



The Ivy Vine



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Dedicated in Memory of Soror Jacquelyn E. Faison

"I have glorified the Father on earth. I have finished the work which You have given me to do." John 17:4

Soror Jacquelyn Faison, a Golden Soror and Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and a charter member of Chi Delta Omega chapter, completed her work on October 28, 2019. We thank God for allowing us the opportunity to enjoy her gracious manner, her selflessness, her devotion to duty, and her high level of integrity.

Soror Jacquelyn Faison was born December 30, 1937 in Washington, D.C. Upon entering kindergarten 5 years later, she met Soror Joyce Freeman and they forged the bonds of sisterhood that lasted throughout her life. They graduated together from Dunbar High School, class of 1955, and headed off to college together to attend the

District of Columbia Teachers College (current name: University of the District of Columbia). There, they became members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,

Beta Lambda Chapter, in 1956. Soror Faison remained at the Teachers College after Soror Freeman transferred to Howard University, graduating with a major in Mathematics Education in 1960. She later earned a Master's Degree from Bowie State College. Her career as a teacher spanned more than 30 years and included numerous service projects that helped students to the point that she even had students, on occasion, move into her home. After settling into her career, Soror Jackie be-

came an active member of Theta Omega Omega Chapter in Silver Spring, Maryland in which she held several leadership positions. Many of us remember the excitement Soror Jackie exemplified when her granddaughter, Jasmine Haynes, became an AKA, the first in the family to carry on the legacy that Soror Faison had so ably begun.



In 1999 Soror Jackie and her husband Bob Faison, an Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member, moved to Palm Coast. When the call went out in the year 2000 that a few AKA Sorors were gathering to organize an interest group, with delight and anticipation, she became one of the original 13 to attend the first meeting. Soror Jackie was eager to move forward in chartering a chapter in Palm Coast and held the second interest group meeting at her home. In January of 2001, Soror Jackie volunteered to serve as the interest group's Service Project Coordinator and made the first contact with the Flagler County Boys and Girls Club at the Carver Gym in

Bunnell. From this contact she organized the "Little Miss Society" to mentor and tutor young girls in elementary school. She further led service projects at the

Flagler Pines Nursing Home and Bunnell Elementary School. The Palm Coast Interest Group's name, the Rose Petals, was suggested by Soror Faison. As a member of Chi Delta Omega's Chartering Class, Soror Faison chaired the chartering reception and served as the chapter's first Grammateus. From this position she went on to become Anti-Basileus, Basileus,

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HEART TO HEART

Basileus Hazel Lockett

Notes to Sorors

Greetings again, my dear devoted Chi Delta Omega
SORORS,

I am excited about the milepost that we are fast approaching: the end of one full year of the current administration which seemed so far away as we began. Although our tasks loomed as very difficult, we kept plugging away, and, I am happy to report, we addressed most of them. There are more items on our agenda that we must attend to, but we will keep plugging away.

You've heard the statement, "Program is the heart of Alpha Kappa Alpha." Although we got off to a slower start than we desired, Chi Delta Omega has had a tremendous year in programing. We have delivered hundreds of pairs of shoes, sewed and delivered hundreds of little dresses and shirts as well as hundreds of eyeglasses to Haiti and other locales around the world. We have experienced and shared phenomenally enlightening workshops on caring for caregivers and establishing economic stability, and we continue to collect information for the publication of our planned Black Dollar Directory. In the Arts! initiative, we have celebrated black artists locally, held book discussions on Zora Neale Hurston, and have viewed movies on Toni Morrison and Harriet Tubman. We observed "Pink Goes Red for Heart Health" in February and we mailed hundreds of letters to our friends and acquaintances giving them information on breast cancer in men and women. Our #CAP program is working diligently to assist high school graduates with the tools they need for success in the college application process. And we celebrated International Day of Prayer and sisterly Christian fellowship at churches in Palatka and Jacksonville this year.

In addition, we contributed more than \$500 toward the establishment of the Cluster III endowment to an HBCU Scholarship Fund, donated nearly two thousand dollars to HBCU "\$1 Million Dollars in One Day" campaign, and \$8000 to local scholarships for graduating high school students. We also took up the challenge to provide underwear to the Community Partnership for Children for their 2019 "A Christmas to Remember" celebration benefitting foster children in Flagler County.

Operationally, we adopted much needed advances in our foundation's bylaws, reviewed and adopted changes to the MOU between CDO and the Ivy Community Foundation, published our financial procedures document for the edification of all chapter members, submitted an entry in the Cluster III program awards competition and won, submitted several articles for local, regional, and national publication, held a "Summer Fest" and other initiatives for sorors and sisterhood, held a Chapter Retreat that provided both information and fun, continued our fellowship at our monthly Executive Board meetings at Golden Corral, re-energized our EAF involvement, established a Rituals Committee, and voted to hold an MIP in 2020. Our website was revamped for ease of use, and we established and greatly utilized two conference lines for meetings. Additionally, we purchased individual copies of *So Now You're Elected* and the *Standards Manual* for all officers and passed a chapter budget that also supports the educational needs of officers and committee chairmen. Through ICF, we planned and successfully executed the most successful fundraising event in the chapter's history.

It is much more important to say that none of this could have been achieved without your individual commitment and dedication. Sorors, we are, in fact, growing stronger and growing together.

I wish to humbly dedicate our 2019 programmatic and operational achievements in memory of our dearly beloved Soror Jacquelyn E. Faison who truly cherished Chi Delta Omega.

With heartfelt congratulations and thanks,

Soror Hazel



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Pecunious Grammateus and Member at Large of Chi Delta Omega Chapter. In 2005 she was selected as Chi Delta Omega Chapter's Soror of the Year and continued to demonstrate her leadership talent by developing the chapter's first Black Business Directory in 2008 and chairing the chapter's 10th Anniversary celebration in 2012. In 2015 Soror Jackie was selected to receive the Cluster III "Sisterly Relations" award. She also initiated the idea of having a foundation as an affiliate of CDO, therefore leading to the development of the Ivy Community Foundation, Inc.

It is difficult to adequately express our grief in the loss of our treasured Soror Jacquelyn Faison. She lived an active and fulfilling life which included Zumba, line dancing, traveling, sewing, crafts, reading and hosting dinner parties. She is not gone; she is away. With a cheery smile and the wave of hand, she wandered into unknown land. An Ivy Beyond the Wall she has become; God blessed her many works. We pray that treasured memories of this phenomenal woman sustain us, encourage us to keep the faith and excel in our exemplary service to all mankind.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE FORMER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ladies of ICF (My Sorors): it has been my extreme pleasure and delight to chair the Scholarship Committee for ten years. This committee has been my passion and satisfied my need to connect with young people in helping them with their college expenses. I have had the pleasure of working with an outstanding and dedicated group of members who are just as passionate as I am about the work of the Scholarship Committee. Four of them, Mrs. Geraldine Dillon, the late Mrs. Jacquelyn Faison, Mrs. Gloria Wilkins, and Mrs. Joyce Freeman served on this committee even longer than I. This committee is the essence of what our sorority stands for—Service to all mankind.

Mrs. Ernestine Phillips, the first Scholarship Committee Chair, set the stage for excellence by ensuring that our organization provided scholarships to young people as the utmost priority.

She was an excellent mentor when I became Chair in 2009. When she became an Ivy Beyond the Wall, I knew we all had to carry on her legacy by continuing to provide scholarships. To date, our hard working ICF members have raised funds that enabled the Ivy Community

Foundation to award over \$100,000 in scholarships. I cannot tell you

how proud and humble I am to be a part of an organization that serves the community by helping others day in and day out, year after year. When I worked with the members of the Scholarship Committee, it energized and excited me. As we interviewed our students, many times they brought us to tears as we listened to their struggles, trials and ultimate triumphs over life events that could have overwhelmed the best of us. These students persevered, showed grit, determination and a need to succeed regardless of circumstances. In our decision making process, we took all of these factors into consideration and granted scholarships to many students who otherwise might have been overlooked by other organizations.

Many letters of thanks have been received from the scholarship recipients after obtaining their college degrees. Success stories include a young man who was stellar in high school and is now a physician; an outstanding young lady who passed the bar exam on her very first attempt and is now a practicing attorney in South Florida; and many of our other awardees who became teachers, IT Specialists and Nurses have inspired me to continue to do God's work through this committee.

In closing, I just want to thank all members of The Ivy Community

Foundation. I thank God for you. Everyone has worked so hard with fundraising to help provide scholarships and programs for young people. Without all of us working together for a common goal, we would not be able to touch and help so many lives. I have no doubt that under the very outstanding and capable leadership of the new co-chairs, Mrs. Cerrito King and Mrs. LaShonda Watson, the Scholarship Committee will continue to be a beacon of light for our community. With love and appreciation,
Mrs. Marva Jones



Soror Marva Jones (former chairman)
Soror Cerrito King, Chairman



Meeting our Targets

Target I HBCU For Life

Again this year Chi Delta Omega Chapter began its celebration of HBCU Week by graduates and supporters of HBCUs wearing paraphernalia of their chosen colleges and universities during the Chapter Retreat. The celebration continued on HBCU Impact Day with donations to the Endowment Fund totaling \$856.09. Additionally, sorors have pledged another \$250 and our Ivy Community Foundation made a \$250 donation on September 16. The total chapter and foundation contribution was \$1356.09.

Additional contributions were made directly to HBCU college alumni associations



Care for Caregivers : What About Me?

Target II Wellness



Members of CDO had the opportunity on November 2, 2019 to attend a special presentation for caregivers. The program was also special in that it was chaired by our own **Soror Alma Dixon**, (a former health care college professor and administrator) and the featured speaker, **Soror Alicia Georges**. Dr. Georges is the AARP National Volunteer President, professor and chair of the Department of Nursing at Lehman College and The Graduate Center of the City University of New York. This was an opportunity for collaboration with VITAS Healthcare in recognizing the physical and emotional needs of caregivers and providing caregivers a time-out from

their daily duties. The breakfast program was held at the Palm Coast Community Center and attended by many Sorors as far away as Jacksonville and Daytona.

Wealth Watchers Presents Financial Literacy Workshop

"Building Wealth for Future Generations" is the motto of Wealth Watchers of Florida, Inc. Mr. Ed Gaston, CEO, presented an array of information to help workshop participants make sound financial decisions about credit, debt, homeownership, maneuvering the application process, working with financial institutions and more. Attendees walked away with new knowledge and a wealth of beneficial information. The workshop was held at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Palm Coast and chaired by Soror Katrese Berry and her Target 3-Economics team.



Target III Economic Legacy



Members of the CDO Arts Committee Are on the Move

Target IV

The Arts

And involved in numerous art initiatives. One activity included viewing the documentary about the late, great, literary Pulitzer Prize and Nobel Prize winning author and teacher, Toni Morrison entitled, *“The Pieces I am.”* Sorors joined others from the community at the African American Cultural Center to view this acclaimed film. The information provided a historical perspective of her life and works over the course of many years and struggles of Blacks in America. Soror Morrison was also recognized by President Barrack Obama with the Medal of Freedom for her meritorious contributions in literature, cultural awareness and national peace. Some of her famous publications include: Song of Solomon, The Bluest Eye, Sula and Beloved.

A quote from Soror Thea Hines-Jones who attended the event:

"Soror Toni Morrison was a unique woman and her influential spirit provided ways that many of our minority populace could truly relate to. She operated on her own time, and with great style and grace. Thus, she definitely wrote her way into a Nobel Peace Prize. It was phenomenal to see President Obama present her with The Presidential Medal of Freedom."



Palm Coast, Florida: Turtle Trail Project

On Thursday, October 10th, members of Chi Delta Omega Chapter promoted and attended the public unveiling of Palm Coast Arts

Foundation's Turtle #6 of their
Turtle Trail Project. Bettie

Eubanks is the first female and African American artist to transform a turtle on the trail, and has been part of the art world since the 1970's. Bringing together her Fine Arts training and love of life, she creates an emotional awakening and joy for everyone that has the pleasure of viewing her paintings. The turtle Ms. Eubanks transformed is called "QUILTY", inspired by the works of a 1700's quilt artist Betty White whose work hangs in the

National Quilt Museum in
Peducah, Kentucky. Chi Delta
Omega chapter members are pic-
tured with Ms. Eubanks, and are
proud to support local artists.



Top Photo

Bettie Eubank, Artist

Left Photo

CDO Sorors and Ms. Eubank

CDO ANNUAL RETREAT: "IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE"

Knowledge is powerful and training is essential. The annual CDO retreat, held September 14, 2019, at World Golf Village, not only provided educational opportunities, but fun and fellowship for sorors attending. Several members of the retreat committee and volunteers arrived on the Friday night before, to prepare for the arrival of sorors who were asked to come dressed in HBCU paraphernalia, in observance of international HBCU week. There was also a display of "little dresses" for Haitian children, donations of "Soles for Souls" shoes and eyeglasses. On Saturday morning, Soror Leila

Jordan and Soror Jonita McCree welcomed participants at the registration desk, distributed workshop materials and a gift. Sorors entered the conference room to a hearty continental breakfast and warm welcome by the retreat committee members: Sorors Archer, Coffie, K. Johnson, Lockett and Watson. After opening remarks by Basileus Lockett and Meditation by Soror Flagg, the program proceeded with "Nuggets from Nashville," a review of the international AKA Leadership Seminar. Other workshops included Leadership Training, Protocol, Technology, Membership, Financial Literacy and Programs. Additional information sessions included a review of the chapter's Strategic Plan, Succession Planning and Chapter Operations. Sorors practiced the AKA stroll, enjoyed lunch and fellowship time before heading home from a full day of positive energy, inspiration and a whole lot of knowledge! Indeed prepared for excellence.



NAACP Silver Membership

The Flagler County Chapter of the NAACP re-awarded on October 22, 2019, Chi Delta Omega the Silver Life Membership Plaque which was given on last year with a misprint. Active membership is the life of the NAACP. All sorors are encouraged to join their local chapter. Soror Cassandra Stephenson, Connections Committee Chairman, has membership forms and keeps the chapter updated on social justice issues. Soror Phyllis Pearson serves as the FCNAACP

Educational Chairperson. Active support is also provided by Soror Carol Wilson Jones and Soror Myra

Middleton Valentine. All are trained and participants in registering potential voters.



Sorors Phyllis and Soror Cassandra accepting Award

Community Partner for Children, Inc.

Expresses a heartfelt THANK YOU to CDO for over 400 individual pairs of underwear donated to Flagler County children in foster care. When children are removed from their homes, they often leave with only the clothes they are wearing. This donation meets a need in a BIG way.



Underwear Donation

CLUSTER III CONFERENCE

A Rewarding and Awarding Event

“Serving Significantly” is the theme of the South Atlantic Regional Director, Carolyn Randolph. Further expanding on this theme was the Cluster III Conference, “Serving Significantly in Pursuit of Excellence.” Soror Randolph, Soror Felecia Leggett, Cluster III Coordinator, along with members of the host chapter, Tau Chi Omega, Soror Kendra McNeil, Basileus, led an awesome day of sharing the vision and tools for sorors to exemplify “Excellence Through Sustainable Service.” The conference was held in Deltona, Florida and included sessions on Risk Management, Conflict Resolution, support of various service projects and the introduction of the new Cluster III EAF Endowment. Special recognition was given to former Cluster III Coordinator, Soror Eddye K. Walden, who recently became an Ivy Beyond the Wall. Accolades were given to those involved in the coordination of the Cluster as a means of providing opportunity to learn, reflect, fellowship and execute the goals set before them. Most significant to CDO was the receipt of the

Elizabeth S. Young Community Service Award. This award is given to the chapter exhibiting a service project that has been sustainable, made significant contribution to the community and implements international program targets. The award was submitted on the work of the SMART AKAdemy which has in different



Basileus Hazel Lockett accepting award

forms been in operation since 2000 with the Flagler County Boys and Girls Club. It was recognition that includes other awards won in 2019 by the SMART program, which meets weekly to prepare and encourage young girls to pursue excellence.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Chapter Dues:

December 31st, requested by the 14th of December, 2019

Zora Neale Hurston Festival:

February 2, 2020

SARC in Charleston, South Carolina:

April 19-22, 2020



Festival of the Trees at Palm Coast Library.

CDO tree was decorated by sorors (left-back to front) Sorors Myra, Robbie, and Gloria (right) Sorors Dora, Geraldine, and Olivia.



Matters

Chi Delta Omega Chapter's Scholarship Committee is outstanding in its annual search for scholars to receive financial awards towards their college education. We particularly seek individuals with unique life stories of overcoming. Building on the Foundation's rich history of scholarship awards, the Silver Star members of

Chi Delta Omega Chapter and The Ivy Community

Foundation (ICF) have embarked on an ambitious campaign to fund a named scholarship. First Gens, Marva Jones (ICF President), and Cerrito King (Scholarship Chair), realize the importance of supporting talented students who are the first in their family nucleus to attend a college or university. The Silver Star First Generation Scholarship will be awarded to expand academic opportunities of talented students during this venture of service on even years, beginning 2020.

The Golden Soror Scholarship which was introduced in 2017 by the membership of 50 years or more in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., continues to provide support for scholars who have been raised by one or more grandparents, insuring they have assistance in finding their rightful places in a complex and global society. HBCU, Howard University, is home of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Alpha Chapter. Chi Delta Omega Chapter is profoundly committed to supporting education at a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). The HBCU Scholarship award will assist its recipient in broadening his or her experi-

ence in a tried and true yet nurturing environment at any one of the 101 institutions. HBCU survival is paramount to the endorsement and support received when students enroll in pursuit of a degree. The Edward King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship looks forward to seeing its first graduate in 2021. Scholarships matter.

Each and every member of Chi Delta Omega Chapter has paid it forward with her time, talents and treasure. Since our chartering in 2002 the chapter has awarded \$100K in scholarships. The year 2019 marks a stellar year in fundraising and gifts to the Ivy Community Foundation. Clearly, Chi Delta Omega can envision a historical award year to come.

As we prepare our lists for the upcoming season of giving and receiving, let's consider giving less materially to those we know and love. Instead, gift someone with hopes and dreams of attending college. Scholarships matter.

Soror Cerrito King
Scholarship Chair



SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING REQUEST

Jacquelyn Faison Scholarship

The Golden Sorors, at their August 2018 meeting, advanced a resolution that the Golden Soror Scholarship award would be given in honor of a Golden Soror who becomes an Ivy Beyond the Wall. The only provision was that the last affiliate chapter was Chi Delta Omega. We have given this memorial award in honor of Soror Annie Blair, Soror Jessie Simpson, and Soror Doris Bryant. In keeping with that resolution, the 2020 Golden Soror Scholarship award will be given as a memorial in honor of our Golden Soror Jacquelyn Faison.



CDO Sorors Tour Corporate Office - Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated



“Chicago, Chicago, What a wonderful town!” The words of that old song certainly proved true for four CDO sorors who had the pleasure of traveling to Chicago to tour the newly renovated corporate offices of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. What a delight! CDO Sorors Theresa Waters, Myra Valentine, Yolanda Pino and Marva Jones, along with Soror Pat Sims from Gamma Rho Omega Chapter, Jacksonville, and Soror Madine Beeks of Upsilon Alpha Omega Chapter, Atlanta, GA, Heather McMillan, daughter of Soror Marva Jones, and Honey Do, Shahid Siddiqui, received a warm welcome upon arrival. Soror Eva Smith greeted the group and lead a fascinating two hour tour where the group saw the AKA Timeline Wall featuring highlights of sorority achievements through the years, i.e, the establishment of the first chapter at Howard University in 1908, the Mississippi Health Project, Purchase of the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1972, and other stellar achievements. There was also on display the AKA flag that Soror Mae Jamison took into space on her historic mission. WOW! Soror Smith showed the mail room and explained how that office handles thousands of national and international correspondence, along with packages. She explained how the Ivy Leaf Magazine is put together before it goes to the printer, who is contracted off-site. The group was introduced to several sorors who are employees at the Corporate Office in various positions; saw the offices of the Supreme Basileus, Soror Glenda Glover and the Deputy Executive Director, Soror Nicole Barrett; visited the EAF Office suite and even saw where archives are stored. It

was interesting to see the beautiful conference room where the Supreme Basileus meets with the Regional Directors and the smaller conference rooms where plans and decisions are made for the great sisterhood. Beautiful art work, featured by prominent African American artists, is displayed throughout the building adding to the magnificence of the tour. At the end of the tour, Soror Smith presented each visiting soror a nice gift on behalf of the Corporate Office. This was a wonderful tour to witness personally how the COIP funds have been used and the variety of memorabilia on display. Sorors, if you haven’t seen the Corporate Office, you owe it to yourself to take this marvelous tour. Tours must be scheduled in advance and are only available on Thursdays. The University of Chicago campus is across and down the street, as well as the proposed site of President Obama’s library.

In addition, there is so much to do and see in the Windy City. Sorors, Honey Do’s (“B” Jones went, too) and several other guests enjoyed the food, a cruise on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, shopping the Magnificent Mile, visiting the Navy Pier, Grant Park, the Du Sable African American History Museum, an evening of live Jazz and the fabulous Broadway show “Hamilton.”



Soror Yolanda
CDO, EAF Captain

Soror Eva Smith, our guide



EAF

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Please share this information with family and friends as they shop for the holidays.

Merry Christmas



Sorors of CDO -- many thanks to Sorors who joined the Arts Committee for a sisterly outing and the awesome opportunity to view "Harriett"!



**Merry Christmas Sorors
to you and your families!**



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