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# National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated JANUARY 2023 NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." Sorors, we did dance in 2022. Our moves may not have always been as smooth as Fred Astaire nor as rhythmic as tTwitch (RIP). Let us promise ourselves that we will embrace self care and prepare for these 7 movements of dance for 2023.

- 1) plier (to bend) we must all learn to be flexible
- 2) etendre (to stretch) we must reach past our comfort zone
  - 3) relever (to rise) we must go high when others go low
- 4) sauter (to jump) we must jump in and solve problems-not be the creator
  - 5) tourner (to turn) we must turn to God for help
  - 6) glisser (to glide) we must be smooth operators
  - 7) elancer (to dart) we must beable to move swiftly

Sorors, I am looking forward to what 2023 has to offer and what we have to offer 2023.

Margarette Galloway, Supreme Basileus

# Supremes' Sofa Connection



Chapter Basilei, join your Regional Director and your Regional Officers, on the Supremes' Sofa Connection.

- Chapter members will submit questions/concerns to their Chapter Basileus to be addressed.
- Chapter Basilei will join the Supremes' Sofa Connection to engage in conversation.

# **Supremes' Sofa Connection Schedules**

Region	Date	Time	Time Zone
East	Monday, February 6, 2023	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	ET
East	Wioliday, February 0, 2023	7.00 1141-8.00 1141	
Southeast	Tuesday, February 7, 2023	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	CT
		7:00 PM-8:00 PM	ET
Midwest	Monday, February 6, 2023	8:00 PM-9:00 PM	ET
Southwest	Thursday, February 9, 2023	7:00 PM-8:00 PM	CT
Far West	Friday, February 10, 2023	6:00 PM-7:00 PM	PT

# NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED







## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY MONTHLY PRAYER CALL







# **Ctrl + Click here to join: Prayer Meeting**

6 PM - CST

Meeting ID: 832 2671 9974

Passcode 178964

Dial in by telephone: 1-312-626-6799 or 1-346-248-7799

**Hosted by Regional Chaplains:** 

Sandra Crocket (SW), Maggie Burnes (MW), Debra Moody (FW), Jerrie Foster (SE) Naydene Williams (E)

JOIN US
W. A. I. T. TIME
WOMEN ANCHORED IN TRUST

From the Desk of...

Soror Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, 100th Centennial Anniversary Conclave Coordinator Chair

**Still Standing... Still Serving...Still Strong!** 100 Years of Dedication, Commitment, and Service to the Tield of Education

# IT'S HERE...THE CONCLAVE CLOCK IS TICKING



## **CHECK LIST**

- ✓ 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conclave Packet Flipping Book: <a href="https://online.flippingbook.com/view/385163646/">https://online.flippingbook.com/view/385163646/</a>
- ✓ Purchase the fabulous 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial brooches in pearl or clear rhinestone bezel, \$23.00 each.
- ✓ Purchase the 2023 T Shirts at \$23 each. Colors and themes: Red or Gold Founders front/2023 Commemorative Logo back; Red or Yellow Sisterhood front/2023 Commemorative Logo back
- Centennial Legacy Walkway & Beautification Project! Be on look out for Ribbon Cutting information.
- ✓ Saving with Chapter Payment Plan Sheet forwarded early last year to Directors and Basilei. Information: Soror Sandra Webster, 201-407-8205, s.webster1063@comcast.net
- Regular Registration cycle: October 1, 2022 February 1, 2023 \$575.99. Ask your Chapter Basileus for he flyer, that includes payment information, link, and details.



# Parliamentarian's Corner

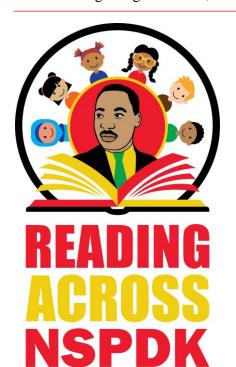
## **Sorority Tidbits**

#### **Financial Reports**

- ❖ Financial Reports are heard/received, but not adopted.
- ❖ Each year, there should be an annual report, which should be audited.
- ❖ A motion may be made to adopt the audit report.
- ❖ There should be an audit whenever there is a new financial officer.

#### The Audit

- ❖ An audit of the financial records is important to ensure the accuracy of the financial report.
- ❖ An audit protects both the financial officers and the organization.
- ❖ The auditor may uncover sloppy bookkeeping practices or even recommend a better way of doing things.
- The audit's report is an endorsement of the financial report, and it relieves the financial officers of any responsibility for the period covered by the report, except for fraud.
- ❖ Financial officers should insist that their books are audited once a year, and anyone newly elected to the office should not accept unaudited books.
- Small organizations should appoint an audit committee.
- ❖ In larger organizations, independent accountants should do the audit.



#### A DAY OF SERVING AND READING ACROSS THE NSPDK REGIONS

Our Literacy Initiative program encourages every chapter to participate in, "A Day of Serving and Reading Across NSPDK". Each Soror is asked to solicit as many individuals as possible to drop everything and read for one hour. Solicit students, co-workers, families, churches, organizations, etc. to take time out of their busy schedules and read. You can read or be read to individually, as a group, at the library, or however you creatively decide. On MLK Day - just READ!

Remember the following for this sororal year: 1) January (MLK's birthday) (Pledgees are to Read Across NSPDK). 2) One hour reading in one of the following ways: One hour • two half-hour segments • four 15-minute segments • six 10-minute segments 3) Chapter Deadline is February TBD for chart of

signature count to be sent to your regional Literacy chairperson. Report must be signed by the chapter Basileus. 4) Regional Literacy Chairs will forward their compilation chart to the National Reading/Literacy Chair by March TBD. Report must be signed by the Regional Literacy Chair

## **NSPDK e-LEARNING ACADEMY**



An Educational Initiative of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. **In Collaboration With** 

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.



**2023 Virtual Educational Town Hall** Series

# **Common Collaborative Conversations Human Trafficking: Emerging from the Shadows**

# **Town Hall 2023 Series**

**January 18, 2023** 

Questions to think about:

- 1. What are ethe types of human trafficking? 2. How do we identify victims?
- 3. What are some resources to combat human trafficking?

#### **REGIONAL TIME ZONES**

**4 PM PST 5 PM MST 6 PM CST 7 PM EST** 

JOIN ZOOM MEETING Meeting ID 606 769 6222

For more information visit: www.nspdkacademy.org Email: <u>nspdkacademy@gmail.com</u>









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# 23RD OF EACH MONTH

Sorors are asked to wear red and gold on this day to remind us of our 2023 Centennial Celebration.



Soror Monique Lunsford

Soror Tonya Dorsey Dews

Soror Asia Jones

Soror Lisa Johnson

Soror Denice Villa



Sorors
Betty Glover; Elaine Hudson;
Jean Jackson; Chynitta Montgomery;
LaToya Maxey



Sorors Elaine Hudson; Melba Timms; LaToya Maxey From the desk of... Debra Wade Supreme Epistoleus









*Soror Ovida Bertha Hardy* Iuly 2, 1933 – November 25, 2022

Ovida Bertha Williams Hardy was born in Live Oak, Florida. Ovida became a Christian at an early age and joined the Union Baptist Church in Houston, Florida. She was a graduate of Douglass High School and later attended Bethune Cookman University, Edward Waters College, and Florida A&M University. Ovida was affiliated with the Sororities and Masons: Order of the Eastern Star-Past Worthy Matron / Chartered Worthy Matron of Queen B. Williams #43. Heroines of Jericho- Past District Deputy for The Most Ancient Grand Matron for District 16B, Daughters of Light #177. Heroines Templar Crusades - Past Princess Captain / Lane Mathis Bradley Guild #91.

Mrs. Hardy was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Hardy, two sisters, Vera Cruise and Juanita Grimmage, and two brothers: Ulyesses and David Williams.

Ovida leaves to cherish her memories: sister, Ardelia McClain, three children, Marlo Jackson, Marva Jackson Miller (Larry), and Casanova Jackson (Camela), four grandchildren, Ernest Miller (Dorothy), Marlon Jackson, Cameron Jackson and Antoine Jackson, a host of nieces, nephews and caring friends



NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED

# NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING

**January 9, 2023** 





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# **TRAFFICKING**

**Help EDUCATORS support our day of giving!** 





Margarette Galloway, Supreme Basileus Noreen E. Little, 1<sup>st</sup> Supreme Anti-Basileus Dr. Sharrie R. Dean-Collins, Conclave Coordinator Dr. Patsy O. Squire, Eastern Regional Director Tiffany Ladson-Lang, Host Region Member-at-Large Gwendolyn L. Watts, Host Region Coordinator

Your tax-deductible contribution will benefit the above charities, scholarships, and educational initiatives.

# Soror's Spotlight

Congratulations!

Noreen Little, 1<sup>st</sup> Supreme Hnti-Basileus 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - December 23rd



Allan and Noreen Little celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with family and close friends.

The Littles with daughters Tracy and Michelle



From the desk of...
Dr. Patsy Squire
Eastern Regional Director

Happy New Year!!!

January 2, 2023

#### Greetings,

Thank you for the many beautiful Holiday cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness certainly brightens my spirit. May the Near Year bring many opportunities your way to explore every joy of life and turn all your dreams into reality while your efforts bring great achievements. Thank you for continuing the soul of our organization as we engage in teaching and educating others to Live! I can feel the spirit of our Founders cheering us on to greater heights. During the months leading up to our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration we will continue to focus on the goals to increase membership, visibility, and literacy. From Alpha to Zeta lota, the Mighty East sets the tone for a great year. NSPDK, Inc. We are the Difference!

Please join Supreme Basileus Margarette Galloway and the Eastern Region in the National Day of Giving Campaign from Nov. 14, 2022 - May 23, 2023. Be sure to reference the Letters, Video, and Flyer. All Sorors, families and friends may participate. *The designated Day of Giving is January 9, 2023*. Please help us to encourage others to donate.

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Thank you, Soror Rose Robinson/Xi Chapter, for sharing a free book offering on Kindle, Paid in Full: An In-Depth Look at the Defining Moments of Christ's Passion

https://tinyurl.com/bek8t6sb







Mr. & Mrs. Squire







Time flies when you're having fun! 67 years ago, NSPDK, Inc. Beta Lambda Chapter was chartered in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Today we served in the classrooms and cafeteria at Gibson Elementary and provided books and toys to Hall Woodward Elementary School!





Soror Amber Mack-Little, Beta lambda Chapter

Teacher of the Year

Hall Woodward Elementary School

Winston-Salem, NC



Delta Lambda Chapter is proud to present three new Sorors initiated on December 17, 2022. Thank you, Sorors of lota Chapter who lent their expertise as a fine example of Sisterhood!





**Delta Nu Chapter** 

1st Row: Krinon President, Judith Stoddart

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Masika Greene-Robinson, Dr. Courtney Johnson

3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Angel Woodley, Dawna Pazant, Kimberly Roper-Brailsford



Six Degrees of Elevation with Pepukayi West, Basileus, Aretha Blake-Arroyo, 2<sup>nd</sup>
Anti-Basileus, and Melanie Alston-Balaputra, Dean of Pledges



(December 7, 2022) The Rochester City School District spot lighted team members supporting students during the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Rhonda Neal is the Principal of Wilson Foundation Academy. She oversees students in grades K-8 in a building that has the only International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program for students in grades7-8. Wilson Foundation also has a IB Primary Years Program for students in grades K-6. An educator with 19 years of experience Ms. Neal started her career in the RCSD as a Business Teacher. She has been a School Administrator at the District level, Elementary, Middle, and Secondary Assistant Principal. Please join in applauding Ms. Neal for her fantastic work to help Rochester City School District scholar succeed.









# **Epsilon Chapter Xinos rings bell on a cold day for the Salvation Army**













Xi Chapter Xinos and Kudos along with the HUB Parents and Advisors helped sort and give out toys to the children as they visited and took pictures with Santa at Upper Chichester Holiday Celebration





Dill and advisor Soror Rose M Robinson







Zeta Chapter's Food Give Away for families at Mitchell Elementary School. Thank you, Zeta Sorors who came to help out. The families were very appreciative. -Basileus Dr. Robinson-Redd





After Zeta Chapter's December meeting, there was a paint party. Painting, snacking chatting, singing, and sisterhood. So relaxing.







Eta Chapter celebrates with gifts, food, and sisterhood after December meeting.

#### Lord Use Me in '23!



**Eta Chapter Soror Sharon Andrews-Jackson Kudos Advisor** 

**Eta Chapter** Children and Adults Christmas Project-OEO Shelter Sorors contributed gift bags to women, men and children at OEO Shelter.













Madam Regional Director Dr. Patsy Squire enjoyed outstanding hospitality with Epsilon Chi Basileus Tonya Couch during hotel site visit to Tarry Town, New York for 2024 Regional Conference

From The desk of... Rose Anderson Southeast Regional Director

# Happy New Year, Sorors

Happy New Year!!! This is the beginning of a new year but a continuation of our sororal year as we look forward to the celebration of our 100th year anniversary at our Conclave in July. As we focus on

the completion of the activities of our Y.E.S. programs, the national day of giving, reporting our participation in the Y.E.S. programs to the respective regional and national chairs, and getting ready for our youth conferences, the one-day regional conferences and conclave,



we must continue our efforts to promote the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. We must communicate our goals to our communities, support our educational leaders as well as advocate for educational opportunities for our children.

As we stand on the foundation of our eight Founders in these uncertain times, let us continue to carry out their vision, our purpose and the mission of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Whether you are in the classroom or not, we must be promoters, advocators, and give leadership and examples for improvements in the educational environment. We need the participation of all of our members.

We look forward to seeing you at the regional conference and conclave. Wonderful things are going to happen with love in our hearts and the true spirit of sisterhood. Thank you for what you are doing and will continue to do in the name of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated.

# Welcome 2023 - here we come!

## **Psi Chapter Makes Thanksgiving Can Good Contribution**

Each Thanksgiving Day, the Wings of Life Drug and Alcohol Recovery Center and Mission provides a nourishing hot meal to those less fortunate. The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated - Psi Chapter has been an annual contributor for this event and collected over 25 large can goods at the November 2022 chapter meeting. Pictured below (left) are Psi Chapter members with can goods; pictured on the (right) are Psi chapter member Michele Dotson and Kristopher Dotson (representing Anthropos) presenting the can goods to Abigail for the Wings of Life Center.





## Gamma Psi Chapter Sisterhood Activity with Anthropos at Christmas

Gamma Psi had lunch at Brooksie's Barn along with the Anthropos. Dirty Santa, Christmas Bingo, and Name that phrase or Word games were played. Basileus La'Toshia Chism addressed the group at the end. The most exciting was the dirty Santa, choosing a gift that was wrapped without knowing what it was, and then the gift could be stolen from you by another sister, at least twice. Sisterhood fellowship and fellowship with the Anthropos were enjoyed.

















#### Gamma Psi: Breakfast with Santa at Nova Pre-K



#### Beta Eta Chapter Teach-A-Rama and Pop-Up Museum

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC BETA ETA CHAPTER

### TEACH-A-RAMA

highlights MSCS initiative with

#### "REIMAGINING EDUCATION 901"

Saturday, November 19, 2022 12:45pm South Branch Library 1929 South 3rd St. Memphis, Tennessee 38109

**Guest Speakers:** 

Mr. Keith Williams, MSCS School Board Member
Mrs. Rosemary Winters, MSCS Teacher
Dr. Carmen Barfield, Instructional Curriculum Coach

Margarette Galloway, National President Rose Anderson, Southeast Region Director Claudette H. Lehew, Chapter President















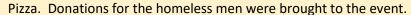
YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT





#### **Gamma Psi Youth Group Christmas Social**

Gamma Psi Chapter Xinos and Kudos along with their advisors enjoyed their Christmas Social Event at Rock'n Dough









### **Alpha Beta Chapter Presents Gifts to Local Schools**

In observance of American Education Week, the Reading Committee of Alpha Beta Chapter presented the faculty and staff of Chadwell Elementary School with assorted snacks and beverages. These snacks included baked chips, popcorn, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, and assorted beverages. These items were placed in the Teacher's Lounge of the school with a large sign that said, "We Thank You" from NSPDK Alpha Beta Chapter.

The Children & Adult Committee of Alpha Beta Chapter solicited monetary donations from the sorors in the chapter for the purchase of library books with diverse themes and characters as a Christmas gift to Hull- Jackson Montessori School. The sorors raised \$500.00 and were able to present a check in this amount to the librarian of the school for the purchase of these library books. After the books have arrived at the school, labels will be placed in each book stating- Donated by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Alpha Beta Chapter.









#### **DELTA MU NEWS**

In the November chapter meeting, Delta Mu recognized Diabetes Awareness Month with a presentation from Soror Dr. Rita Williams.

Sorors asked questions and received information to share with others.



Soror Dr. Rita Williams participated in a panel discussion on Holiday Blues versus Seasonal Blues which aired on radio station 88.5 FM:

https://youtube.com/watch?v=IHbLwhvyiO4&feature=share.

Preview YouTube video Holiday Blues vs. Seasonal Depression (4K)





Delta Mu Sorors attended the 2022 NAACP Open House Membership Drive. We appreciate and continue to support the NAACP initiatives.



#### **Alpha Beta Sorors Deliver Christmas Cheer**

The sorors of Alpha Beta Chapter delivered approximately 60 Christmas Gift Mugs to the residents of the Metro Retired Teachers Center Apartments. The gift mugs were filled with packages of instant hot beverages, candy, bookmarks and an inspirational reading about the religious meaning of the Candy cane. The residents also received 2023 pocket planners. The staff and residents of the Center thanked the sorors for remembering them each year with Christmas gifts.











From the desk of...
Tiffany Pritchett
Midwest Regional Director

Happy New Year Sorors! We are here in 2023, what a Blessing to begin another year. Another year to start fresh anew with goals, new mantras, and a NEW BEGINNING! In closing out 2022, I reflected on what went well in my life and what I need to make room for. Having gratitude and being thankful for your everyday Blessings allows your mind to be at ease and look forward to what is next by making room. As we navigate through 2023, what do you need to make room for? More Self-care? More reading? We want to be the best and present the best version of ourselves in everything we do. To present the best version of yourself you must make "Me Time" to shut-off from all of your activities. This allows you to not only decompress but allows for your creativity to kick in. With this being said, I hope everyone got some rest this holiday season. I hope you were able rejuvenate yourself and come back full force for the second half of this Sororal Year. Get Ready, Get Ready for our 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Conclave in July!

We are "Still Standing...Still Serving... Still Strong!" in 2023!

My Prayer for NSPDK, Inc...

I asked God for strength that I might achieve. I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy. I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

-The Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier

In Sisterhood and Service,

7iffany M. Pritchett Midwest Regional Director 2019-2023





# Soror of the Year Gloria Terry Beta Mu Chapter





Mu Chapter Neophytes receiving their official pins and gifts. – Soror Pamela Seaton







#### **Xinos Take Advantage of HBCU Fair**

Submitted by Denine A. Goolsby, Basileus Written by Amelia Johnson, Xinos Advisor, Alpha Xi Chapter, Cleveland, OH



Alpha Xi Xinos President, Charleigh Blockson did extremely well at Cleveland, Ohio's HBCU Fair November 19, 2022. Charleigh is a senior at Lutheran East High School. She has been a member of our Xinos youth group for 3 years. She has attended 2 Xinos & Kudos Conferences, both virtual, where she has taken 1st place both years with her stellar interviews. She is very excited to attend her first in person Youth Conference this year as a senior. She is interested in Business Administration/Entrepreneurship with a minor in Film/Digital Media, hence her wins at our youth conferences.

She has not chosen her school yet, but she did receive a total of 6 acceptances and 4 offers at the HBCU Fair. She was accepted at both West Virginia State and Fisk University. Charleigh was offered a full ride from American Baptist College and Alabama State University. Paine College offered her a \$20,000



scholarship. Claflin University offered her a \$10,000 scholarship. She has some decisions to make because we haven't even included offers from PWIs. Whatever she decides we support her and hope we have prepared her to be successful in all her endeavors.

How does Charleigh feel about the whole process? In her own words, "The College Fair was great!



It was different from previous College Fairs I have been to. It helped me understand more of what HBCU is all about. I loved the HBCU College Fair Pre-Show. The HBCU pride was so strong. The people dancing, the bands and the Greek organizations stepping made me excited to get to the tables. The process at the Fair was pretty easy except for trying to get to the tables due to the crowd. All of the presenters were very informative. I received a fee waiver for the Black College Common Application for the HBCUs and was able to get accepted by six schools on the spot!! Two of the schools offered me a full ride."



Sounds like she is very glad she went. Congratulations, Charleigh, your future is bright. Needless to say, the Xinos youth advisor is proud to have had the opportunity to work with her over the years!





Mu Chapter's first hybrid meeting, and last meeting of 2022. T Neophytes and Krinon Committee beautiful lunch after the meeting. -Pamela Seaton





Mu Chapter's Adults and Children's Benefits Committee provided poinsettias to our homebound Sorors. They were so happy to see their Sorors! Photos below are from William K New Sullivan Elementary School. Mu Chapter's Adults and Children's Benefit Committee sponsored the Pre-K and Kdg gift giveaway. The children were happy with the toys and books they received.







Phidelka Foundation's Annual Winter Galla

Mu Chapter's

Mu Chapter is busy with keeping out Sorors on our minds!!









Mu Chapter Y.E.S. Program- Sonix completing community service with Jesse White Tumblers at their Coat Drive. Secretary of State Jesse White pictured with Sonix and Advisor Malisha Donald. Hub parent helping





Mu Chapter's Local Projects Committee helped with the donation Dive at Advocate Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn, IL. The Local Projects Committee also donated books for 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students. Local Projects also went to the Ronald McDonald House and donated 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade books as well. Mu Chapter-Watch Us Be Great!

Mu Chapter submissions: Soror Pamela Seaton

From the desk of... Anita O'Neal Southwest Regional Director



# **Southwest Region**

# Happy New Year 2023

# Greetings,

We are beginning a new year let us Reflect and Renew our Sororal Commitment to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Lets begin 2023 by being more dedicated to your local chapter and the southwest region. Reflect on this New Year Poem

"The Year"
What can be said in New Year rhymes.
That's not been said a thousand times.
The new years come; the old years go.
We know we dream, we dream we know.
We rise up laughing with the light.
We lie down weeping with the night.
We hug the world until it stings.
We sigh for wings.
We live, we love, we woo, we wed.
We laugh, we weep, we hope we fear

Anita O'Neal Southwest Regional Director



Dr. Shyulanda Randle-Filer, Eughia Simon, and Marilyn Norris were inducted into Epsilon Theta Chapter, Beaumont, Texas on December 9, 2022. Welcome Sorors!



# Epsilon Beta Chapter

Tyler, Texas



# Welcomes

New Sorors to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated



Epsilon Beta's Fall Initiation – The Fearless Five – December 3, 2022 Lauren Smith, Brandi Patterson, LeDana McGee, Cecelia Jones, and Dr. Johnita Ward

> Basileus – Sharon Mosley 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus – Onella Brown Dean of Pledgees – Agnes Roberson

# From the desk of... Dr. Elcendia Nord Far West Regional Director



We have just completed 2022. The Far West Region had a phenomenon year. We accomplished many new and exciting activities. We were able to complete all the requirements of National. Despite the challenges of the Region, we proceeded to press forward for National Sorority of Phi Delta, Incorporated. We had exciting programs, which included but not limited to Teach A Rama Programs, Anniversaries Programs, Breakfast Programs. Sisterhood Programs, Successful Fund Raisers, and Community Initiations. We had PAVES pictures every month. We are pleased with our accomplishments for 2022.

We were proud of our Far West Regional Retreat. The program was exciting, the speakers were awesome. We had our largest attendance with many first-time attendees. We were thrilled to add Zeta Theta and Gamma Iota to our Regional Retreat. The Youth Leadership Conference was exceptional. We have not had any face-to-face Regional Activities;

however, our attendance has been overwhelming for all of our virtual programs. Perhaps, in 2023, we will try a face-to-face. We will see. The Covid is not over!

We are looking forward to a better 2023. We plan to surpass everything that we did in 2022. We are anxiously awaiting the Centennial Celebration in Florida. It promises to be extraordinary! There are many new activities planned for this our  $100^{th}$  Year Celebration. We will honor our longevity Sorors, some of which have met some of our Founders. In the Far West, we have one Centenarian, Mabel Griffin of Beta Phi. However, we have several Sorors that had the privilege of meeting some of our Founders . Not that we are overlooking Conclave 100, we are looking toward Conclave 102 which will be held in the beautiful and exciting city of Las Vegas, Nevada with the Far West as host.

The Far West is growing! We reactivated Gamma Iota in 2022. We had several Krinon lines plus several transfers from other Regions. We are currently in the process of Chartering another Chapter in 2023. We are living up to our motto "Small but Mighty".



Soror Brendy Schoby, Youth Advisor, Basileus Constance Majors, and Soror O'Quinn with Xinos and Kudos 2022 Induction Ceremony

Soror Brendy Schoby, Youth Advisor, Basileus Constance Majors, and Soror O'Quinn with Xinos and Kudos 2022 Induction Ceremony



**Delta Kappa Chapter** 





Hypertension & Diabetes Awareness Day Presentations by Basileus Constance Majors (pictured left) and Soror Ann Jackson (pictured right)

#### Beta Nu Chapter

Serving the Community This Holiday Season

On Saturday, December 10, 2022, Beta Nu participated in the "Annual Feeding 5000 Project" at SF City College. Every year the SF African American Faith-Based Coalition, the SF Department of Public Health,



and twenty other organizations collaborate to feed families with food insecurities. Two hundred volunteers, along with Sorors Emily Wade-Thompson, Faye Anderson, and Basileus Eva Allen,



loaded a thousand boxes containing turkeys, produce, and eggs onto vans, U-Hauls, SUVs, and cars to be distributed to families at designated sites. A total of 6,700 families received

these resources. As a viable member of the "Feeding 5000 Project" Planning Committee, Soror Wade-Thompson facilitated 353 family members in four Bayview Hunters Point Schools receiving food and \$350.00 in grocery store gift cards, courtesy of donations from Beta Nu members.



Basileus Contance Majors and Sorors O'Quinn and Brown presented Thanksgiving boxes to two families At New Life LA Church







#### **Beta Phi Chapter Homeless Giveaway**

Any act of kindness, no matter how small a wasted effort is never. This is the mindset our Beta Phi Youth Group has exemplified. These young people along with Sorors, volunteered their services assembling fifty or more care



packages with blankets for the homeless. These packages were donated to Calvary Christian Center to be distributed to the homeless at Union Station downtown Los Angeles. Job well done Beta Phi Youth Group! Continue to be the change you want to see in this world!



# **Soror Spotlight Zeta Theta Chapter**



Krystyn Price-Harrell,
VP of Talent for
basketball great LeBron
James' SpringHill
Company, won an
EMMY for her work
with Turning the Tables
with Robin Roberts talk
show. She is the
youngest daughter of
Soror Jayne Price.



Jayne Price





Dr. Meisje-Sable Burton, MBA, M.D., FACOG, passed her oral exams to become a Board-Certified Obstetrician Gynecologist. She is the daughter of Soror Rico McCoy Burton





Zeta Theta Sorors gathered in person for our December meeting and holiday celebration, which included dinner, a gift exchange and socks donation for the Red-Hot Sock Drop drive. Sorors generously donated socks. Soror Dawson-Hooks donated 110 pairs of socks!!













Sorors Carol Gray, Shirley Brydie, Mary McClendon, and Rico McCoy Burton celebrate Kwanzaa and Sisterhood at a Valley Kwanzaa event. Soror McClendon served on the events committee.