**2019-2020 DELTA GEMS REPORT**

**DELTA TRI-CHAIRS**  **DELTA COMMITTEE**

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**August 24, 2019**

On this date, the tri-chairs met with the committee members and reviewed the year’s program recommendations. Decisions were made on which committee members would be responsible for various topics for the year. The Delta GEMS curriculum guide provided the information source for much of our planning. There were eight committee members present.

**September 22, 2019**

The first GEMS meeting was held at the Indigo Run Golf Clubhouse. The luncheon meeting was for the GEMS and their parents. An orientation was presented to the parents, the year calendar was reviewed, and the committee members and tri-chairs were introduced to all participants. The primary objective for this year was a focus on self-improvement through the principles of Commitment and Communication. There were ten GEMS and nine Sorors present including our chapter President, Lucille Kannick.

**October 20, 2019**

On this date, the GEMS put together boxes of toys and school supplies to donate to Operation Christmas Child, an international outreach program affiliated with Samaritans Purse. This was done in conjunction with Central Oak Grove Baptist Church. Thirty boxes were packed by our young ladies. After the packing of the boxes, a discussion was held regarding Money Management. The importance of making a budget and properly handling finances was stressed. Understanding borrowing money, interest rates, and credit rating score reports were major topics. Ten GEMS and eight Sorors were present including our chapter President, Lucille Kannick.

**November 17, 2019**

A high tea was held at Indigo Run Golf Clubhouse with all of the GEMS and the Academy young ladies. Soror Connie Pouncy made fascinators for all of the Sorors, GEMS and Academy young ladies. Mrs. Claudia Buckingham reviewed proper dining etiquette including appropriate silverware usage and table manners. She then covered appropriate dress for various occasions e.g. business casual, business, and casual. To emphasize appropriate dress, five of the GEMS modeled clothes provided by Stein Mart. There were thirteen GEMS and ten Sorors present. One representative from Stein Mart brought the clothes and helped the young ladies with their dressing. The Stein Mart representative also had her granddaughter model formalwear.

**December 15, 2019**

An ice-cream social kicked off this event. The session focused on College/Career and Military Selections for our GEMS. One of our graduates from the prior year spoke to the young ladies about her experiences during her first semester at college. She answered many of the questions that our GEMS had pertaining to being away from home for the first time, course selection, college life, and of course, academic challenges. One of our Sorors, who’d had a career in the Military, spoke about her experiences. She explained why she made the choice to join the military, and how it had impacted her life. There were six GEMS present, one former GEMS (Guess speaker), and five Sorors.

**January 20, 2020**

Our GEMS participated in the annual Martin Luther King Celebration held at the Hilton Head Island High School. They walked in the MLK parade, and later served lunch to the community in the high school cafeteria. One of our GEMS was the moderator for the main program. There were eight GEMS and twelve Sorors present. This event has been a very popular activity for the GEMS over the last several years.

**February 23, 2020**

This was one of two activities (MLK) where our GEMS could receive community service participation credit. They served as helpers at the Gullah Community Celebration by providing supervision in the children activity areas, assisted with the Gullah Market, and filled -in wherever they were needed in the outside area. There were seven GEMS and four Sorors present.

**March 22, 2020**

There was no March meeting due to Covid-19. The topic scheduled for this date would have been Human Trafficking and Social Media.

**April 25, 20209**

There was no April Meeting due to Covid-19. This meeting would have consisted of a Heart Walk and Healthy Lunch.

**May 17, 2020**

All of our GEMS were contacted via email to find out how they and their families were doing. Seniors were recognized in the communication and contact numbers were given to them to communicate with their fellow GEMS Seniors and congratulate them on their high school successes. All of our eight seniors will receive an award for graduation.

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