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# In SERVICE & Sisterhood

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## Greetings from the Basileus

### Month of May

We celebrate Mother's Day, Graduations, Mental Health and Stroke Awareness, and National Nurses Day in May. A vast array of celebrations and all have significance to Pi Omega. A day that brings smiles and tears is Mother's Day and one we can celebrate quietly or with pomposity.

Graduations are always fun, sometimes bitter sweet because we cannot believe our children, children of our family members and in our churches could possibly be old enough to graduate high school or college. Congratulations to all sorors who are celebrating a graduation this year either by financing someone else or your own education. Congratulations to Sorors receiving advanced degrees this year. Your hard work has paid off and we are proud of you. We are aware of two Pi Omega sorors with a Doctorate in Nursing.

Many of us have experienced or are currently experiencing the effects of dementia and have become acutely aware of mental health challenges as caretakers or with someone we know in the family or at church. Our sensitivity to mental health challenges has been raised and more of us are aware of how precious our time with loved-ones really is, so we treat day as a gift. We have sorors who are working daily with family members with dementia; their love of family shows us the essence of unconditional love. These Sorors show remarkable patience with their family members and great fortitude as they continue to work with Pi Omega chairing committees and working in their areas of concern. Hat's off to you, Sorors, for the amazing job you do.

***Speaking of Hats – please support the hostess committee by wearing or bringing a hat to our May meeting. They promise you a fun time.***





**Diamond**  
Doris Bruce Kelly  
Maggie Sheffield Smartt

# Happy Mother's Day

To all Sorors who love, nurture, and protect  
tirelessly, selflessly and generously,

## Golden

Gloria Bulloch  
Bettye Holloway  
Myra Woods Jackson  
Bettye Johnson  
Mildred Keith  
Mary Ann Maffett  
Mattie McKenzie  
Gwendolyn Moore


Jo Ann Moten  
Minerva Parks  
Ida Partridge  
Lillian Pinkard  
Charlotte Polk\*  
Clara Shepherd  
Marjorie Washington  
Juanita Woods


And to our Diamond and Golden Sorors  
who lead by example.





## News and Upcoming Events


### **May and June Sorority Meeting will be held at Olivet Baptist Church.**

 The May meeting will have a Derby Hat theme! We are encouraging Sorors to wear exciting, vibrant Derby hats. The Hostess Committee will have a few surprises to highlight the Derby theme.

 The Membership Committee will propose a Fall MIP. Please plan to attend our May meeting to hear the proposal from the membership committee.

 Family Strengthening is partnering with Orchard Knob Baptist Church to sponsor a clothes drive. Please take your "gently" used clothing and household goods to Orchard Knob for the clothes drive.

 **From the EAF Committee:** Please bring your change that jingles (but would love the change that folds) to sorority meeting on Friday for an EAF Scholarship Donation. Containers will be on the tables during the sorority meeting.

 Soror Sandra Nelson and Jane Elmore, with the National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, did an excellent radio presentation on Do-Nut and Friends telling about NAMI and the AKA connection.. Good interview and very good response to the questions asked.

## From the Supreme Basileus

Greetings Soror,

Over the last few days, I have been in constant communication with the North Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Meredith L. Henderson, pertaining to the rioting in Baltimore following the killing of Freddie Gray. As the state of emergency continues within the city, we must continue to pray, encourage those affected by this crisis and speak out against the continuing acts of injustice plaguing our country.

At this time, we are coming together to provide additional financial assistance to support relief and revitalization efforts in Baltimore. Contributions will be used to support the financial needs of the community, including feeding senior citizens and youth, assisting with prescription co-pays, transporting seniors, rebuilding local businesses and rebuilding the Senior Center that was burnt down in East Baltimore. The Corporate Office along with the North Atlantic Region are also sending water and other necessary supplies to be distributed to the local community on behalf of the international organization. Contributions can be made in the "Members only section" online store at [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com). Sorors may enter any amount starting at \$1. Chapters wishing to contribute by check may send contributions directly to the Corporate Office with a note stating that the donation is earmarked for the Baltimore Relief Fund.

In response to the rioting and ongoing unrest in the Baltimore area, we quickly deployed our chapters (Epsilon Omega, Rho Xi Omega, Upsilon Epsilon Omega, and Psi Phi Omega) and members to provide relief, resources, and comfort to those most in need in the Baltimore community.

- Members of Metro Baltimore chapters partnered to provide food, care packages, and medication to the seniors at Penn North Plaza Senior building who were directly affected by the looting and burning of their neighborhood CVS Pharmacy.
- Sorors have transported seniors to pick up prescriptions and groceries. In many cases, sorors were able to work with the pharmacies to get co-pays waived.
- Sorors manned three stations set up at local playgrounds, passing out snacks and beverages to the kids in the immediate affected areas where school was not in session.
- Sorors participated in a community meeting with local officials and community leaders on April 28, 2015 to continue to organize community clean-up plans.
- Sorors stood alongside the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. during a silent vigil on April 28, 2015.
- The Ivy Center in Baltimore will serve as a staging ground/support center for any organization or government agency in need of temporary space. They will also serve as a meet up location for sorors who desire to volunteer.

In addition, members are working with community leaders and local officials on a plan for healing and action following the senseless death of Freddie Gray while in police custody.

As we have for the past 107 years, we will come together to support our Sorors and those in most need of our service and support. As we support the Baltimore community and Mayor and AKA Member, Soror Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, we will also remain steadily focused on ensuring that we fight against the injustices in our country. Thank you in advance for your continued encouragement, compassion, prayers, and never-ending fight for justice for the people around this country.

Sisterly yours,

*Soror Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson*

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Supreme Basileus

## Sisterly Concerns

### May Birthdays



Mildred Keith	4
Shemika Shackelford McCauley	7
Auriele Harris	10
Carmen Ware	10
Remell Sorrells	12
Barbara Wofford	12
Miriam Pate-Smith	13
Deartra Maxwell	16
Kristina Williams	16
Star Lackey	19
Mia Malone	19
Maya Shepherd	20
Betty Holloway	24

**Soror Irene Midgett**, mother of Soror Jennifer Woods is home recovering from her recent hospitalization.

Milton Charles, husband of **Soror Laurel Buttram**, had a total right knee replacement. He is in rehab at Life Care.

**Please remember our Diamonds with cards and telephone calls.**

Soror Maggie Smart  
Elmcroft at Shallowford  
7127 Lee Highway  
Chattanooga, TN 37421

Soror Doris Kelly  
4520 Tennessee Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37409

**Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. –James 5:16**

## Congratulations Graduates

**Soror Myra Jackson's** grandson, Bryce Holmes, graduates high school in Pearland Texas.

**Soror BettyLynn Smith's** granddaughter, Jalyn Tuleah Ashley, is graduating from Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences on May 15,, 2015.

**Soror Tara Mathis's** daughter, Maya Mathis, will graduate from Baylor School on May 29, 2015.

**Soror Sonya Reid's** daughter, Taylor Reid, will graduate from Girls Preparatory School May 15, 2015.

**Sorors Meliah Smith and Donyel Scruggs** earned a Masters Degree on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

Two Sorors earned a Ph.D. **Soror Michelle Caldwell** in Education and **Soror Renae Grayson** in Nursing.

**Soror JeNita JoVonne Partridge**, daughter of **Soror Dedra B. Partridge**, granddaughter of **Soror Ida Partridge**, niece of **Sorors Chrystal, Barbara and Sylvia Partridge**, will receive her Doctor of Medicine degree Saturday, May 16, 2015 from Meharry Medical College.

Hat's off to all sorors with graduates this year and to all sorors who worked 8-hours a day, took care of family, experienced loss of loved-ones and worked to earn advanced degrees. The year has been tough in many ways but you persevered and remained steady in your pursuit of education. Congratulations ! We are proud of you.



## Pi Omega On the Scene

Thanks to the four bowlers from Pi Omega representing our chapter in the Bowl for Kids Sake sponsored by Big Brother Big Sister. Thank you to Sandra Nelson, the Pi Omega donor who paid the bowling fee for several years. Your unselfish contribution to BBBS on behalf of Pi Omega is commendable and much appreciated.

Front l to r: Sorors Kristina Williams, Janna Dallis, and Chassidy Smaw

Back l to r: Sorors Marie Peter Bowman, Lenora Sheffey, Renee Merrell, Auriele Harris, Terryl James



## Target II: Health Promotion



**Alpha Kappa Alpha** is proud to join forces with the **Alzheimer's Association** to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease risk factors, diagnosis, care, and advocacy, among the African-American community. AKA has designated the Alzheimer's Association The Longest Day as a Community Impact Day and our theme is "AKA-cise the mind and body." On **The Longest Day, Sunday, June 21, 2015**, members of Pi Omega Chapter will raise awareness and make a difference in the fight against Alzheimer's by participating in activities that we love and that fit our individual schedules. **The Pi Omega River Walkers will walk on June 21, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the River Park main pavilion area.**

Online registration is mandatory for chapters participating in The Longest Day. We have registered our team as "Pi Omega River Walkers." Each participating chapter member must register online by going to [alz.org/aka](http://alz.org/aka) and clicking the "Find a team to join" button, then typing our team name in the box and clicking search. You can join the team by clicking the box "Join This Team." The registration fee for all AKA chapters and team members is waived by using the discount code AKA during registration.

Share what you are doing on social media:

[@akasorority1908](https://twitter.com/akasorority1908) Pi Omega Rivers Walkers supporting alzheimers #TheLongestDay on [#AKAImpactDay](https://twitter.com/akasorority1908) [#ENDALZ](https://twitter.com/akasorority1908)



## Upcoming Events

Omega Psi Phi will have their second annual ***Sundresses at Sunset*** on May 9, 2015 at the Hunter Museum. All tables are sold but general admission tickets may be purchased for \$35.

Sigma Gamma Rho will also have their annual "***Champagne and Chocolate***" event on September 12, 2015 at Pier 2. Individual tickets are \$25; table prices will be announced later.

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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 - May Agenda  
Friday, May 8, 2015 - 6:30 PM  
Olivet Baptist Church  
740 East M.L. King, Blvd.*

### **Meditation/Grace/Repast**

Call to Order

The Pledge

Adoption of Agenda

Acceptance of April Minutes

Correspondence

### **OFFICERS' REPORT**

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Anti-Basileus

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Hodegos

Birthday Celebration

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One Million Back Packs

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Family Strengthening – Collaboration with Orchard Knob Baptist

Hostess Committee

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Jennifer Woods

Vanasia Parks

Bettye Johnson

Eva Settles

Dee Crews

Audra Ingram

Mary Patterson

Karen Rhodes

Althea Reid-Jones

Mattie McKenzie

Mary Ann Morton/Michelle Cothran

Chrystal Partridge

Mary Lambert

### **Foundation**

Announcements

### **Hymn**

### **Adjournment**

Mary Ann Morton

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Pi Omega Chapter Sorority Meeting  
April 10, 2015 – 6:30 PM  
Olivet Baptist Church  
740 East M.L.King Blvd.  
Chattanooga, TN 37403

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

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

Sixty-One Sorors were in attendance, along with the Sorors from Zeta Kappa, and one visitor, Soror Makayla Elliott, from Memphis, TN.

The agenda order was changed to accommodate Zeta Kappa sorors in attendance. The first report was from the Graduate Advisor.

**Graduate Advisor Report – Soror Rosemary Heard**

Three Zeta Kappa sorors attended the Devine 9 activity on March 27 at Orchard Knob Elementary School.

Zeta Kappa participated in a community service project at CSAS on Saturday, March 28th. The service project focused Environmental Ownership (AKA 1908 Playground Project and Acts of Green).

**The two targets are AKA 1908 Playground Project and Acts of Green**

March 29th was final commitment and luncheon for new 15 Sorors

3 freshmen – Sorors S. Elliott, Golden, Harris

3 sophomores - Sorors Butler, M. Elliott, McCrackin

6 juniors Evans - Sorors Garrett, Gilchrist, Lacey, Porter, Turner

3 seniors Jones - Sorors Northington, Rogan

Two Zeta Kappa Sorors have been accepted into law school; Raven Chism, The University of Memphis School of Law and Anaston Scott, Savannah School of Law. Soror Kayla Moore was named Ms. Krimson and Kreme on Monday April 6, 2015. Zeta Kappa also participated in NPHC switch day with Alpha Phi Alpha on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

AKA week will be April 13 – 18, 2015.

The April Agenda was adopted after the removal of the Anti-Basileus Report.

The minutes were approved as distributed by email.

**Correspondence – Soror Rhonda Y. Williams**

We received a Thank You card from Soror Renee Merrell – her recent hospitalization. Also, an invitation from The Pearl Group Inc. The men of Kappa Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. would like to cordially invite Pi Omega to Sundresses at Sunset 2015. The event will take place on May 9, 2015 from 7pm-11pm at the Riverview Terrace Rooftop of the Hunter Museum.

**Officers' Report**

**Basileus Report – Soror Terryl James**

Seven Sorors attended AKA Day at the Capitol on April 7, 2015.

A Thank you to Sorors supporting the Pi Omega Walk at Eastgate Town Center on April 1, 2015.



Went to visit Diamond Soror Maggie Smartt, to give her flowers from the chapter. Soror Smartt, 102 years old, was on an outing. I was shown a pictures taken of before she left showing how beautiful she looked, dressed in black embellished with rhinestones, from head to toe.

Soror Marjorie Washington has been in the Sorority for 71 years this year.

Attended The Chattanooga Chapter of The Links, Inc. Closing the Achievement Gap Meeting at the Kingdom Center. The State of Tennessee grantees and organizations serving children and youth networked to see how better to serve children and youth in the community collaboratively.

Our Zeta Kappa sorors “strolled” at the Devine 9 Day program at Orchard Knob Elementary School. The students showed appreciation for the stroll by giving Zeta Kappa the loudest cheer of all sororities and fraternities represented.

Soror BettyeLynn Smith accepted agreed to Chair the Pi Omega Gala in December.

Please support the Jazz Brunch and encourage other Sorors and guests to attend

Bowling for Big Brothers Big Sisters is April 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM. The bowling fee for BBBS Bowling for Kids Sake is \$200. We have had a anonymous donor to pay this fee; however, this year the donor will not make the donation. I am asking if \$200.00 can be taken from contingency to pay the entrance fee.

Rationale, a Soror has been paying the bowling fee for Pi Omega; we were alerted at Sorority Meeting the donor would not make the donation this year. The motion passed and \$200.00 will be taken from contingency to pay for Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowling for Kids Sake.

#### **Tamiouchous Report – Soror Vanasia Parks**

The March beginning balance is \$24,097.32. Income \$1,180.00      Conference Expenses \$745.00      Operation Expenses \$395.00. Total Expenditures \$2,961.76. The ending balance is \$22,315.56

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Hodegos Report – Soror Myra Lynn Woods Jackson**

Birthday wishes were extended to all April Birthdays.

##### **Archives – Soror Dee Crews**

Soror Crews is asking each Soror to fill out a personal information form and submit a picture with the form to update Pi Omega’s files. Also, this form will allows Sorors to get to know each Soror’s family members. Please submit the form by the June Sorority meeting. We will have an archives party at the June meeting. Please bring pictures, programs and items that should be archived. When submitting pictures, please include the names of the sorors/people in the pictures. Thanks to Soror Appleberry for preparing the Pi Omega personal information form.

##### **Connections Committee – Soror Audra Ingram**

Seven Sorors attended AKA Day at the Capital. End of the year goals were discussed for chapters in South Eastern.

A voter registration drive is planned for May 18, 2015 at Eastgate Town Center at 10:00 am. We are making plans to get voters to the polls by enlisting assistance transportation for voters. We will partner with other organizations to get registered voters to the polls.

##### **Founder’s Day – Soror Eva Settles**

The keynote speaker was Soror Glenda Baskin Glover, International First Anti-Supreme Basileus. She was a dynamic speaker. A check for \$2,000.00 was given to Soror Glover for Tennessee State University, the Pi Omega adopted HBCU. The attendance at Founders’ Day was over 200 people. The Founders’ of our great

organization were recognized. Thank you committee members and Pi Omega for all your support. Remember; “We can’t let the flames go out, we have work to do!”

### **Sisterly Relations Committee – Soror Althea Reid Jones**

Activities:

April – Support Zeta Kappa during their AKA Week.

May – Celebrating Legacies

June/July/August – Summer Sisterly Fun Activities

September – Relationship Building (Social Activity)

October – Relationship Building (Social Activity)

November – Sisterly Feast

December – Leadership Recognition

### **Health Committee – Soror Karen Rhodes**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness began working together to increase mental health awareness in the African American community. Pi Omega Chapter is working with NAMI Chattanooga to educate African Americans about mental health, treatment and recovery. Together, we can help communities access much needed treatment services and support.

The Health Committee ask that all Sorors support AKA/NAMI Awareness Day on April 11<sup>th</sup>, by tuning in to “Do-Nut and Friends” on WMPZ Groove 93.5 at 9:00am to listen to Soror Sandra Nelson and Mrs. Jane Elmore with NAMI Chattanooga spread the word about Mental Health and Pi Omega’s commitment to increase mental health awareness. You can help spread AKA/NAMI Awareness through social media.

### **Environmental Ownership – Soror Terryl James**

May 16, 2015 is clean-up a playground day. We will receive more information from the committee at a later date.

### **New Business**

#### **Pi Omega Birthday Celebration – Soror Eva Settles**

Please save the date, June 25, 2015, Pi Omega’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. The celebration will be from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Lindsay Street Hall. The attire is white and your AKA scarf (from Founders’ Day 2015)

#### **Foundation – Mary Ann Davidson Morton**

The 2015 Jazz Brunch committee met on Monday, March 23, 2015, to discuss and prepare for this year’s upcoming event. The Jazz Brunch will be held on June 20, 2015. The theme is “Soulful Expressions Through Jazz. The tickets are \$40.00 per person. We asking each Soror to sell or buy 2 tickets. The last day to sell tickets is June 12, 2015. The attire is “Dressy White with a touch of pink or green”.

### **Announcements**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Soror Rhonda Y. Williams, Grammateus

Soror Terryl James, Basileus