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Book of NSPDK, Inc.

Chapter II

These pages close the chapter for some very important officers that have served NSPDK exceedingly and abuntantly well. Thank you Regional Directors: Dr. Patsy Squire-ER; Rose Anderson -SE; Tiffany Pritchet-MW; Anita O'Neal-SE & Dr. Elcendia Nord-FW. Thank You Noreen Little-Ist Supreme Anti-Basileus; Debra Wade-Supreme Epistoleus; Shannette Rooks-Supreme Tamiouchos; and Jarian Graham-Director of Public Relations. We will definitely miss your outstanding services to NSPDK, Inc.

Sorors, we close this sororal chapter (June 30) looking forward to our inaugural one day regional conference and 100th Anniversary Conclave July 17-21 2023. I am looking forward ti0 seeing you in Kissimmee!

I have packed for Conclave...Have You?



Extended Trip Invitation to Ethiopia To Friends and Family

If you are interested in this GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY, click and complete the link below. More information and deadline adjustments will be shared. https://forms.gle/2nLuXX4jtc8v8rsE9



Now Hear This!!

2022-2023 CONCLAVE CIRCULAR I FORM IS PAST DUE!!!

PLEASE SEND CIRCULAR I FOR CONCLAVE CREDENTIALS IMMEDIATELY TO:

> YVONNE BEN (National Credentials Chair)

and

BARBARA NETTLES (Supreme Grammateus)

DEADLINE extended

for

2023–2024 Circular I

Now Due: Friday, September 15, 2023 Send to: Headquarters

Rationale:

Newly elected Basilei need time to appoint committee chairs to serve during her tenure.

MG SB27-6/5/2023

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED







2ND 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... 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 Field of Education Are You Ready? Almost Here **Final moments** WN! TDC) COUN Prepared It's Time! Deadline Be Watching the Clock GET READY, GET SET, LET'S GO! **Regional Conferences – Historical Museum – Vendors – Choirs – Elections** Awards – PAVES – Perpetual Scholarship – KOT's Darling Diva's Lounge (80+) – Teachers' Lounge – 1st Time Attendees Opening Ceremony, 7/18, 9:00 am & 1st Plenary 7/18, 10:30 am (African Attire, any color)

7/15 1 pm – Here's to Your Health, Keeping it 100 Health Fair (Casual attire)

2nd Plenary 7/19, 10:30 am (Business Sororal Colors attire) 3rd Plenary 7/20, 9 am (Uninterrupted white –Installation, III and Deceased, Torchlighting) 7 pm – PAVES Day Party and Games

- 7/16 9 am Worship Service (Church attire hats and all!)
 - 10:30 am Sunday Jazz Brunch (\$50 tickets Church attire)
 - <u>1 pm Basilei Institute (Business Sororal Colors attire)</u>
 - 4 pm Public Meeting (Business Sororal Colors attire)
 - 6 pm President's Reception & Fashion Show (Business Sororal Colors attire)
- 7/18 7 pm Soulful White Party (Casual, White attire) [formerly Motown Party]
- 7/19 8:30 am Vital Issues Breakfast (Business Sororal Colors attire)
- 7 pm Evening with the Founders Dramatic Presentation (Roaring 20's, Cotton Club attire)
- 7/20 7pm Calla Lily Awards Reception Banquet (Formal attire, Black Tie, any color)



Regional/Conclave - 1st - Attendance Check (receive items, specifics) 2nd - Registration by Region (receive materials, items, specifics) Location - Rotunda Area

- 7/15 10 am 1 pm, 3 pm 6 pm
- 7/16 11 am 1 pm, 3 pm 4 pm, 9 pm 10:30 pm
- 7/17 7 am 7:50 am, 4 pm 5 pm -- and *Credentials 7 am 7:50 am*
- 7/18 8 am 8:50 am -- and Credentials 8 am 8:50 am
- 7/19 6:30 am 7 am -- and Credentials 6:30 am 7 am; Voting 7 am 8 am
- 7/20 8 am 8:50 am



<u>There is NO Hotel Shuttle!</u> See Conclave packet, page 34 for details! Reserve your airport pick up and return arrangements now.

<u>Meals Options</u>! Selective options & selective dietary restrictions offering. Information forthcoming.

Local Attractions! Information and Tickets - Kissimmee and Orlando, FL attractions and information were included in the Registration Packet, for your choice outside of Regional and Conclave meetings and activities. Sorors shared wanting more information/tickets... Please click on the Kissimmee Guest Services link below to access special ticket purchasing options, and preorder tickets for you and your families. Tickets for: July 10–July 23, 2023.

All purchases via Kissimmee Guest Services https://kgstix.com/nspdk/

<u>Professional Development!</u> Professional development learning opportunities will be offered virtually and face-to-face, including sessions and communities of practice, supporting professional and personal growth for Sorors. Expectations for professional development completion include viewing the respective link(s) of interest, completing a one-page synthesis concisely summarizing details and data presented, making recommendations, and connecting the topic to your Chapter work, or your daily practices, research, and job responsibilities.

Certificates of Completion QR code in Conclave Packet.

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated Celebrates an Historical Moment in our History!

GET READY! GET SET! LET'S GO! NSPDK Family departing from Doubletree by Hilton in Alsip, Illinois to Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Waiting for the infamous geese family to cross hotel driveway.

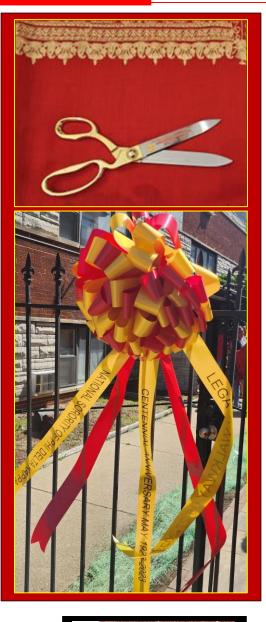




Historical Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Celebrating NSPDK Legacy Walkway

Chicago, Illinois, May 27, 2023 – Ms. Margarette Galloway, National President, and the members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated (NSPDK) commemorated the Legacy Walkway and Beautification Project with a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. The event took place at the National Headquarters, 8233 South King Drive, Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at 9:30 AM. Local dignitaries and National Officers participated in this historic celebration.











Left-Distinguished Guest -Jennifer Gamble, Nashville City Council Member. Daughter of Soror Lois Nelson, Mu Chapter (far right) with Ann Black, Past Supreme Basileus.

Thank you, Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County who is a neighbor of National Headquarters' house for your donation of \$100.00.





"Your story is what you have, what you will always have. It is something to own." Michele Obama



Program Participants: Soror Pamela (Zoom Host) Dr. Etta Carter, Mistress of Ceremony, Past Supreme Basileus; Dr. Sharrie Dean-Collins, Invocation, Chair, Centennial Anniversary Committee; and Margarette Galloway, Greetings, Supreme Basileus.

Remarks: Ann D. Black, Chair Board of Trustees; Charlotte M. Williams, Chair Past Supreme Basileus; Lisa Frieson, President, Perpetual Scholarship Foundation; Phillip N. Wade, President SW Anthropos, and Audrey M. Harding, Legislative Director at Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, 1st District







LUNCHES





SOUTHWEST REGION

FAR WEST REGION



EASTERN REGION

SOUTHEASTERN REGION





URGENT APPEAL

From the desk of: Ruther Bridgers, National Literacy/Reading Power Chair

Greetings all Sorors of the mighty and strong NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED.

This is an URGENT APPEAL to all Sorors attending the 2023 Conclave.

As you are aware of our right as citizens of the United States of America and as educators in some of the world's greatest school system, are slowly being eroded by individuals seeking to return us to the Dark Ages.

Each Soror is asked to bring a Banned Book from their state's list of books that have been removed from the school's libraries and the list that provides the name and author of that book. NSPDK, INC. will have a BOOK READ-IN during Conclave.

From July 2021 to June 2022, local officials banned 2,532 books by 1,261 authors. 290 illustrators, and 18 translators, according to the Banned Books Week 2022 report called an "unprecedented fashion." Books that reinforce student backgrounds and ideas,

of marginalized backgrounds, are being removed from the classrooms.

The book and list will be collected at Conclave.

With Sororal Love,

National and Regional Literacy/ Reading Power Chairmen, Ruth Bridgers, National Chairperson Maria Almond -East Dr. Cheryl Washington-Southeast Latosha Rowley- Midwest Lisa Johnson – Southwest Dr. Ouida Brown -Far West Noreen Little, 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus Margarette Galloway, Supreme Basileus





Don't Miss This Pre-Conclave Event!

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC.

SATURDAY - JULY 15, 2023 **IPM-3PM** BALLROOM C

FREE RAFFLE PIZES AND GIVEAWAYS!

Get your steps in with Zumba and Line Dancing

Here's To Your Health

Keeping it 100! Free Screenings for:

Blood Pressure Dental Care Vision & Hearing Diabetes Covid 19

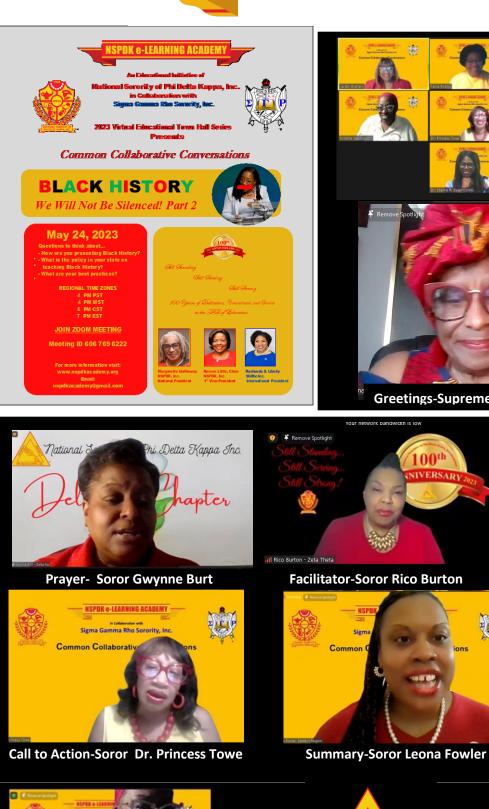
CPR Demonstration Heimlich Maneuver Nutrition & Healthy Eating Participating Partners

Florida Health Department Osceola County Central Florida Black Nurses Association

Orange Blossom Family Health Center

Margarette Galloway, Supreme Basileus Noreen Little, First Supreme Anti-Basileus Dr. Sherrie Dean-Collins, Conclave Coordinator Dr. Patsy O. Squire, Eastern Regional Director Tiffany Ladson-Lang, Host Chapter Member-At-Large Gwendolyn L. Watts, Host Coordinator

Health Committee Chairperson Soror Drusilla M. Kinzonzi NSPDK e-LEARNING ACADEMY





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Welcome

Noreen Little, Chair 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus

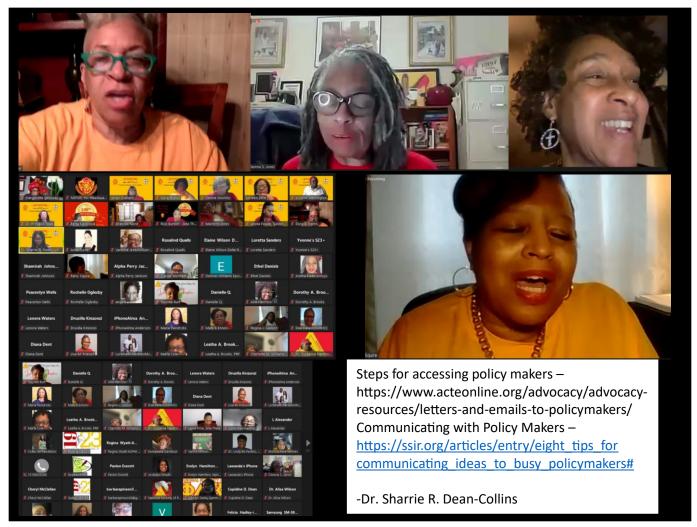






Tech Etiquette-Soror Kristine Washington







Parliamentarian's Corner

Sorority Tidbits for: Conclave, Regional Conferences and Chapters.

Reports for Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees.

Officers: Reports are taken up in the order the bylaws list the officers. If an officer's report includes recommendations, another member moves for the adoption production or otherwise makes any appropriate matiens that arise from the report. (It's)

of the recommendation or otherwise makes any appropriate motions that arise from the report. (It's not good form for the officer to move his own recommendations).

- Boards: After the officer's reports, the boards make their reports. If a board has recommendations, the reporting member makes the necessary motion. The motion doesn't require a second because the board is a body of more than one person.
- Standing committees: Reports and recommendations of standing committees are made one by one in the order the bylaws list the standing committees. Just as the boards, the reporting member makes any motion, which require no second unless a committee is a committee of one.
- If a committee report doesn't contain any recommendations, it really doesn't require any action. Even a motion to receive a report isn't proper, because the report has already been received. Only motions dealing with report recommendations are in order.
- If a report contains no recommendations, the proper handling of the report is for the chair to thank the reporting member and move on to the next item of business.
- However, because some members still may not have a clear understanding about good form and procedure in meetings, the presiding officers should spell it out and say, at the conclusion of information-only reports, "Thank you. The report requires no action and will be placed on file. The next item of business is."





From the Desk Of: Sharon Oliver-Henderson Health Hypertension & Nutrition Chair

Mental Health Among Educators

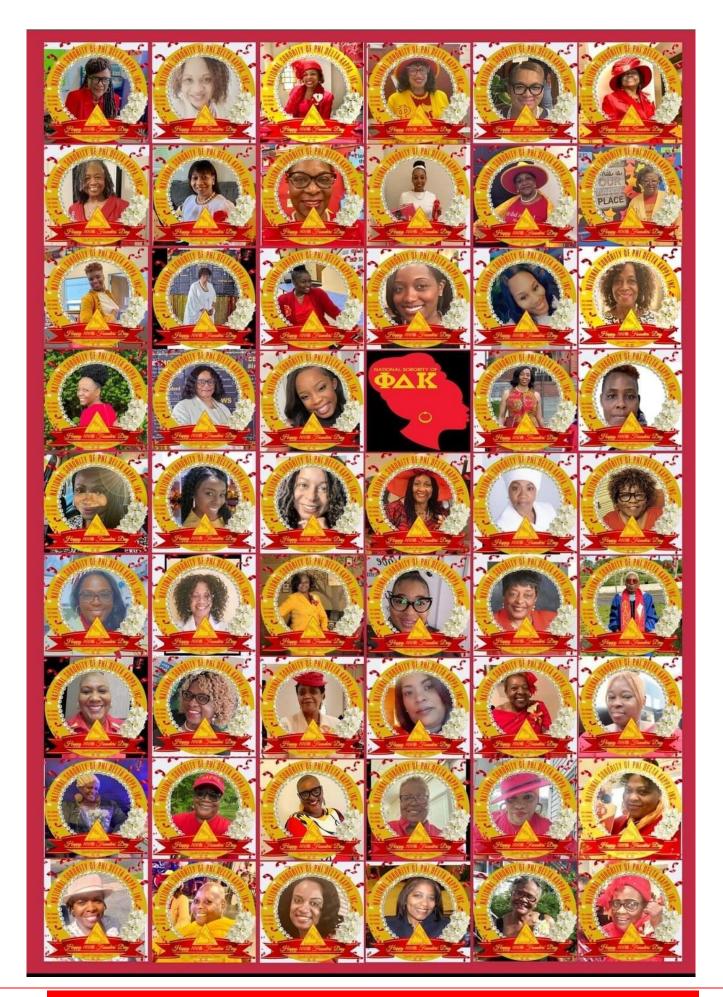
Mental health can affect a person's energy level, concentration, dependability and optimism (affecting their work/life performance). According to a survey from RAND Corporation, 1-4 teachers and principals have experienced signs and symptoms of depression, (including stress and anxiety). Signs and symptoms that might be experienced are irritable, angry, impatient, overburdened or overwhelmed, anxious, nervous or afraid, thoughts racing, can't turn it off, unable to enjoy yourself, lost your sense of humor, difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep.

Depression among educators has caused them to spend less time doing whole class instruction because it's more demanding-energy-intense resulting in less time planning and organizing their lesson plans. In addition, burnout, low pay and limited resources ends up exhibiting a massive exodus of educators.

What can be done while we wait for legislation to provide the resources educators need to reduce mental health issues:

- 1. KNOW THYSELF: keep a positive mind
- 2. Accept what you can't control
- 3. Be assertive instead of aggression express feelings without anger
- 4. Learn to manage your time, with breathing exercises, walking/yoga. "QUIET MOMENTS"
- 5. *Seek professional mental health. Let your Healthcare Provider know how you are feeling. They are required to ask each patient.
- Personal note: When I would arrive home from work, I would sit in my car for 10 minutes alone, taking deep breaths, doing nothing, thinking nothing of watching birds, squirrels, people, leaves falling/flying. And of course, for me, whispering my prayers/conversation to and with GOD.

Eventually, the time for me increased and I felt much better. And I was ready to listen and take in all the entertaining activities of my family.





National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. 'Telling Our Story" - A Project of the National P.A.V.E.S. Committee Mrs. Edith McKinney Barbara Shaw Mrs. Ida Hunt **Dr. Lenora Waters** höre KUDOS KOT Surrende Lockridge Kudos Colin Plummer Xinos Melodi Tyson **Xinos Tania Youman**

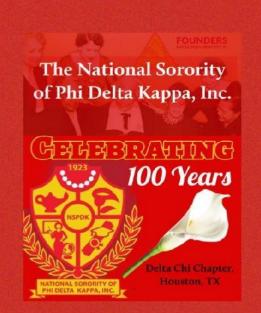




Great day to distribute your NSPDK business cards.! Just shared 4 cards...with my elevator speech!

Mrs. Crystal L. Jones

Mrs. Christella Cain



Delta Chi

Houston Chapter May 23, 2023 P.A.V.E.S. Day











































Epsilon Lambda Orange, TX

Southwest Region Delta Beta Chapter Centennial Celebration Weekend – P.A.V.E.S. Sorors Game Night, Karaoke and Painting at the home of Soror Esther Phillips







Southwest Region Delta Beta Chapter Centennial Celebration Weekend – P.A.V.E.S.

Luncheon at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant at The Domain in Austin, Texas









HAPPY CENTENNIAL!

We are honored to celebrate this most prestigious occasion, the 100th Anniversary of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated! Our illustrious Founders affectionately referred to as the Great 8 set the blueprint in motion in Jersey City, New Jersey on this day May 23, 1923. Our motto, "To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession" has propelled this organization forward gathering educators along the way. Throughout this great nation we continue to explore and spread the vision. With Supreme Basileus Margarette Galloway, the National Executive Council, Board of Trustees, and the Eastern Region, we speak the names of our Founders:

Mother Founder Gladys Merritt Ross	Founder Gladys Cannon Nunery
Founder Julia Asbury Barnes	Founder Dr. Florence Steele Hunt
Founder Ella Wells Butler	Founder Marguerite Gross
Founder Mildred Morris	Founder Edna McConnell

We salute you, our members for your unwavering commitment to following the vision and blueprint to grow our communities through Youth, Education, and Service. Our achievements are shaped by the strength of the foundations we set. We especially thank our leaders past a nd present for exemplifying extraordinary leadership abilities, outstanding accomplishments, and remarkable commitment to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. We celebrate the past, the present and the future, Still Standing! Still Serving! Still Strong!

Your Servant Leader,

Dr. Patsy O. Squire

NSPDK Inc., Eastern Regional Director (2019-2023)

Celebrating Alpha Chapter's Founders' Day in Jersey City, New Jersey



Congratulations

Ms. Pratt on your appointment as Dean of Students in Connecticut! My KOT Mentee, NSPDK Soror and WSSU Alum. So proud of this Educator.



Congratulations

We have two new Doctors in the Mighty Eastern Region: Dr. Regina Rowland-Perry-Xi Chapter Dr. Donna Sowerby-Theta Chapter



Congratulations

Xi Chapter, Xinos Alumni Khrystine Hudnell, participating in the Kente Ceremony. She receives Bachelor in Theatre Production and Design



Congratulations!







Delta Lambda Chapter Cinderella Ball





Deita Lambda Chapter Founders Day



Day 1 of the next 100 years! The future of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is bright! Good thing I have my NSPDK sunglasses! #nspdk100



SORORS CELEBRATING CHARTERING ANNIVERSARY! 2 YEARS AND GOING STRONG!









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

Greetings Sorors,

4 years ago, I was elected as the Southeast Regions' Director for 2019 – 2023. The time has come for this position to end, but by the grace of God, I have endured the challenges that Covid and changes within the organization has brought. The advice and helpful constructive criticism from the past Southeast Regional Directors, Southeast Chapter Sorors,

National Executive Council Members and other Regions' Sorors has been the light I needed to guide the Southeast and keeping it moving forward in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Southeast has held the torch high for 92 years and we much continue to accept our organization's theme: "Pursuit of Excellence-A Challenge to Fulfill".

Thanks to the chapters for your participation in the Pop-Up Museums, National Giving Day, P.A.V.E.S. "Telling Our Story", Centennial Legacy and Beautification Project, securing Proclamations in celebration of our anniversary, giving to Perpetual Scholarship's Walk for Education, your work with Y.E.S. programs, Xinos/Kudos and KOTs, observance of Founders Day, but most of all, your registration for one day Regional Conference and 100th Anniversary Conclave 2023. As Sorors are preparing for attendance at this great celebration and a time for momentous memories, may God Bless each of you and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces and renewing old friendships and acquiring new ones in the sisterhood. See you in July Sisters.

Rose P. Anderson Southeast Region Director 2019 - 2023

ALPHA EPSILON - WELCOME SORORS TO THE VINEYARD OF WILLING WORKERS

Alpha Epsilon initiated 8 new members on May 5, 2023. Krinon Line president presented a special written poem to the Chapter



Alpha Beta Chapter Hosts Annual Teach-A-Rama Program



Natonya Listach

Tanesha Williams

Ursula Smith

The annual Teach-A-Rama Program for Alpha Beta Chapter was held on Zoom recently. The topic was **"The Most Relevant Issues that Affect Today's Teachers".** The presenters were our sorors: Ursula Smith- Classroom teacher, Metro Nashville Public Schools; Natonya Listach; college professor- Middle Tennessee State University; and Tanesha Williams, classroom teacher- Atlanta Public Schools. Each presenter discussed teaching situations that created stress or negatively impacted the effectiveness of their instruction.

Soror Ursula Smith expressed concerns about her elementary age students being unable to master curriculum objectives in the time frame allotted to teachers for teaching the instructional objectives. She stated that teachers experienced high levels of stress because they had little input on creating the objectives and the time frame for instruction.

Soror Natonya Listach expressed a concern about the mental health of students and their resulting negative attitudes about instruction and or completing required instructional tasks in a timely fashion. This causes unhealthy levels of stress for teachers. Soror Listach concluded her discussion with a list of websites that addressed mental health issues in education and the classroom and also provided possible solutions.

Soror Tanesha Williams explained the challenges of meeting the instructional needs of students who are placed in a diverse classroom. Her classroom consists of the Least Restrictive Environment, which allows learners of all backgrounds to co-exist in one classroom. Within that one classroom, she must meet the needs of students with physical disabilities, language barriers, dual identified students (LB & SWD) and advanced students. This classroom consists of a core content teacher- (ELA, Math, Sci, SS), a special education teacher, and an ESOL teacher. This team is challenged with designing instruction that is effective for all of these different learning types.

Many of the sorors of Alpha Beta Chapter are currently retired and enjoyed listening to these invaluable updates from today's teachers.

BETA ETA AND DELTA MU OBSERVANCE OF FOUNDERS' DAY

AWARDS TO SOROR OF THE YEAR AND BASILEUS OF EACH CHAPTER









GAMMA PSI CHAPTER FOUNDERS' DAY AWARDS

Awards to Educator of the Year, Soror of the Year, 50 Year College Graduates, Recognition of Anthropos, Scholarships and Achievement Awards to Graduating High School Students and Xinos and Kudos.



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JARIAN R. GRAHAM, M.ED NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

GAMMA PSI CHAPTER FOUNDERS' DAY AWARDS (cont'd)















JARIAN R. GRAHAM, M.ED NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

MIDWEST REGION

HAPPY CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY! Tiffany Pritchett, Midwest Regional Director





MU CHAPTER WE SPEAK OUR FOUNDERS NAMES









National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

Gamma Rho Chapter



1972-2022

Celebrating 50 years

of

Unity Through Service, Grace and Faith

Omega Chapter

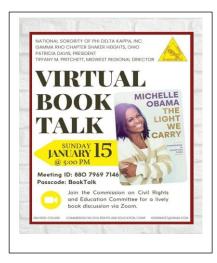


Evelyn Cohen Bolden, Past Basileus of Gamma Rho Past MW Region Epistoleus Transitioned to Omega Chapter

Gamma Rho Chapter continues to implement the NSPDK, Inc. Y.E.S, Program as they near the end of a year's celebration of 50 years of Unity Through , Grace and Faith.

Recent Activities include:

- Book Talk Featuring Michelle Obama's book Becoming
- Xinos and Kudos outing to the Maltz Museum during Black History Month.
- Xinos and Kudos Bowling Outing
- P.A.V.E.S Sisterhood dinner at Zanibar Restaurant





• Host of the MW Region Youth Conference, April 14-16, 2023





Announcing another Gamma Rho Author! Soror Victoria Kirkpatrick, New Book Release "Papa and Me, Our Young Life"



Submitted by: Soror Gaynell Wade, Gamma Rho Chapter Public Relations Director Alpha Rho Chapter Observes Founders' Day with Dr. Opal Lee, Grandmother of Juneteenth Day with Community Service Award



Beta Mu Chapter of Gary IN, hosted a beautiful Torch Lighting Ceremony and Tri-State Founders' Day Commemoration with Sister Chapter Mu (Chicago) at Avalon Manor Banquet Center in Merrillville, IN.



Photo right-Sister Basileus Karen Fitzgerald-Tillman (Beta Mu) and Chamie McKinney (Mu)



Mu and Beta Mu Chapter Sorors

Mu Chapter Adopt a Highway!













Gamma Rho Chapter continue as willing workers in the vineyard, closing out the Sororal year.



Local Scholarships (5 awards at 4 schools)



RESA STRATE

Michigan Teacher of the Year Candice Jackson

 Third Grade Teacher

 Detroit Public Schools Community District



SOUTHWEST REGION



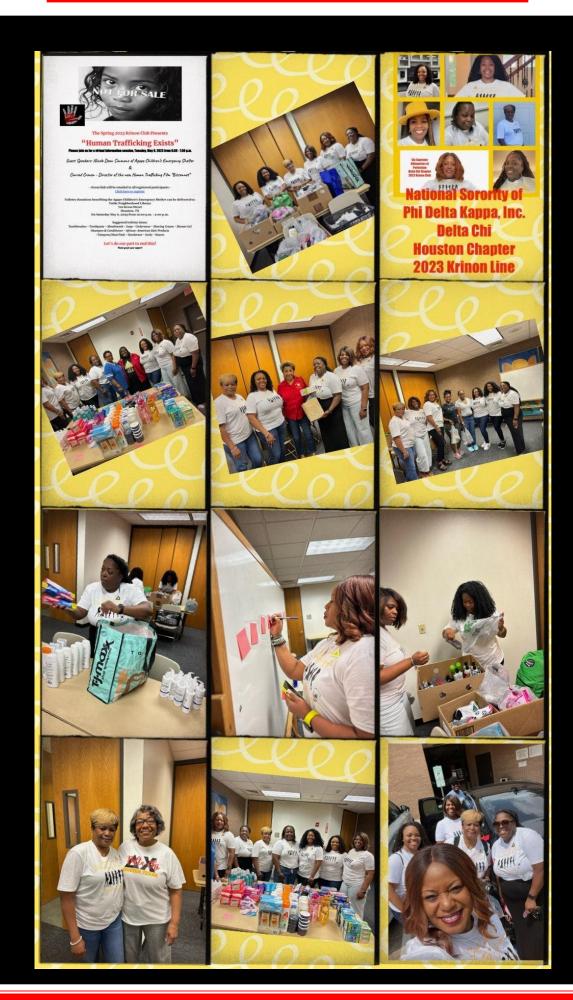
Anita O'Neal Southwest Regional Director

Excellence personified! Congratulations to Alpha Rho Chapter member, Pamela McCoy, on being named Teacher of the Year!



National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Delta Chi Houston Chapter Counselor/Teachers of the Year Honorees







Dr. Elcendia Nord

Message from the Regional Director

Greeting Sorors,

I greet you with much excitement. We have ended the regular school year and our children are thrilled that school is out. Graduation is on the lips of many students whether it is kindergarten, fifth grade, middle school, high school, or college.

All graduates are important and a steppingstone for the future. As we think about the end of the school year, it reminds us that our sororal year is drawing close to the end also.

We have experienced a successful sororal year that we can be proud of. We have achieved the requirements as required by National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. We have reclaimed, renewed, and added sorors to our various chapters. We are anxiously awaiting our One Day Regional Conference, the first of its kind. We are waiting for the excitement of our 100th Year Conclave. For the Far Western regional sorors, this will be our first face to face conference since 2019. We have seventy registered sorors for Conclave, with eighteen first time attendees. What an exciting time we will have in Orlando!

I can truly say that we may be "Small but we are Mighty." We get the job done! I am proud of each chapter that has been given to me. Let us continue to work together and grow together as sisters with the same mother, namely National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated.

Beta Nu Chapter

Honoring Our Graduating Scholars and Retirees



On May 11, 2023, the San Francisco Alliance of Black School Educators sponsored it's annual "Scholarship and Retiree Salute" at St. Mary's Cathedral in SF, CA. The theme was "Making Education the Number One Priority in the African American Community." There

were approximately one hundred-fifty attendees, including seven sorors, one Xinos, and two HUB Parents. The highlight of the evening was witnessing 24 graduates receive \$2,000 scholarship awards and 16 SFUSD retirees receive recognition for their years of service to SFUSD. Committee members, Sorors Mary Twegbe and Emily Wade-Thompson, made sure our sorors were highly visible and played a key role in the success of this event. Xinos Haley Riggs was the Student MC and a scholarship recipient;

Soror Brenda Jackson did the Welcome; Soror Debra Hall-Johnson, the Invocation; and Soror Emily Wade-Thompson, Salute to the Distinguished Retirees. Additionally, four Beta Nu retirees were recognized: Judith Brooks, Brenda Jackson, Debra Hall-Johnson, and Elaine Merriweather.





PAVES

Providing Avenues of Visibility for Our Educational Sorority





Regional Director Dr. Elcendia Nord



Delorace Daniels



Gamma Sigma



Beta Phi Chapter

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for sisters to dwell together in unity! On April 22nd, the sisters of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Beta Phi reassembled in Compton after being physically isolated due to the COVID pandemic. The room was filled with warm greetings from fifteen sisters dressed in their red and gold as they entered the building. The reassembling of the sisters brought life into our meeting house in Compton. We were truly blessed to have Soror Mabel Griffin, our beautiful one hundred-year-old member, present. Her cheerful and brilliant mind inspires us to be committed lifelong sorors. The sisters sat and broke bread. They feasted and enjoyed a tasty and beautifully planned luncheon. Conversation and laughter filled the room as we played games and enjoyed ourselves. After spending time reuniting, our illustrious Basileus, Daphne Moss called our business meeting to order. During our meeting we had an opportunity to meet our new sorors who joined our chapter during the COVID isolation period, as well as welcoming old, reactivated members. After our well-informed meeting, all of the chapter members proceeded outside and took a group picture. Being together again old and new, was uplifting to us all. Beta Phi is fired up and ready to GO!



Members in attendance of Beta Phi (Top Row)-Sorors: Huberdean Lowe, Sylvia Crockett*, Ebony Batiste*, Gwendolyn Baker, Patricia Rahman, Jill Reed Sharon Mason, Cheryl Adams, Debonée Ross-Rolland*, Doris Strickland (Bottom Row) Sorors: Velma Brown, M. Jean Biddle, Daphne Moss, Lillie Marshall, Mabel Griffin (<u>100-year-old member</u>)

*New/Reactivated Members





Zeta Theta Chapter

May was a very busy month. We secured the historical Spicery Tea House to host our inaugural *Posh and Pretty with Pearls* event. The private event, with Fifty-two (52) friends and community members, celebrated our Founders' Day, and shared information about NSPDK, Inc. and the work our chapter has done in the community. Soror M. Jean Biddle, the Mother and Mentor of Zeta Theta, traveled from California to join us. She stayed and enjoyed four days of Arizona hospitality with our chapter members.



Zeta Theta held its first Torch Lighting ceremony. It was an amazing end to a wonderful weekend of festivities to celebrate Founders' Day. Soror M. Jean Biddle was with us and Soror Michelle Morris, candidate for Far West Regional Director, joined us for our meeting and participated in the Torch Lighting ceremony.



Zeta Theta Xinos and Kudos and are on the move! They helped collect, pair, and organize 1488 pairs of socks, helped the chapter make 200 Teacher Appreciation cards and presented their vision board, wrote and performed a poem and gave a presentation for Founders' Day! We love our youth.



Remember, June...





From Goror Janan Sranam, "Qta Chapter National Public Relations Director 2019-2023 It's been an honor and privilege to be of service.