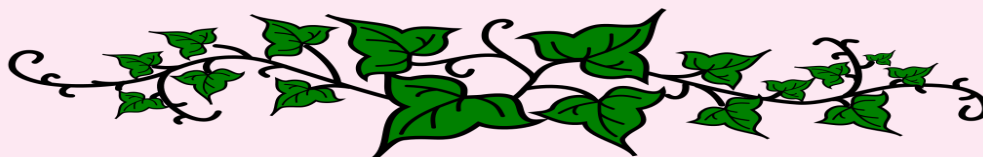




The Ivy Vine



September 2020

A Salute to The Harlem Renaissance

As a part of the International AKA Target IV, which focuses on The Arts, CDO has embarked on a study that has iluded several facets of the Harlem Renaissance. The Harlem Renaissance was an intellectual, social, and artistic blast centered in Harlem, Manhattan, and New York City, spanning from approximately 1920 to 1940. Harlem was originally developed in the 19th century as an exclusive suburb for white middle and upper middle class families but the neighborhood changed as blacks migrated from the South to the North in search of better opportunities and explored new opportunities for intellectual and social freedom.

In a PowerPoint presentation developed by Soror Olivia Bereal, she indicates that The Harlem Renaissance helped to define how America and the world understood African American culture in expressions through painting, music, dance, theatre, and literature. These expressions helped to integrate black and white culture which marked the beginning of a black urban society and set the stage for the Civil Rights

Movement of the 1950's and 60's.

The Harlem Renaissance is connected to the great migration of blacks from the rural south to industrial centers in the north, especially New York City, and was initially referred to as *The New Negro Movement*. However, other cities saw migration of blacks which included Cleveland, Las Angles, Detroit, and Chicago.

Additional Interesting facts about the Harlem Renaissance

1. Is a part of the Manhattan borough of New York City.
2. Polarized by dramatic rise in levels of literacy among blacks.
3. Jazz music became an international craze during this era.
4. Langston Hughes was most famous among the notables. Others include Jacob Lawrence, artist; Zora Neal Hurston, author; Duke Ellington and Louis Armstrong, musicians; Bessie Smith and Billie Holiday, singers.
5. Paintings of the era began themes of Surrealism and Art Deco.
6. Popular venues during this time included: The Cotton Club, The Savoy Ballroom, Small's Paradise, and The Apollo Theatre.

There is much history to enjoy from the Harlem Renaissance era. You're encouraged to explore various resources and enjoy the video on the CDO Facebook page.

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HEART TO HEART

Basileus Hazel Lockett

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Where has the 2020 summer gone?

Already we are back doing the Chi Delta Omega AKA things that we normally do in normal times. Actually, we seem to be doing more. I can attest to the fact that even with these new and different virtual experiences, it is hard to keep a good AKA woman down. So . . . what have we been doing over these two short months of “summer vacation?”

- ♦ The Public Relations Committee has placed us back on the social media pages with Facebook and Instagram and has also completed our regularly scheduled newsletter.

It will be up to the chairpersons of each program initiative to keep the pages fresh by adding info about each initiative.

- ♦ The 68th Regional Conference Planning Committees have met locally and with the greater 68th SARC Leadership Team to begin plans for the regional conference that Cluster III will host in April of 2021.
- ♦ Our Global Impact initiative had school supplies delivered and donations were made to Palatka Police Athletic League for their Back to- School Bash.
- ♦ Our members have read books for our Arts! Initiative and shared our thoughts about those experiences via the folder set up in our SharePoint account and via a Zoom meeting.
- ♦ We have collected coins for a substantial contribution to the Cluster III HBCU endowment established in 2019. And we are poised to donate our individual contributions to HBCU Day for the third year of the One Million Dollars in One Day Campaign.
- ♦ We have had full representation at the virtual Boule which enabled us to elect the sorority's officers for the next two years and take part in the ratification of Directorate members. We also took part in the Regional Conference elections earlier and re-elected Regional Director Carolyn Randolph and International Nomination Committee member Soror Diane Williams-Cox.
- ♦ We have established our active participation in Praying with Power and our Chaplain, Soror Terricena Flagg will be involved in our next AKA International Day of Prayer through the Regional Spiritual Oversight Committee.
- ♦ Our Nominating Committee has met and is poised to present a slate of officers for the next two years in our chapter's leadership team and is working to secure a means of voting for officers through virtual means.
- ♦ Our financial officers have met via a Zoom Financial Development Social and set forward-looking goals for the financial health of our chapter and our foundation
- ♦ We have taken part in a webinar designed to keep us in-step with our “new normal” of virtual meetings, virtual programming, and other virtual activities.
- ♦ Our Constitution and Bylaws Committee is working to update our bylaws in a manner that addresses the needs of our chapter in its performance of correct and complete parliamentary procedure.
- ♦ The Connection Committee has worked with unrelenting zeal to keep us informed and involved in getting out the vote in both the primaries and the general election of 2020.
- ♦ Finally, our Strategic Plan goals and strategies are being updated by those responsible for Membership, Finances, Sisterly Relations, Operations, and Programs.



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- ♦ Unfortunately, our Membership Committee has been placed in limbo with the membership intake plans that were very much ready to enhance our membership through initiates with great talent and the itch to work with our chapter. It, too, is poised to take the next steps necessary to improve our chapter.
- ♦ Our Golden Sorors have had their annual summer meeting and discussed a number of pertinent issues which they will be pursuing in the next year.

Yes, sorors, we continue to be on the job (“sitting to the saw” as my mother would say) for making Chi Delta Omega the stellar chapter that we all want it to be. I salute you all for your continued love and dedication to our chapter and the future we envision for its survival in these challenging times as “we struggle, with main and with might, to capture a vision fair.”

With Grateful Appreciation and Love,
Soror Hazel Lockett, Basileus

Wellness During A Pandemic

Wellness during this pandemic is not just a physical process of avoiding diseases. Physicians and scientists worldwide agree that an individual's well-being encompasses several aspects of our lives. These are suggested areas to focus upon.

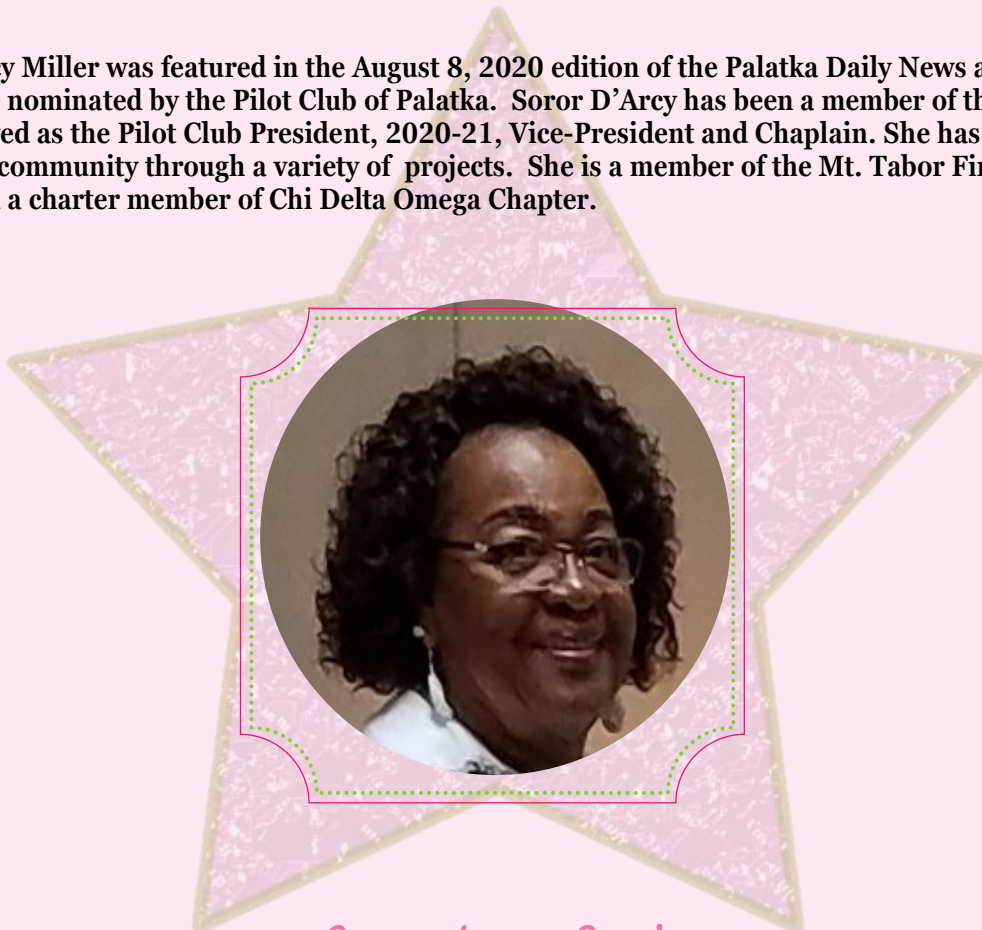
1. **Physical Wellness** Implement regular exercise, a healthy diet and get adequate sleep.
2. **Emotional Wellness** Maintain a realistic and positive outlook to reduce stress and anxiety.
3. **Spiritual Wellness** The life we live within ourselves that is built upon individual faith and religious practices such as forgiveness, gratefulness, compassion, and patience.
4. **Intellectual Wellness** A commitment to life-long learning.
5. **Environmental Wellness** Being in nature and reflecting on something greater than ourselves.
6. **Occupational Wellness** Suitability of work to your interest, skills, and values from which we gain fulfillment.
7. **Social Wellness** Meaningful relationships and interactions with others.

Stay safe and stay well through a holistic approach during this pandemic.

(contributed by Soror Sue Fray, from Your Home and Lifestyle Magazine By Design Publishing)

Soror D'Arcy Miller
A Community Shining Star

Soror D'Arcy Miller was featured in the August 8, 2020 edition of the Palatka Daily News as "A *Community Shining Star*," nominated by the Pilot Club of Palatka. Soror D'Arcy has been a member of the Pilot Club for 13 years and served as the Pilot Club President, 2020-21, Vice-President and Chaplain. She has shown exemplary service to her community through a variety of projects. She is a member of the Mt. Tabor First Baptist Church of Palatka and a charter member of Chi Delta Omega Chapter.



Congratulations, Soror!

55th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1965 VOTING RIGHTS BILL CELEBRATED
"WHEN WE ALL VOTE"

AUGUST 6, 2020

Chi Delta Omega is On The Move "Virtually" to "Get Out the Vote." In our Primary Election Early Voting Campaign, 19 sorors sent early voting information/reminder to 134 people! We are making a difference! There will be more campaigns to participate in between now and November 3rd. Alpha Kappa Alpha's "When We All Vote" is planning 3 Major Moments of Action:

September 20 – 27	Voter Registration Week of Action
October 4 -11	Vote by Mail Week of Action
October 18 – 25	Early Vote Week of Action

"The vote is precious. It's almost sacred, so go out and vote like you've never voted before."

John R. Lewis

Submitted by Soror Cassandra Stephenson

On the Record of Historical Places



The little old schoolhouse in Espanola (West Bunnell) has been designated as a national historical site. Many CDO sorors will remember that day in 2013 in which our project was to clean and paint the building that had seen some rough days. The building sits next to St. Paul Baptist Church of Espanola where members provide oversight and support. Soror Dora Gideons' father is the Pastor Emeritus of the church and she as an ordained minister has often preached there. The building is currently used for after-school tutoring and mentoring, small group meetings and a quiet place for neighborhood children to study. Many of the books and furnishings donated by CDO are still used today. Additional donations are made as requested and our chapter is proud to have established a connection with history.



Espanola Schoolhouse 2013

Chi Delta
Omega Chapter
and community
refurbish
building and
grounds



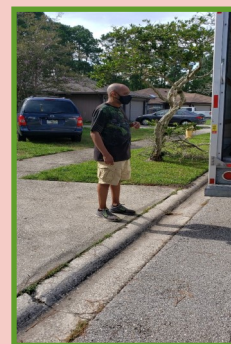
Chi Delta Omega Chapter hit the center of the bull's-eye for the international program initiative, Target 5 Global Impact - Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP). Even during the midst of the highest peaks of the Covid - 19 pandemic, Chi Delta Omega chapter is still finding ways to meet international targets. The focus is on assisting refugee families of color transiting in the United States, by working collaboratively to support activities that assist refugees as they integrate into American life.

CDO is mighty in leadership, strong in sisterhood, and through service has embraced a family from Syria. The Qassab family consists of two (2) parents, Yaser and Sumaya Qassab and their (6) six children; Abdul Kader (age 18); Sidra (age 16); Sujoud (age 13); Malak (age 10); twins - Ammar and Rimas (age 6).

Soror Yolanda Pino and Dr. Yusef Saoussen introduced Soror Thea Hines-Jones, the chairman of this target to the Qassab family on June 21, 2020. After long telephone calls, extensive planning and texting, the sorors were able to formulate a safe plan, which included wearing mask and practicing social distancing. Next, a wish list of household furnishings and items were discussed with the family. Then, we negotiated partnerships with local companies to assist with this venture. On July 25, 2020, Soror Pino donated a gently used GE dryer. The donation was delivered to the Qassab family on the evening of July 26, 2020.

Our Ivy Beyond the Wall and chapter charter member, Soror Jacqueline Faison's estate sale provided an opportunity to obtain additional household furnishings that were purchased and donated by chapter members. A 26 foot U-haul truck was rented, the household furnishings along with the collection of items from sorors, were taken to the Qassab family residence in Jacksonville, Florida. Sorors Jacquelyn Williams, Thea Hines-Jones, Yolanda Pino, Anti-Basileus Kowanna Johnson, and several HoneyDos were on hand to assist with the delivery.

The Target 5 Committee is grateful for the support of all who assisted in this very successful endeavor.





2020 Ivy Community Foundation Scholarship Awards

Every year, the Ivy Community Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school students of Flagler and Putnam County Schools to continue their education through undergraduate study. This year's scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$1,000. These recipients have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, community service and leadership qualities. General and specified scholarships are awarded each year for college and university expenses. Five recipients have indicated plans to attend a Historically Black College or University. A recipient of the Golden Soror award has flourished under the guidance and wisdom of being raised by grandparents. Others are first generation attendees and the recipients of the Silver Star award. In memory of our recent Ivy Beyond the Wall, Soror Jaqueline Faison, a scholarship has been given. This year was unlike any other during award season. There was no traditional ceremony, presentation or reception. This year did not, however, stop The Ivy Community Foundation from selecting and notifying and congratulating the recipients. The Ivy Community Foundation, Inc. is pleased to congratulate and award a record \$14,000 in scholarships to the following deserving scholars.

Appiah, Klarissa
Ashley, Demontae
Brown, Makayla
Cousins, Erica
Epps, Tamecia
Fells, Shaquandria
Johnson, Laia
Long, Zaria
Owens, Chloe
Sanabria, Vanessa
Simpson, Jada
Snider, Angela
Thompson, Matthew
Toten, Sage
Williams Jr., Marlon Dwayne
Williams, Xaan
Wright, Ca'Miya

Written by Cerrito King

2019-2020 Scholarship Committee Chair



CONGRATULATIONS
SOROR KAMALA HARRIS
on her historic selection as the
Vice Presidential Running Mate
for Presumptive Democratic
Presidential Nominee Joe Biden!

Pearl Sorors to be Honored

Soror Robbie Johnson and **Soror Gloria Wilkins**, the Chi Delta Omega Chapter Pearls, will be honored at the virtual South Atlantic Regional Conference, to be held October 2-3, 2020.

Soror Gloria was initiated in 1952 into the Alpha Chapter of the sorority at Howard University, Washington, D.C. Soror Robbie was initiated in 1954 into the Omicron Chapter of the sorority at the University of Cincinnati while attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Each Pearl Soror took a different route to becoming Chi Delta Omega chapter members.

Soror Robbie was active in chapters in Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan. She was a charter member of Pi Tau Omega in Michigan where she served as Parliamentarian. She later became a charter member of Chi Delta Omega when she retired to Palm coast. Soror Robbie received a Doctorate in Educational Administration from Wayne State University and enjoyed an achievement filled life as an Educational Administrator, retiring as the Associate Dean of the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University.

Soror Gloria received her Doctorate in Dentistry from Howard University and spent many years traveling and establishing residences all over the world with her husband, Dr. Aaron Wilkins, who was an officer in the U. S. army. After retirement and settling in Palm Coast, Soror Gloria became a member of Chi Delta Omega.

Both beloved Pearl Sorors have given much in leadership and service to Chi Delta Omega by serving as officers and



committee members. Always ready to give service during community projects. They are enthusiastic golfers, and both have the honor of scoring "holes in one".

We salute them both as they are honored in the Significant South Atlantic Region for more than 65 years of membership each in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc!



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Register To Vote

Sorors of CDO have been actively getting out, in a safe manner, to make sure every person eligible is registered to vote.

Sorors have also enlisted the assistance of Honey Dos and friends in this tremendous endeavor. Soror Cassandra

Stephens and the Connections Committee continue to be hard at work as the November election approaches. All CDO members are asked to reach out and ask, "Have you updated your voter registration?" Also send a text to remind family and friends about early voting dates and vote by mail.

