

# National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated



## *Our Founders*

1923 - 2023



100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

# Congratulations!

## Madame Supreme Basileus Margarette Galloway

Celebrate this Centennial Anniversary Conclave in style and tenacity.

We are STILL STANDING in 2023 and you will be a part of this legacy 100 years from now.



Soror Ann D. Black  
21st Supreme  
Basileus  
(2005-2009)

### Reflection by Ann Black (2005-2009)

#### 100 Years and Still Standing

A century has passed, and envisioning the state of a hundred-year-old dilapidated building today might evoke images of weariness and disrepair; seemingly devoid of any purpose. Yet, when erected, it surely stood for beauty and functionality.

Now, it remains resolute after a hundred years! The very idea is awe-inspiring. Picture this: a casual gathering hosted by fifteen-year-old Gladys Merritt, inviting teacher friends for a conversation on March 25, 2023. This became the inception of their dream, birthing the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. If our mother Founder, Gladys Merritt Ross, and the Founders, Julia Asbury Barnes, Ella Wells Butler, Marguerite Gross, Florence Steel Hunt, Edna McConnell, Gladys Cannon Nunnery, and Mildred Morris, were to witness the grandeur of the 100th Anniversary Conclave Celebration, their amazement would know no bounds as they would be over 100 years old.

In "1923-Impact-1999: The History of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated," the term "roots" symbolizes the firm foundation of NSPDK, Incorporated, rooted in devotion to ideals, femininity, vivacity, concentration, dignity, power, purity, and friendship, exemplified by our esteemed Founders.

Why is NSPDK, Incorporated STILL STANDING? Because over 2,000 dedicated sorors across five regions are committed to the field of education, with a focus on Youth, Education, and Service. United by a spirit of sisterhood among teachers and a dedication to upholding the highest ideals of the teaching profession, NSPDK, Incorporated will endure steadfastly.



Soror Charlotte Williams  
25th Supreme Basileus  
(2013-2017)

### Reflection by Charlotte Williams (2013-2017)

#### 100 Years and Still Serving

After an astonishing 100 years, can you imagine a sorority still actively serving its mission? NSPDK, Incorporated is a remarkable testament to the power of dedication and service. From its inception, when fifteen-year-old Gladys Merritt and her teacher friends dreamt of a sorority on March 25, 2023, to the grandeur of the 100th Anniversary Conclave Celebration, NSPDK, Incorporated stands tall and strong.

Rooted in qualities like devotion to ideals, femininity, vivacity, and friendship, our Founders set a foundation that continues to guide and inspire. Today, with more than 2,000 committed sorors across five regions, NSPDK, Incorporated remains passionately devoted to education, emphasizing Youth, Education, and Service.

Still serving with unwavering spirit, this centennial sorority maintains its mission to foster sisterhood among teachers and uphold the highest ideals of the teaching profession.



Soror Etta F. Carter  
26th Supreme Basileus  
(2017-2021)

### Reflection by Etta F. Carter (2017-2021)

#### 100 Years and Still Strong

Established in 1923, the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated has stood as a formidable organization for women educators for a century. In a world marked by organizational collapses due to crises and calamities, Phi Delta Kappa has remained unwavering. Their commitment to excellence in education, support for women educators, and nurturing the growth of young minds has never faltered. Guided by visionary founders, 27 exceptional Supreme Basilei, and elected national officers, the sorority's 147 chapters across five regions have upheld their dedication.

What truly distinguishes Phi Delta Kappa is its comprehensive focus on education across all levels, from preschool to post-graduate studies, in various educational settings. Embracing Christian principles, teaching is seen as a divine calling—a life of service. Romans 12:9-18 reflects the love and compassion that surround the sorority's purpose.

Blessed to be a blessing, Phi Delta Kappa looks forward to continuing their impactful service for years to come.

# Hand in Hand We Led the Way

When we think of leadership, we often think of one person leading a group. But true leadership is about working together as a team, hand in hand, to achieve a common goal. *“Hand in hand we led the way”* is a phrase that embodies this idea of collaborative leadership.

It reminds us that when we work together, we can accomplish great things. We can overcome challenges that seem insurmountable, and we can create positive change in the world.

This type of leadership is especially important in today’s world, where so many of the problems we face are complex and multifaceted. No one person has all the answers, but when we work together, pooling our skills, knowledge, and resources, we can find solutions that benefit everyone.

So let us lead the way, hand in hand, with compassion, empathy, and a commitment to making the world a better place. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.

## Supreme Basilei and Their Chief Editors of the Krinon

#	Supreme Basileus	Years Served	Editor of Krinon
27	Margarette Galloway	2021-2025	Esther Pixi Phillips
26	Etta Carter	2017-2021	Joyce Williams
25	Charlotte Williams	2013-2017	Dr. Brenda Burrell
24	Betty Dixon	2009-2013	Barbara Williams
23	Ann Black	2005-2009	Mary Agnes Dages
22	Margaret Nelson	2001-2005	Dr. Jessie Muldrew
21	Ardena Dixon	1997-2001	Betty Dixon
20	Della Oliver	1993-1997	Mary Brown
19	Marguerite McClelland	1989-1993	Dr. Agnes Howard
18	E. Lucille Minor	1986-1989	Katherine McEachern
17	Winnie Palmer	1985-1986	Katherine McEachern
16	Ruby Couche	1981-1985	Johnnie Patton
15	Billie Mason	1977-1981	Ellen Heidt
14	Arthur Mae Norris	1973-1977	Rebecca Butler
13	Elizabeth Henry	1969-1973	Roberta Lewis
12	Mabel Bouldin	1963-1969	Valarie Rhinehart 1958-1969
11	Helen Maxwell	1958-1963	Pauline Thornton 1956-1958
10	Marion Bluit	1951-1958	Valarie Rhinehart 1948-1956
09	Olivia Henry	1947-1950	Grace Bouldin 1945-1948
08	Gertrude Robinson	1940-1947	Helen Harden 1940-1945
07	Oneida Cockrel	1937-1940	Dorothy Manigault King
06	Delilah Pierce	1934-1937	Dorothy Manigault King 1936-1940
05	Julia Goens	1931-1934	Nell Becker 1932-1936
04	Florence Williams	1929-1931	Lillian Baugh 1929-1932
03	Agnes Freeman Spangler	1926-1929	Vera Mitchell 1927-1929
02	Gladys Cannon Nunery	1925-1926	NO JOURNAL
01	Gladys Merritt Ross	1923-1925	NO JOURNAL

# Celebrating Sage Sorors

July 20, 1922



*Marion Smith, 101*

Alpha Lambda Chapter | Eastern Region

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? ~ Psalm 27

June 26, 1921



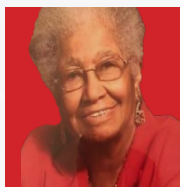
*Cleo Watson, 102*

Beta Tau Chapter | Eastern Region

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ~ John 3:16

*Susan Young Browne, 105*

April 24, 1918



Alpha Pi Chapter | Eastern Region

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I

will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. ~Psalm 23

*Lois Wilburn, 102*

October 5, 1921



Beta Tau Chapter | Eastern Region

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*Lena Hopson, 106*

August 13, 1917

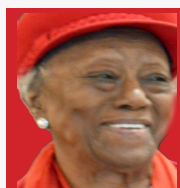


Nu Chapter | Southeast Region

Jesus said, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Jesus answered, "If it is possible! All things are possible for one who has faith. ~Mark 9:23

*Helen Fenton, 102*

March 29, 1921



Chi Chapter | Midwest Region

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he shall direct thy paths. ~ Proverbs 3:5-6

*Norma Holmes, 100*

February 23, 1923



Mu Chapter | Midwest Region

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. ~ Isaiah 41:30

*Geneva Moore, 108*

August 15, 1913

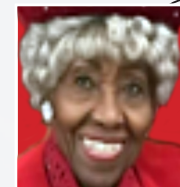


Beta Alpha Chapter | Southwest Region

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ~Matthew 5:16  
Served for 70 years

*Mable Griffin, 101*

June 29, 1922



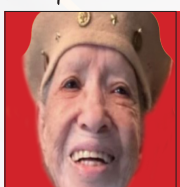
Beta Phi Chapter | Far West Region

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I

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*Josephine Fulton, 103*

February 10, 1920

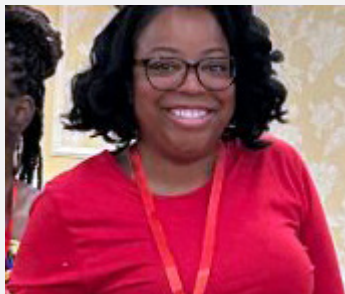
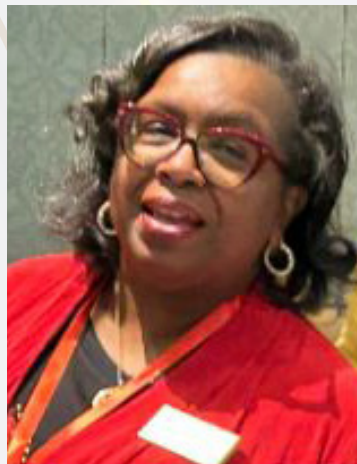
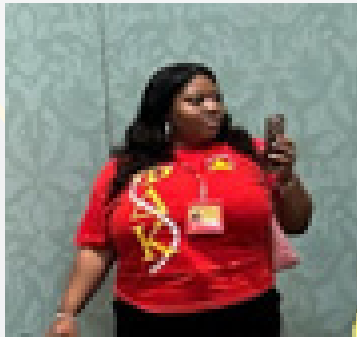


Mu Chapter | Southeast Region

Jesus Wept. ~Psalm 111:2



# Game Time



**Sorors arrived to celebrate our 100th year.  
A sisterhood of harmony in heart and mind.  
The legacy of  $\Phi\Delta\Kappa$  !**

# Registration



# Opening Ceremony



Supreme and the Charting Chain



NSPDK Royalty



ANTHROPOS



PAVES



# Taking Care of Business



KOT's Meet



Sorors are on task with the workings of NSPDK.



Dr. Shirley N Weber, Voting rights and educational reforms



Left: Val Butler Demings, Keynote Speaker, with Supreme and Past Supremes



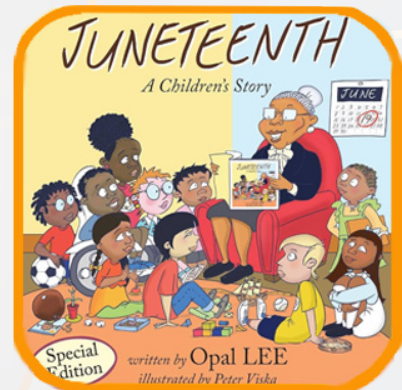
The Supreme is on the move to visit each one-day regional conference.



# Honorary Member, Dr. Opal Lee



At the Membership Luncheon of the 100th Centennial Conclave of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated in the Omni Resort and Hotel Championsgate in Kissimmee, Florida, Dr. Opal Lee, received an honorary membership!



**Opal Lee** (born October 7, 1926) is an American retired teacher, counselor, and activist in the movement to make Juneteenth a federally recognized holiday. She is often described as the “**Grandmother of Juneteenth**”. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed Senate Bill S. 475, making Juneteenth the eleventh federal holiday. *Source: Wikipedia*



# *An Enchanted Evening*

I had the honor of being on the stage with our Past Supreme Basilei.



**“The Supremes”**  
Sorors Charlotte M. Williams,  
Etta Carter and Ann Black.



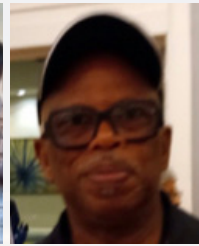
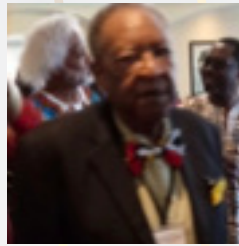
**MC Soror Chaleeta Hines**

*“Thank you for putting smiles on our faces — you were awesome!”*

# *Anthropos*

## The men in our lives.

The National Anthropos is an organized male affiliate group of the National SorORITY of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated. Its membership consists of spouses, brothers, sons, and male friends of active members of the SorORITY. In 1975, Supreme Basileus Arthur Mae Norris revived and reorganized the "Men in Our Lives." The reorganization took place in Jacksonville, Florida in 1975. The official name was changed to the "Anthropos" — simply referring to the "males." The National Anthropos became fully operational under their new name in July 1977.



*The Next Centennial Starts Here!*



NEW REGIONAL DIRECTORS & MEMBERS-AT-LARGE - JULY 2023



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Regional Director



TIFFANY LADSON-LANG  
Member-at-Large



BONITA G. DURRAH  
Regional Director



GWEN T. WALTON  
Member-at-Large



DR. CYNTHIA D. WARREN  
Regional Director



VIKKI PRUITTE-SORRELS  
Member-at-Large



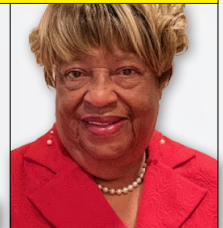
DR. CHERYL MONTS  
Regional Director



MARIAN WILSON  
Member-at-Large



CHERYL MCCLELLAN  
Regional Director



JEAN BIDDLE  
Member-at-Large

NEW NATIONAL OFFICERS



DR. PATSY SQUIRE  
1st Supreme Anti-Basileus



ROSE ANDERSON  
Supreme Tamiochos



DRUSILLA M. KINZONZI  
Supreme Epistoleus



JOYCE WILLIAMS  
Director of Public Relations