



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER | HOUSTON, TEXAS

Announcements for Saturday, April 20, 2013
Soror Felicia Wright, Epistoleus

Thank You Notes

- go Soror Kim Topps-Carter - *"It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I thank you for the opportunity to serve as a delegate at the 81st South Central Regional Conference. Thank you for the opportunity to lead and serve. May God continue to bless each of you and our chapter!"*
- go Soror Mary Catherine Harris - *"Thank you for the lovely planet as well as the prayers and phone calls while in the hospital during my recovery."*
- go Soror Bettye N. White - *"Please accept my sincere thanks for the honors you bestowed upon me in recognition of my fifty years as a member of our great sisterhood. As I reflect upon my years as an Alpha Kappa Alpha Soror, I recall the many outstanding women I have met, the wonderful traveling experience, and the many opportunities to be of service to fellow beings. AKA broadened my life in many, many ways, and for this I am eternally grateful to be your Golden Sorors."*
- go Soror Angela Wright - *"Thanks for the crown and sash presented to me at the March meeting. I will always cherish the moment."*

Correspondence

go No Correspondence Received

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter
Committee Report**

Name of Committee: 85th Anniversary Gala

Number of Committee Members: 81

Purpose: To plan for the 85th Anniversary Gala

Number of Members Present: 47

Members in Attendance:

Sorors: Gwendolyn J. Brinkley, Marianne Walker, Willie Mae Evans, Tamara Cubit, Pamela Evans, Kim Topps, Anitra Provost, Annette Joubert, Ardener Franshaw, Arlene Carter, Bettye Narcisse, Karen Harvey, Carole Pinkett, Chanique Ecby, Chantay DeBlanc, Cherise Story, Cheryl Cash, Christina Allen-Crowder, Clardina Hopes, Connie Steward, CoWanda White, Darlene Johnson, Davina Horace, Demetria Williams, Diana Johnson, Dorothy Gabriel, Eugenia Cain, Evelyn Holloway, Jacqueline Wiley, Joyce Jacquet, Karen Aubrey, Karen Grays, Lillian Bourgeois, Erica Smith, Lisa Brooks, Melanie Evans-Smith, Nikita Harmon, Nkenge Berry-Owens, Paulette Frederick, Regina Carrington, Renee Bourgeois, Sheri Cole, Tilda Gaines, Shewanna Rochon, Wondy Weston, Veronica Johnson

The 85th Anniversary Gala Steering Committee met on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Power Center. The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments. Meditation was said by Soror Anitra Provost. Forty-seven (47) members were in attendance. Information was shared and ideas discussed regarding the Gala which included two suggestions. One suggestion was to change the date from Sunday to Saturday. The second suggestion was to check with the Hilton Hotel. We received information from both the Hilton and The Westin Galleria Hotels.

The 85th Gala will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2013, at The Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 West Alabama. The theme is "Celebrating 85 Years of Timeless Service." Tickets will be eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) each; and they will be available at the May meeting. Sorors are asked to purchase tables and ads early. The next committee meeting will be June 15, 2013, after sorority meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Soror Willie Mae Evans, Chairman

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED
ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER DEBUTANTE BALL
COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

Committee Membership: 119

Chairman: Soror Ivy V. Ricketts ~ **Co-Chairman:** Soror Gwendolyn Climmons-Johnson

Purpose of the Committee: To plan the biennial Debutante Ball and related activities.

Updates for our 14th Biennial Debutante Season

Boutique Social Event

On March 9, 2013 your Debutante Committee hosted a social event for the Debutantes and Mothers at Qwashae Boutique in Pearland, Texas. Debutantes and their Mothers, our basileus and several committee members enjoyed a fashion show of gorgeous gowns by Qwashae Boutique models. Debutantes also modeled several gowns and other attire, participated in several fun-filled activities, enjoyed lite bites and refreshments.

Community Service: Co-Chairs – Sorors Margie Taylor and Edwina Johnson

In line with our Global Poverty Initiative, our Debutantes are presently participating in a Seed Project to collect seeds from friends and family. Our Debutantes will pack the collected seeds and they will be shipped to Kenya in early June.

On June 1st from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Target Hunger located at 2814 Quitman in Houston, our Debutantes will help to sort and pack fresh produce and hand out food to those in need at the Quitman Food Panty. We encourage all Sorors to help to collect seeds and participate in our Target Hunger Project.

Mentors: Co-chairs - Sorors Erica Lee and Katrice Lowe

Our Mentor Committee created an outstanding Mentor survey to determine each Debutante's goals and aspirations to aid in pairing each Debutante with a Mentor. If any Soror is interested in serving as a Mentor, please contact Sorors Erica Lee or Ivy Ricketts

Advertisement In Souvenir Book: Sorors Connie Steward and Elnora Flewellen

We request Sorors to support our Debutante activities by purchasing an advertisement in our Debutante Ball Souvenir Book. Please contact Sorors Connie Steward or Elnora Flewellen if you would like an Advertisement in our Debutante Ball Souvenir Book.

We will have a link on our Chapter website to pay for advertisements by credit card.

Contributions

Anyone who would like to make a financial contribution to our Debutante events can either mail the contributions to Soror Lisa Brooks or pay by credit card on our Chapter website.

Mother-Daughter Debutante Reception

Our Mother-Daughter Debutante Reception will be an exciting event for our Debutantes Mothers and guests. Sorors please attend our reception on June 23, 2012, 4-6 p.m. at the Junior League. Tickets will be on sale beginning May 1st.

Debutante Ball

Our Debutante Ball will be held on July 7, 2013 at the Wortham Theater Center and Sorors this is our event and we need your support. Tickets for our Debutante Ball will be on sale beginning May 10th. Sorors are asked to serve as hostesses and if you are interested in serving as a hostess, please sign our Hostess list on the Debutante Committee Table.

Debutante Committee Meeting

Our next Debutante Committee meeting is on May 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Power Center.

Respectfully submitted, Soror Ivy Ricketts, Chair

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Name of Committee: Health & Human Services Date: 4-3-13
Chairman: Patricia Sibley Time: 6:00PM
Co-Chairman: Catherine Blackwell-Gore Place: Power Center
Co: Chairman: Vada Kyle-Holmes
Co- Chairman: Felicia Austin- Jordan

Number of Committee Members Present: 14

Purpose of the Committee: To encourage healthy life styles and personal fitness. The committee will support organizations which advance access to treatment and coordinate awareness and advocacy campaigns to reduce health disparities, save lives and impact health related legislation. Health initiatives will address diseases which disproportionately affect women and minorities, prevention and treatment options.

Objectives of the meeting: To discuss plans for future committee events.

Discussions

- The Health Committee on behalf of our chapter donated \$910.00 to the AIDS Walk.
- Sorors Barbara Hayes and Felicia Austin-Jordan presented an excellent Diabetes Overview at Sorority Meeting. It was most informative and the feedback from Sorors indicates that it was well received.
- The Sister's Network Walk is April 13th at Discovery Green Park. Sorors are encouraged to register and join the walk. We will meet at 8:15am in front of the Grove (at Discovery Green) in Chapter T-shirts and AKA paraphernalia for our Photo Op.
- The Health Committee is coordinating a Team Challenge contest for the March for Babies Walk, April 28th. At Sorority Meeting, Sorors will be able to donate to this fundraiser in the name of a selected Team. Several teams will be identified i.e. The Louisiana Connection, Gamma Psi, etc. The Team that donates the most money will receive a Trophy and "bragging rights". Darralyn Hooker is Team Coordinator for the March for Babies Walk. Our Chapter Goal is to raise \$2,000.
- The Health Committee will partner with Omicron Gamma, Gamma Psi, Xi Alpha and Gulf Coast Head Start in the 2013 Asthma Prevention and Management Initiative. The kick-off is planned for May. The curriculum will be provided from September thru December. Each Soror who participates will need to have a background check completed, per State requirements.

The Chairman thanked the committee members for all their hard work and dedication in achieving the **First Place Health Committee Award at Regional Conference!**

- **Next Meeting: May 1, 2013 at 6PM at the Power Center.**

Names of committee Members Present: Marianne Walker, Cherise Story, Vada Kyle-Holmes, Bonnie Word, Barbara Hayes, Darralyn Hooker, Shundra Williams, Catherine Blackwell-Gore, Saundra Wiley, Demetria Williams, Kim Topps, Ardyth Guyer, Sahira Abdool and Patricia Sibley

Report Submitted by: Patricia Sibley, Health Committee Chairman, April 5, 2013.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATION

Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Name of Committee: National Pan-Hellenic Council-Houston

Date: April 8, 2013

Chairperson: Soror Darlene D. Johnson

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: The S.H.A.P.E. Community Center

Number of Committee Members Present: 3

Members in Attendance: Sorors Darlene D. Johnson, Diana D. Johnson and Marianne Walker

May:

Greek Picnic Weekend – May 17 – 19, 2013

On Friday, May 17th, the National Pan Hellenic Council Houston Chapter and Big Brothers Big Sisters will be hosting Bowling for Kids' Sake (BFKS) from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. This event will be held at Palace Bowling Lanes located at 4191 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77025. The Pink Ladies of Alpha Kappa Omega are asking each Soror to make a tax deductible donation or purchase several \$1 raffle tickets today. The prizes for the raffle are a pink and green bowling ball and a gift basket filled with gift cards, gas cards and various other gifts. All funds from the raffle will be donated to the chapter's bowling team (The Pink Ladies) who are raising money for BFKS. At Bowling For Kids' Sakes, the council will be collecting can food and nonperishable food items for the pantry at United Methodist Church.

A Social will be held after BFKS from 9:00 PM – Until (location to be announced)

Greeks, Family and Friends Picnic – On Saturday, May 18th the council will be hosting a Greek Picnic at Tom Bass Park, Pavilion IV from 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM. There will be a Stroll-Off and a Bar-B-Q Cook Off contest. There are several activities to participate in while at the park: volleyball, fishing, bicycling, roller skating, skateboarding and there is a huge playground for the kids. If any members of the chapter would like to participate in the stroll-off contest, please see me after the meeting. If you plan on attending the picnic, please bring your chairs, tables and tents with you to the park. If you are on the National Pan Hellenic Council Committee, I will advise you on what to bring for that day. The council will also be collecting can food and nonperishable food items for the pantry at United Methodist Church.

Greek Worship – Sunday, May 19th, the Greeks will be worshipping together at United Methodist Church located at 2600 Holman St., Houston, Texas. If you plan to attend the church service, please go to the following web site and RSVP (<http://www.eventbrite.com/event/1572217545>). The council will be donating the can food and nonperishable food items to United Methodist Church during the church service.

Scholarships – The council will be giving away scholarships at the June Meeting to High School and Undergraduate College students. If you need a scholarship application for a student, please email me at msaka1986@yahoo.com and I will send you a copy of the scholarship application. The deadline date for all application is Friday, April 26, 2013.

June:

The Houston Area National Pan Hellenic Council Annual June meeting and dinner will be held on June 10, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the Fifth Ward Multi-Service Center. The center is located at 4014 Market Street Houston, Texas 77020. The price of the tickets for this meeting is \$15. New officers will be read into office. Alpha Kappa Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma will be the hostesses and hosts for the June meeting.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will have its national convention in Houston, Texas from October 24 – 27, 2013. The host hotel will be the Hilton Americans in downtown Houston, Texas. The Houston National Pan Hellenic Council will be the host for this conference.

➤ **Next meeting: May 13, 2013**

Report submitted by: Soror Darlene D. Johnson

Date: April 17, 2013

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATION

ALPHA KAPPA OMEGA HOUSTON CHAPTER

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

April 11, 2013

DiAnn Robinson, Chair

Patricia Allen McGill, Co chair

Members Present: Delores McCarter, Charlotte Bryant, Charlene James, Ardena Franshaw, Gwen Graham, DiAnn Robinson, and Patricia Allen McGill

The meditation was given by DiAnn Robinson. Patricia McGill volunteered to do the minutes.

The major project for the committee first will be getting seniors to the Motown Revue, on Thursday May 23, 2013. We discussed inviting groups who could secure their own transportation to the show. We will also look into applying for the bus from El Franco Lee's office. Groups we plan to invite include Wesley Chapel Church, with Charlene James taking the lead; and Golden Age Hobby House, with Charlotte Bryant taking the lead. We will work with Dr. Teddy McDavid to secure at least 50 tickets. For the Motown event the committee decided to provide water, chips, and cookies. Delores McCarter and Gwen Graham will coordinate this activity.

We discussed a Christmas Party for seniors, where we may bring gifts and play games. This possible event will be discussed at a later date.

Having seniors see the Christmas Production at the Ensemble is an event that we may partner with EYL and the Fine Arts Committee. Patricia McGill will check with the Ensemble for possible dates and prices.

The committee also discussed a possible Food Drive for the Cuney Homes. This could be another activity that we could partner with EYL and the All Care Team. We also discussed making card for Thanksgiving with our EYL partners.

We will be also considering a Sweet 65 event, where Sorors who have reached 65 would be honored in some way. Ideas included possibly a card, a poem, and a flower, or just pointing out that have Sorors reached this milestone in life.

We will be finding out in the near future what the budget is for this committee. Our next meeting will be Thursday May 9th. Introductions were made all around and the meeting ended at 4:58pm.

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"Goode" Talk

The Gamma Psi Chapter had an awesome time at the 81st South Central Regional Conference. The chapter won 11 awards for chapter scrapbooks including Outstanding Chapter Exhibit, Outstanding Chapter Scrapbook and 2nd place for Outstanding GLLTS Programs. Several sorors received internships and job offers as a result of AKA's partnership with Sam's Club. On behalf of Sorors Jasmine Moore-Kyle and Adrienne Tate I thank you for your generous donations in supporting them as they competed in the Miss TSU Pageant. Please continue to pray for the chapter and myself. ~Soror Jo-Carolyn Goode, TW Graduate Advisor

March 2013

21-24- 23 sorors will go to New Orleans, LA for the 81st South Central Regional Conference.

April 2013

5-Miss TSU Pageant
Adrienne Tate was named 1st Runner Up and Jasmine Moore-Kyle also competed.
10-Pretty Girls Rock - in partnership with NAACP -TSU Chapter sorors gave a day of pampering to US Dream Academy students

April 2013

12 - Spring Fest Fundraiser - Sorors sold "Walking Tacos" and played "Pie-a-K" to raise money
13- Stop the Silence Walk - Sorors participated in raising awareness about breast cancer
16 - Student-to-Scholar - in partnership with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Sorors sat on an interactive panel
16 - Feed the Sexy - Sorors participated in a student auction to collect canned goods and money for charity





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GRADUATE ADVISOR'S Right on Track

...Through Timeless Services

Greetings Sorors!

This is a proud moment for Gamma Psi and Omicron Gamma Chapters that were represented at the 81st South Central Regional Conference. There are very special sorors that made this possible for Omicron Gamma and I want to express my gratitude to Sorors Faye Phillips and Patricia Roberts for their countless hours working on the "Global Leadership through Timeless Service" scrapbook. The chapter was able to enter the "Jazzy Umbrella Contest" due to the beautiful artistic work on the umbrella by Soror Mary Waites and her daughter...thank you for your time and service.

Sorors of Alpha Kappa Omega are invited to Omicron Gamma's Spring 2013 Final Commitment (all white attire) that will be held Sunday, April 21, 2013 at the Sbarston Suites - Galleria starting at 11:00pm. The Luncheon Ceremony "Treasures of the Past...Pearls of the Future" will follow with doors opening at 12:00 noon and the program will start at 12:30pm. Luncheon ticket is \$35 and can be purchased on Eventbrite or from me.

Sorors of Alpha Kappa Omega thank you for your continuous prayers and support.

Sisterly,

Soror Pamela Lazard
Graduate Advisor

Sorors Recognized for Academic Achievement GPA 3.0 and Above

Sade Harrison	Constance Primous
Barbara Garcia-Powell	Melsaine Richardson
Jauisha Kimble	Brandi Washington
Dianne Mbeo	

Congratulations

to

Dianna Mbeo for receiving a position with GE Healthcare on the Information Technology Leadership Program starting July 1, 2013

Save the Date
for the Upcoming
Joint Chapter Meeting
May 4, 2013



Global Leadership

Global Poverty

04/19 - Magnolia Food Fair with Target Hunger - sorors and the candidates will participate in the educational food fair and distribution of fresh produce at the Magnolia Multi-Service Center.

CAMPUS EVENT

Sorors attended the monthly Multi-Cultural Greek Association and Council of Organization

South Central Regional Conference Recognitions

Omicron Gamma Chapter named
"Best of the Best Undergraduate Chapter" and
"Best Dressed Undergraduate Chapter"



First Place - Global Leadership Through Timeless Service Award

