

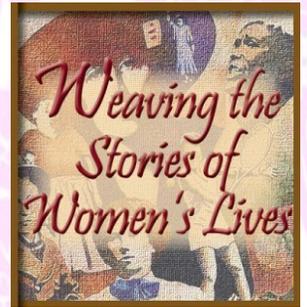


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Greetings from the Basileus

March is Women's History Month. What better organization than Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a history making organization listing many firsts, to recognize and promote the National Women's History Project. The 2015 Theme: *Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives*



"Each time a girl opens a book and reads a womanless history, she learns she is worth less." Myra Pollack Sadker

History helps us learn who we are, but when we don't know our own history, our power and dreams are immediately diminished.

Multicultural American women are overlooked in most mainstream approaches to U.S. history, so the National Women's History Project champions their accomplishments and leads the drive to write women back into history.

Recognizing the achievements of women in all facets of life – science, community, government, literature, art, sports, medicine – has a huge impact on the development of self-respect and new opportunities for girls and young women.

The NWHF is the catalyst, the content provider, the behind-the-scenes director of a myriad of activities promoting women as leaders and influential forces in our society. For over 30 years, the NWHF, founded in Santa Rosa, California, has established a nationwide presence as the number one resource for information and material about the unfolding roles of women in American history. The NWHF leads both local and national efforts, consults, publishes, distributes, inspires, advises, and networks with a wide variety of institutions and activists in the field.

Do you know these African American Women of history?

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Items and Dates to Remember

March Sorority Meeting is Friday, March 20, 2015 at OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL.

The Divine 9 Day at Orchard Knob Elementary School is **Friday, March 27, 2015, 8:00am.** Lunch is at noon, with the program beginning at 1:00.

AKA Day on the Hill is Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

Registration is due 3-22-15. Visit the link below to register:

<https://sites.google.com/site/tnakadayonthehill/>

AKA/NAMI (Mental Health) Awareness Day on April 11 (Read more on page 3.)

April 18 - **Luncheon Honoring Federal Judge Curtis Collier** 12 Noon at The Chattanooga.

Webinars – Sorors, many of our meetings called by our Regional counter-parts will be by Webinar. Please avail yourselves to these meetings. They are informative, engaging and time-saving. Thank you for attending and for preparing Pi Omega for the committee meetings and activities.

Zeta Kappa will sponsor Mr. ImmAKulAte. Ticket information is forthcoming .

Basileus Note

Thank you for allowing me to represent you at Regional Conference. I attended all plenary sessions, HBCU Breakfast, Luncheons and of course the Awards Banquet. The Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony was sacred, quiet and moving as our Regional Director is still dealing with the loss of her daughter who would have been a silver star this year. The 83 South Eastern Regional Choir was phenomenal. Soror Jackie Brown represented Pi Omega in the regional choir. They sang to the glory of GOD and received ovations at each plenary and the morning service. The Ecumenical Service was so “spirit-filled” praises rang from the dais to the back of the room; this was, indeed, a very special service.



We know that March also celebrates St. Patrick's Day and for our sorority –
Go Green Month.

In an effort to **Go Green**, we will send the agenda and minutes electronically and ask you to bring your copy of the agenda to sorority meeting. This will start in April. The Corporate Office has asked – rather “strongly suggested” we exercise “go green” activities throughout the year. We will encourage the use of paper goods for sorority meeting instead of Styrofoam and recycle when and where possible.

NAMI and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Announce Partnership for Broader Mental Health Education, Awareness, and Support Nationwide

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (**NAMI**) and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (**AKA**), Inc.® have launched a new partnership to expand mental health education, awareness, and support activities on the campuses of colleges and universities and in local communities.

The partnership will enable NAMI, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, and AKA, the nation's oldest sorority founded by African American college-trained women, to prepare new volunteer leaders for the future and reach broader constituencies as part of a growing movement to address unmet mental health needs.

“Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is proud to stand with NAMI in the fight for mental health and wellness,” said Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. “Our members will work to bring attention to mental illness among diverse populations with historically low utilization of mental health services.” “NAMI and AKA will stand together to provide help and hope,” said NAMI Executive Director Mary Giliberti. “We are thrilled to be working with one of the nation’s most distinguished service organizations to help individuals and families affected by mental health conditions. Our common mission will include eliminating fear and discrimination that too often discourage people from seeking help when they need it.”

The first year of the partnership will include:

- Participation in each organization’s national conventions: The **NAMI National Convention** is scheduled for July 4-8 in San Francisco. The **AKA Leadership Seminar** will be held in Chicago, July 16-19.
- With NAMI’s support, AKA will organize a “Launching 1908 Dance Moves for NAMI,” a community awareness event in downtown Chicago on July 16.
- Local NAMI Affiliates and AKA chapters across the country will come together to sponsor mental health awareness events, such as AKA/NAMI Awareness Day on April 11 and Mental Illness Awareness Week, October 4-10.
- National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in July will commemorate a special connection between the two organizations. Congress established the month in 2008 in honor of the late African American novelist, **Bebe Moore Campbell**, who was both a NAMI member and an AKA honorary member.
- **AKA chapters** will work with **NAMI on Campus** clubs at universities and colleges around the country to advance education and support around mental health.



Sisterly Concerns

Continued prayers for **Soror Sadye McCain** on her recent hospitalization and continued out patient care.

Continued prayer for **Soror Sumer Patterson** on her recent illness.

Soror Renee Merrell is recuperating from a recent hospital stay and has been ordered to complete bed rest; she is also responsible for final arrangements for her god-mother (Renee was chief care-giver), Laverne McBee who passed on March 11, 2015. Services will be Friday at noon at Second Baptist Church. Family visitation will be Thursday at 7:00 - 8:00. Please remember her with prayers, cards and telephone calls.

Please remember **Soror Missouri Benford** with a card.

Soror Missouri Benford
8400 Spruce Hill Road
Prospect, KY 40079

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.
— 1 Corinthians 1:3-4

March Birthdays



Please remember our Diamonds with cards and telephone calls.

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Chattanooga, TN 37421

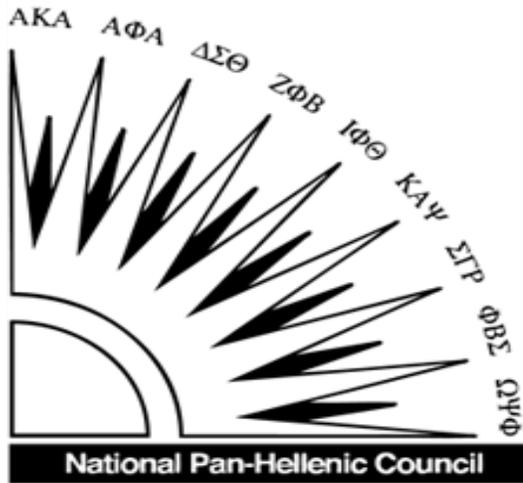
Soror Doris Kelly
4520 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37409



Positively PI OMEGA

Kudos and a bouquet of roses and orchids to **Soror Sandra Nelson** for the “outstanding” presentation on **“So You Want To Be A Parliamentarian.”**

Outstanding! One of the “best” presentations for the Graduate Advisors Institute. She was informative, humorous and distinct in speaking. Outstanding ! Very proud of her and proud to know a Regional Conference VSG.



Upcoming Events

April 18 - Phi Beta Sigma -Big Brothers Big Sisters
Bowling - 10:00 - 12 Noon

April 18 - Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Scholarship
Dance

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