



# The Ivy and You

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Omega Omega Chapter, Philadelphia, PA  
Chartered in 1926

Soror Carol Parkinson-Hall, Basileus



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Happy Women's History Month!

March 2018

Dear Sorors,

*"No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of the contributions of half of its citizens." Michelle Obama*

*As we observe Women's History Month, we must begin by acknowledging the contributions of outstanding living sheroes like:*

*Diamond Soror Ruby Boyd, the first African American librarian for the City of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia.*

*Soror Frederica Massiah-Jackson, the first female president judge of any county in Pennsylvania.*

*Golden Soror Ione Vargus, the first Dean in the School of Social Administration at Temple University.*

*Golden Soror Barbara S. Lee, charter member of Gamma Theta Chapter at Hampton University and the first African American Physical and Health Education Supervisor in the School District of Philadelphia.*

*We must continue to make significant strides in the fight for women's rights because inequality in salaries and job opportunities still exist. Higher education for girls in underdeveloped countries is a rarity and women's reproductive rights in America are seriously threatened.*

*Omega Omega remains in the forefront, providing relevant outreach and service to women and families that extends beyond the Philadelphia community. Evidence of our stellar service has been eloquently captured in the nine NAR Award Books that were prepared by a team of dedicated sorors. These sorors not only prepared the award books, but plan and implement the programs we provide. We are winners because of the impact we have in the community. Special thanks to those who help to ensure our footprint in the community.*

Sisterly,

Soror Carol Parkinson-Hall  
Basileus

## In this issue:

- Reginal Conference Protocol Information
- Upcoming Events



## Reminders

**The March chapter meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018.**



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Melanie M. Marcus  
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### Boule Delegates

Karla Brown  
Shaneka Peck-Hall

## Agenda

### Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

### Omega Omega Chapter

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Temple University Corporate Center  
2540 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA  
Presiding: Soror Carol Parkinson-Hall

### Pledge

### Meditation

Soror Sherilynn Johnson Kimble

### Adoption of Agenda

### Approval of Minutes

### Officer Reports

Basileus (8 minutes)

Soror Carol Parkinson-Hall

1st Anti-Basileus/Program (15 minutes)

Soror Charlene Collins

2nd Anti-Basileus/Membership (5 minutes)

Soror Crystal Lacey

Tamiouchos (5 minutes)

Soror Aaliyah S. Johnson

Anti-Tamiouchos (5 minutes)

Soror Karen E. Hayes

Epistoleus (5 minutes)

Soror Jayne Downing

Hodegos (3 minutes)

Soror Alva Edwards

Graduate Advisors (10 minutes total)

Gamma Epsilon Chapter

Soror Tamara Thomas Smith

Delta Iota Chapter

Soror Stephyne Walker-Hill

### Standing Committee Reports

Nominating (8 minutes)

Soror Sharon Dawson

Connection (5 minutes)

Sorors Carlene Neal and Nyne Sellers

Technology (3 minutes)

Sorors Kirby Brown and DeLisa Lewis

### Special Committees

EAF (2-3 minutes)

Soror Stephyne Walker-Hill

FASTOO (5 Minutes)

Soror DeLisa Lewis

Sisterly Relations (5 minutes)

Sorors Valerie H. Richardson,  
Deborah Harris and Yvette Mattaway

Honey Do ( 3 minutes)

Sorors Michelle Gales and  
Shante' Brown

### New Business

### Happy Birthday

Soror Gloria Todd

### Announcements and 50/50 Drawing

### Adjournment

# Program

**Launching New Dimensions of Service**  
**Soror Charlene M. Collins**  
**First Anti-Basileus/Program Chairman**



Sorors, thank you for all of your support with our Pink Goes Red events. We donated over 70 red knitted hats to the American Heart Association for babies born at local hospitals with heart defects, distributed 300 heart health resource bags to the Philadelphia community, and modeled Hands-Only CPR for 15 hours. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Program Committee submitted nine award books for the 2018 North Atlantic Regional Conference. I would like to personally thank the LNDS Program chairmen who worked on this effort. You have my sincere gratitude and appreciation. It is truly a labor of love.

In preparation for the 2018 Regional Conference Service Projects, we will collect the following items at the March chapter meeting:

Soap/body wash	Toothpaste
Mouthwash	Shampoo
Body lotion	New washcloths
Sanitary napkins/tampons	Baby diapers
Backpacks and school supplies	

Sorors, as we enter the month of March, the Environmental Ownership Committee wants you to **Think Green**. Don't forget to recycle based on your local community guidelines and utilize recyclable bags when grocery shopping. We will host an Acts of Green<sup>SM</sup> community event and I look forward to seeing you there and don't forget to tell a friend.

## March Highlights....

March 16<sup>th</sup>, ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> student workshop, University of the Sciences-Rosenberger Hall, 6:30 p.m.

## Pinkies Up...

Soror Sirena Ollison and the Stroke and Heart Prevention Committee for their facilitation of our Pink Goes Red activities

Soror Cressa Morris and Mt. Zion United Methodist Church for serving as our gracious host at the Pink Goes Red Heart Health Tea

Sorors Alva Edwards and Antoinette Robinson and the ASCEND<sup>SM</sup> Committee for an engaging student workshop

Soror Debbie Parris for being the first soror to sponsor a case of backpacks

Sorors Theresa Massey and Patricia Massey for sponsoring four cases of backpacks

## Did you...

- go to [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com) to donate your \$8.00 for Think HBCU<sup>SM</sup>? When you donate to an HBCU, please send all receipts to [omegaomegathinkhbcu@gmail.com](mailto:omegaomegathinkhbcu@gmail.com).
- renew your UNA-USA membership? If the answer is no, please use the link to register. Your membership is tax-deductible. Please go to <http://www.unausa.org/global-classrooms-model-un/education-initiatives> to register.
- donate your ten backpacks? If not, you can donate via The 1926 Foundation. You can also sponsor a case of twenty-four backpacks for \$78.00. Please write One Million Backpacks on the memo line. All contributions are tax-deductible.



## Program

### Target II: Health Promotion

Sorors Gwendolyn Brown and Valarie Everett, Co-Chairmen

Contact us for more information  
Soror Gwendolyn Brown [g.brown00@yahoo.com](mailto:g.brown00@yahoo.com)  
Soror Valarie Everett [veverett6@aol.com](mailto:veverett6@aol.com)



### Target III: Family Strengthening

#### Family Seasonal Wraps<sup>SM</sup> Committee

Sorors Cressa Morris and Harriet Reynolds-Rigby, Co-Chairmen

The Family Seasonal Wraps<sup>SM</sup> Committee will accept donations at the March chapter meeting.

New socks, gloves and underwear for men are especially needed and have been requested by various shelters.

Please continue to bring in items such as socks, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves.

- 177 seasonal wraps were donated to Men and Women for Human Excellence, Inc. on Thursday, January 11, 2018
- 124 seasonal wraps were donated to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service - Sayre High School, on Monday, January 15, 2018

#### Deliveries

- Philadelphia Interface Hospitality Network – February 2018
- Face to Face – February 2018
- Mt. Zion United Methodist Church – March 2018

Thank you very much sorors for your amazing support!

THE 1926 FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED & ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED® - Omega Omega Chapter



**FREE COMMUNITY WELLNESS FAIR**  
*Healthier Living for You!*  
MIND, BODY AND SOUL

**Free Food** Saturday, April 14, 2018 **Gift Card Drawing**  
10:00am – 3:00pm *RAIN or SHINE*  
**Free Giveaways** 8:00am Kick-off Community Walk **Free Screenings**  
Place: John F. Street Community Center  
1100 Poplar Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123 **EARLY BIRD DOOR PRIZES**

For More Information, Contact:  
[akaohealthfair@gmail.com](mailto:akaohealthfair@gmail.com) | 267-691-1AKA (267-691-1252)  
#AKAOMindBodySoul #AKAImpactDay

### Luncheon Fashion Show



**Congratulations to the Luncheon Fashion Show Committee on another successful event!**



## Program

### Target V: Global Impact

#### Africare Committee

Sorors Karla Brown and Rose Brown, Co-Chairmen

Thanks for your continuing support for the Africare Missions Donation Drive. We collected \$240.00 from January supporters and \$25.00 from February supporters.

#### January Supporters

Carol Taylor	June Blue
Dominique Hubert	Shawn Blue
Denise Swann	Annie Anderson-Beck
Robin Denise Watts	Sandra Dawson Brown
Franzella W. Buchanan	Lorina Marshall Blake
Cassandra Murray	

#### February Supporters

Dominique Hubert  
Denise Swann  
Bertha Bellamy  
Jennifer Jackson  
Amelia James

The Africare Missions Donation Basket will be available during all chapter meetings. Please remember to make checks payable to Africare. Cash will be accepted at chapter meetings, and a receipt will be given by the committee. All donors will receive a letter of receipt from the Africare office for each month's donation.

April 7, 2018 Joint Chapter Meeting will be Global Impact Awareness Day!

We are asking sorors to wear their beautiful African attire for the meeting.

## Community Impact Day

Sorors Ja'Net Roberson and Barbra Cobb, Co-Chairmen

On January 15, 2018, for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, we partnered with State Representative Joanna McClinton, Mural Arts Restorative Justice Guild, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania and the Sayre High School for a service project titled "My Sister's Dream." We focused on empowerment, encouragement and enlightening the young ladies attending the school. The activities included workshops, a rap session and the beautification of the school grounds. We donated 247 toiletry items, 100 healthy snacks and 100 swag bags. Another way we encouraged the young ladies was by beautifying the grounds. Sorors painted the halls, lockers, swept and cleaned stairwells. The workshops were facilitated by Soror Mickel Rambus and Soror Kim Perry. The workshops focused on Dressing for Success and Conflict Resolution. The One Million Backpacks Committee donated 50 backpacks and the Seasonal Wraps Committee donated several items as well. Our undergraduate chapters, Delta Iota and Gamma Epsilon, participated in a rap session that focused on college life. The Sayre High School girls were able to ask several questions about preparing for college. We also had a very special guest join us for the Community Impact Day, our Supreme Grammateus, Soror Charletta Wilson Jacks. On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank all sorors for being of service to all mankind.





## Membership

### Membership Makes Us S.M.I.L.E

**Soror Crystal M. Lacey, Second Anti-Basileus/Membership Chairman**

#### **New Members' Workshop Series:**

The second session of our New Members' Workshop series will be held prior to the March 10th chapter meeting. The workshops are for sorors who have recently reactivated/transferred into Omega Omega after May 2017.

Please email [omegaomegamembership@gmail.com](mailto:omegaomegamembership@gmail.com) to confirm attendance.

#### **Welcome Packet:**

The Membership Committee will provide the Welcome Packet for sorors who recently transferred/reactivated into Omega Omega and registered to attend the New Members' Workshops.

#### **Reclaiming Our Lost Pearls:**

Do you know an inactive soror? Please invite her to a chapter meeting or service event. We need to reclaim our lost pearls!

The next Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, at Simons Recreation Center. The Sisterly Relations Committee meeting takes place prior to the Membership Committee meeting which will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. All sorors are welcome! If you have questions, please contact Soror Crystal Lacey at [omegaomegamembership@gmail.com](mailto:omegaomegamembership@gmail.com).

## Gamma Epsilon

**Soror Taylor Allen, Basileus**

Each Black History Month, Gamma Epsilon sponsors its signature AKA Month. Recognizing the significance of this month on the African-American community, AKA Month has been a staple of the Gamma Epsilon Philadelphia City Chapter for over 30 years and continues to be a premier programmatic focus of our chapter. During February, all members of the chapter host meetings, workshops, and various programs that celebrate the lives, visions, and influences of the African American community, while strategically addressing international program targets. Our theme for 2018 is *True to Our Roots*. The Girls' Room kicked off Gamma Epsilon's signature AKA Month. During this event, we held a moderated discussion about Self Love for African-American women that included topics around personal appearance, confidence in the work place, and our digital footprint on social media.



## Financial Corner



**Soror Aaliyah S. Johnson, Tamiouchos/Finance Committee Chairman**



A financially active soror must satisfy both The 1926 Foundation, Inc. contribution and chapter dues in full. Our chapter bylaws dictate financial status runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please adhere to the deadlines to allow time for check clearance and per capita processing.

Mail chapter dues and foundation contributions to:

Soror Brenda Johnson-Best

PO Box 13056

Philadelphia, PA 19101

If mailed certified, FedEx, or UPS, please release signature.

#### **Financial Housekeeping**

Returned check fee - \$35.00; check writing privilege suspended with chapter for two years from date of satisfying financial obligation. Postdated checks are not accepted. Receipts can be mailed electronically so please make sure that your e-mail address is listed correctly in the chapter directory.

**Please note: The 1926 Foundation, Inc. contribution of \$30.00 requires a separate payment.**

#### **Chapter Dues**

**Regular Member: \$358.00**

**Life Member: \$233.00**

**Undergraduate Transfer: \$246.50**

**Reactivations: \$378.00 or \$578.00 (including COIP)**

Contact Soror Aaliyah S. Johnson for full details.

## Bylaws Committee

**Sandra Burney-Boxley, Chairman**  
 Proposed Bylaw Amendments  
 (Voting will take place at the May 2018 Chapter Meeting)

Article/Section Current Language Bylaws 2017	Proposed Amendment	Revised Wording If Adopted
<p><b>Article III, - Membership</b>                      Section 4, pg. 2.                      The occurrence of a Graduate Membership Intake Process (MIP) shall be decided every two (2) years by a majority vote of the membership at a properly called October chapter meeting at which a quorum is present. Voting will be by secret ballot and the results will be announced at the October meeting. The procedures for Membership Intake shall take place in accordance with the prescribed procedures in the <i>Graduate Membership Intake Process Manual of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.</i></p>	<p>To amend Article III, Section 4 by striking out “two (2) years at a properly called October Chapter meeting” and inserting “<b>three years, during the month following the date of initiation of the previous MIP,</b>”                      “<b>results will be announced at said meeting.</b>”</p>	<p>The occurrence of a Graduate Membership Intake Process (MIP) shall be decided every three (3) years, during the month following the date of initiation of the previous MIP, by a majority vote of the membership, at a properly called chapter meeting at which a quorum is present. Voting will be by secret ballot and the results will be announced at said meeting. The procedures for Membership Intake shall take place in accordance with the prescribed procedures in the <i>Graduate Membership Intake Process Manual of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.</i></p>

**Rationale for Proposed Amendments:**

Every two years was initiated when the MIP was a three-day process. The MIP is now conducted over a three-weekend period and requires more planning.  
 Three years allows mentors to complete the cycle of developing their mentee(s) and encouraging them to take on leadership roles within the chapter.  
 The vote should not be limited to an October chapter meeting.  
 Since we are a large chapter (approximately 500 members), we do not need to bring new members every two years. We should utilize the talents of our current membership.

<p><b>Article III-Membership</b>                      Section 7, pg. 2                      An active member of Omega Omega Chapter must:                      Meet all financial obligations by the designated deadlines.                      Attend 60% of the monthly Chapter meetings.                      Be a participating member of a Chapter committee.                      Have attended a NARC, Boule, or Cluster within the twenty-four month period prior to sponsoring or writing a letter for prospective candidates for membership.                      Participate in or financially support community outreach projects.                      Be familiar with Alpha Kappa Alpha organizing documents.</p>	<p>To amend by striking out and inserting:                      B. attend “<b>70%</b>” of the monthly Chapter meetings.                      C. be a participating member of “<b>at least two</b>” Chapter committees.                      D. have attended a NARC, Boule or “<b>Leadership Conference</b>”</p>	<p>An active member of Omega Omega Chapter must:                      Meet all financial obligations by the designated deadlines                      Attend 70% of the monthly Chapter meetings                      Be a participating member of at least two Chapter committees.                      Have attended a NARC, Boule or Leadership Conference within the twenty-four month period prior to sponsoring or writing a letter for prospective candidates for membership.                      Participate in or financially support community outreach projects.                      Be familiar with Alpha Kappa Alpha organizing documents.</p>
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**Rationale for Proposed Amendments:**

7B: 60% is considered failing and we should strive for a passing grade of 70%.  
 7C: Sponsors should be more actively involved since they automatically serve as mentors to new sorors under MIP guidelines.  
 7D: Cluster does not provide extensive opportunities to learn the operations and administration of the sorority.  
 The Leadership conference provides a variety of workshops to educate sorors on all areas of the sorority.

## Protocol Committee

### REGIONAL CONFERENCE PROTOCOL REMINDERS

**Soror Jamila C. Hall, Chairman**

Greetings!

The Official Guide to Alpha Kappa Alpha Protocol explains that protocol is the responsibility of all members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. Adherence to protocol enhances Alpha Kappa Alpha's operations as well as aids in the creation of a more sisterly environment. Please review the following reminders in preparation for the upcoming North Atlantic Regional Conference.

Note: All content listed below is outlined in the *Official Guide to Alpha Kappa Alpha Protocol*.



#### **ATTIRE**

The selection of attire should represent a positive image of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. Business attire (not business casual) is required unless noted otherwise.

Conservative, solid seasonal white dress with sleeves or skirt suit with coordinated white blouse, coordinated white shoes, and white or flesh-toned hosiery are required for the Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Badge is the official insignia worn by members. The badge is worn over the heart on the outer garment of clothing nearest the body. The badge is not worn with formal attire, slacks/pant suits, sports attire or shorts. When in doubt, do not wear the Alpha Kappa Alpha Badge.

#### **COMMUNICATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

Silence all electronic communication devices that will interrupt the meeting.

Refrain from using recording devices, audio devices or cameras at any business/plenary session, workshop, class, forum, chapter meeting, committee meeting or any closed Alpha Kappa Alpha event.

The only exception to photographs will be international/regional awards presented during plenary sessions, public meetings, and/or luncheons.

Use discretion when posting on social media. Public forums should not be used to discuss private information that is intended for active members of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Conference badges must be worn for all meetings and events. Note: Remove conference badges for photographs.

Delegates must wear appropriate identification and arrive early for delegate seating. Conference badges are required for entry into plenary sessions.

#### **RESERVED SEATING**

Respect designated seating sections. Special seating will be available for Former Directorate Members, Former Executive Directors, Diamond and Golden sorors, physically-challenged sorors, musicians, Very Special Guests (VSGs) not seated on the dais.

Seating will be available for all sorors on a first come, first served basis. Holding seats at any function is unacceptable.

#### **GENERAL**

Refrain from walking during introductions of dais guests and program participants, the meditation, or while the Supreme Basileus or Regional Director delivers an address to the delegation.

Stand when Former Supreme Basilei and the Supreme Basileus enter the room and when they are introduced. Stand for the Regional Director at any event in her region.

"Regional" Conference (not "regionals") is held.

The correct address for the presiding officer is "Madam Supreme Basileus," "Madam Regional Director" or "Madam Basileus."

The formal address helps to depersonalize issues under discussion and enhances respect for the position.

### **2018 North Atlantic Regional Conference Delegates**

1 Carol Parkinson-Hall  
2 Charlene M. Collins  
3 Crystal M. Lacey  
4 Aaliyah S. Johnson  
5 Brenda Johnson-Best  
6 Tamara Thomas Smith

7 Stephyne Walker-Hill  
8 **Melanie Marcus.....elected delegate**  
9 **Sirena Ollison.....elected delegate**  
10 Lorina Marshall Blake  
11 Sheryl Lynn Johnson Kimble  
12 Patricia A. Massey

Alternates:

Leslie Anderson  
Jamila C. Hall



## History and Archives Committee

### Soror Lorita Brockington, Chairman

The Omega Omega Chapter Drama Group was active during the 1980s and 1990s. This group of talented thespians was founded and led by its chairman, Soror Virginia Taylor. Soror Doris Thornton served as its co-chairman. Members met and rehearsed in sorors' homes on a bi-weekly basis. Other members of the group included Sorors Shirley Adams, Clarice Archer, Mary W. Brown, Margaret Bryant-Renwick, Sharon Cannon, Aneita Douglas, Ruth C. Easley, Grace Glenn, Barbara Coombs Green, Clarise Johnson, Peggy Lonesome-Palmer, Joan Miller, Vivian Motley, Averill Pritchett, Everline Reid-Smith, Dolores Shepherd, Edith Moore Stephens, Denise Stewart Swann, Elizabeth Thompson, Elizabeth Trulear and Yvonne Wynn.

Most of the group's productions were historical in nature. Some productions were presented just for fun. The group made a special presentation for Soror Bessie W. Session at the beginning of her administration as basileus of the Omega Omega Chapter. Costumes were often designed and created by Soror Yvonne Wynn. A Drama Group script for a Founders' Day play was recently discovered in the Omega Omega Chapter archives. We fondly remember the Omega Omega Chapter Drama Group!



Sorors Vivian Motley, Shirley Adams, Doris Thornton and Dolores Shepherd

# The Investment Team

The 1926 Foundation, Incorporated and Omega Omega Chapter

Investment Team

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Winner(s) will be announced at May Chapter Meeting (Winner need not be present)

*"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today." - Malcolm X*

See any member of the Investment Team: Sorors Ruth Marcus-Sturgis, Nina Gordon, Edith Williams, and Paula McKinney-Rainey for raffles at chapter meeting. Sorors may sell raffles to family and friends. (Sorors are responsible for any raffles they take to sell.) The soror who sells the most raffle tickets will be eligible to win a \$100 Visa gift card.



## Announcements

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®  
Omega Omega Chapter  
invites you to



### *The Pink Hat Legacy Tea*

⌘ Celebration of Sisterhood and Service

Celebrate with us on May 20, 2018  
3:00pm – 6:00 PM

Levering Mill House  
382 Bala Ave.  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19044

\$50.00

From the desk of the Anti-Grammateus



2017 -2018 Omega Omega Chapter  
Directories

The 2017-2018 Omega Omega Chapter Directories have been distributed. If you have not received one or need to update your information, please contact Soror Gwendolyn Brown at [ooantigrammateus@gmail.com](mailto:ooantigrammateus@gmail.com). We will include your updated information in the *Ivy and You* newsletter.

We will be issuing quarterly addenda in between the publication of the yearly directory in an effort to keep our directory current and accurate. The first quarterly addendum will be distributed at the April 2018 meeting and attached to the April 2018 installment of the *Ivy and You* newsletter. It will also be included in an April Weekly Digest.

NARC Attendance and Expenditures

Sorors attending NARC are asked to submit information regarding attendance and expenditures for lodging, food and beverage. This helps us negotiate costs for conference planning. Stay tuned for more information or contact Soror Gwendolyn Brown at [ooantigrammateus@gmail.com](mailto:ooantigrammateus@gmail.com).



## SAVE THE DATE



Party with The 1926 Foundation, Inc. &  
**SophistAKAed Ladies of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®  
Omega Omega Chapter**

## Oldies But Goodies Brunch

Saturday, November 17, 2018

For Additional Information:

[www.The1926FoundationInc.wix.com/the1926FoundationInc](http://www.The1926FoundationInc.wix.com/the1926FoundationInc)

[AKAOLDIESBUTGOODIES@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AKAOLDIESBUTGOODIES@GMAIL.COM)

484-498-8837

SCAN ME





## Members-at-Large Committee

### Lost and Found Items

- Purple framed reading glasses
- Small green shopping bag with purchased items (From Holiday Bazaar)
- Small brown shopping bag with purchased items (From Holiday Bazaar)

To claim lost item(s), please contact  
Soror Cydney Irving-Dasent at [cydneydasent@yahoo.com](mailto:cydneydasent@yahoo.com)  
or text her at 215 669 5014

### Kudos To...

- ★ the Sisterly Relations Committee, Sorors Ruth Butler and Tonya Sewell for coordinating the Omega Omega Ski Trip to the Pocono Mountains. This is the first ski trip Omega Omega has sponsored in over 46 years.
- ★ Soror Sirena Ollison and Carlotta Johnston-Pugh and the entire Stroke and Heart Disease Awareness Committee for coordinating all of the Pink Goes Red activities.
- ★ Soror Sandra D. Brown and the Awards Committee on the successful completion of the nine award books.
- ★ the sorors who traveled to Maryland to serve as judges for the award books.
- ★ Sorors Brenda Johnson-Best, Sherilynn Kimble, Carol Rice and the Luncheon Fashion Show Committee for an exceptional event.
- ★ Soror Charlene Collins for coordinating the trip to New York for the UN Global Summit.
- ★ Soror Lorina Marshall Blake for being honored as a Black History Awardee by the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- ★ Soror Michele Gordon who became the chairman of The Uptown Entertainment & Development Corporation.
- ★ Soror Celena McAfee for being featured in the January 23, 2018 issue of *The Philadelphia Tribune*. She was named J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc. brand engagement manager.
- ★ Soror Olivia Gillison who had the opportunity to hold the Vince Lombardi Trophy. Soror Olivia works for the Office of Special Events. Go Eagles!



## Announcements/ Birthdays/ Acknowledgements



### Happy Birthday, March Sorors!

03/02 Soror Sabrina N. Brooks  
03/04 Soror Latisha Y. Williams  
03/05 Soror Shaun Mason  
03/06 Soror Kathryn T. Holden  
    Soror Jennifer Elaine Jackson  
    Soror Patricia N. Peterson  
03/08 Soror Elaine C. Gillison  
    Soror Adrienne D. James  
    Soror Amelia F. James  
03/09 Soror Ruth Ann Marcus-Sturgis  
03/10 Soror Valerie Howard-Richardson  
03/14 Soror Lori Baynard  
    Soror Stephanie A. Brown  
    Soror Lucille Upshur Kornegay  
03/16 Soror Kimberly Mattaway  
03/18 Soror Ruby C. Boyd  
03/20 Soror June A. Blue  
03/21 Soror Barbara H. Saunders  
03/23 Soror Shanina J. Gary  
    Soror Phaedra Harris  
03/24 Soror Alexia I. Hudson-Ward  
    Soror Kathleen Givings Lacey  
    Soror Sandra O. Lewis  
03/25 Soror Sherilynn Johnson Kimble  
    Soror Betty Jane Shelton  
03/27 Soror Phyllis Agnew  
    Soror Mildred Fitzgerald Johnson  
    Soror Carol Y. McCray  
    Soror Marion S. Ragland  
03/29 Soror Stephanie Austin-Johnson  
    Soror Tamara E. Guillebeaux  
03/30 Soror Stepayne Walker-Hill  
03/31 Soror Syrta Hart



### Ivy Beyond the Wall

Soror Christine Tucker  
Diamond Soror Dannie Lipscomb  
Soror Avise Poland Ewell, Rho Theta Omega



### Condolences

Soror Gloria Browne-Marshall lost her father.  
Soror Mattie Lloyd lost her sister-in-law.  
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