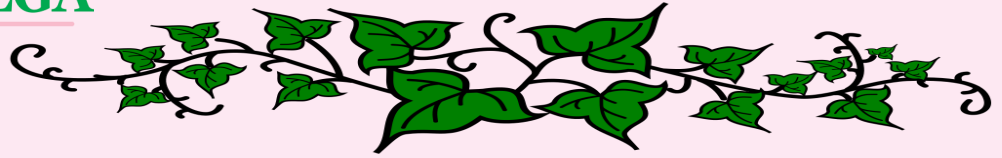




The Ivy Vine



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Dr. Phyllis Pearson 2019 Soror of the Year

Is it her quiet intellect or her words of wisdom? Maybe her leadership skills and dedication to exemplary service. Choose any category and you will find the mark of a phenomenal woman in the person of Soror Phyllis Pearson, Chi Delta Omega Chapter's Soror of the Year.

Soror Phyllis served as the chapter's Tamiouchos for the last 4 years. No financial transaction went without checks and balances. She knew her office was a serious matter and dealt with it as such. Her commitment to the task lead her to become certified at the AKA corporate level with continuous improvement throughout her tenure.

Soror Phyllis is a native Floridian, born in St. Augustine where she grew up in historic Lincolnvile. She is married to Anthony (Tony) Pearson, with whom she celebrates 38 years of marriage. Tony is an active member of Beta Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. To this union were born three children: son, Anthony C. Pearson (Anthony pledged Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at FAMU), Aaron C. Pearson and daughter, Morgan A. Pearson. Soror Phyllis is also the proud grandmother of three.

As a native of the deeply engaged civil rights community of Lincolnvile, her lifelong commitment has been to the cause of equity, justice and capacity building of future leadership, and diversity through the advancement of education among youth and adults.

To prepare her as an educator and leader, Dr. Pearson completed her professional studies by earning a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida in 2014. Prior studies included earning a master's degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1990 and her bachelor's degree in 1982



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HEART TO HEART

Basileus Hazel Lockett

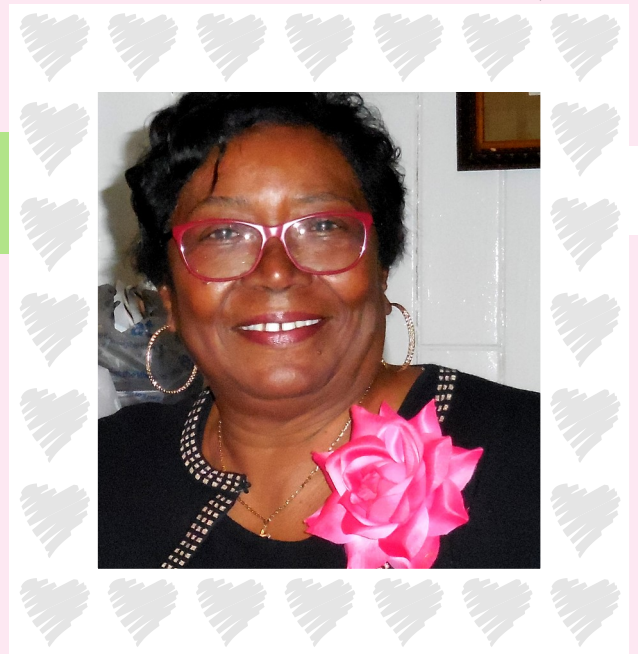
Notes to Sorors

Greetings Again Sorors, Reflecting on where we are as a chapter and where we are as individual sorors, fills me with mixed emotions. It is wonderful to see Chi Delta Omega sorors interact in public settings and privately. Clearly, we enjoy the company of each other, and are very comfortable with each other. We enjoy working together to assure stellar outcomes of our endeavors. The hustle, bustle and pressures associated with the next major project or endeavor --whether MIP, the White Pearl Extravaganza or the Annual Chapter Retreat--does not keep us from the primary aspect of our chapter's being: sisterhood. And more and more sorors take the initiative when they see ways to improve the chapter's work. That is very good. Your selfless giving of your time and talents is truly appreciated.

Simultaneously, we would be so much more effective as a unit if *every* soror could equitably contribute. I am thinking here about two extremes in our membership: those of us who have multiple years of experience in the sorority and the chapter, and those of us who have only one or two years in the sorority and the chapter. Not taking part in the inner workings of *your* organization, whatever it is, must be a very boring experience. None of us is in the audience; we are all on the team!

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me." (Erma Bombeck)

What talents and skills do you have that, if shared with the chapter, could help make the chapter's community service work, public visibility or internal operations better? Which of these are you willing to donate to the chapter? Are you willing to try something new for the



sake of the chapter? Are you willing to teach someone else what you know?

Some of you know that I recently grew an okra garden on my patio. I did it because I love okra and because I could use this experiment, if it succeeded, to help submit a segment to the awards committee for Program if we submitted for an award in that category. Vegetable gardening was totally new to me, but I was willing to take the chance. I'm glad I did because the awards Committee will submit for overall program and I will submit my segment to that scrapbook.

I am proposing two new things as a result of this musing about our chapter. First, I think we should create a Chapter Skills & Talents Bank that is periodically updated so that we can more equitably delegate responsibility. Secondly, I will endeavor to include a brief "Mentoring Moment" in chapter meetings so that we can begin to share our knowledge in a systemic way.

Working Toward *"Growing Stronger, Growing Together!"*

Soror Hazel

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from Florida State University. Other certifications and academic enhancements have been completed over the years.

Putting her intellect together with a variety of experiences, Dr. Pearson has been a life-long educator in Flagler , Volusia, and St. Johns County School Districts. These experiences are listed below:

2016 to Present	District Administrator Health Services, Attendance Improvement, Registration Student & Community Engagement Office Flagler County School District, Florida
2016-2017	Site Coordinator - Children's Defense Fund (CDF)- Freedom Fund School and Inspire Our Youth (IOY) Community Organization. Flagler County School District, Florida
2009 to 2016	Assistant Principal, Flagler Palm Coast High School Flagler County School District, Florida
2007 – 2009	Curriculum Specialist: Charter Schools, VPK, & Principal Leadership Academy Flagler County School District, Florida
2001 – 2007	Principal, Bunnell Elementary School Flagler County School District, Florida
2000 – 2001	Assistant Principal/Interim Principal Bunnell Elementary School Flagler County School District, Florida
1999 – 2000	Assistant Principal, Buddy Taylor Middle School Flagler County School District, Florida
1995 – 1997	Ninth Grade Principal, DeLand High School Volusia County School District, Florida
1990 – 1995	Assistant Principal, DeLand High School Volusia County School District, Florida
1988 – 1990	Graduation Assurance Coach/Intervention Strategies Teacher DeLand High School Volusia County School District, Florida
1985 – 1988	District Middle & High School Drop-Out Prevention Coordinator /Social Studies Teacher St. Johns County School District, Florida

Her many awards and recognitions include:

Soror of the Year, Flagler Chi Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Silver Life Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

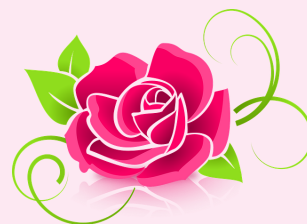
Silver Life Member of NAACP

Woman of the Year, Dominion Fellowship Church, Flagler County

Principal of the Year, Flagler County Schools, Florida Association of School Administrators

Dr. Pearson is determined to continue to provide support for impactful integrated instructional best practices and sustained student success, evidenced by quantitative and qualitative data from summative and formative assessment accountability measures of growth and development within and beyond the classroom. She embraces and continues to nurture our multi-generational workforce, providing personal and professional growth opportunities, through inquiry study, innovative technologies, and networking across organizations including; articulation within the PK-20 system, the family unit, community partners & local businesses, resourceful agencies, faith-based and political entities, organizations and associations.

We salute this outstanding Alpha Kappa Alpha woman and pray many continued blessings upon her.





CDO Arts Committee

Target IV The Arts

On Sunday, February 16, 2020 , Chi Delta Omega Chapter partnered with the African American Cultural Center (AACS) to bring a Black History Program of Excellence to the Palm Coast Community that solely featured area talented teens and youth.

Chi Delta Omega presented high school students as participants in the 17th Annual Youth Black History Reality Program. This year's Program Theme was two-fold, "The Beginning...Before We Were African Americans, and the Americas."

Chi Delta Omega's segment titled "Black History in Song and Oration" was produced and directed by Soror Emelda Kennerly. High school students (AKA #CAP Orators) were recruited to participate in the Program by Soror Phyllis Pearson who also assisted in preparing the students. The segment consisted of three distinctive parts -- Days of Slavery, Emancipation, and Living in Freedom.

Twenty CDO Sorors attended this standing room only event which was a celebration of our history, consisting of both an acknowledgement of our past and an affirmation of our bright future.

Chairperson of Arts Committee, Soror Anita Jackson



Soror Emelda, producer and director along with Soror Carol





SMART Girls Have Fun

The Boys and Girls Club of Flagler County is a fun filled place on Thursday afternoons for a select group of young girls who participate in the SMART Girls mentoring program. Each week Sorors Dillon, Dunn-Carroll, Stephenson, Bereal and Valentine meet at the Rymfire Elementary School site to implement a variety of themed programs and activities

that enlighten and enrich the character and knowledge of the participants. This year, beginning in January, the girls have learned why we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Valentine's Day and Black History; Decorated cupcakes, made Valentine's Day cards and gifts, and completed other learning tasks. Future plans are to present information on women's health issues, nutrition and dental health.

Sorors were surprised to see one of the former SMART Girls (Lauren) at the AACSB Black History Program. She acknowledged the benefits of the mentoring program to her as she has gone on to middle school. Making a difference one girl at a time is our goal and success is evident.

Go SMART Girls!

JUDGE DAWN FIELDS SPEAKER FOR DR. M.L. KING, JR. DAY

AKA Soror and Circuit Court Judge Dawn Fields was the speaker for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day program sponsored by the Palm Coast Chapter of Retired New York City Transit workers. Judge Fields is a member of Gamma Mu Omega Chapter in Daytona Beach and the only African American female serving in her position. She plans to retire later in 2020. Her court cases include family law and she tempers adjudication with compassion and a little wit. This annual Dr. MLK Day program is rotated among churches in the Flagler County community. This year the program was held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Palm Coast. Our own Soror Carol Love-Coffie is the church's First Lady and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity



Judge Dawn Fields & Rev. Coffie

member, Rev. Edwin Coffie, Pastor. Several CDO members participated in the community choir and many sorors attending enjoyed having a photo-opt with Judge Fields.

FOUNDERS' DAY 2020



CDO Members



Sorors Linda and Marva



Soror Gloria

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. celebrated 112 years of significant service to all mankind on January 15th. Chi Delta Omega was delighted to join Gamma Mu Omega, Kappa Sigma Omega, Tau Chi Omega and Gamma Tau in a joint program held on January 12th at The Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach Shores. This year's host chapter was Gamma Mu Omega who planned the celebration by asking each chapter to present a short skit on the chapter's beginning entitled, "Our Geneses." Chapters were chartered as follows:

Gamma Mu Omega - 1941; Gamma Tau - 1949; Kappa Sigma Omega - 1976; Tau Chi Omega - 1993 and Chi Delta Omega - 2002.

Chi Delta Omega has bragging rights for stealing the show by concluding its skit with the chapter song, "Hey, Chi Delta Omega!" Thanks, Soror Marva for producing our hit song.

The program included a delicious meal, fellowship, recognition of golden and silver Sorors and presentation of each chapter's Soror of the Year by chapter Basilei. Chi Delta Omega will host Founders' Day in 2021.

On Sunday, February 9th Sorors of the Membership and Sisterly Relations Committees hosted an outstanding celebration in recognition of those Sorors who achieved milestones as members of AKA Sorority. The day began with a worship service at the Hopewell Church in Mandarin, Rev. Gary Williams, Pastor. The message and messenger were truly inspired by God by encouraging everyone to “Do You.” CDO was recognized as visitors and donated to the church to assist with various community service programs. From the worship service, Sorors gathered at The Reef Restaurant in St. Augustine Beach for a bountiful brunch

with an awesome view of the Atlantic Ocean as the backdrop. Worthy of acclaimed proclamation as Priceless Pearls (65 years plus) were Sorors Gloria Wilkes and Robbie Johnson. The newly celebrated Glistening Goldens 50 years were Sorors Jonita McCree and Olivia Bereal. There will be no more “What about me,” from Soror Karen Harrison who is celebrating 25 years along with Sorors Leila Jordan and Phyllis Pearson. Words of wisdom and advice were shared by the Honorees, as well as their heartfelt words of gratitude on achieving this milestone. Congratulations, Sorors!!

Milestone Membership Brunch



Golden Sorors
Jonita and Olivia



Silver Stars: Soror Karen and Soror Leila (Soror Phyllis not pictured)



Chi Delta Omega Mardi Gras

In support of the March Sisterly Relations theme, “*Intergenerational Bonding*”, sorors swayed as a black and gold fringed umbrella was raised on March 7th, to signify the start of CDO Mardi Gras. The presence of the umbrella reminded us of its symbolism for Southern style, femininity and grace.

With a backdrop of Zydeco music, an authentic Mardi Gras atmosphere was created with room displays including Zulu coconuts, colorful adorned masks, multiple beads and colorful coins strewn on the purple, gold and green table covers.

The first activity, a Mardi Gras trivia game facilitated by Soror Leila, was won by Soror Sandy who answered all trivia questions correctly. The Birthstone Battle facilitated by Soror Carol W. J. (mask decorating competitions with teams formed by birth months) was won by the October, November, and December Team who proudly personified street parade presentation style. Each birth month group included sorors from different generations. The judges for this activity were Soror Linda and one of our guest facilitators, Karen.

The guest make-up artists, Lindsey and Tobi, shared numerous make up tips and recommended specific products with sorors. Personalized makeup instruction was given to Soror Kowanna and Soror Sandy.

A color personality test allowed sorors to identify their “true color” based on word group characteristics. This activity was facilitated by guest facilitator, Karen. Sorors with the same color designation grouped together to identify further similarities. Multiple generations were represented in each color group.

Louisiana cuisine prepared by Louisiana native, Soror Emelda, took the celebration over the top. Fried turkey casserole, ground beef casserole, Jambalaya and fish soup entrees sent us home satisfied as if the day of our celebration was really Fat Tuesday!



Soror Emelda,
Hodegos “took the
Celebration over the
top”

Awards of Excellence Presented

During the 2019 December meeting and luncheon, Basileus Hazel Lockett presented awards to members who had exemplified excellence in executing their duties in service to AKA. These ladies went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that CDO continues along the path of successful program implementation and outstanding leadership initiatives. The recognition in the form of a plaque, was presented to the following sorors:

Robbie Johnson – *Membership Mentor*

Gwen Dunn- Carroll – *Program Report Completion*

Andrea Dukes – *Technology Leadership, Development and Implementation*

Jill Jinks – *Accuracy in Reporting*

Thea Hines-Jones – *Hodgeos Reporting*

Jonita McCree – *Excellence in Service*

Marva Jones – *Scholarship Awards*

Jacquelyn Williams – *Excellence in Reporting*

Anita Jackson – *Arts Program Initiatives*

Olivia Bereal – *Excellence in Standards*

Kowanna Johnson – *Excellence in International
Program Leadership*

Gloria Wilkins – *Annual Christmas Tree
Contributions*

Congratulations to these women of integrity, dedication and commitment to the high ideals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.



INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS

The 2020 Officers of Chi Delta Omega were installed by Soror Sheila Jackson of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Gamma Mu Omega Chapter, Daytona Beach.



Hodegos – *Emelda Kennerly*

Chaplain – *Terricena Flagg*

Basileus – *Hazel Lockett*

Anti - Basileus – *Kowanna Johnson*

Grammateus – *Linda Oliver*

Anti - Grammateus – *Mary Jennings*

Tamiouchos – *La Shonda Watson*

Anti - Tamiouchos – *Joyce Mc Leod*

Pecunious Grammateus – *Jacqueline Williams*

Epistoleus – *Geraldine Dillion*

Ivy Leaf Reporter – *Myra Middleton- Valentine*

Historian – *Olivia Bereal*

Parliamentarian – *Vanessa Brown*

Philacter – *Thea Hines-Jones*

Heart Sisters Go Creative

Using the infinity sign and as an acrostic from the word “sister” Sorors spent time with their chapter heart sister to express creativity and share in friendship. It was a time to get to know each other better and use some of those brain cells in a loving expression of sisterhood. For this friendly and sisterly activity, the entries were magnificent. Several non-CDO affiliated Sorors were invited to judge the entries (excellent strategy for reactivation). The winners were Heart Sisters Jonita McCree and Leila Jordan. The winning statement was, “Strengthening and invigorating sisterhood through excellent reassurances.” Wow! What a powerful statement. Other statements included some dynamic and awesome descriptive words as well, such as: Significant, Incredible, Tenacious, Exceptional, Resilient and Eternal. Everyone was a winner by sharing valuable time with their heart sister in a unique and fun activity. Thanks to the Sisterhood Committee for your creative ideas. Can we get a repeat?!

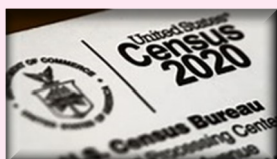


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