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Greetings from the Basileus

Happy February! February is Heart Month and we made our heart presence known at the Proclamation of Go Red for Women at City Hall. A good number of Pi Omega members were present for this occasion where we enjoyed a photo op with the mayor and took pictures of all sorors in attendance. Thank you, Sorors, for braving the cold on that memorable day and for serving "Pi Omega Water" to the waiting delegation.

We received pictures of Pi Omega Sorors wearing a deeper shade of pink when "Pink Goes Red" observed Go Red for Women on February 5, 2016. Sorors, we received pictures from you taken at your places of work showing your dedication to Pink Goes Red and Heart Health awareness. Thank you for sharing your pictures, we are VERY visible in the Chattanooga community.

We did it again! We celebrated Founders' Day in grand style on our National Founders' Day with dinner at Firebirds; and we entered a time capsule with a visit from our founder, Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, and the remaining 20 pearls at our chapter Founders' Day. What a day! We extend congratulations again to Sorors Lisa Pinkard, Joyce Gee and the Founders' Day committee for the Journey, Origination, Incorporation and Celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

In addition to the above programs and activities, we supported the Alpha's Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast, individually and collectively. We proved our sincerity in service to "all mankind" on our first Impact Day, by serving lunch to 147 people at our Martin Luther King Day of Service. We shared food with our friends but most importantly, we shared our hearts on January 19. Thank you for being "engaged" with our fellow man in such a way that they felt our love. Our Day of Service was a combined effort of Pi Omega, Zeta Kappa and our ASCEND students. Sorors, thank you, thank you, thank you. You continue to excel in every area. And you did all of this in the first three weeks of January!

News and Upcoming Events

The February Sorority Meeting will be at Olivet Baptist Church

Every Soror is asked to **donate $8 to your HBCU**. Give to the HBCU of your choice or our choice -- TSU.

Please **submit your personal information** to Soror Jennifer Woods. We need correct addresses and telephone numbers for every soror.

Soror Crews and the **Archives Committee** are still requesting **profile sheets** to be completed.

Every Soror is asked to furnish at least **five (5) backpacks** over the four-year period to this target area.

Connections Activity - **Voter Registration Drive** on March 4, 2016 at CSAS Career Fair. See Soror Audra Ingram for further details.

84th South Eastern Regional Conference - March 10-13, 2016 in Mobile, AL

Bowling for Kids Sake sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters is April 30. We need a team to bowl. The Ivy Rose Foundation will pay for a team of four sorors. Please sign up to bowl.

67th Boule is July 9 – 15, 2016 in Atlanta, GA.

Upcoming Community Impact Days

March 19, 2016 – Playgrounds Mobilization Day
April 9, 2016 – NAMI Awareness Day
May 21, 2016 – AKA 1908 Playgrounds Mobilization Day
June 20, 2016 – Longest Day
October 16, 2016 – Childhood Hunger Awareness Day

Pink GOES Red

Health Promotion
Launching New Dimensions of Service
AKA

Please be aware that Go Red for Women Luncheon will be on **Friday, May 6, 2016**. Doors will be open at 10:00 am. This year Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Pi Omega Chapter, will have a table for 8. In addition, we will be named as a sponsor for the event. Right now, there are 4 tickets available. In addition, we will be named as a sponsor for the event. PLEASE let me know if you would like to attend. **The tickets are $75 which will be due by April's sorority meeting** .

Pi Omega and the Ivy Rose Foundation will also have a "All Things Pretty" bag which will be raffled during the luncheon. We are still in need of the following items:

- 3 shades of Red OPI nail polish
- Silver or Red framed mirror
- Red Scarf (spring/summer)

If you are able to donate any of the above items or something you think would go great with our bag theme, the Health Committee will greatly appreciate it.

Sisterly Concerns

Continued prayers for following Sorors:

Soror Sandra Nelson on the loss of her father, Mr. Edward Hunter. The funeral is Saturday, February 13, 2016 in Detroit, MI. The funeral home is James H. Cole -- 16100 Schaefer Highway Detroit, MI 48238.

Soror Renee Merrell on the loss of her sister, Mrs. Doris Jones Pitts.

Sorors Mattie and Carol McKenzie on the loss of their niece/cousin, Pam Davis.

Please remember these Sorors with cards and prayers:

Soror Missouri Benford
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Prospect, KY 40079

Soror Bettye Holloway
2904 Hoyt St.
Chattanooga, TN 37404

Soror Doris Kelly
4520 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409

Soror Irene Midget
7807 Shinnecock Trail
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Soror Marjorie Washington
6559 Hickory Brook Road
Chattanooga, TN 37421

February Birthdays

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Positively PI OMEGA

Kudos **Soror Rena Grayson** on her involvement with the Go Red for Women Committee and her picture in HealthScope Magazine. We are proud of you Soror Rena.

Congratulations to **Soror Shemika Shackelford McCauley** for being an Aspire award winner from UNUM. Shemika received a trip to Disney World for the Employee Recognition Conference.

Soror Tommie Brown was recognized by the Southeast Council on Children and Youth at Second Baptist Church on January 14, 2016.

Founders' Day

Pi Omega and Zeta Kappa chapters celebrated Founders' Day on January 16, 2015 with a visit from our 20 Pearls.

In **AKA: The Journey**, a play written and produced by Soror Joyce Gee, we were reminded of the vision and hard work it took to organize and sustain the 1st sorority for African-American women.

Targets

The Environmental Ownership Committee partnered with the North Brainerd Community Council to raise awareness of the importance of having clean water systems.

Educational Enrichment and Family Strengthening Targets spearheaded the purchase and delivery of 4 64-count cases of water and Granola Bars to Orchard knob Middle School for students taking tests. The request came from the school to community leaders.

Sorors on the Scene

Pink Goes Red

Sorors observed **National Wear Red Day** to bring attention to heart disease and attended the Proclamation reading at City Hall on February 5, 2016.

Sorors attended the Alpha Phi Alpha **Martin Luther King Scholarship Breakfast** on January 18, 2016.

Pi Omega, Zeta Kappa, and the ASCEND participants served food to the less fortunate for the **Martin Luther King Day of Service** on January 18, 2016.

Soror Sandra Nelson attended the **Chartering of our newest Chapter in Dubai,** Omega Theta Omega on January 22, 2016.

Fashionetta 2016

We are in the process of finalizing the committees for Fashionetta 2016. Below is a list of the committees, chairmen, and co-chairmen with contact information. We are asking you to think and meditate before you commit to a committee. We thank you in advance for agreeing to serve on a committee.

Finance: Jo Ann Williams -- Chairman (williamsmath@bellsouth.net / 423-309-4985)
Mary Cameron -- Co-Chairman

Senior Debutante: Lenora Sheffey -- Chairman (LLSheffey@epbfi.com / 423-468-0135)
Dedra Partridge -- Co-Chairman

Junior Debutante: Ranita Glenn -- Chairman (Rglenn11@aol.com / 865-414-6208)
Meliah Smith -- Co-Chairman
Dessalyn Sammons -- Co-Chairman

Little Debutante: Shemika S. McCauley -- Chairman (aisha0507@yahoo.com / 423-314-8265)
???????????????? -- Co-Chairman

Presentation: Dorothea Johnson -- Chairman (dorotheajohnson@bellsouth.net / 423-290-5023)
Lucy Nealy -- Co-Chairman

Decorations: Michelle Cochran -- Chairman (mpcochran29@gmail.com / 423-400-0041)
Wanda Smith -- Co-Chairman
Keisha Davis Walsh -- Co-Chairman

Photography: Marie Peter-Bowman -- Chairman (ms1peter@aol.com / 423-305-3750)
Daphne Moore -- Co-Chairman

Printing: Karen Rhodes -- Chairman (kyrhodes63@gmail.com / 423-509-1802)
Sherryl Appleberry -- Co-Chairman
J. Michelle McDaniel -- Co-Chairman

Publicity: Pat Shackelford-Gray -- Chairman (patgraytravel@gmail.com / 423-227-4883)
Latrice Currie Tucker -- Co-Chairman

Tickets & Seating: Mary Ann Maffett -- Chairman (mamaffett@aol.com / 423-322-2526)
Bettye Johnson -- Co-Chairman

Logistics: ??????????? -- Chairman
??????????? -- Co-Chairman

Sponsor: Cheryl Key -- Chairman
BettyeLynn -- Co-Chairman

Hostesses: ?????????? -- Chairman
(Tickets and Seating) ?????????? -- Co-Chairman

Choreography: ?????????? -- Chairman
(Presentation) ?????????? -- Co-Chairman

Protocol for all Sorors

Protocol is the responsibility of all members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, incorporated." Adherence to protocol enhances the Sorority's operations as well as aids in the creation of a more sisterly environment. Furthermore, the image of the Sorority in the larger community is greatly enhanced if each member demonstrates a command of protocol.

A. THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA PLEDGE

1. All sorors should be able to recite the Pledge by memory.
2. When reciting the Pledge, there is no "***s***" on the word s**trength**.
3. The Pledge should be recited at the beginning or end of chapter meetings.
4. When reciting the Pledge after the Hymn, keep arms crossed (right over left) and hands clasped; con clude with **a gentle, inconspicuous hand squeeze** before releasing hands.
5. The Pledge should never be printed on any item.
6. The Pledge should not be recited publicly.

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National Pan-Hellenic Council

Bowling for Kids is April 30, 2016 at 10:00 - 1:00 at Holiday Bowl - Hixson. The Alphas have a challenge; the Greek team that beats them will receive lunch or dinner at Rodizio.

The **Alpha Phi Alpha** 11th Annual Black and Gold Scholarship Gala will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016.

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Please submit all items for the newsletter to the Basileus by the last day of the month.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Pi Omega Chapter Sorority Meeting
January 8, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.
Olivet Baptist Church
740 East M. L. King Blvd.
Chattanooga, TN 37403

Meditation/Grace/Repast were given by the January Hostess Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Soror Terryl James, Basileus.

Eighty-Four Sorors signed the sign-in book and two visiting Sorors, Sorors Janis Domingo and Presha Perry.

The agenda was adopted with no report from the Graduate Advisor.

Correspondence – Soror Michelle Caldwell

Thank You Card from Soror Gwen Moore, recent knee surgery
Thank You Card from Soror Doris Kelly for being recognized at the Gala
A Holiday Day Card from Corporate Office
A Calendar with each month recognizing a HBCU

Officers' Report

Basileus – Soror Terryl James

The meeting place at Second Baptist Church has changed from the multi-purpose room to the fellowship hall. The fellowship hall is too small. We might be able to go back to Orchard Knob Baptist Church. There is money in the budget that was carried over from last year to off-set the cost. Sorors we can stay at Olivet for $175.00 a month and if the fellowship hall is being used; we can use the Kingdom Center. Soror James called for a vote but Soror Mary Ann Davidson Morton suggested for Soror James to make sure the price is still the same before the Sorors vote to stay at Olivet for a meeting place. The vote was tabled to the February Sorority Meeting.

M. L. King Day of Service will be January 18, 2016 at the Kingdom Center at 11:30 A.M.

All reports were sent in on time but the reports were scrambled when received in the drop box. I am waiting to hear from Regional Director to see if we are eligible to submit forms for awards.
Soror James asked what is your pleasure in paying the $800.00 Boule Hospitality Fee? Soror Jackie Thomas made the motion to pay the $800.00 for the Boule Hospitality Fee. The motion passed. Soror James asked if Pi Omega wanted to purchase a ¼ page, a half page, or a full page ad for the Regional Souvenir Book? Soror Davidson Morton made the motion to purchase a full page ad in the Regional Souvenir Book. The motion passed.

The Bylaws have been approved. We had to make an adjustment so the Bylaws will reflect that we meet 10 months a year instead of nine months.

I need the names of any Sorors that will be a Golden or Silver this year. I know we have some Silver that will be recognized at the Boule.

I have place forms next to the sign-in book if you would like to be a convener or recorder at the Regional Conference. Please note; there is a dead line to submit the form.

Sorors please stand with me and thank Soror BettyLynn Smith and the Gala Committee for a beautiful Gala. I am still receiving thank you cards, online responses, and phone calls about a wonderful Gala.

Sorors we have a table for the Alpha's Breakfast on January 18, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at Orchard Knob Baptist Church. Please let me know if you want to purchase a ticket.

The floor is now open to nominate delegates to the Regional Conference. The following Sorors are delegates:

Soror Terryl James	Soror Myra Lynn Woods Jackson
Soror Jennifer Woods	Soror LaToshia Owens
Soror Rosemary Heard	Soror Alisha Smith
Soror Rhonda Y. Williams	Soror Eva Settles

Soror Mary Ann Davidson Morton – Alternant

Soror Nelson asked if the delegates will rotate in order to keep the same Sorors from being a delegate all the time? Soror James stated we would like the delegates to rotate.

Grammetus – Soror Rhonda Y. Williams

The December Minutes were sent out electronically and approved with no corrections.

Anti-Basileus – Soror Jennifer Woods

Happy New Year Sorors!
I would like to thank each of you for a job well down in 2015. We set some lofty goals for the year to increase our visibility and get the word out to the public that Pi Omega was on the move in 2015. I am extremely please to say we surpassed our goals. So I want each of you to raise your right arm very high, bend it and pat yourself on the back! Without your work this goal could not be accomplished. I would like to thank ever committee chair for the hard work and getting all reports in on time. We are now ready to show the region that Pi Omega is the best chapter that the South Easterner Region has. So any pictures or other information you have that focuses on any community event, activity or volunteer time you have completed and have not shared with the chapter, please do so before the end of this month.

We are in year two of a four year initiative and have much work to complete. Please get your data sheets back to me as soon as possible. I am asking that the sheets be emailed so I can put them in the chapter notebook. I would like to have the directory ready for the February meeting if at all possible but no later than the first week in March.

Don't forget that we have a Program Committee Meeting the end of the month at that time we will finalize our Strategic Plan.

Tamiouchos – Soror Vanaisa Parks

The Beginning Balance is $15,683.54 Income $17, 171.00 Expenditures $9,591.28

Year to Date Income $59,443.88 Total Expenditures $47,940.18 Income Available $23,263.26

Committee Reports

Founders' Day – Soror Lisa Pinkard

The Sorors of Pi Omega and Zeta Kappa Chapter will be presenting AKA: The Journey on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. Orchard Knob Baptist Church. The attire is Pink and Green Business Casual. This will be a closed Founders' Day, open only to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorors.

Hodegos – Soror Jacqueline Brown

Cards were sent to:
12/11 Flowers to Soror Felicia Freeman, death of father, $54.89
12/14 Sympathy Card to Soror Felicia Freeman
12/15 Flowers to Soror Gwen Moore surgery, $51.35
12/22 Get Well/Thinking of You Card to Soror Gwen Moore
12/22 Think of You Card to Soror Alma Dotson
12/22 Sympathy Cards to Laura Buttram and Soror Valerie Jennings, death of nephew
12/22 Thinking of You Card to Soror Jennifer Woods and Soror Midgett, death of nephew
12/22 Thinking of You Card to Soror Felicia Freeman
12/25 Thinking of You Card to Soror Yolnique Pollard, baby Anthony illness
01/04 Thinking of You Card to Soror Glenda Means
01/04 Get Well Card to Soror Shemika Shackleford McCauley, recent surgery
01/08 Flowers to Soror Shemika Shackleford McCauley, $53.53

Total Cost - $159.77

Please remember our sick and shut-in, our care givers, and those that lost love ones.

The January Birthdays were recognized and given a warm hug.

Are there any honors, appointments, graduations, retirements we need to be aware of? If so, please stand and state what will or was received.

Special thanks and a plaque were given to the 2014-2015 outgoing officers.

Let us welcome our visiting Sorors and Guest: Sorors Janis Domingo and Presha Perry.

Sisterly Relations – Soror Dew Crews

January 15, 2016 is Sisterly Relations Day. Sorors please join us at Fire Bird by Hamilton Place Mall at 5:00 P.M. The cost of the meal will be $33.00. Please let me know if you can't get there by 5:30 P.M.

Foundation – Soror Mary Ann Davidson Morton

The Ivy Rose Foundation, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Pi Omega Chapter will present Fashionetta 2016 on December (Friday, December 16, 2016). We have passed out a list of the committees. We are asking each Soror to sign up for a least one committee in order for us to start the planning process this month (January) for Fashionetta 2016 in December. Keep your ears open for a call from your committee chairman and the Executive Director of Fashionetta 2016. We are asking you to prepare to work and most of all pray for the success of Fashionetta 2016.

New Business

Soror Sandra Nelson would like to vote on additions to the Standing Rules. Soror Nelson would like for all Sorors wishing to be nominated for an office, that their name will be listed on the ballot. Soror James asked

Soror Nelson if this could be handled atl the October Sorority Meeting? Soror Nelson said yes, as long as it is reflected in the minutes that we will vote on the additions to the Standing Rules in October Sorority Meeting. Soror James stated that it be reflected in the minutes.

Announcements

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Soror Rhonda Y. Williams

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Soror Terryl James, Basileus

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
~ Pi Omega Chapter ~
February 12, 2016 Agenda
Olivet Baptist Church
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Meditation/Grace/Repast	Hostess Committee
Call to Order	Basileus
The Pledge	
Adoption of Agenda	Terryl James
Correspondence	Michelle Caldwell

OFFFICERS' REPORT

Basileus	Terryl James
Anti-Basileus	Jennifer Woods
Treasurer Report	Mary Cameron
Membership	Karen Rhodes

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Connections	Audra Ingram
Hodegos	Jacqueline Brown
Sisterly Relations	Althea Reid

NEW BUSINESS

Foundation Report	LaTosha Owen
Fashionetta	Mary Ann Davidson Morton

Announcements

Soror Code of Ethics
Sorors desiring to sing in the Regional Choir, please call Dorothea Johnson
Red Item for Basket due April 6, 2016 – Rena Grayson
Regional Assignments – Please attend Standards, Protocol, Connections, Sisterly Relations, Targets
EAF Material on Table – Sumer Patterson
Soror Sheila Ross' Daughter
Regional Conference Attendees
Needs List - Carol McKenzie
Purse – LaTosha Owen
Voter Registration – March 4, 2016 CSAS Career Fair
Hymn
Adjournment