

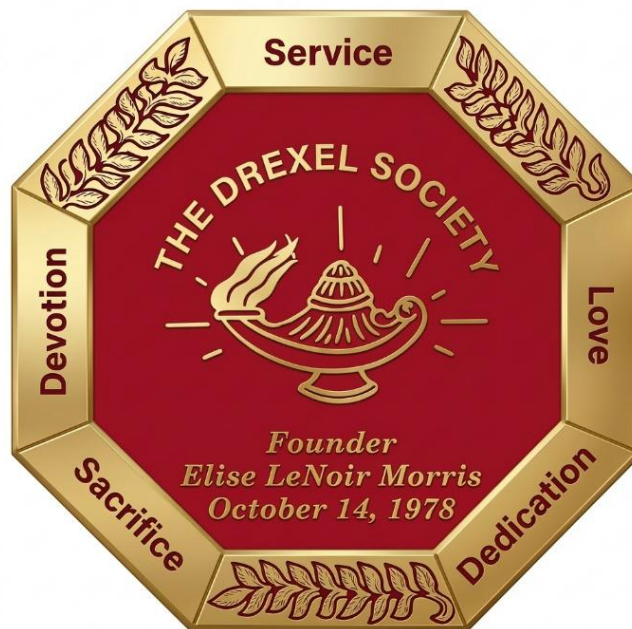
The Drexel Society, Inc.

25th Biennial National Convention

Breaux Bridge, LA

October 2 – 4, 2026

CALL TO CONVENTION



Honoring the Legacy of Elise LeNoir Morris

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“Service is Our Sacrifice, Love is Our Legacy”

Hosting Chapter - Breaux Bridge, LA

Linda Abraham, *Parliamentarian*

Wilda Alexander

Ruby Celestine, *Vice President*

Nataki Faulk, *President*

Gloria McZeal

Pernella Robertson

Oraline Sias, *Chaplain*

Rhona Wyche

Alma Alexander

Bridget Auguillard, *Financial Secretary*

Rena Edmond, *Treasurer*

Vivian Lindsey

Sheryl Ozen, *Secretary*

Shirley Sam

Julia Wiltz, *Historian*



Foundress, Elise LeNoir Morris



Patron Saint, Katharine Drexel

CELEBRATING 48 YEARS

The Drexel Society Inc.

Twenty-fifth Biennial National Convention

CALLING ALL DREXELAIRES AND SQUIRES

It is an honor to invite you to attend the 25th Biennial National Convention in Breaux Bridge, LA! You are hereby notified that the convention will be held October 2 – 4, 2026.

The National Executive Committee is thrilled that the Breaux Bridge Chapters is hosting the 2026 Biennial National Convention. Their team is working hard to create an unforgettable experience for attendees.

The success of this gathering truly depends on the spirit of our Drexelaires. We are anticipating a wonderful turnout and encourage you to bring along family and friends. Together, we will enjoy the excitement of our luncheon and banquet as we honor the legacy of our Foundress, *Elise LeNoir Morris*.

This packet contains information regarding Registration, Fees, hotel information and other details about the events and other costs for guests and Squires and due dates for National Committee Reports.

All Drexelaires & Squires:

- †At this convention let's show strength, power, togetherness, sisterhood and love.
- †Share your talents during all Plenary Sessions.
- †Participate with the Memorial Tribute to Elise LeNoir Morris.
- †Contribute to the Programs and Events.
- †Exhibit and contribute to National and Local Chapter Projects.
- †Support and be a sponsor for the Prince and Princess Pageant Luncheon.
- †Sponsor 2026 Queen and Elites Pageant Gala and attend the Banquet.
- †Endorse Neophytes/Inductees
- †Correlate with the Squires
- †Demonstrate spiritual commitment

Drexelaires please look forward to traveling to Breaux Bridge, LA on October 2nd – 4th 2026 or arrive early on October 1, 2026, to participate at the convention site.

I sincerely thank the Breaux Bridge Chapter for all their hard work.

– Marcelene Dennis, National President

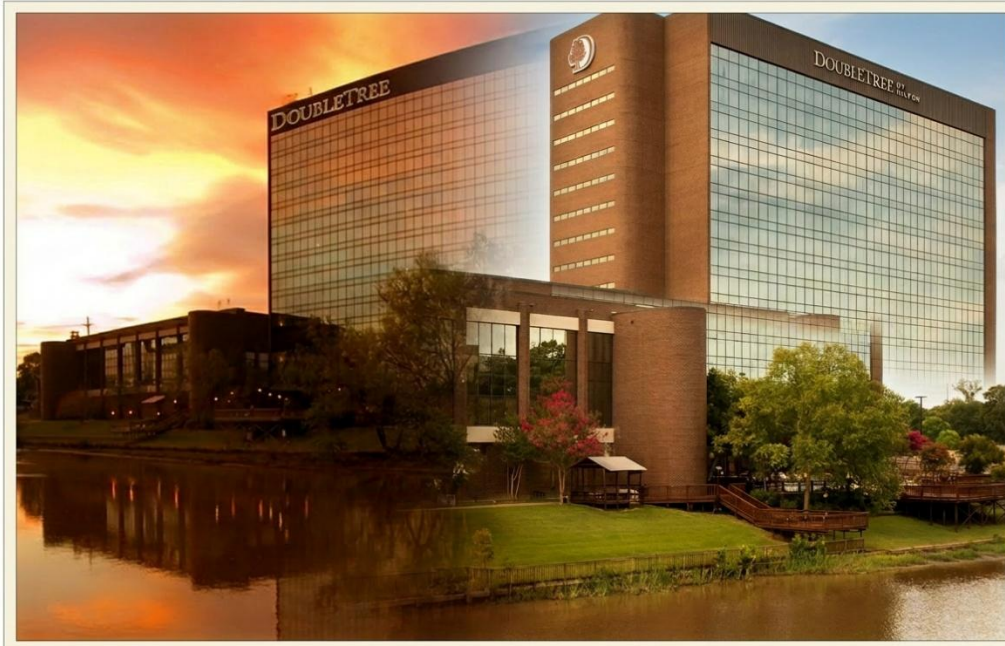




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Doubletree by Hilton



1521 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70503

(337) 235-6111

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/lftlddt-doubletree-lafayette/>

Chairperson & Co-Chairs:

National Executive Committee

National President, Marcelene Dennis

National Vice President, Delores Raymond

National Secretary, Faith James

National Treasurer, Felicia, McKee

National Financial Secretary, Earline Castex

3rd Past National President, Katie Roberson, Executive Committee Advisor

Squires President, Paul Ledet, Jr.



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25th Biennial National Convention

Registration **\$150.00 per member**

† Registration Fee Includes:

1. Convention packet
2. Plenary Sessions
3. Prince/Princess Pageant Luncheon; Saturday, October 3, 2026
4. Banquet and Ms. 2026 Queen Pageant; Saturday Night, October 4, 2026

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2026

Please note there is no on-site registration.

All registration items must be submitted to your local chapter.

Chapter Presidents please send the following items to the National Financial Secretary:

Drexelaire Earline Castex, 4842 Trail Lake Dr., Houston, TX 77045

1. Credential Form
2. Member Health Forms
3. Chapter checks/money orders

REIMBURSEMENTS

Deadline date to honor a refund request for registration refunds must be requested in writing to the National President and Financial Officer by September 9, 2026. A \$10.00 charge will be deducted from the fees to cover administrative expenses. Exception: emergency requests - refund due to (death in the immediate family or hospitalization) will be considered after September 9th, honoring 60% refund and approved by the National President.

HOTEL

Rooms are reserved under: **The Drexel Society, Inc.**

Plan to arrive early and stay at The Doubletree Hotel by Hilton.

All hotel reservations must be made **directly** with the hotel.

****One person must make reservations for those sharing a room.**

King **\$ 179.00**

Double **\$ 159.00**

These rates do not include state sales tax and occupancy tax currently 15%.

Cutoff date for reservation at the above price is **September 17, 2026.**

****Please be sure to request an ADA accessible room if applicable.**



The Drexel Society, Inc. *Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs*

18th Biennial Convention Committee	Advisor	Chair	Co-Chair
AUDIT*	Melina Volair (H)	Felicia McKee (M)	
CREDENTIAL/REGISTRATION			
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS		Rosaland Joseph (NI)	
CHARITY *	Ollie Duplechain (H)	Rosaland Joseph (NI)	Delores Raymond (NI)
COMMITTEES *			
COMMUNICATIONS/Website *	Dorothy Allen (H)		Ty Burden (M)
CONSTITUTIONS /BY-LAWS *			
CONVENTION PACKET		Ruby Celestine (BB)	
CONVENTION STANDARD RULES			
DREAMS ALIVE *	Constance Taylor (M)	Yolanda Smith (M)	
EDUCATION *		Rosaland Joseph (NI)	
EMPOWERING WELLNESS			
ENVIRONMENT		Sylvia Carrier (H)	Faye Marshall (H)
EST. OF NEW CHAPTERS *			
EVALUATION			
FINANCE			
GOD PARENT'S BASSINET		Liz Owens (H)	
HOSPITALITY	Hosting Chapter		
HOSTESS	Hosting Chapter		
INVITATION – SPECIAL GUEST*	Hosting Chapter		
MEMBERSHIP/OPEN INDUCTION*			Chapter Induc. Chairs
NATIONAL AWARD*	Melina Volair (H)		
MINISTRY OUTREACH*			
NOMINATION & ELECTION*			
PARLIAMENTARIAN			
POSITION STATEMENT*			
PRAYER CHAIN – COURTESY		Edwina Bell (NI)	
PRAYER SERVICE/Clergy Invitation*			
PRINCE & PRINCESS		Earline Castex (H)	
PROTOCOL*			
PUBLIC RELATIONS *			
QUEEN PAGEANT Ms./Mrs. Drexelaire		Earline Castex (H)	
RESOLUTIONS *			
SCHOLARSHIP*	Sylvia Carrier (H)		Yolanda Smith (M)
SILENT AUCTION		Liz Owens (H)	

18th Biennial Convention Committee	Advisor	Chair	Co-Chair
STAY-AT-HOME TEA*	Joyce Williams (H)		Janise Anthony (S)
STEERING		Suzette McKee (M)	Hosting Chapter
SOUVENIR BOOKLET*		Hosting Chapter	
TIME & PLACE (Convention 2028)			
VENDORS	Hosting Chapter		
WISHING WELL*	Hosting Chapter		

***Preconvention Reports – Due**





The Drexel Society, Inc.

Convention Timeline – Dates and Fees

Arrivals: Executive Committee – October 1 st , 2026		Members – October 2 nd or October 3 rd 2026				
Early Bird Payments Prior to or Due Dates	Transactions	Fees				
October 15, 2026	National Assessment Dues for 2025/2026	\$ 22.00 per member plus, late fees if necessary				
May 27, 2026	Constitution/Bylaws and Resolution	~	~	~	~	~
June 1, 2026	Ms. Drexelaire 2026 Queen and/or Elite Candidate Registration Application Fee \$150.00	\$750.00 plus due September 7, 2026				
July 1, 2026	Prince and Princess Contestant Registration of \$150.00	\$500 plus due September 7, 2026				
August 31, 2026	Convention Registration/Credentials	\$150.00 per member				
	Guest tickets for Prince and Princess Luncheon	\$ 50.00 per person				
	Guest tickets for Banquet/Pageant	\$ 60.00 per person				
August 31, 2026	Convention Chapter Assessment	\$ 25.00 per Chapter				
September 9, 2026	Dreams Alive Donations	\$100.00 per Chapter				
N/A Non-Election Year	Nomination/Election (Officer candidates form)	~	~	~	~	~
August 15, 2026	Most Outstanding Chapter Application	~	~	~	~	~
August 20, 2026	Committees (Pre-Convention) Reports	~	~	~	~	~
August 20, 2026	Charity Recipients submit application	~	~	~	~	~
August 20, 2026	Dreams Alive Recipients submit application	~	~	~	~	~
August 27, 2026	Wishing Well donations					
August 27, 2026	National Award nomination forms	~	~	~	~	~
August 27, 2026	Necrology List (2024 -2026')	~	~	~	~	~
August 10, 2026	Souvenir Journal/Ads	~	~	~	~	~
September 17, 2026	Hotel Reservations must be made to assure group rate.	See page 5				
August 31, 2026	Registration Fees/Credentials	150.00				



The Drexel Society, Inc.
Convention Timeline – Dates and Fees (continued)

August 27, 2026	Guest payments for Friday Luncheon & Saturday Gala	
After August 31, 2026	Late Registration Fee (Due by September 9, 2026)	\$175.00
August 31, 2026	Plenary Sessions I, II, III	~ ~ ~ ~ ~





The Drexel Society Inc., 25th Biennial National Convention



AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION/RESOLUTIONS Article XII Section 1, 2, 3; Page 19 National Constitution and By-Laws 2006

One (1) copy of each Resolution being submitted must be Post Marked by _____

Please mail to: Drexelaire – *Chairperson*

FORMAT

whereas in sentence the issue of concern;

whereas continue with reasons for consideration

whereas after the last sentence/paragraph, illustrated; now therefore, be it

resolved sum up action to be taken

Submitted by: (*Name of Chapter*) _____

Drexelaire _____

Date submitted _____

Signature _____

Contact information _____



**The Drexel Society, Inc., Optional Health Review
October 2 – 4, 2026**

Medical Health Professional of “The Drexel Society will house this form only.

This is an effort, not to be intrusive, but to have enough information to assist you if a health emergency occurs. Please complete the **optional** health facts. Submit the form in a sealed envelope with your name on the front. Forms will be given to and held by the First Aid and Health Committee Chairperson, Drexelaire Josephine Session

Drexelaire _____

Please circle:

Is your health excellent very good fair or poor?

If your health is **very good, or good, you may stop the survey now.** There is no need to complete further, **unless you choose to do so.** However, in case of an emergency please list a contact person.

Please circle or enter:

Have you been hospitalized overnight in the last 12 months? No Yes

If yes, how many times? _____

Have you been seen in ER in the last 12 months? No Yes
If yes, how many times? 1 time 2-3 times 3 or more times

Do you have diabetes? Yes or No Do you take injections? Yes or No

Do you have hypertension? Yes or No

Do you have Breathing problems? Yes No Heart problems? Yes No

Are you on dialysis? Yes No If yes, last treatment _____

Special diet Yes No

If yes, what type of diet _____

How will you be traveling? Public Transportation _____ Companion _____ Alone _____

If traveling alone, please list who to call in case of an emergency and phone number and/or if traveling with a companion.

Name Phone # Relationship

Please carry this information in your purse/wallet at all times. Current list of medications, health insurance, name of primary physician name and phone number available.



The Drexel Society, Inc.
Preliminary Schedule

THURSDAY October 1, 2026

Arrival of Executive Committee	Hotel Check-In _____
Arrival of Members	
Executive Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m. – Suite (TBA)
Registration	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Lobby)

FRIDAY October 2, 2026

Hotel Check-In (<i>Attire: Business Casual</i>)	
Registration	8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Breakfast	8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
National Board of Directors, Business Meeting	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (TBA)
Fellowship Gathering, Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs & Committee Volunteers (<i>Excluding Board of Directors</i>)	
Lunch Break	11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Formal Opening of the 25 th Biennial National Convention	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Ritualistic Opening, Prayer Service	
Plenary Session I	
Standing Rules	
Spiritual Services & Open Induction (<i>Attire: Black - without chapel veils and gloves, no pants</i>)	5:00 p.m.
Hospitality Soirée	Immediately following open induction.

SATURDAY, October 3, 2026

Registration	8:00 a.m. (Lobby)
Breakfast	7:00 a.m.
Vendors	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Devotion & Memorial Service	8:30 a.m.
Call to Order	9:00 a.m.
Plenary Session II	9:15 a.m.
Credential	
Election Committee	
Prince and Princess Pageant & Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
Call to Order and Plenary Session III	1:30 p.m.
Banquet (<i>Attire: Formal</i>)	7:00 p.m.

This preliminary schedule is subject to change.

SUNDAY, October 4, 2026

Mass Celebration at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 610 N. Main St., Breaux Bridge LA 70517 at 9:30 a.m.



**The Drexel Society, Inc.,
National and Local Descriptions of Programs and Projects**

AWARDS

Awards to be presented: Early Bird Award (Chapter), Presidential Award, Outstanding Chapter Award, LeNoir Awards (Please adhere to the guidelines)

LENOIR – DREXEL AWARDS

The Lenoir-Drexel Awards nominees are to be men and women who are members or non-members. All nominations are to be sent in triplicate to the office of the National President by **August 10, 2026**.

1. Cultural and Literary Award is presented for outstanding contributions to the Fine Arts.
2. Humanitarian Award is presented to one who has shown regard for the interest and welfare of all mankind through leadership and service.
3. Yal Award is to be presented to a male for outstanding service to mankind.
 - a. Nominations may be made by chapters only and must be dated and signed by the Chapter President and Secretary.
 - b. Each nomination must specify the award being sought. The nomination is to be presented in 250 words or less and must not include job-related services as facts to be considered.
 - c. In the event of a tie, the committee may elect to present co-awards in any given category.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD

Application must be submitted by the deadline of **August 10, 2026**.

Criteria:

- Documentation of monthly or bi-monthly minutes identifying all projects/activities) verified by the National President
- Documentation of all financial reports confirmed by National Treasurer

CREDENTIALS

Credential form will allow the generation of registration information, badges, and convention roll. All members have the privilege of voting. Only members whose names appear on the credential form will receive a convention packet. Submit all credential forms to Felicia McKee (femckee88@gmail.com) by the deadline.

CHARITY

Submit all applications by the deadline to National Charity, Chair Rosaland Joseph (rosjoe56@yahoo.com) P.O. Box 925 Jeanerette, LA 70544.

DREAMS ALIVE

Submit all applications by deadline to National Dreams Alive Chair, Yolanda Smith, 21500 Cypresswood Drive #24105, Cypress, TX 77433.

ELECTION

Officers shall be elected by secret ballot to serve four (4) years with a tenure of two consecutive terms, eight years. **Article V Section 3 page 11**, National Constitution and Bylaws.

GOD PARENT'S BASSINET

Please Donate: gift cards, clothes and diapers. Deliver to the hosting chapter chairperson.

NATIONAL BOOK PROJECT

Stimulating the minds of children. Donate books to schools, libraries, hospitals, and children's shelters. Chapters collect and donate hundreds of children's books. Report your contributions on the book project form.

OPEN INDUCTION

Candidates Requirements Attend a briefing hosted by the Chapter

Complete a three-month project

All Neophytes are **required** to register, attend Convention and Mass

RECOMMENDATIONS, AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION/ RESOLUTIONS

The National Chair and Committee shall receive, review, circulate and recommend all proposed changes. The procedures are found on page 19 of the National Constitution and By-Laws, Article XII.

Copies of the amendments shall be submitted in proper form as soon as possible to Chairs.

ROSTER

Please forward your roster to Drexelaire Faith James (fb68@hotmail.com) Drexelaire James will format all rosters and update the directory.

SILENT AUCTION

Chapter participation is vital. Donate a minimum of 4 gifts. The excitement of bidding will proceed.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

Each Chapter is expected to secure as many ads and patrons support as possible. The souvenir book's national percentage is our main source of revenue to defray convention coast. Show your appreciation by purchasing an ad. Can't attend the convention? Be a part of it by purchasing an ad; congratulating a friend, family or an organization.

All ads will be printed as submitted. All ads must be typed, not written for clarity purposes.

Attach all pictures and business cards to Souvenir Journal Order Form.

Payments of Ads are to be submitted to the National Financial Secretary, Earline Castex





The Drexel Society, Inc.

Souvenir Journal Order Form

Please attach all pictures, business cards and typed congratulatory messages to this form.

Deadline for submitting ads to host chapter representative is August 10, 2026.

Please select the type of ad(s):

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| ☐ Inside Front Cover | ☐ Inside Back Cover | ☐ Outside Back Cover |
| ☐ Full Page | ☐ ½ Page | ☐ ¼ Page |
| ☐ 1 patron statement line | ☐ 2 patron statement lines | ☐ 3 patron statement lines |

Ad Prices:

Inside Front Cover \$150.00	Inside Back Cover \$125.00	Outside Back Cover \$200.00
Full Page \$100.00	½ Page \$65.00	¼ Page \$40.00
Patron statements:	1 line - \$5.00	2 lines - \$10.00
		3 Lines - \$15.00

Amount Paid: \$ _____

Ordered by:

- | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| ☐ Drexel Chapter | ☐ Individual | ☐ Pageant contestant | ☐ Company/Business |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|

Contact Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Make checks and money orders payable to: The Drexel Society, Inc.

ADS Solicited by Drexelaire _____

Chapter _____



The Drexel Society, Inc.

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD APPLICATION

Name of Chapter _____

City and State _____

Chapter President _____

Address _____

Phone and Email Address _____

Financial Status: Local and National

(Dues) _____

Dreams Alive Contributions _____

Scholarships _____

Local Elise LeNoir Scholarship _____

List of Financial Contributions _____

List of Local Projects _____

Minutes of Meetings and Financial Reports Submitted to National

Yes ☐

No ☐

Place a ✓ in the appropriate box.



**The Drexel Society, Inc.
Book Project 2026**



Chapter _____

Delivered _____ children's books to
Number of books

Agency

City _____ State _____

Signature _____ Position _____ Date _____
Person receiving books

Chapter President _____

Committee Chairperson _____

Signature _____
Chapter President



The Drexel Society, Inc.
NATIONAL DREAMS ALIVE

Applicant:
(Please type or print)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Telephone _____

What is your dream _____

Challenges _____

Medical Status _____

An additional sheet may be attached to describe needs if needed.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Chapter _____ Applicant Referred by _____

Signature _____
Drexelaire who submitted name of applicant

Chapter President Contact Information (Phone & Email) _____

Chapter President Signature _____ Date _____

**Application to be mailed/submitted to National Dreams Alive Chairperson, Drexelaire Yolanda Smith
21500 Cypresswood Dr. #24105, Cypress, TX 77433**



The Drexel Society, Inc.
CHARITY

Applicant:
(Please type or print)

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street Address City State Zip

Telephone _____

Challenges _____

Medical Status _____

An additional sheet may be attached to describe needs if needed.

Chapter _____ Applicant Referred by _____

Drexelaire

Signature _____

Drexelaire who submitted name of applicant

Chapter President Contact Information (Phone & Email) _____

Chapter President Signature _____ Date _____

**Application to be mailed/submitted to National Charity Chairperson, Drexelaire Rosaland Joseph
P.O. Box 925, Jeanerette, LA 70544**

IMPORTANT CONVENTION DEADLINES

National Registration Deadline: August 31, 2026, *Registration forms and fees must be received by this date.*

Late Registration Deadline: September 9, 2026, *Late registrations accepted until this date. There is no onsite registration.*

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See you there

