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National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Celebrated Its 92nd Anniversary Conclave

*“Embracing the Standards, Raising the Bar: Equity –
Quality Education for All”*

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., held its biennial 92nd Anniversary Conclave on July 12-16, 2015 at The Twin City Quarter – Downtown Marriott, Embassy Suites Hotels in Winston-Salem, NC.

Locally, Beta Lambda Chapter under the leadership of chapter President Patsy Squire hosted this event. Members from five regions in the United States joined President Charlotte M. Williams and her National Executive Council at the outstanding conference, replete with sororal and professional development workshops, public meetings, entertainment, and of course sorority business. Sorority business focused on the National Y. E. S. Program (Youth, Education, and Service).

A **MAJOR PRE-CONCLAVE EVENT**, “Because We Care Community Forum”, was sponsored by The Black Women’s Agenda, AARP, and Colgate Palmolive, on Saturday, July 11th

in the M.C. Benton Convention Center North Main Hall. The free event was open to the public. The forum focused on CAREGIVING and the various impacts. Also included was a Health Fair with information and screenings provided by local health care service providers.

“AN EVENING WITH THE ANTHROPOS” was held on Sunday, July 12th in the Grand Pavilion. The Anthropolos is one of the affiliate groups of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.—these are the “Men in our lives”. This event featured the recognition of Outstanding Service of local men: Former Representative Larry Womble, Rev. Serenus Churn, Mr. Richard Watts, Mr. Spencer Hardy and Mr. Mike Robinson. The National Anthropolos President, Rudolph Brown, presented two scholarships to local recipients.

The **GENERAL SESSION** was held on Monday, July 13th and the conference was kicked-off with Dr. Marvin W. Ford, President and Chief Learning Officer of MW Ford Consulting, LLC of Trenton, NJ. Dr. Ford delivered the keynote message, “Transformational Education: Knowledge Beyond Acquisition and Testing”. He also presented two informative workshops entitled, “How to Teach Children Living in Poverty”.

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OUR PURPOSE & PHILOSOPHY

- To stimulate personal growth among teachers
- To foster a true spirit of sisterhood
- To promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession
- To encourage the development of the potential of our youth

As a professional organization of well-trained and effective educators in all components of the learning spectrum, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. is dedicated to training youth and adults to develop and enhance those skills, abilities, attitudes and ethics that will prepare them to function successfully in a democratic society. Education is the vehicle by which they can pursue their dreams, discover new vistas, seek self-actualization and achieve extraordinary accomplishments.



NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED



National Greeting from the Supreme Basileus Charlotte M. Williams

Sorors and Friends of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated,

I consider it an honor to have lead and represented the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK, Inc.) for the past years. I have truly witnessed the spirit of sisterhood as I've traveled across the five regions to observe and participate in the business and social functions of this organization. Representing you at the events in our sororal red and gold at the events of other organizations and community activities has been a source of pride for me.

Since my initiation in the Gamma Chapter in Baltimore, Maryland, I have been inspired by the awesome talent the educators in our midst demonstrate. It has been my goal since joining in 1979 to exemplify and perpetuate the ideals set forth by the Founders, eight young educators in Jersey City, New Jersey. I continue to be inspired by the current and past national officers and leaders who not just set the standard of excellence in their respective educational communities and in this organization.

I continue to be inspired, upon receiving and reading the professional arm of NSPDK, Inc. – The KRINON. The KRINON Staff under the leadership of Dr. Brenda Burrell, and the members who submit articles are to be commended for their leadership and professionalism as documented through the quality of the research and article submitted.

Our membership is provided the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of our members and affiliates through the articles and clips shared in this, our national public relations newsletter - The COURIER. The COURIER, under the leadership of Queen Malone, continues our quest to share and celebrate each other as members of this sorority. This newsletter which serves to inform, inspire and encourage others to strive for excellence as we implement the Y.E.S. Program of NSPDK, Inc. (Youth, Education and Service). It will be a source of pride and inspiration for our members and affiliates.

Please take the time to read each of the featured articles. Be inspired to share the accomplishments of our members and their families and share some of your own in upcoming issues.

Your Servant Leader

“*In learning you will teach,
and in teaching you will learn.*”

Phil Collins

TO FOSTER A SPIRIT OF
Sisterhood Among Teachers
AND TO PROMOTE THE
Highest Ideals of the
TEACHING PROFESSION



Founders of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.





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National Greeting from the National Director of Public Relations Queen E. Malone

I am humble and grateful to extend greetings as the newly elected National Director of Public Relations. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

Our National Newsletter, "The Courier" serves as the bridge to inform, inspire, motivate, encourage, and create a desire for us to aspire and seek to do something to accomplish the goals of the NSPDK, Inc. The office of National Director of Public Relations will strive industriously to reach out to all media in order to illuminate the wonderful, creative, and exciting activities that reflect the National Y.E.S. Program to make our organization known in our communities.

I express my gratitude to all officers, chapters, regional directors, and sorors who submitted materials for "The Courier" that reflects the great activities being done that make our sorority shine, excel, and stand out. As eager as we are to showcase and publicize our work, we must continue to utilize our Regional and National Workbooks to present the broader picture of our Y.E.S. Program. Needless to say, it was not possible to include everything.

Due to the abundance/great quantity of material received, it was very necessary to edit, and reduce information in order to provide for the inclusion of large numbers of pieces. I am excited to share this Spring/Summer edition of "The Courier." It reflects the exemplary Y.E.S. activities that you and the affiliate groups are doing across the country. Please continue to showcase your projects and activities in your community to influence chapter growth and make our great organization visible.

*“Education exposes young people to a broader world,
a world full of opportunity and hope.”*

Maya Angelou

Happiness doesn't result from what we get,
but from what we give.

— Ben Carson

NATIONAL PROGRAM

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National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated

"To Foster A Spirit Of Sisterhood Among Teachers And To Promote The Highest Ideals Of The Teaching Profession"

RESOLUTION IN LOVING MEMORY OF SORORS BETTY JEAN DIXON, LILA GERALDINE MAKLE, AND LAVERNE HARVEY

According to His tender mercy, God, in His infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst, our beloved sorors, Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey. We bow in humble submission to the will of God.

Today, June 1, 2016, the members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, many friends and fellow educators join the families of Sorors Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey to pay a deserving tribute to the memory of our devoted sorors.

LET IT BE KNOWN that Sorors Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey leave a legacy of faith, dignity and love.

LET IT BE KNOWN that Sorors Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey were extraordinary educators and they touched the lives of many students, fellow educators, families, community members and friends.

LET IT BE KNOWN that Sorors Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey, have provided continuous service as a devoted Soror of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Each served in numerous support and leadership roles on the local, regional and national levels.

LET IT BE KNOWN that in Sorors Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey passings, the members and affiliates of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated feel a personal loss and can add to what many have said and will say – that each will certainly be missed. Sorors Betty Jean Dixon, Lila Geraldine Makle, and Laverne Harvey now rest in peace, but their radiant spirits remains among us.

LET IT BE KNOWN that it is with heartfelt grief that we conclude this tribute and pray that Almighty God grants comfort, peace and consolation to their dearly loved families, sorors and friends while each rests forever in His arms.

NOW FINALLY, BE IT KNOWN that the value of life lies not in the length of days, but in the use we make of each day.

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2016 Spring Edition of The Courier, the national newsletter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated, be dedicated to their memories and in their honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be given to the families and filed at Headquarters of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated on this 1st Day of June 2016.

With assurance of deep sympathy

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated
Executive Council
Charlotte M. Williams, Supreme Basileus

IN MEMORIAM



LILA GERALDINE MAKLE • Passed away on March 10, 2016

Lila, affectionately known as “Baby Sis,” “Ma,” “Mommy,” “Gramma,” and “Ma Makle,” was loved and respected by all who knew her. In addition to her nine daughters, Lila “raised” numerous young men and women who passed through her home. Her home on Bonner Road was the hub of the community. Lila loved to socialize with friends and family. Her daughters recall the many cabarets they dressed up for, many after waiting for her Charlotte to put the finishing touches on her outfit. In her later years, she joined The Red Hatters and looked forward to Red Hat Hoots with her Red Hat Gamma Gals. Educated in the Baltimore City Public School System, Lila accelerated through advanced classes on all levels. In preparation for her career as an educator, she attended Coppin State Teacher’s College (now known as Coppin State University), where she received her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees in Elementary Education and Maryland State Teaching Certificate. Lila loved teaching and the administrators and teachers she worked with for more than thirty years. She was a teacher’s teacher. Lila joined her daughter Charlotte in the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Gamma Chapter. She served as a finance officer, hospitality chair, and youth advisor for many years.



BETTY JEAN DIXON • Passed away on December 31, 2015

Betty began her career as an educator teaching business education in Talladega and Alexander City, AL. After moving to Cleveland she continued classroom instructions, with leadership responsibilities, as department chair for twenty years. She later became a central office administrator for Warrensville Heights City School System serving as Curriculum Intervention Teacher (1999-2000), Mentoring Specialist (2000-2001), Staff Development Coordinator (2001-2004), Director of Accountability and Staff Development (2004-2009) for a total of fifteen years. She retired in 2009. From 2014 until her death she was employed with The Ohio Department of Education as a Consultant for the State Diagnostic Review Team. During Betty’s many years as an educator and her pursuit for excellence in the profession, she received many honors and awards which included the following: She was elected the 24th National President of National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated (2009-2013). Upon her election she charged all members of the 137 chapters across the United States to use the vision statement as a measuring stick to excite their imagination and give a surge of energy to carry out the sorority’s mission and implement the three-point program, Y.E.S. – Youth, Education, and Service. Before being elected National President, she served the organization as national second vice president, national recording secretary, and editor-in-chief of The Krinon Magazine as well as many leadership roles in Midwest Region and several roles in her local chapter, Gamma Rho. Other awards: Interesting Personalities of Who’s Who in Black Cleveland, 6th Edition; and front cover feature of Who’s Who in Black Cleveland, 7th Edition. Her other affiliations included Delta Phi Epsilon Business Society, Delta Zeta Chapter and NAACP Silver Life member.



LAVERNE L. HARVEY • Passed away on February 17, 2014

Laverne Lillian Brown Harvey was always committed and dedicated to public education. In 1975, Laverne joined the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.—Eta Chapter located in Camden, NJ. The Fall of 2014, Cooper’s Poynt Family School dedicated the Library & Media Center in her name. In the Eta Chapter she served as Chairperson and/or member of the following committees: Youth Advisor (Xinos/Kudos), African American History, Teach-A-Rama, Founder’s Day, Book Club, Public Relations, Ritual, Social, Civil Rights, Education and Legislative Affairs, Leadership Training, Children and Adults Benefits and Touch-A-Child. Laverne provided extraordinary leadership to Eta Chapter as the Tamiouchos (Financial Secretary), Tamias (Treasurer), First Anti-Basileus (First Vice-President) responsible for the implementation of the YES Program. While Basileus of Eta Chapter, Laverne instituted the recognition of community educators and friends of education through the Torchbearer’s Awards Brunch that was held during her four year term. A successful Eastern Region Conference was held in April, 2000 for 32 chapters in Cherry Hill, NJ under her leadership as Basileus. On the Regional level, she served as chairperson of Human Resources, the Credentials Committee, and other regional committees. On the National level, she served as chairperson and committee members. Under Laverne’s leadership in the Camden Education Association, Eta Chapter partnered with the following organizations: NJEA, CEA and the Camden Board of Education to hold the annual Daddy and Me Programs (for fathers and sons), Mommy and Me Programs (for mothers and daughters) and Teach-A Rama programs. The Teach-A-Rama Programs focused on critical issues in education for educators, parents and community members.



Front row: Norma Corley; Ann Moye, Local Conclave Coordinator; Bonita G. Durrah, National Conclave Coordinator; Charlotte M. Williams, National President; Patsy Squire, Local President; Gwendolyn Watts, National Conclave Coordinator; Valeria Edwards, Local Conclave Coordinator; Donna Mickens, Cynthia Russell.
 Back row: Theresa Scott, Rinita Williams, Mae Burner, Evelyn Sanders, Jen-Ai Childress, Shirley Jackson-Scott, Clarissa Felder, Rachel Hicks and Joyce Irby.

CONCLAVE 2015

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Followed by this event were educational workshops opened to educators in Winston-Salem Forsyth County.

THE PUBLIC MEETING was held on the evening of Monday, July 13th. During this event, books from across the United States were donated to local schools and a library. The Messenger for the Public Meeting was Rev. Dennis Bishop, Pastor of First Waughtown Baptist Church. During the Public Meeting, the National Citation Award and the National Achievement Award were given to two deserving individuals.

The National Citation Award was given to a man or woman in recognition of outstanding contributions in the area of community and/or civic service. The 2015 National Citation Award was given to the Honorable Curtistene Smith McCowan appointed by Governor Rick Perry to a full six-year term on the Texas Southern University Board of Regents. She served as the 2nd Vice Chair of the TSU Board of Regents and in 2015 Councilwoman McCowan served as Mayor Pro Tem of DeSoto, TX.

The National Achievement Award was given in recognition of meritorious achievement by sorority members. The 2015 National Achievement Award was given to Member Chaleeta Hines. Ms. Hines is currently the principal at BRICK Peshine Academy where she services over 800 students in Pre-Kindergarten to Eighth grade.

Wednesday, July 15th, the **VITAL ISSUES BREAKFAST** had as its guest speaker Rev. Dr. Sheila Evans-Tranum. She brought a wealth of experience and knowledge as a former New York State Education Department Associate Commissioner of Education, English teacher, assistant principal, and Director of Auxiliary Services for NY high schools. Rev. Evans-Tranum has been education adviser to President George W. Bush and the U.S. Department of Education. Currently she serves as President of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Educating Black Children (NCEBC), an organization founded by the late Congressman Gus Hawkins of California. More than twenty-five states have adopted NCEB's Black Male Action Plan.

Rounding out a full and active few days, on Wednesday, July 15th, Gala Night was enjoyed by all. The entertainer was Terisa Griffin, a Season 3 contestant on the TV show, "The Voice". A highlight of Conclave was the raffle of the "Forever Connected" quilt. The quilt was placed and quilted by Dorothy W. Emery, Delta Kappa Chapter, Inglewood, CA.



Left side: Soror Leslie Ridley, Alpha Mu Chapter
 Right side: Soror Angetti Ross McLaughlin, Epsilon Tau Chapter

This article was contributed by Soror Charlotte M. Williams — Supreme Basileus, Gamma Chapter, Baltimore, MD.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS — CONCLAVE 2015



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AROUND THE REGIONS

EASTERN REGION



NOREEN LITTLE — EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings



It has been a very productive sororal year. Many chapters were engaged in activities to further the purposes of our great organization. The chapters have held scholarship fundraisers, participated in walks for charities and hosted Teach a Rama programs. The chapters have also joined in to complete the new national initiatives.

The chapters within our region were charged to increase their participation in the youth guidance program. A few chapters started with small groups of Xinos, Kudos, or KOT's. We are guiding our youth groups in the direction towards academic excellence. At our conference, we presented the essay winners, having each read a portion of their essay. The Science and Art projects were awarded medals. These actions we hope, will encourage our youth to participate in all aspects of the conference. Since the introduction of Facebook last summer, our chapters have shared photos of many activities. It is refreshing to see what the chapters were engaged in during the year. We have seen sorors who were recognized by others in their communities, deliveries of socks, reading across NSPDK as well as sisterly bonding activities.

The 76th Eastern Regional Conference held in April in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hosted by Rho Chapter, lived up to its theme, "Enriching Lives: Pursuing Excellence For All". Our first speaker, Macyn Elizabeth Belfon age 4, told us of her aspirations. She read her speech and skipped off in typical four year old fashion. It was refreshing to see and to hear a preschooler address a large group of adults. During our opening session, past regional directors were recognized and given beautiful red and gold stoles. They will be our past regional director council and historians for the region.

The conference continued with lively discussion on the topic of Digital learning, during the Rap Dinner. Our presentation continued with an inspiring speech by Dr. Vilicia Cade who reminded us of our role in students' lives. The excellence continued with the recognizing the Citation and Achievement award winners, as well as the Perpetual Scholarship winners. The conference ended very upbeat with a dramatization of First Kings by Dr. Cecilia Dennerly. At the conclusion of the conference, we were renewed, revitalized and ready to continue to pursue excellence in the name of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Thank you, sorors, for your support! I look forward to another exciting sororal year.

EPSILON CHAPTER

EPSILON SORORS PAY HOMAGE TO PDK CANCER VICTIMS



Two Epsilon Chapter Sorors, Basileus Naydene J. Williams and Brenda Howard, participated in raising funds and awareness to help the American Cancer Society. Cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers, as well as students, faculty and staff joined together for the first Relay for Life to take place on the West Virginia State University (WVSU) campus. The American Cancer Society Relay for Life event was held on April 16. Both of the Sorors are graduates of West Virginia State College (now University) and recognized several Omega sorors and active cancer survivors.

Relay for Life is one of the world's largest fundraisers, with more than 6,000 events and more than four million participants in 2015.

Proclamation

PRESENTED TO SOROR YVONNE MORRIS STILL ACTIVE AT 74 YEARS OF AGE

On this date of March 10, 2016 on the eve of the 68th Eastern Regional Xinos/Kudos Conference (March 11-13, 2016) Mrs. Yvonne Morris is recognized for thirty-one years of service to Epsilon (Charleston, WV) Chapter as Xinos Advisor. Now, recognized locally as the Advisor Emeritus, she has led over one-thousand young women in preparing themselves academically and socially, for the challenges of African American adulthood.

Not only has "Mother Morris" served as a role model for youth, she has instilled the same virtues within the hearts of the five subsequent advisors, with whom she has shared the helm. "Mother Morris" has expanded her own family into an extended one, whose territory reaches far beyond Charleston, or West Virginia or the United States. Integrity, character, racial pride and Christian values are rooted in our Xinos alumnae around the globe.

Yvonne Morris is proud to be a member of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Epsilon Chapter, and a Xinos advisor. We, who continue her example, offer this proclamation to "Mother Morris". Paraphrasing Proverbs 31:31, we, Xinos and advisors, are "the fruit of her hands". "...Her works will praise her at the gate" while her deeds here on earth will be evident for generations to come.

WITH OUR SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION,

Naydene Williams, Basileus
Patricia Rosebough, Epistoleus
Kristy Lyles-Bell, Xinos Advisor
Nasha Williams-Irving, Xinos Advisor



EPSILON BLACK HISTORY PROJECT A TWO-YEAR MANDATE: "Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County"

Epsilon Chapter sponsored an in-house book discussion led by Erica Woods of Something Must Be Done About Prince Edward County by Kristen Green. The sub-title is "A Family, a Virginia Town, a Civil Rights Battle". The book details the closing of public schools in the county rather than desegregate the institutions as directed by the Supreme Court (Brown v. Board of Education).

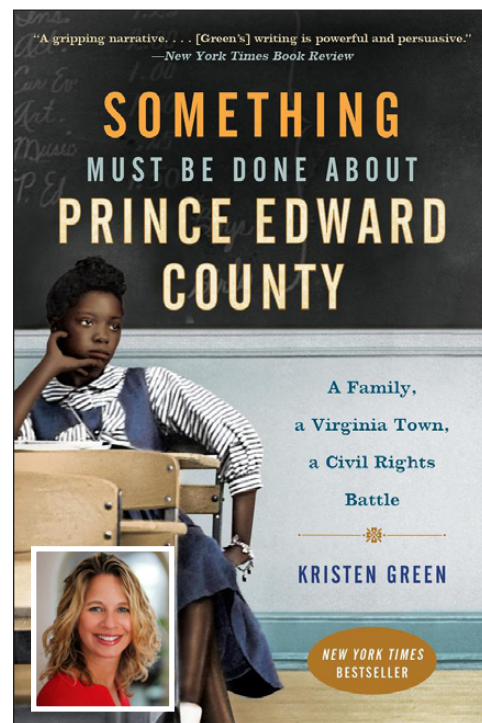
While over 1800 black children were denied an education, white citizens used supplies and materials from these closed schools to build their own Prince Edward Academy. The Academy did not admit black students until 1986. The author/journalist is a product of Prince Edward Academy and a descendant of the primary community segregationist leaders.

Issues of concern addressed by the chapter were the disintegration of Black families (some children were sent across the nation to attend school causing a

breakdown of familiarities); the economic impact (parents without a basic education were relegated to menial jobs and continue in them); and the socio-economic factors for children left to lapse at home with no educated role models, breeding an undereducated population.

The author began her research due to her pending return home (Farmville, VA) and wondering how her own biracial children will be treated. Answers she had not anticipated are revealed through conversations with black and white community members.

An invitation has been extended to Ms. Green to attend a community-wide forum during the 2016-2017 year with local educators, social welfare and economic focus groups, as well as coordination with the Kanawha County (Charleston, WV) Public Library.



NEW EPSILON SORORS CONTINUE OUR LEGACY: “EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN”

Educators who comprised the 2015 Krinon Club are practicing that mantra in daily efforts. First, three innovative teachers based at Mary C. Snow Elementary School in Charleston, WV (named for a deceased Epsilon Basileus) have continued a spirit within the school that is today being fulfilled by these sorors. A variety of activities are designed to impart and improve the core skills of listening, reading and comprehension.

Soror Cheryl Dailey utilizes a method of building blocks for her reading students. After dividing into groups, each group receives a word imprinted on a card. The next step or block is reading a paragraph which includes the word, to determine its meaning through context (clues). The final block requires finding the actual definition(s) to complete the understanding. Afterward, the cards are rotated until each small group has had an opportunity to learn each word. Soror Dailey has been able to introduce a variety of subjects from Health to Social Studies to Health. T

Soror Carol Green regularly implements her philosophy of “Books Beyond Borders” (i.e. books beyond, and in addition to the classroom text). She introduced National Black History Month, by teaching the art of invention through science. Green was able to engage students with What Color Is Your World? by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Listening to brief vignettes about what led to Garrett Morgan’s inventing the gas mask, or Lonnie Robinson, a modern day inventor of the Super-Soaker toy water gun, whets the appetite of students who were unaware of the brilliance of Black Americans. The combination of history and science in easy-to-read language serves to inspire, bolster pride and add to learning the diverse contributors to American society.

Soror Erica Woods is a 6-year Intellectual Disabilities (ID) teacher, who has utilized a variety of methods to reach students. One that has reflected much success is an exercise in vocal projection and social amenities. All of the students formed a circle facing each other. Woods then turned to the student on her left and said “Good morning, ex. Victoria. At first, the student only smiled. However, through modeling and practice soon the pupil was

able to return the greeting with “Good morning, Ms. Woods!” The exercise, which is repeated each morning, reinforces cognitive, facial characteristics and instills civil courtesies.

Across the county (Kanawha) at Dunbar Intermediate School, Soror Charlene Jenkins has a unique way to teach critical thinking skills through writing exercises. One of the most productive is “What I Think You Should Know About Me”. Students must determine what they wanted to share with not only the students, but their teacher as well. After time is set aside for brainstorming about their individual talents and thoughts, the students begin writing a rough draft. The next step is teacher conferences with each for extrapolation purposes. Finally, students write and type their final drafts. Writing skills are improved, spelling and vocabulary are expanded, while students increase self-esteem by citing talents or activities of which others may be unaware.

Soror Nasha Williams-Irving, who has dual certification in West Virginia and Ohio, found a unique way to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She covered the 5 Dimensions for Phonemic Awareness and Phonics by having her class share words that rhyme with both “King” and “Dream”. Students’ vocabulary was expanded as she introduced additional words, such as peace, honor, and leader. A reading and fluency component was partnered with a Scholastic Magazine edition celebrating Dr. King. By watching a video of a young student reciting the “I Have A Dream” speech, students were able to test the context of their comprehension.

“EVERY CHILD CAN LEARN” is an appropriate mantra for educators who subscribe to both traditional and non-traditional means to captivate and teach their students. Epsilon Chapter is a primary example.



EPSILON CHAPTER OF XINOS: OUR HISTORY

The Epsilon Chapter of Xinos of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Inc. had its beginning on September 19, 1977 with seven young ladies.

Officers of the first body of Xinos were:

JAN MORRIS—PRESIDENT
BENITA GREY—VICE-PRESIDENT
SUZANNE HARRIS—SECRETARY
KAREN DREW—TREASURER

From the chapter’s inception, over one thousand young women have prepared themselves academically, socially and culturally for life’s challenges. Throughout a 20-year span, Epsilon Xinos have not only attended each Eastern Regional Conference, but excelled as well. They have attained honors in oratorical, step, scholarship and talent competitions. In 1983, Epsilon Xinos hosted the Eastern Regional Conference.

Equally impressive is the vast number of Xinos who earned academic and athletic honors in secondary schools and maintained those standards at undergraduate institutions throughout the nation. Epsilon Chapter of Xinos was re-activated on September 19, 2015. Continuing the tradition of service, they have planted seeds of service with the Salvation Army, Sickle Cell and St. Jude’s Research, and Walk-a-Thons for the Prevention and Treatment of Cancer.

Current officers are:

MAJANDRA SEMPLE-PEREA—PRESIDENT
JULIA MINOR—VICE-PRESIDENT
LACAYA CYRUS—SECRETARY/TREASURER

Once again Epsilon Xinos are present, and look forward to the friendships and knowledge that will be shared this weekend.

ETA CHAPTER

ETA CHAPTER COLLECTS 500 PAIRS OF SNEAKERS

Sorors from ETA chapter partnered with students from Charles W. Lewis Middle School in Blackwood, NJ to participate in a community service project sponsored by NIKE-Reuse-A-Shoe campaign. NIKE grinds the soles of the sneakers to make the surface for playground equipment. 500 pairs of sneakers were collected from family, friends, and community members to benefit children in third world countries.



Pictured are students from Charles W. Lewis Middle School in Blackwood, New Jersey along with sorors from ETA chapter: (left to right) Soror Vanessa Jenkins, ER International Projects Chairperson, Soror Patricia Cook, Basileus, Soror Velma Herrington, CWL students and CWL teacher, Mrs. Lane.



ETA SORORS LOVED LAVERNE HARVEY'S UNTIRING DEDICATION TO EDUCATION



The Fall of 2014, Cooper's Poynt Family School dedicated the Library & Media Center in her name. Eta Sorors Sturaé Meyers Grier, Jarian R. Graham, Patricia E. Cook, Dr. Mary Ann Alexander, Laverne's family, CEA, staff, and students, were in attendance for this momentous occasion.

We thank the Harvey Family for sharing Laverne with us and for allowing us to dedicate 2014 Scholarship Luncheon to Soror Laverne Harvey.

This article was contributed by Soror Jarian R. Graham — Basileus, Eta Chapter, Camden, NJ.



Vanessa Jenkins, National/ER International Projects Chairperson; Jarian Graham, Eta Basileus



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS: WORLD AIDS DAY SEMINAR

ETA chapter co-sponsored with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., South Jersey Alumnae Chapter and Theta Chi Chapter. The seminar was held at Rowan University Glassboro, NJ—James Hall, with the target audience of college students and adults. Participants received free Aids testing and information about Aids and HIV, a certificate of participation, refreshments, and an Aids ribbon. The speakers provided informative information on the prevention of Aids and HIV.

SUMMARY OF EVALUATION RESPONSES:

Participants found beneficial the causes of transmissions/statistics • loved the PowerPoint and pictures • the FREE Aids testing • the conversation • self empowering of women • pace of time • questions and answers • education begins at home • educating yourself • education is so important • breakout sessions were informative and on point • condoms/female condoms information • information from the Aids testers • the best workshop I've attended • very well planned • excellent presentations.

A HEALTHY TEA PARTY



Soror Frances Harold introduces speakers of the presentation.



Roxann Zubrycki and Della Womack making presentation

On January 9, 2016, the Health, Nutrition, and Hypertension Committee had a presentation by Roxann Zubrycki and Della Womack of Total Life Changes Health and Wellness. The ladies provided information on several Laso products such as Laso Tea, which allows the body to naturally eliminate toxins and improve the function of the digestive tract. They talked about herbs, vitamins, and other items that will help lower blood pressure and cholesterol. This information is useful for working sorors and active retirees. Sorors were able to taste the tea and view the variety of items on display which included skin care, lip balm, and shape-wear for men and women. There was a question and answer/discussion period after the presentation. Soror Frances Harold is Chair of this committee.

KUDOS



Kudos are having fun a blast at their bowling party

KUDOS BOWLING PARTY

On January 16, 2016 the Alpha Kudos held a Bowling Party at the Hudson Lanes in Bayonne, NJ. This was a fund raiser to help defray the costs of the youth conference fees. More than 100 people came out to support the young men. Attendees included the Xinos, Sorors, Anthopos, Hub Parents and other relatives and friends. For a first time event, the Kudos enjoyed a huge success with a great turnout and a great time.

ALPHA READS ACROSS NSPDK

Alpha Chapter answered the call to Read Across NSPDK by reading to family members, friends and in classrooms.



DELTA PHI CHAPTER



SIP & PAINT FUNDRAISER

On March 18, 2016 from 5-7pm, NSPDK Inc., Delta Phi Chapter hosted a Sip & Paint Fundraiser. It was held at the Liberty Driving School in Yalesville, CT—an intimate space donated by the owner, Mrs. Michele Goodson (colleague of Soror Felicia Williams).

Mrs. Cheryl Tuttle, an art teacher (colleague of Soror Felicia Williams), who donated her time, guided the participants in creating their African inspired masterpiece. This was a B.Y.O.B. affair. There were bottles of wine, water, juice and soda to drink from the fancy plastic red and gold wine glasses. Light refreshments were provided. Jazz in addition to mellow rhythm & blues music played in the background as the participants attentively painted in their white dress shirts donated by Mr. Allen Williams (future Anthropos of Soror Felicia Williams).

It was evident that each of the artist were truly enjoying this experience. In just under two hours, each artist praised each other's efforts. Nine sorors from the Chapter supported this fundraiser, and Delta Phi Chapter was pleased to reach a profit of \$600!



This article was contributed by Soror Felicia Williams
— Delta Phi Chapter, New Haven, CT.

COMPUTERS, CODING, CHILDREN AND THE COMMODORE 64 GENERATION

As I was sitting in my chapter's (Delta Phi) sponsored full-day workshop "K-6 Code.Org Curriculum" at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, Connecticut on October 24, 2015, I had no intention initially of registering to participate in the computer science program. Even though I was a self-proclaimed computer fanatic and had even tried to write my own program when I got my first computer – a Commodore 64 back in the early '80's – I was a four-year retiree from the local Board of Education and perfectly happy playing with my Facebook and online word games. I was attending only to help my chapter host the program offered by the CT State Department of Education in partnership with the RESC Alliance.

Our Basileus Tiffany Ladson-Lang had developed a relationship with instructors from the RESC Alliance and was utilizing coding in her Bridgeport, CT school. It was Delta Phi Chapter's intention to provide free training to K-6 classroom teachers, librarians, media specialists, technology teachers or any educator interested in teaching computer science. However, as I listened to the presenter and watched the approximately 30 participants getting excited about the coding activities and "easy puzzle-like" programming techniques, I found myself getting excited and when the presenters demonstrated that even children as young as five years old could program their own custom game or story, I had to sign up!

I immediately went online and started the Accelerated Course which was a self-directed combination of Courses Two through Four. The program guides the individual through computing concepts such as computational thinking, algorithms, functions and conditionals via a curriculum that scaffolds the concepts and skills it presents. My big moment of pride – I programmed my computer to "draw" a lollipop!

Now that I was a bona fide "programmer", I was inspired to pass along my excitement to some of the students at the school that I volunteered. My after-school class consisted of six students from the Highville Charter School in New Haven, CT., an evenly matched group of three boys and three girls. Three were first graders and three were second graders. We began classes in November, 2015 meeting once a week and are nearly done with the 18 lessons in Course One. They enjoy that the coding experience utilizes word searches, Angry Bird mazes and gives them the power to "draw" different shapes and pictures on their own.

Delta Phi Chapter is planning on continuing its relationship with the RESC Alliance and to offer free computer science training to interested educators in the Greater New Haven, CT area. A Code.org workshop is planned for April 30, 2016 as part of a Teach-a-Rama and the anticipated number for the coding workshop is approximately 50+ attendees. Delta Phi is hoping to introduce more students, young and old, to the joys of computer coding.

This article was contributed by Soror Jody Goggins Kelly — Delta Phi Chapter, New Haven, CT.



U.S. President Barack Obama talks with Adrianna Mitchell a student from Newark, New Jersey, taking part in an "Hour of Code" event at the White House in Washington, December 8, 2014. The event honors Computer Science Education Week.

—KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

DELTA PI CHAPTER

BREAST CANCER WALK

On October 18th, a beautiful sun shiny day of 52 degrees, the Delta Pi Sorors, Xinos, Kudos and Hub Parents joined the over 20,000 participants in Newark, NJ in the 14th annual Mak-ing Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. The walk began on a new site, NJ Devils Championship Plaza Prudential, where participants had complimentary parking. Nostalgia had the older members remembering the time

when the area was the Mulberry Street Market. Now it's filled with condominiums, the stadium, and tall office buildings. At 9:45 am there was a Zumba warmup and then the 3.1 mile walk began at 10:00 am. The Sorors, Xinos, Kudos and Hub Parents took pictures and stuck together throughout the walk holding the NSPDK, Inc. banner. We walked toward NJ Performing Arts Center to Broad Street to Lincoln Park, around the park to Market Street back to the Plaza. Water was provided for the participants from different organizations and groups along the way. At the end of the walk participants could receive more water, fruit, and other snacks. There was also a line dancing party. The Making Strides walk raised over \$400,000 that day. Unusual fact: We've been walking for breast cancer for years and this was the first time we've had all pink tee shirts. Nice!



This article was contributed by Soror Carol A. Colbert — Delta Pi Chapter, Hillside, NJ.



CELEBRATING OUR 28TH ANNUAL CITATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun let us march on till victory is won". And so it came to be on the warm fall morning of October 24, 2015, fourteen Honorees; Supreme Basileus, Charlotte M. Williams; Eastern Regional Director, Noreen E. Little; Assistant Superintendent of Newark Public Schools, Mr. Roger Leon; and dais Guests entered the beautifully decorated ballroom at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel. The dais guests were led into the Ballroom by fourteen members of Delta Pi Chapter Youth Group, the Xinos and Kudos. Upon entering the Ballroom each guest was shown on the large screen as they were introduced to family, friends and coworkers. One honoree remarked that she felt as if she had been transformed to Hollywood and walking the "Red Carpet" in front of the whole world. The audience smiled in awe and swayed to the music as Delta Pi Sorors entered the room dressed in gorgeous red outfits and matching hats, "Ladies in Red".

Our Master of Ceremonies was former Kudos, Mr. Greggry Amesial, a graduate of Seton Hall Preparatory School and The College of New Jersey. He is employed by the GAP Corporation as District Supervisor of

Training in Philadelphia, PA. Greggry says one of his most memorial experience is being a Delta Pi Kudos and starring in the movie, "Stomp the Yard." He is a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The Honorees and guests were most impressed with the Xinos and Kudos presenters. The youth received a standing ovation with recognition by Rev. Louise Scott-Rountree when she mentioned how well spoken, well behaved and well dressed the young people were, especially during a time when the media only speaks of our children in the negative.

Throughout the following week, phone calls and emails were received from our guests praising the warmth and hospitality shown to them by our chapter Sorors. Speaking of pro-gram, how do you follow Saturday, October 24th when you have the voices of Ala Renee Davis and Doris McNeil with her Delta Pi Sisters back-up singers, reso-nating from the rafters followed by, Rev. Dr. Shelia Evans-Tranumn as guest speaker? You don't, you just stand and smile. And please don't forget our ninety-seven years old honoree, Ella Dixon Jones, who ren-dered a solo at the end of her acceptance speech.

The committee sincerely thanks all Sorors for their hard work and dedication that went into making our 28th Annual Citation Awards Scholarship Breakfast a suc-cess. May the work that you've done speak for you.

This article was contributed by Soror Gwendolyn Watts — Delta Pi Chapter, Hillside, NJ.

GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER



During the January Chapter meeting, Carolyn Whigham, Director, Whigham Funeral Home, captivated Delta Pi Sorors and guests with an extremely important and informative presentation entitled, "Getting Your House in Order." Myriad topics were discussed that ran the gamut.

These included, but not limited to:

- Making pre-arrangements
- Regular wills vs. Living wills
- Living Trusts
- Whole life vs. Term life insurance
- Protecting bank accounts and personal assets
- Medicaid vs. Medicare
- Long term care
- Beneficiary, Executor, Administrator
- Funeral taxes

Unquestionably, the information proved most valuable to all in attendance, as evidenced by the questions posed, followed by the ensuing discussions. Director Whigham addressed all questions with patience, clarity, and knowledge. As an added bonus, the audience received printed material and was extended an invitation for one-on-one consultations with Director Whigham and her staff.

This article was contributed by Soror Dr. Princess Towe — Delta Pi Chapter, Hillside, NJ.

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

— Daniel J. Boorstin

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INC. DELTA PI CHAPTER CELEBRATED ITS BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 6, 2016 AT

QUITMAN STREET COMMUNITY SCHOOL • 21 QUITMAN ST. • NEWARK, NJ

The sorority ladies started the celebration dressed in African regalia, in an array of colors from head to toe, singing the tribal march, Funga Alafia, Asha Asha. For many, this annual observation is a way to remember and honor African American accomplishments throughout history while also educating our youth about the role of African Americans in society and the struggles and challenges they have faced. This year's celebration is especially meaningful with the nation under seize where black youth and black men are being murdered in record numbers without cause or responsibility from those in charge. Therefore, our theme was taken from the headlines of multiple medias: "Black Lives Matter". Our guest speaker, Rev. Wayne Stackhouse, Vice Principal of 13th Avenue School, of Newark, NJ spoke on how God's mission in the world in which we live is found in the common concerns of love, peace and justice - that all may be one and that Black Lives Do Matter. After an array of talent, songs and celebration the attendees dined on a sumptuous smorgasbord of ethnic foods like pig feet, collard greens, fried chicken, black-eyed peas and hot buttered cornbread. It was truly a day filled with entertainment, food, vendors and celebration!

**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

This article was contributed by Soror Norma Kingka —
Delta Pi Chapter, Hillside, NJ.

SMOKERS, QUIT LIKE A CHAMPION!



Tobacco use is responsible for nearly 1 in 5 deaths each year in the United States. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. for both men and women. Lung cancer is the most preventable form of cancer death in the world. Women smokers are 25.7 times more likely than women who never smoked to develop cancer. For men smokers, it's 25 times the risk of men who never smoked. Cigarette use has declined since 1964, when the Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health was released in 1964. Smokeless tobacco products are a major source of cancer-causing substance and are a known cause of human cancer.

Important facts on how your body recovers after smoking:

- Your heart rate and blood pressure drops.
- Your CO2 level in your blood drops to a normal level.
- Your circulation improves.
- Your lung function increases.

NOTE: After 5 years of not smoking, the risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder is cut in half. Stroke risk can fall to that of a non-smoker after 2-5 years. To learn more visit cancer.org/smoke or call the American Cancer Society.

SOURCE: AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY.

BETA ZETA CHAPTER

A BLACK HISTORY RAINBOW TEA

The Beta Zeta Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated held a Black History-Rainbow Tea event entitled "Focus on Excellence in our Schools" on February 6, 2016. We honored women who represent excellence in our schools. The recipients were a school counselor, an assistant principal, a teacher, a teacher's assistant, psychologist, and bus driver. The sorority had six different tables with posters representing the rainbow spotlighting what the roles of the women were in the schools, their personal information, and their accomplishments. We had multiple entertainers to include a mime dancer, a gospel singer, a gospel group, a dance/step team and a spoken word artist in addition to a wonderful speaker who spoke on how important the roles these women play in education and in the lives of children comparing the women to women in the bible. It was a great success. We hope to continue the tradition as we have the past few years where we have honored three exceptional male principals in the Durham County Public Schools and the six currently elected African American women in Durham County, North Carolina. It is Beta Zeta's intention to continually "promote sisterhood among teachers and to uphold the highest ideals of the teaching profession." The local chapter Beta Zeta was chartered in 1954. As members of this organization, we are committed to the National Program of Youth, Education and Service.



(Asst Principal-Donya Jones; Kindergarden Teacher-Michelle Beatty; Career Development Counselor-Sandra Murphy; Bus Driver-Ozaile Cherry; Instructional Asst-Julia Cozart)

This article was contributed by Soror Doretta Walker, Co-Chair of Black History-Rainbow Tea Program and Epistoleus — Beta Zeta Chapter, Durham, NC.

CHRISTY DAVIS

2016 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, HOLT ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ACADEMY



Christy Davis of Beta Zeta Chapter was named the 2016 Teacher of the Year for Holt Elementary Language Academy. She is the Kindergarten 2nd Grade Exceptional Children Teacher at

Holt Elementary Language Academy. Christy was born and raised in Warrenton, NC. She was educated in the Warren County Public Schools. She earned her Bachelor of Science from North Carolina Central University in Health Education. She later earned her Master of Art in Teaching in Special Education with a concentration in Early Childhood and Language Development in 2010 from the North Carolina Central University. Christy also has a strong background in the Exceptional Children's Program and Early Childhood. She has served in the field of education for 10 years and 6 of those years she has worked in Durham Public Schools. Christy believes that all children deserve the same educational opportunity and experience despite their academic levels or abilities. She also enjoys scrapbooking, reading, and spending time with her family. She also states that "the best part of my work is making a difference in the lives of the students that I teach. I also enjoy seeing the progress each one makes."



2016 TEACH-A-RAMA EVENT

The Beta Zeta Chapter completed an education program on "Promoting Early Literacy among children ages 0-8. It conducted a workshop/program on January 9, 2016 at the Eastern Regional Library in Durham, NC at 12:30pm. There were three parents who attended and one adult representative for another parent who could not attend.

The Workshop speaker Soror Cristy Davis presented on the topic "Parent Centered Strategies to Help Promote Early Literacy. The speaker provided parents with information on the Stages of Literacy Development, a list of home activity to promote literacy, and some other literacy activities samples. Soror Kathy Allen also presented to the parents and children a sample book activities that could be used to build vocabulary and promote literacy development.

There was a questions and answer session where parent could ask questions about how that can promote Literacy. The purpose of this activity was to help parent understand that literacy is important and is a part of everything we do in life. The members and parents enjoyed this activity and also informed that speaker that they will like to continue to contact them for further information in the future.

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Greetings



We the Sorors of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporation, of the Southeast Region deem it a pleasure and privilege for the opportunity to greet our sisterhood via the 2016 Edition of the Courier. This printed newsletter promises to be a most informative and rewarding method in which to "Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers."

LET US CELEBRATE THE COURIER! CELEBRATE OUR SISTERHOOD! CELEBRATE OUR ORGANIZATION!

Be Empowered.

PSI CHAPTER

WE BELIEVE IN SERVICE

PSI Chapter begins the Sorority year early in August with a donation to area schools with school supplies. Pop tabs to Ronald McDonalds House, Can Goods to Wings of Life Mission, Toiletries to Sea Breeze Nursing Home, Clothing Donations to Penelope House are only a few of the services that PSI Chapter renders to the community. Service continues with Socks and Christmas Cards to Volunteers of America, Blankets to Salvation Army and Wings of Life Missions, and Food items donated to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners to those in need. To begin the New Year we donate coloring books and crayons to University of South Alabama Women and Children's Hospital and in February socks and peppermint satchels are given to our Senior Citizens for Valentines' Day. We participate in the Relay for Life Cancer Survival Walk, and Delta Sigma Theta H.I.V. Aids Walk. At the Relay for Life we have sorors, Anthropos, youth groups and PDK supporters with us, and we sponsor a "Fish Fry" at the event.

This article was contributed by Soror Michele Dotson—PSI Chapter, Mobile, AL.



PSI GETS TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE IN 2016

The Psi Chapter has adopted a yearly theme requiring all members to get involved regardless of age and awareness. This theme requires that members make a strong effort to increase communication, participation, and reclamation (CPR). To help carry out our CPR theme, the Technology Committee made a commitment to get all sorors technologically literate as it relates to communication. We have required all members to send and receive electronic copies of all communications by way of a text message, an email, by telephone committees, and US mail.

Thus far, it has been a relief this year in that we've been able to receive confirmations of projects as well as inquiries since all members can now text a return message when requested. The Technology Committee had to break down a few barriers of those that weren't willing to make a change. Well, with the Basileus being a former administrator and the committee serving in various school leadership roles, the committee didn't conform or give in to the negatives. The Basileus stressed that as a chapter, all members would happily use the P in CPR and participate in this technology initiative. And of course, after a few grunts, training began in the fall with eighteen sorors engaging in a cell phone exercise where they each had an opportunity to utilize their cellular devices to text a message to a program chair regarding one of the special projects for the year. Throughout the year, sorors have continued to receive technology trainings on sending and receiving mass emails, uploading photos, establishing group mail accounts, and take part in phone and web conferences in lieu of small committee meetings.

In surveying a few sorority members, it has been determined that the utilization of technology is having a positive impact on our chapter. It is also helping members better communicate with family and friends outside of Phi Delta Kappa. As we continue on with CPR and technology this year, we have already made plans to continue this initiative next sororal year. We understand that technology is changing each and every day; however, as it changes, Psi Chapter will be ready.

GAMMA OMICRON CHAPTER

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

The chapter celebrated African American History by utilizing the National Theme- "Hallowed Grounds: Sites of American Memories", to recognize historical sites in and around the South Florida area. Sorors gave a self-guided tour of African-Americans involvement in the creation of some of these sites of historical importance to our citizenry, such as the Lyric Theater, The Black Police Precinct, Virginia Key Beach, churches celebrating over 100 years of existence, and the Cape FL Lighthouse, among other locations. Such talks are teachable moments for our youth as well as those new to our community. Our chapter's retired teachers were given a Certificate of Thanksgiving for their contributions to our students' growth and development. This event was held on February 13, 2016 at Piccadilly Cafeteria in Miramar, FL, where a delicious luncheon was served at the conclusion of the meeting.



ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

RED HOT SOCK DROP!

Sorors presented socks to North Henry County residents at Westbury Rehabilitation Center and to Harper-Archer Middle School students. Toys and games were donated to Henry County Schools for children in transition programs.



(l to r): Soror Debra R. Smith, Basileus Betty Watts, and Soror Verdell Wilson.



(l to r): Betty Watts, Basileus Renita Williams, Henry County Schools Administrative Assistant for Administrative Services, and Soror Veronica L. Blalock



FOR YOUR HEALTH

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE FOLLOWING SIGNS SIGNAL?

Sudden, extremely severe headache, nausea and vomiting, stiff neck, blurred or double vision, sensitivity to light, seizure, drooping eyelid, loss of consciousness, confusion. A sudden, severe headache is the key symptom of a ruptured aneurysm. Seek immediate medical attention.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR NUMBERS?

Blood pressure is considered to be high when the systolic reading is between 140 and 159 or the diastolic reading is between 90 and 99 or higher, according to the American Heart Association.

DELLA H. OLIVER RECEIVES AWARD AT 27TH MLK COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION LEADERSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON

Della Oliver was presented the Education Award for her exceptional community and national activities, including her many NSPDK Sorority positions throughout the years.

Intelligence plus character,
that is the goal of
true education.

— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



EDUCATION AWARD

MRS. DELLA HEMPHILL OLIVER

Many words have been used to describe Mrs. Oliver; and her life has been the embodiment of each description: Vibrant; Diligent; Optimistic; Hard-Working; Encouraging; Strong Leader; Gifted Educator; and Dedicated to putting the welfare of children first.

She received her secondary education in the Knoxville City School System and graduated Salutatorian from Austin High School in 1945 where she played basketball, was a member of Girl Scouts of America, and was involved in the community through the YWCA.

She was initially interested in the field of Medicine, but opted for Elementary Education when a medical student assistance program was discontinued at Meharry Medical College – much to the benefit of hundreds of inner city youngsters whose lives she touched.

Mrs. Oliver attended Knoxville College where she majored in Elementary Education and Sociology and minored in Physical Education and Religion. While at KC she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Gamma Mu Chapter and met her future husband, William Oliver. She graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She continued her education at the University of Tennessee where she earned a Master's Degree and completed 90 hours toward a Doctorate.

Her work history includes employment at Charles M. Hall High School in Alcoa, TN where she taught Science, Health, and Physical Education and coached the girls' basketball team. She moved to Maynard Elementary School where she taught Special Education from 1956 to 1975, was Head Teacher of the Project Head Start program, was promoted to Principal in 1975, and retired in 1989.

Mrs. Oliver continued to be very busy during retirement because of her many community and national activities. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority where she was Gamma Mu Chapter Advisor for 16 years, Alumni Chapter Treasurer for 12 years, Fundraiser Chairperson, and served as the Delta Patroness Board Advisor from 1956 to 2010.

She has also been a member of Phi Delta Kappa Educational Sorority Beta Psi Chapter since 1968 where she has held many local, regional, and national offices, including: Auditor and Advisor, Southeast Regional Member-at-Large, Southeast Regional Director, Southeast Regional Executive Advisor, National Member-at-Large, Supreme Tarnioches (treasurer) and Supreme Basileus (president) 1993-1997.

Mrs. Oliver is a member of the Knoxville College Alumni Chapter where she served on the Fundraising Committee, which raised \$40,000 one year and \$21,000 the next.

She ran the Summer Reading Program for several years at the Beck Cultural Exchange Center.

She is Queen Mother of the Fabulous Red Hatters of Knoxville, which she founded in 2005 and is the unofficial "Great Grandmother" of the Fabulous Pink Hatters of Knoxville.

Affectionately known as Lady "O", Mrs. Oliver has received numerous accolades, to include NAACP Unsung Hero, Jack & Jill of America, Knoxville College President's Award (received twice), 7th Day Adventist Educational Award, United Negro College Fund Award, MDCDC Community Educator Award, Helen Ross McNabb Mental Health Award, MLB Optimist's Roast, Bronze Woman of the Year Award, Excelsior Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, TN Jurisdiction, Citizen of the Year and Mechanicsville Community Association's Community Appreciation Award.

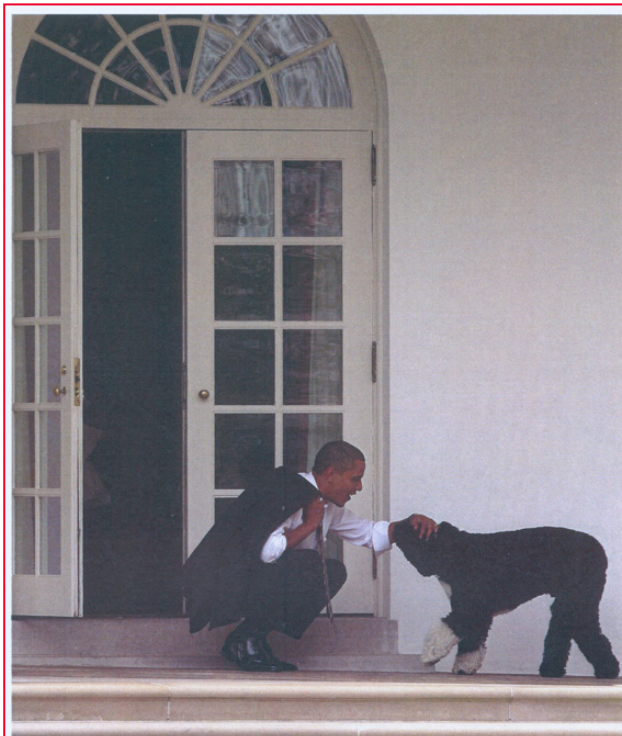
She married her college sweetheart, William A. Oliver, Jr. (deceased), in 1947 and they were blessed with a daughter, Cheryl who lives in Lithonia, Georgia with her husband James Lewis.

Mrs. Oliver joined Rogers Memorial Baptist Church on November 6, 1948 and has been a faithful and dedicated member ever since. She has served as General Sunday School Superintendent for Children and Youth, member of the Missionary Department, and on various special committees in support of the church. She continues to support the programs and ministries of Rogers Memorial in any capacity she is needed.

Ms. Oliver joins a long list of educators par excellence whose influence continues to be felt on parents and children alike, today.



Mrs. Della Hemphill Oliver



To Ms. Oliver,
On behalf of Bo and myself, please accept our gratitude and
thanks for your leadership and support at this critical juncture in
American history.

Barack

Bo

AROUND THE REGIONS

MIDWEST REGION



FRANCINE E. BLAKE — MIDWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

GAMMA RHO CHAPTER



I've heard it said a sorority is a waste of time; but I know better...
 For I have seen the love and walked in the splendor of sisterhood...
 I've heard it said that a sorority is sad; I can't agree...
 I've heard it said that a sorority is a dull, selfish place; it can't be true...
 I've seen the affection, watched it fill my heart, the very air...
 And I have learned the Creed polished and spotless from end to end
 and I've watched the sorority's devotion drape each and every active
 and pledge to look like nature's freshly-granted love nourished for growth...
 I've heard it said that a sorority is harmful, but they are wrong...
 For I know my sisters...
 Watched them strive to save a cause, spend of themselves...
 And I've watched them hope, dream, and aspire, side by side...
 I've heard them say these things, but I would disagree...
 Because for every shadow I have seen a hundred rays of light...
 For every plaintive note I've heard the symphony of joy...
 For every penny-weight of bad, I've found a ton of good...
 Good in nature, in people, in my sorority...
 I'm thankful I belong.

"Sorority sisters are the siblings God forgot to give us." ~ Unknown

GAMMA RHO'S NEWEST AFFILIATE MEMBERS — OUR ANTHROPOS



MICHAEL E. STEWART — President of the Anthropos

Michael is a Graphic Technician with extensive experience and management skills and works for The Cleveland Public Library. He embraced a fanatical interest in printing since junior high school. He has an Associate Science Degree from Ferris State College, and is currently completing the Bachelors Sciences Degree Program in History at Cleveland State University. His professional career outside of the library includes Stewart Graphics and variety of consultancies. An important aspect of his life is family—most importantly spending time with his loved ones (Sandra, Nakea and Brian).



WILLIAM CHRISTMAS — Vice President of the Anthropos

William currently stands to graduate from Cleveland State University in May of 2016 with a Master's Degree in Education with a focus in Literacy Development in Reading. Currently, he is a Kindergarten teacher for Patrick Henry Elementary School and a Library Assistant for East Cleveland Public Library. Prior to joining both professions, he served as a Lead Teacher for William Patrick Day Early Learning Center.



JEROME WILLIAMS — Secretary of the Anthropos

(Jae The Gospellkidd – AKA The Minister). Jerome is a 2004 Broadcaster's National Hall of Fame Inductee with 35 years of broadcasting experience in Northeast Ohio, and he been awarded the hottest urban inspirational air personality in the Midwest. He is a former television producer and host for the WORD Network show "Late Night with Jae;" COO of the Cleveland PACE FOUNDATION; Director of the Prevention/Intervention Lecture Series Day Camp; Facilitator of Northeast Ohio's "Dope is for Dopes" program; Facilitator of a Northeast Ohio Mentoring Program; member of East Cleveland School District's Gang Task Force; Youth Director of First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland. He hosts a TV show on TCT TV monthly and is the Executive Producer and host of ESPN 1540AM – KNR every Saturday 10am.



WILLIAM HASAN — Treasurer of the Anthropos

William is a Licensed Social Worker, and an Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor and College Professor. His expertise is in dealing with the non-traditional community population, whether it is in academic world or in the social service community. It has always been his mission to give back to his community. He always strives to improve the critical thinking of those in his community so that we may face the future without blinders. He is committed to being a role model of and for the African-American professional. William has a twenty-year old daughter.

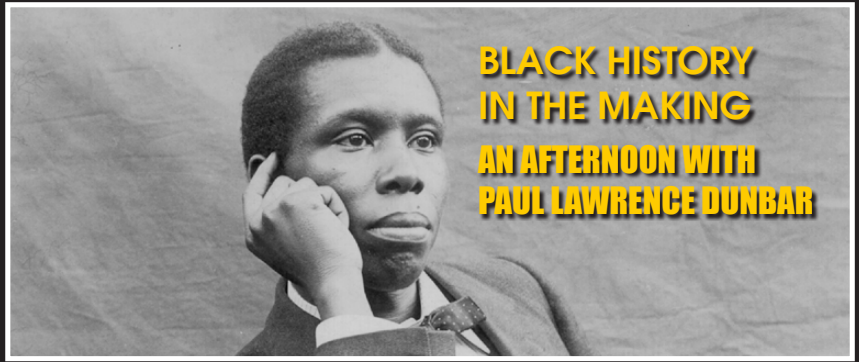
EPSILON XI CHAPTER

SOCKS. SOCKS. SOCKS.



On January 13, 2016 the Epsilon Xi Chapter followed Soroyal protocol to donate and deliver brand new socks to the Bond Hill Elementary School in Forest Park, Ohio. Students were so very happy and appreciative, that the community decided to feed the children and enjoyed music throughout the cafeteria.

Pictured above are Sorors of Epsilon Xi Chapter surprising all the students with a pizza celebration due to EXCELLENCE in conduct. Basileus, Soror Rochelle Johnson presented an additional surprise — Gifts for all students in the classroom.



Soror Marcia Allen: Committee Chair

On February 7, 2016, the community gathered to learn important historical facts on Paul Lawrence Dunbar from Dayton, OH. Mr. Dunbar was a well-known national recognized American poet, novelist, and playwright of the late 19th (1872) and early 20th century. Our keynote speaker was Ralph Moon who presented videos, original documents and award winning letters received from the ancestors of Paul Dunbar. We also presented Dawn Crooks who honored our assembly with the, "SPOKEN WORD" of black poetry. Our Xinos & Kudos were the host of our Black History event and they invited members of Sigma Chapter to enjoy and celebrate a moment in Black History. It was knowledge and information well received by the community as well as Epsilon Xi Chapter.

TEACH-A-RAMA: CLASSROOM TO THE BOARDROOM

THEME: Classroom to the Boardroom. Under the guided leadership of Soror Tammy Koontz, members of Epsilon Xi chapter enjoyed informative workshop lectures from well-known experts in the field of Virtual Realities of Education, Safety in the work place and Benefits for the aging community.

Ms. Celeste Davis of Middletown, Ohio spoke of new trends in applying for grants and scholarships that may affect graduating high school students. Ms. Davis is founder of 3 R Development, Inc., which is a faith-based nonprofit organization that provides educational support services to individuals and small businesses. She shed light on how so many African-American students are miss informed about grants, scholarships and why we have problems following through in obtaining them. Her workshop was effective and allowed councilors in community schools and businesses in our communities to reassess their resources for future grants & student scholarship acceptance.



Ms. Jacqueline Kabata, a native Jamaican, works with our senior citizens in the community. Her workshop addressed the pros and cons of hidden benefits unknown to the public. These lifesaving benefits, not only impact family members financially, but allowed the aged a more comfortable quality of life towards their remaining years. Some of the free resources that are obtainable for senior citizens in our community are: • One bedroom apartments • Daily nurse visits • 90% discounts on medication • Y-membership for exercise with a professional trainer • Funeral assistance when death occurs.

Ms. Matina Thomas is a native Cincinnati who owns here own Catering Service. Her workshop engaged in Entrepreneurialism and the many pitfalls that occur. Ms. Thomas gave facts on what is good, bad and what new owners should and should not do when opening their own business.

Mr. Leroy Hopkins, a retired educator, gave all members of Epsilon Xi a full list of do's & don'ts regarding safety in the work place, community and as a single person trying to protect your own life.

EPSILON XI CHAPTER'S OWN PHOEBE JACKSON IS HONORED

**Silent Heroes program honors
Middletown's strongest supporters**



On February 13, 2016 Soror Phoebe Jackson was honored at a Luncheon in Middletown, Ohio's annual Black History event as a Silent Hero. Phoebe is a lifelong supporter of children being educated in her community. Although Phoebe is retired, she ignites continuous commitment to help strengthen her community by staying involved with new practices for children. She strongly believes, "it takes an entire village to raise one child." With that being said, Phoebe wanted to make sure all individuals working behind the scenes were given a mention of thanks with displayed gratitude.

Soror Jackson started this noteworthy event (Silent Heroes) in 2013 because so many willing workers who deserved public recognition were over shadowed or over looked by local public officials or public speakers. As we approach another year Soror Jackson feels it is important to the people who serve our communities to know they are appreciated while they continue to live healthy and strong and be able to enjoy the fruits of their labor.



THE NEFERTITI AWARD

**Epsilon Xi Chapter Salutes Sorors
Rochelle S. Johnson and Dr. Doris Frye**

The Nefertiti Award is given to women of color, who tirelessly serve the needs of our youth throughout the community. This award also pertains to women who have chosen to assist the elderly in fulfilling a wholesome quality of life for those remaining weeks, months or years. We applaud our Sorors for making a difference for women of color. Presentations were made at the Cincinnati Herald's 16th Annual Nefertiti Awards Luncheon on June 6, 2015 at the Westin Hotel's Presidential Ballroom. The event was hosted by WLW-TV News Anchor Courtis Fuller.

EASTER ADOPT-A-CLASS ACTIVITY



On March 25, 2016 Epsilon Xi had Easter fun with Mr. Weaver's third grade class at Bond Hill Academy School in Cincinnati, Ohio



GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER



TAKING IT TO THE COMMUNITY

Reaching Back and Pulling Forward is what Gamma Delta did on March 22, 2016. Gamma Delta decided to take their Literacy Program to the community. As we know transportation can be an issue for some to attend events after school or non-school days. What a better way to impact the community by taking the program to them. Gamma Delta had the opportunity to go to one of the Urban Development Housing Complex at Aldridge Place and give away books, play literacy board games, take part in arts & crafts and ended the event with story time. In response to the Water Crisis in Flint, MI the ladies of Gamma Delta gave away baby wipes and water to assist the families in the housing complex. 12 children and adults attended the event. The Ladies of Gamma Delta enjoyed themselves along with the children and parents. There will be upcoming events held quarterly at Aldridge Place by the Gamma Delta chapter.

AROUND THE REGIONS

SOUTHWEST REGION



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DR. SYLVIA M. WILLIAMS — SOUTHWEST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings



It gives me great pleasure to accept this opportunity to extend greetings (from the Southwest Region) to the members of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Our leadership, Y.E.S. initiatives, and focus extends across these United States in service projects, educational advancement programs, and youth involvement. We are dedicated to the goals and vision of our great founders (Gladys Cannon Nunery, Julia Asbury Barnes, Gladys Merritt Ross, Dr. Florence Steele-Hunt, Ella Wells Butler, Marguerite Gross, Mildred Morris Williams and Edna McConnell).

Sorors dedicated and committed to leadership within our sisterhood is key to our success and implementation of the founder's vision. Your efforts across the five regions and participation in the 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus' National targets (along with the Regional and Chapter targets) is evidence of the level of participation and has a lasting positive impact. In the words of an unknown writer, "Our success in life is directly related to the quantity and quality of service we give."

Key to our legacy is growth across all five regions, keeping the vision of the Founders alive, visibility in program initiatives throughout all regions and a commitment by all to move the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. forward in sisterhood and service. Our colors are significant of who we are, Education is our passport to the future, Service is the lifeblood of our organization, and Sisterhood is the bond we share. In closing, I look forward to visiting and seeing each of you at Regional Conferences and Conclave. Thanks you for your continued commitment and service. As a united entity, together we move toward a stronger sisterhood and tireless service.

ALPHA SIGMA CHAPTER

ALPHA SIGMA REPORTS ON EMINENT CITIZENS

The Alpha Sigma Chapter in Fort Worth, TX hosts an Eminent Citizens Breakfast, annually. Our deceased Basileus and Soror Mary E. Anderson was the originator of this event then called Eminent Men and Women. Our deceased Basileus and Soror Dorothy Scott renamed the event Eminent Citizens. The Eminent Citizens Breakfast was a way of recognizing persons in the City of Fort Worth, not often given credit for their contributions to their communities.

In December of 2015 we celebrated twenty-five years of honoring these persons at our Eminent Citizens Breakfast. Some of our guests included our Southwest Regional Director, Soror Dr. Sylvia M. Williams her Anthpros and grandson, members of Alpha Rho Chapter and Epsilon Pi Chapter.

Entertainment for the event was provided by our Xinos and Kudos; their performance was entitled "Education Matters... Food for Thought." There was additional entertainment, a Hat Show provided by GEO's Fashions (newest in hat fashions). The Alpha Sigma Chapter honored persons in areas of Business, Civil Rights, Community Involvement Youth, Community Service, Education, Entrepreneurship, Law, Medical, and Religious Leader. We had approximately one hundred people in attendance at the Eminent Citizens Breakfast. The Alpha Sigma Chapter plans to continue this recognition program.

This article was contributed by Basileus, Carmen Slater, Alpha Sigma Chapter of Fort Worth, TX. Krinon Editor/Journalist, Cerminthia Griggs.

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adjective

An eminent person is well-known and respected, especially because they are good at their profession.

EPSILON BETA CHAPTER

50TH SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE (1966-2016)

THEME: Reaching Out in Sisterhood to Educate and Serve (R.O.S.E.S.)

Everything came up R.O.S.E.S. as the Southwest Region traveled to Tyler, TX, the Rose Capital of the World to celebrate the 50th Anniversary Conference, March 31-April 3, 2016. Regional Director, Dr. Sylvia M. Williams, Basileus Onella Brown and the Sorors of host chapter Epsilon Beta provided a "Golden Welcome" filled with Rose City charm.

In honor of the 50th celebration, Regional Director Williams provided photos of all of the past Regional Directors which she was able to set up in the pre-function area of the hotel. These photos were impressive and provided a history of the leadership the region has had for 50 years. The early attendees were able to fellowship with Sisterly Games on Thursday night with the Regional Director providing praise and prizes. Special guests were Supreme Basileus Charlotte M. Williams, Past Supreme Basileus Ann D. Black, Eastern Regional Director Noreen Little, Past Southwest Regional Director Mattie Woolen-Clay and Past Southeast Regional Director Yvonne Ben.

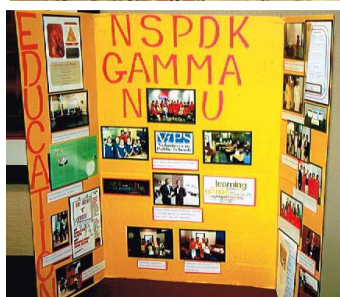
A highlight of the conference was the Red Hat and Roses Luncheon held on Friday afternoon. Several years ago this event was created to honor past Regional Director Dorothy Scott of Alpha Sigma. The Rev. Orenthia Mason, Pastor of St. James C.M.E. Church, Tyler and local school board member delivered a powerful message, "It Was Best of Times....It Was the Worst of Times". The host chapter presented the Citation Award to Rev. Jerome Milton for his outstanding service to service to the community and humanity.

The Regional Director, Dr. Williams, created several initiatives this year that was introduced at the conference. The first, Stepping Up With PDK Scholarship Walk, promoted fitness and raised money for our Regional scholarship fund. Over 40 Sorors participated with minimum mileage one mile each and the maximum from a Gamma Nu Soror who ran over 4 miles. The second initiative was the Exemplary Display Board. This was a project where the chapter created a visual/board that highlighted one of their best Y.E.S. events.

In line with our national initiative "Because We Care", Retired Army Colonel Lawrence Randle of the AARP, presented two sessions on "Prepare to Care" during the professional development time on Saturday afternoon.

At the Saturday evening banquet, the Regional Director recognized the chapters and individuals for their work and service this Sororal year. The Regional Choir under the direction of Soror Evelyn Hamilton, Alpha Rho and Dr. Nedra Allen, Gamma Nu were awesome. Further the Regional Anthrops under the leadership of President Leslie Alaman did not disappoint Sorors with their annual serenade.

The conference was closed out with the worship service on Sunday. Pastor Linda Lisulo, Connect/Missions Pastor at New Life Worship Center, Tyler ministered "Passing It On" She presented a powerful lesson on how to instruct and mentor the next generation. With accolades fowing all weekend, Dr. Sylvia M. Williams' first Regional Conference was outstanding and one that all will remember fondly for the years to come.

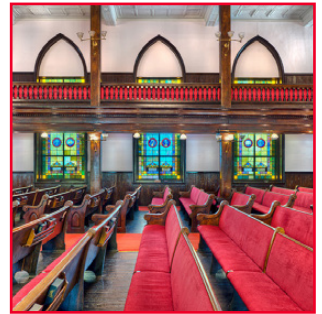


EPSILON BETA CHAPTER

EPSILON BETA'S CONCLAVE DELEGATES VISIT EMANUEL AME CHURCH & JESTINE'S KITCHEN, CHARLESTON, SC

After attending the outstanding 92nd Anniversary Conclave hosted by Beta Lambda, Winston-Salem, NC, at the request of their oldest charter member, Soror Vennie Jackson, now 97 years young, Epsilon Beta detoured to Charleston, SC to pay their respect to the memory of the Emanuel AME nine who were gunned down at the church on June 17, 2015. The Sorors were able to sign one of the many banners that people from around the country had filled since the shooting.

After visiting the church, the Sorors had lunch at the famous Jestine's Kitchen, endorsed by Oprah. The food lived up to the advertisement. The four were able to meet the owner, Dana Berlin, who explained how the restaurant was opened as a tribute to Jestine Matthews who came to work for her family in 1928 when she was 50 years old. Jestine was born in 1885 and lived 112 years. The restaurant was a way the family could honor the home cooking and warm atmosphere Jestine provided them for generations. Jestine died on December 18, 1997 but her legend lives on at Jestine's Kitchen.



SERVICE AT GREENBRIER NURSING HOME

In December 2015 in response to 1st Anti-Supreme Basileus Margarett Galloway's NSPDK Red Hot Sock Drop Initiative, Epsilon Beta added to their normal Christmas Cheer Bags baskets/boxes of socks for the residents of The Greenbrier Nursing Home in Tyler.



L to R: Basileus Onella Brown, Greenbrier Activity Director Laquana Jett, Sorors Everlena Jordan and Alice Mosley

One of the greatest discoveries a person makes, one of their great surprises, is to find they can do what they were afraid they couldn't do

— Henry Ford

AROUND THE REGIONS

FAR WEST REGION



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VELMA BROWN — FAR WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings



It is a privilege to extend sincere greetings from the Far Western Region. I wish to extend greetings to the members whose support and cooperation have made it possible for the leadership to achieve so many notable successes. While our organization enjoys the respect of others, we don't intend to rest on our laurels. We are the first ones to recognize that perfection does not exist and that there is always room for improvement. As an organization we are aware that much is yet to be done, and that we cannot afford to remain inert, as we try to recruit, retain and reclaim members. We must either go forward or backward. It isn't like us to go backward. A progressive organization must look to the future, more than to the past but, lest we forget, from time to time it is also important that we review our achievements and the failures of the past.

There are many educational challenges of the 21st century, therefore we must continue to launch programs to enhance the educational enterprise in the communities in which we live and work. We also must continue to promote the highest ideals of our profession, perpetuate the spirit of sisterhood and preserve the honor of our founders and we must continue to raise the components of our Y.E.S. Program in our quest for excellence in the field of education, as we carry the torch of enlightenment everywhere. Lastly, we must continue to shape the future of our youth, by encouraging them to: develop a positive self-image; achieve academic excellence; take pride in themselves and their community; exhibit outstanding conduct; and use their God-given talents for the betterment of themselves and the society in which they live.

DELTA RHO CHAPTER



Delta Rho Chapter celebrated the thirty-third annual Black History Bee in San Bernardino, California. The event was held at the Feldhym Library, Bing Wong Auditorium in February 2016. The Black History Bee is the creation of the late Ruth Duckett Gibbs, (Imani) of Brooklyn, New York. It served as a stimulus for infusing the contributions of African Americans into student learning in and around the New York area. It was introduced to San Bernardino 33 years ago through the efforts of the charter members of the Delta Rho Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

The Bee is similar to a spelling bee, however, rather than spelling words, students are required to answer questions pertaining to

Black History. Schools select 8 students, placed in teams of 2 to represent them during the competition. All questions are formulated from information packets provided to schools several months prior to the event. The competition is a three-day event. Third and Fourth grades compete on the first day, Fifth and Sixth grades on the elementary level compete on the second day, and the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades at the middle school level compete on the last day. The San Bernardino City Unified School District has 49 elementary schools, 10 middle schools and one K-8 school.

The questions are related to firsts in Arts/Education/Theatre/Music/Dance, Black Cowboys, Business, Civil Rights/Human rights, Religion, Inventions, Religion, Journalism, Medicine, Military, Pioneers, Politics/Government/Law, Science/Energy/Technology, Mathematics, Sports and Travel.

Third and Fourth Graders compete in questions and poems. Fifth through

Eighth Graders compete in questions, poems, definitions. Trophies are awarded to the First, Second and Third Place winner for each level. All students receive a certificate and a Black History Bee ribbon for the time and effort they put into studying for this event.

Delta Rho is dedicated to ensuring students of all ethnic backgrounds gain a greater awareness and appreciation for African American culture and the vast contributions African Americans have made to the world.

Delta Rho Chapter Black History Bee is supported by the San Bernardino City Unified School District for the past 32 years, and who has continued to support and ensure that this event is possible. Judges for event are District members, School Board members and Civic leaders. Coaches and parents from the schools are very supportive for their efforts on behalf of the students.



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REGIONAL CONFERENCES

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Host Chapter: Beta Zeta

April 19-22, 2018
Sheraton Imperial Hotel and
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Durham, NC

SOUTHEAST REGION

Host Chapter: Psi

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Mobile, AL

MIDWEST REGION

Host Chapter: Alpha Alpha

May 3 -6, 2018
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Overland Park, KS

SOUTHWEST REGION

Host Chapter: Delta Beta

April 6 - 8, 2018
Omni Hotel
Arlington, TX

FAR WEST REGION

Host Chapter: Delta Kappa

March 16-18, 2018
Double Tree by Hilton LA Westside
Culver City, CA

YOUTH CONFERENCES

EASTERN REGION

Host Chapter: Alpha Pi

March 9-10, 2018
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino
Dover, DE

SOUTHEAST REGION

Host Chapter: Gamma Gamma

June 7-10, 2018
Hotel: TBD
Location: TBD

MIDWEST REGION

Host Chapter: Beta Mu

March 22 - 25, 2018
Alsip Doubletree Hotel
Alsip, IL

SOUTHWEST REGION

Host Chapter: Epsilon Pi

February 23 - 25, 2018
Hotel: TBD
Location: TBD

FAR WEST REGION

Host Chapter: Delta Upsilon

April 13-15, 2018
Hotel: TBD
San Diego, CA