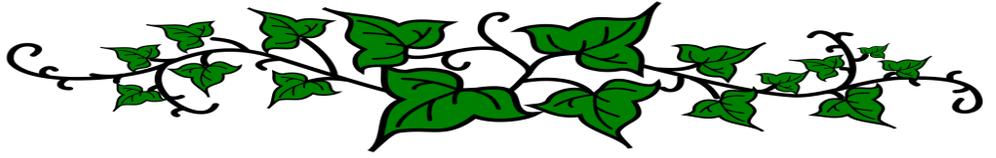




# The Ivy Vine



June, 2019

## Sorors Travel to the Palmetto State For SARC



Twelve Sorors of Chi Delta Omega traveled to Greenville, South Carolina, known as “Upstate” to attend the 66<sup>th</sup> South Atlantic Regional Conference during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Five of the sorors were delegates. They were Sorors Hazel Lockett, Basileus, Kowanna Johnson, Anti Basileus, LaShonda Watson, D’Arcy Miller, and Yolanda Pino. South Atlantic Regional Director,

Carolyn G. Randolph, was thrilled to receive the gavel from Past South Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Sharon Brown Harriott, and presided over her first South Atlantic Regional Conference witnessed by an attendance of 4,883 sorors. Mistress of the public meeting was Soror Ashlei Stevens, a media relations director and on camera personality.

Among the honorees of the Public Meeting was Soror Xanthe Norris, 90 years old of Greenville and County Councilwomen, of District 23. It was during the Third Plenary, that the crowd roared, by a surprise visit made by Reverend Jessie Jackson who said he was in the area and wanted to see his favorite teacher from the past, Soror Xanthe Norris!

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The Supreme Basileus, Soror Glenda Glover, of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., was elated by the vigor sorors of the South Atlantic Region had

answered the call to advance the ideals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority by Exemplifying Excellence through Sustainable Service. Soror Glover successfully raised a whopping \$165,000 during the Third Plenary to support HBCU Endowment Project. All reports of individual delegates which give further details of plenary sessions and workshops can be found on the CDO Office 365.

### Highlights of 66th SARC



## HEART TO HEART

Notes to Sorors

Basileus Hazel Lockett



Greetings again, my dear sorors,

As we embark on the journey to **“Growing Together, Growing Stronger,”** we need to ask ourselves a very important question: What does it mean to be a member in Chi Delta Omega Chapter?

Pause a moment so that you can provide an answer to that question. Your answer will reveal your readiness level for growth. If your answer relates to wearing paraphernalia or sharing in an enjoyable time at an after-meeting repast, or even reveling in the parade of our sorority colors at a Regional Conference or a Boule’, I am afraid your thinking is a little bit off the mark.

Becoming a member of Chi Delta Omega Chapter comes with some things that might not be apparent at first glance. Some things you do know, however. You know that you have joined with several like-minded women who are now your “sorors” and that you are expected to be sisterly toward each of them. You know that there will be meetings that you are expected to attend and that you are expected to take an active role in the activities of the chapter. Surely, you also know that there are some financial responsibilities that you will be expected to meet. But what else is expected of you as you embark on this journey to full sisterhood? Following is a partial listing taken from ***So Now You’re Elected:***

### Some Common Rules of Personal Conduct of Chapter Members

- ❖ You are expected to be willing to **listen**
- ❖ You are expected to be willing to **change your mind**
- ❖ You are expected to be willing to **prepare for chapter and committee meetings**
- ❖ You are expected to **submit to majority rule**
- ❖ You are expected to be willing to **promote the objectives and aims of the sorority**
- ❖ You are expected to **cite facts**, instead of personal opinions, when giving reports
- ❖ You are expected to **adhere to the Soror Code of Ethics**
- ❖ You are expected to **amicably resolve personal or chapter disagreements in a sisterly manner**

Self-assessment will yield our areas of strengths and weaknesses. Being conscientious about working on our strengths and our weaknesses will help us grow together and grow stronger.

With Appreciative Sisterly Love,

Soror Hazel

## Membership Matters in CDO!

At the April CDO chapter meeting, sorors were recognized by the Membership Chair, Soror Carol Coffee, by presenting sashes which designated their membership category based on years of membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. The newly designated title of “Pearl” (65-75 years of membership) was bestowed upon two chapter members, Soror Robbie Johnson and Soror Gloria Wilkins. The chapter is proud to celebrate our Pearls, as well as, 17 Silver Stars (25 – 49 years membership) and 9 Golden Sorors (50 – 65 years). Names of sorors for each category are listed in the chapter directory.

Pearl Soror Robbie Johnson with Carol Coffee and Basileus Hazel Lockett



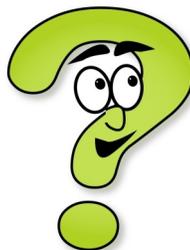
Soror Carol Coffee Chair with Golden Sorors



Silver Sorors

## DO YOU KNOW THE 2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS

**Basileus** – Hazel Lockett  
**Anti-Basileus** – Kowanna Johnson  
**Grammateus** – Linda Oliver  
**Anti-Grammateus** – Mary Jennings  
**Tamiouchos** – Phyllis Pearson  
**Anti-Tamiouchos** – Joyce McLeod  
**Pecunious Grammateus** – Jacqueline Williams  
**Anti-Pecunious Grammateus** – LaShonda Watson



**Epistoleus** – Susan Crockett  
**Ivy Leaf Reporter** – Myra Middleton-Valentine  
**Historian** – Cerrito King  
**Hodegos** – Thea Hines-Jones  
**Parliamentarian** – Vanessa Brown  
**Chaplain** – Terricena Flagg  
**Philacter** – Michelle Vernet  
**Member at Large** – Carol Wilson-Jones



## We See the Service

Chi Delta Omega is all about programs!

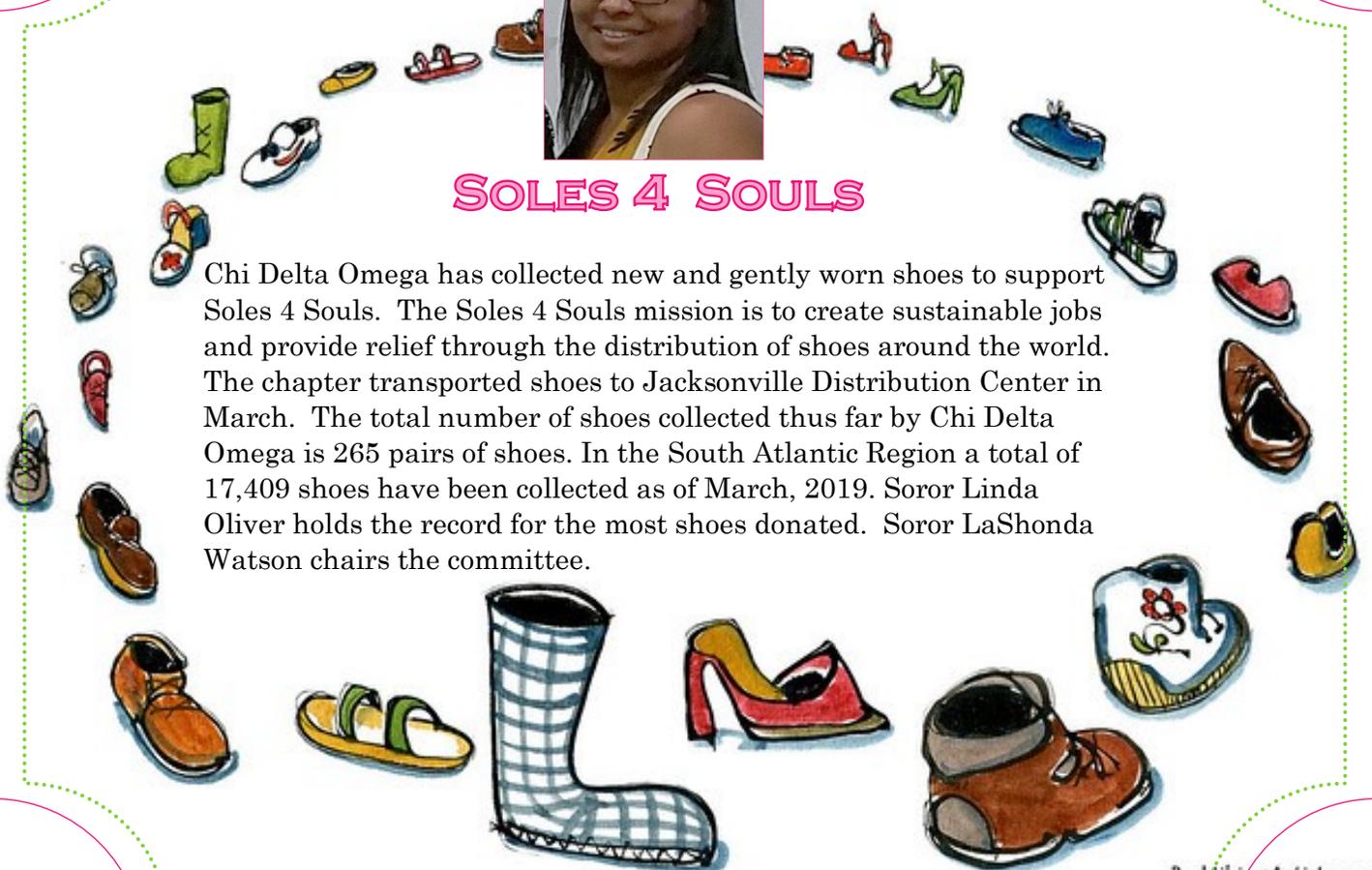
As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we have donated 100 pairs of glasses to the **Lion Club** in service to those in need. Soror Susan Crockett chaired this initiative.

THANKS to all who made donations.



## SOLES 4 SOULS

Chi Delta Omega has collected new and gently worn shoes to support Soles 4 Souls. The Soles 4 Souls mission is to create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution of shoes around the world. The chapter transported shoes to Jacksonville Distribution Center in March. The total number of shoes collected thus far by Chi Delta Omega is 265 pairs of shoes. In the South Atlantic Region a total of 17,409 shoes have been collected as of March, 2019. Soror Linda Oliver holds the record for the most shoes donated. Soror LaShonda Watson chairs the committee.





## Focus on AKA Target II: Health and Wellness



Sorors of CDO are always ready to assist with a cause, especially as it relates to health awareness, education, research and prevention. Saturday, April 13, 2019 was a day of energetic walking on behalf of the Flagler County Family Life Center, which hosts “Walk in My Shoes” for domestic violence awareness. Men get to put on

high heel shoes, red preferred, and walk in them to show support for the many women who are housed at abuse shelters and those dealing with abuse. As you can see from the banner pictured, the Family Life Center offers support to Flagler residents, through a variety of resources. While Sorors Sue Fray and Gwen Carroll walked in Flagler along with Palm Coast City Vice-Mayor Klufas, Soror Jonita McCree walked for “Pluggie Punches Parkinson’s” in Mobile, Alabama. She traveled to her

hometown of Mobile to walk in honor of her brother, James Brooks, who is afflicted with

Parkinson’s Disease. She alone raised over \$1800 for this “Moving Day” experience. The chapter is so proud to support these endeavors and most importantly, have the commitment of sorors to serve.



Sorors Gwen, Sue and Anita along with Vice Mayor Klufas at “Walk in My Shoes”



Soror Mc Cree and brother at “Moving Day”

## It’s All About Legislation

Soror Sandra Stephenson and Soror Carol Wilson-Jones, Connection Committee Co-Chairs, are busy keeping the chapter actively engaged in what’s happening in Tallahassee and Washington, DC. It is critical that all AKA members prepare for the 2020 elections by knowing what the issues are and how we can impact necessary change. During Florida’s AKA Day at the Capital, the AKA Legislative agenda was presented to include the following:

- A. *Maintain and support all provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including fair healthy and ample access to coverage for caregivers and persons with pre-existing conditions.*
- B. *Fund medical research and services to see an increase in resources.*

- C. *Reduce treatment disparities in vulnerable communities and increase access to quality healthcare, particularly for African Americans.*
- D. *Adequately fund Medicaid, Medicare and all other health programs that benefit women and caregivers.*

Members are always encouraged to participate in the NAACP and to assist in getting eligible individuals registered to vote. Your vote, Your Voice!



### SMART AKADEMY ENDS YEAR WITH RECOGNITIONS

Sorors who participated each week in the SMART Girls Program (grades 4-6) at the Flagler County Boys and Girls Club, Rymfire Elementary, were honored with the 2019 Volunteer Service Award on May 8, 2019 at the Volusia/Flagler Boys and Girls Club area program, held at the Daytona International Speedway. Sorors Gerri Dillon, Olivia Bereal, Myra Valentine, Cassandra Stephenson and Gwen Carroll are proud of their commitment to working weekly with the young ladies through a variety of educational, fun and motivational activities. May was also an appropriate time to conclude the activities of the 2018-19 school year as the Sorors recognized the girls for their accomplishments at an awards program held at Rymfire on May 9, 2019. Each girl received a certificate and sash with buttons to show the

specific area they excelled. Girls were also given trophies for peer selected superlatives. This year, the SMART Girls added a library visit component to the curriculum and plan to collaborate with #CAP for the 2019-20 school year to include college prep activities. Sorors looked forward to yet another end of the year event, the V/F Boys and Girls Club annual “Steak and Steak” dinner held at the Daytona Hilton on May 16th. All area clubs were represented along with various individuals and organizations who provide financial support as sponsors or donors. This was another year to remember as much growth and maturity was seen in the girls. The new year will commence in October 2019. Additional volunteers are always welcome.



Perfect Attendance Award

Slime 2 activity



Volunteer Award

## CDO Affiliate ICF Awards 2019 Scholarships

The Ivy Community Foundation Scholarship Committee, Co-Chaired by Marva Jones and Cerrito King, was delighted to interview several outstanding applicants for this year's scholarships in Flagler and Putnam Counties. As a result, a total of nine students were selected to receive \$1,000 each in scholarships.

On April 18, 2019, students in Flagler County Schools received their awards during a district-wide program hosted by the Flagler Education Foundation. Ivy Community Foundation President, Hazel Lockett and Scholarship Co-Chair Cerrito King were in attendance to make the award presentations. A reception with light refreshments was held immediately following the program to allow for more detailed instructions on receiving the scholarship, meet parents and take photos. The Flagler Schools recipients are: Tevel Adams, Wanyea Barbel, Derrick Harris, Anne Joseph, Faith McKenney, William Patin III, Christianna Powell and Leah Simpson. Courtesy Awards were presented to Nia Felton and Kayla White daughters of Sorors Felton and Azcarate.

Courtesy Award Recipients.



Miss Payton Pellicer. This program was held at Palatka High School.

All scholarship applicants were sent letters to thank them for applying to ICF for the scholarship and they were given information about applying for the sorority's EAF Scholarship. The annual ICF Scholarship Reception was held at 1:30 pm, May 18, 2019 at Palm Coast United Methodist Church. All recipients and their parents were invited to attend. Additionally, Rebecca Bower and Joe Rizzo of The Flagler Education Foundation and School Guidance Counselors were invited special guests. Also attending were previous recipients, Emany Desinor (2018) Nina Eustaquio (2013). Emany is completing a successful first year at Florida State University. Nina is an accomplished pianist and is now playing part time at the United Methodist Church here in Palm Coast.

The scholarships were in part supported through a special "Golden Soror Fund" and through community fundraising efforts. LaDarius Armstrong, recipient of The Edward King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship in 2018, completed his first year of award May 2019. He continues to pursue his degree in Sports and Exercise Science at The University of Central Florida with a cumulative GPA of 3.6. This \$2,000 award is \$500 per year for four years contingent upon an annual cumulative GPA of at least a 2.5 average. This memorial scholarship is funded by ICF member, Mrs. Cerrito King.

On May 23, 2019, the Foundation representatives, Lockett and King traveled to Putnam County to present the scholarship award to

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Putman County Recipients



Scholarship Recipients Attending Reception

# Sorors Ain't Misbehavin

To celebrate "Fat" Waller and the heyday of the Harlem Jazz scene, the musical "Ain't Misbehavin" was presented, and attended by a group of sorors , at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre on May 11<sup>th</sup>. WOW! You may have seen or heard the original presentation of this musical starring Nell Carter. However, this was an all star cast that kept everyone jumpin' in their seats to the upbeat sounds and energetic choreography. The Alhambra staff was happy to see AKAs back and dinner was enjoyed by all.



Group Photo at the Alhambra Dinner Theater

Sorors Gerri, Myra and Vivian with cast member, and Jacksonville native, Tarra Conner Jones .

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Special thanks and gratitude are extended to each Scholarship Committee member for her hard work and dedication throughout the selection process. The Committee appreciates the support of ICF members who encouraged seniors and



## Tribute to HBCUs held as Kentucky Derby Event

How do you make a special day one of the most exciting events of the year? Make it a brunch held in Louisville, Kentucky y on Derby Day! Soror Shata McDuffie was privileged to attend a brunch and fashion show hosted by Eta Omega Chapter in which scholarship winners were presented and the chapter emphasized the significance of HBCUs. As is customary during the Kentucky Derby, all sorors wore their finest hats.



**Dates To Remember**

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Leadership Conference, June 27, 2019 - June 20, 2019 / Nashville, Tennessee**  
**Annual Chapter Retreat ( TBA)**

## *CDO Celebrates Legacy*

Often times we talk about our heritage and the bonds that we share as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members. However, bonds of family are the ultimate strength, endurance and sustainability shared through the bloodline of a parent. Within the chapter, we have several members who represent the legacy of AKA. They are parents and daughters who share in this great sisterhood of service. "So together anew, we pledge our faith and united we'll forge away."

### **Leila Jordan and daughter Jennifer Jordan**

*Soror Jennifer* is a news anchor with FOX-8 in

Cleveland, Ohio, twice Emmy Award winner and 2015 most interesting person to watch in Cleveland.



### **Carol Coffee and daughter "Erica"**

#### **Jenae Coffee**

*Erica* is a former CDO Scholarship award recipient, was initiated in 2010, Alpha Pi, at Clark-Atlanta University and is currently a professional in Atlanta, GA.



### **Robbie Johnson: daughters, granddaughter and niece**

Soror Robbie Johnson (a Golden/Pearl) is the proud matriarch of three generations of Alpha Kappa Alpha women. Her daughter *Karin Johnson Ellison* is a Silver Star who became a member of the Delta Phi chapter at Ohio University in 1981; daughter *Kristi Johnson Goldner*, also a Silver Star, was initiated into Mu Pi chapter at Spellman College in 1984; granddaughter *Jessica Ellison* made it three generations of AKA's in 2017 by being initiated into Nu Chi chapter at William and Mary, where she is currently Anti-Basileus of the chapter. In addition, Soror Robbie's niece, *Cheryl Borden*



*Thomas*, is also a Silver Star, initiated at Bowling Green University in 1979. Soror Robbie used her pin at each of those four initiations. They are looking forward to the Legacy Luncheon at the 2020 Boule'.

### **Jacquelyn Faison and granddaughter**

#### **Jasmine Haynes**

*Soror Jasmine* was initiated at Bowie State University in 2004. She resides in Maryland where she is a manager with UPS.

### **Yolanda Pino: daughter and granddaughter**

Soror Yolanda had the pleasure of pinning two family members. *Danyella Avant* her oldest daughter at Oberlin College in 1989 into Iota Phi Omega. Her granddaughter, *Inayah Avant*, was just pinned March 17th at Gamma Theta, Hampton University.



### **Gwen Carroll and step-mother Sara Oden Dunn**

*Soror Sara* was initiated at Talladega (College) University in the late 1940's. She co-organized, along with Soror Gwen, the chartering of Theta Zeta Omega Chapter in 1965, at Gulfport, MS.

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### **Cerrito King and daughter Michae'l "Kelly" Byrd**

*Soror Kelly* resides in Jacksonville where she is magnate Coordinator with the Duval County School District. She was initiated at Edward Waters College in 2004. Sister *Kimberly Baker*, Delta Kappa Omega, 1992, and *Tamisha King Major*, CDO, 2011.



### **Felecia Nelson and daughter Channon Brown-Lewis**

*Dr. Channon* is a proud 2019 Palmer College of Chiropractic Medicine graduate and member of CDO.

### **Thea Hines-Jones: mother, daughter, aunt, niece and sisters**

Soror Thea is the daughter of *Myrna C. Jackson-Cann*, Alpha Delta Chapter, 1964 at Morgan State; Aunt, *Dr. Norma S. Jones*, Alpha Beta Chapter, 1957; Niece, *Lauren Cevis*,



Theta Nu Chapter, 2008, University of Maryland College Park;

Thea's daughter, *Kiara Hines*, Gamma Tau Chapter, 2018, Bethune Cookman University; Sister, *Angela C.*

*Cameron*, Upsilon Theta Chapter, 1991, Farleigh Dickerson University and Sister, *Pamela C. Dotson*, Rho Xi Omega Chapter, 1993, Howard University.

### **Gerri Dillon and daughter Andrea Dukes**

*Soror Andrea*, a corporate sales manager, resides in Atlanta but travels each month to CDO chapter meetings and chairs the

Technology Committee. She was initiated into CDO in 2017.



### **Joyce Freeman and daughter Jenise F. Murray**

*Soror Jenise* is a resident of Bowie, Maryland and employed as a Social Worker at Woodson High School in Washington, DC. She was initiated at St. Augustine

University in NC.



## *Heart to Heart*

Heart sisters Olivia Bereal and Jackie Williams made a cultural trip to Deland, Florida to visit the African American Museum's Renaissance exhibit and spend a little time getting to know each other better. The sorors said it was a wonderful bonding experience and gave them each time to relax from busy schedules.

