

NEWSWORTHY

Notable locals, upcoming events

DELMAR GARDENS' WREATH AUCTION BENEFITS MUST MINISTRIES

in staff reports

SMYRNA — Delmar Gardens of Smyrna, located at 404 King Springs Village Parkway in Smyrna, recently had its Holiday Wreath silent auction to benefit MUST Ministries. The staff, family members and local businesses who support seniors, created holiday wreaths of various sizes, which were placed on display and available in the auction. Visitors and residents had an opportunity to bid on their favorite wreaths while enjoying holiday music, homemade cookies and hot chocolate. At the end of the reception, those who bid the highest could take their prizes home with them. A total of \$590 was raised and given to MUST Ministries in Smyrna. Delmar Gardens of Smyrna is a luxury retirement community that offers independent and assisted living retirement apartments. The complex also houses a nursing and rehabilitation center.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF FAMILY



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Powder Springs resident Dennie Cook, far left, sits next to various generations of his family. His mother, Nettie Ledford, holds Shelby Elise Tuck, born Dec. 17, 2009. Shelby is the daughter of Melanie Tuck, far right, and Tuck is the daughter of Dennie Cook's son, Greg Cook, second from right.

'TRASHY SIDE' SINGER TO EDUCATE AT SMITH-GILBERT GARDENS

KENNESAW — Eddie Rhoades will be providing a humorous look at yard art on Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. at Smith-Gilbert Gardens, located at 2382 Pine Mountain Road. Over the years Eddie has taken numerous photographs of whimsical outdoor displays which show how yard art can escape the garden and permeate other areas of our lives. Additionally, Rhoades will perform his original song, "I Like My Garden Just a Little on the Trashy Side." Admission is \$15. For more information and/or to make your reservation, call (770) 939-0248 or e-mail sschroeder@kennesaw.gov.



MOTHERS & MORE OF WEST COBB EXTENDS INVITATION

WEST COBB — Local mothers are invited to learn more about the West Cobb Chapter of Mothers & More, a national nonprofit organization for mothers. The group meets the third Thursday of every month at West Cobb Chiropractic, located at 441 Dallas Highway, Suite 500, in Powder Springs (near Publix Shopping Center at Dallas Highway and Mars Hill Road). Upcoming events include a chapter auction on Feb. 17, Member Appreciation Night on March 17, and "Chat in the Hat" on April 14. For more information, visit www.westcobbmothersandmore.org or e-mail westcobbmothersandmore@yahoo.com.



Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



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The Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., announced their 2010 debutantes as part of their 2010 Debutante Cotillion, a sorority tradition since 1990. **Above:** Participants are (first row) Kourtney George, Maricela Smith, Jessica Harris, Janelle Wright, Sherelle Harris, Brianna Bingham, Stacey Binford, Brooke Griffin, Brittany Griffin, Noelle Strong, Cheyenne Cheatham, Patrice White, Leah Darby, Asya Ammons, Paris Jackson, Tahja Mack and Ashley Smith (Cheryn Moore not pictured). Chapter members are (second row) Cicely Breckenridge, Nichole McGhee-Hall, Ebonee Williams, Yvette Terry, Tameko Doyle, Monica Moore, Jessica Darenbourg, Dyann Wilkerson, Touraan Chestnut, Ursula Simmons, Debra Townsend, Deshanna Brown, Stacia Edwards, Carol Edwards, Lucinda Mills, Stephanie Wilford, Gloria Joseph, Natalie Johnson, Sheryl Good, Collyne Partee, E. Marie Hayward and Janel Bowles.

Ladies of

DISTINCTION

Historically black sorority announces debutantes

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The Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., announced their 2010 debutantes, part of the 2010 Debutante Cotillion, a sorority tradition since 1990. The Debs will make their debuts in November at the Grand Hyatt in Buckhead.

The local Cotillion started by MRAC was part of a youth development program under the sorority's national 5-point programmatic thrust that includes: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, and Political Awareness and Involvement. Founded in 1913 by 22 students at Howard University and with more than 950 chapters globally, the local alumnae sisterhood, whose theme is "BE the Difference for Change," uses their collective strength to improve our community.

"We are a public service organization," Patsy Pattman, president of the local alumnae chapter said.

The local sisterhood is dedicated to promoting academic excellence and providing assistance to the needy by encompassing the national 5-point programmatic thrust serves Cobb, North Fulton, and Cherokee counties.

Though most of the local chapter's are geared toward the needy, Cobb's first African-American sorority chartered at Kennesaw State University facilitates programs that benefit the community as a whole. The Cotillion, a rite of passage program, prepares girls to transition from high school into society, Pattman explained.

The 18 Debs, 16 of which are from Cobb/Marietta schools, participate in array of activities such as etiquette training, public service, image building and college tours. Accepted from a pool of metro Atlanta area girls, application requires an essay, let-



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ters of recommendation, plans for college and at least a 2.5 GPA.

"Every girl that goes through gets a scholarship (for college)," said Pattman. Scholarship checks are made payable to the Deb's college of choice.

At the traditional Debutante Ball, "Evening of Ebony Elegance," the young ladies celebrate the transition into young womanhood where they are formally presented.

"I think it's (Cotillion)

important for the community because these young ladies will

and do whatever they feel and also feel confident in these environments," Pattman said.

"We also want them to understand that it's very important that they give back. That's why we stress public service. We believe service is the rent we pay for being here," she said.

"These young ladies are our future." For more information on the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, visit www.deltasigmatheta.org or on the local alumnae chapter, visit www.dstmrac.com.

DELTA SIGMA THETA

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- Local Web site: www.dstmrac.com

one day be professionals. These are young ladies we want to see excel professionally. We want to see them excel socially. We want them to be able to choose

Waldrep has a weekend to remember; Senior Expo on Feb. 5

Another familiar Mariettan hit a Steve "Thunder" Tumlin and Jean Summerour, Chelsea and Noel (both purely symbolic), Pete was with many exhibits by organiza-