said Iris Ferguson, a chairwoman for the St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a predominately African-American sisterhood. For more than a decade, the sorority has collaborated with the museum on the Kwanzaa program.

Throughout the stage performance, the seven principles of Kwanzaa were at play: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. "Particularly during these troubled times, these principles can help guide us toward some workable solutions," Ferguson said. Ferguson also noted that although Africa is a diverse place, Kwanzaa attempts to take the best of what the continent has to offer.

Kwanzaa is a lively and uplifting commemoration that honors African Heritage and provides people of African descent an opportunity to celebrate themselves and their history. The celebration of Kwanzaa focuses on reconnecting us to our African roots and recognizes our struggle as a people to building our families and our communities.

About the St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter was established under the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. mantra of sisterhood, service and scholarship on January 11, 1998. This chapter was established and principled upon educational excellence, public service and leadership development. Since its formation, the St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter activities have involved Delta members as volunteers in direct services, catalysts for community action, recruiters of interagency support, and leaders in networking and partnership building with other organizations. For more information, visit www.dstslmac.com or call 314.915.8576.