

The Ivy Vine



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-Dates To Remember-

May 11, 2019 -Alhambra
 Dinner Theater
 June 8, 2019 - White Party
 Extravaganza



THE GAVEL IS PASSED



A new administration began on January 1, 2019. It was an honor which previous Basilei participated in a ceremony to pass the gavel to the new **Basileus**, Soror Hazel Lockett. She is a native Floridian who developed her career as a master teacher through many years in New Jersey but returned to her hometown of St. Augustine after retirement. Over the last four years, she served as a dynamic Anti-Basileus helping to lead the chapter in earning several program awards and recognitions.

Soror Hazel is joined in leadership by **Anti-Basileus**, Kowanna Johnson who is profiled on page 3 of this publication. Other officers who have hit the ground running and comprise one of the hardest working **Executive Boards** are: **Grammateus**, Linda Oliver; **Anti-Grammateus**, Mary Jennings; **Tamiouchos**, Phyllis Pearson; **Anti-Tamiouchos**, Joyce McLeod; **Pecunious Grammateus**, Jacqueline Williams; **Epistoleus**, Susan Crockett; **Ivy Leaf Reporter**, Myra Middleton-Valentine; **Historian**, Cerrito King; **Hodegos**, Thea Hines-Jones; **Chaplain**, Terricena Flagg; **Philacter**, Michelle Vernet; **Parliamentarian**, Vanessa Brown; and **Member at Large**, Carol Wilson-Jones. These individuals are joined by a host of committee chairs who are supported by all chapter members. **Congratulation to our 2019 CDO Officers!**

Her Gift to Chi Delta Omega Chapter



Soror Theresa Waters served CDO (Chi Delta Omega) as Basileus from 2014 – 2018 and wanted to memorialize that period with a gift that would be useful to the chapter. She selected a portable standing banner for ease of display and to impressively identify the chapter. The banner is significant in that it carries the theme of her tenure and the newly designed chapter logo developed during her tenure. It is a beautiful gift that will be enjoyed for years to come.

HEART TO HEART

Notes to Sorors

Basileus Hazel



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reetings my dear Sorors.

Isn't it an exciting time to be a member of Chi Delta Omega?

"Growing Together, Growing Stronger" is the theme of this administration. Growing together should be understood as growing closer as well as growing at the same pace. Recognizing that there is always room for growth, we wanted to emphasize our intentional purpose to set that in motion. We also recognize that if our growth is intentional, our strength will automatically increase. We are looking forward to a stronger chapter.

Chi Delta Omega sorors, you have been as busy and as focused as ants in an ant colony in setting up and strengthening our structures for the work of the new CDO administration and for the **Exemplifying Excellence for Sustainable Service** administration. Program Committees have been thoughtfully and carefully planning for the implementation of our new program initiatives. The meeting calendar is filling up fast with several meetings weekly for planning our missions. Our newly reactivated sorors are already offering their hands of sisterhood and service as they take part in the work of "Service to All Mankind." Operations Committees, too, are investigating and implementing ways to make our experiences in this chapter easier, more comfortable, more sisterly.

We are intentionally moving out of our comfort zones to make Chi Delta Omega all that it can be. We are a chapter that is intentional about our sisterhood, intentional about our service. We are stepping out on faith that our actions will be productive and will increase the impact of our name and our presence within our communities. May we continue to keep that faith and may we continue "Growing Together, Growing Stronger."

With Appreciative Sisterly Love,

Soror Hazel



Protocol for A Chapter Member

1. Maintains all sorority documents in a safe and secure location in the home.
2. Maintains proper decorum in business meetings
 - A. Dresses appropriately in business attire
 - B. Arrives before the official start time
 - C. Silence all electronic communication devices
 - D. Speaks only when recognized by the presiding officer.
 - E. Projects voice or moves to a microphone when speaking so everyone can hear.
 - F. Addresses the presiding officer before speaking (Ex. Madame Basileus, I move that...)
 - G. Respects the Alpha Kappa Alpha Protocol and Order of Rank.
 - H. Keeps remarks brief and concise.
 - I. Accepts the decision of the majority.
 - J. Avoids bringing children to business meetings (unless allowed by chapter).
 - K. Avoids walking during meditation periods,
3. Maintains proper decorum at chapter sponsored events.
 - A. Arrives early to greet guest(s) as they arrive.
 - B. Assists before, during and after events.

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Chi Delta Omega Soror of the Year

Soror Kowanna Johnson

2018



Soror Kowanna Johnson, selected CDO Soror of the Year for 2018 and the newly elected Anti-Basileus, has proven her commitment and dedication over the years as an extremely active member of Chi Delta Omega Chapter and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was initiated by Chi Delta Omega Chapter in 2011 and has worked on numerous committees, namely chairing several white party events, held the position of Ivy Leaf Reporter/Public Relations Chair and served as Financial Secretary for the chapter's Ivy Community Foundation. Soror Kowanna has attended all South Atlantic Regional and Boule' Conferences since her initiation with her focus on preparing for leadership and greater service. Her selection and election exemplify the confidence that chapter members have in her ability to meet any challenges set before her as she provides direction for the various national and local program activities.

Soror Kowanna was born in Macon, Georgia, and relocated to Atlantic Beach, Florida at the age of ten. She attended the schools in that community going forward to become a first-generation college student earning a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. While attending the University of North Florida, Soror Kowanna served as the Vice-President of the collegiate chapter of The National Council of Negro Women, where she increased chapter membership, and spearheaded community service projects. Soror Kowanna's community service is extensive but she is most proud of working with local Jacksonville organizations over the past two years campaigning for the Voter's Rights Restoration for felons. Prior to the passing of Florida's Voting Restoration Amendment 4 during the 2018 Florida elections, Soror Kowanna demonstrated her knowledge of felony disenfranchisement laws by travelling throughout Jacksonville educating convicted felons on the process of submitting clemency appeals. Florida was one of four states whose constitution permanently restricted those with past felony convictions.

Professionally, Kowanna is employed at NGA Human Resources where she works in the Legal & Regulatory Division as a Global Audit & Compliance Manager. She is responsible for ensuring that her company passes annual audits performed by external audit firms. This is a critical role in the company because the results of the audits are provided to the company's 200+ client base, which often determine client contract extensions. Prior to this position, she worked 20 years at AT&T and Convergys Corporation where her positions included: Operations Manager, Project Manager, HR Consultant and Regional Compliance Manager. During that time she earned many awards (Future Leaders, Commitment to Excellence, Best Manager, Employee of the Year), for her excellent work ethic and highly focused strategies for successful achievement.

Soror Kowanna is a divorced, proud mother of five children (Khatianna, Christopher, Mekalah, Adrienne and Michael) and the grandmother of 4 (Jahzyra, Kaiden and twins- Isis and Nevaeh).

During her leisure time, Soror Kowanna enjoys making memories with her grandchildren and taking trips with her "Girlfriend's Getaway" travel group.



A Christmas to Remember

Each year, Sorors of Chi Delta Omega (CDO) have donated gifts and volunteered to help Community Partnership for Children, Inc. in support of children in foster care. December 2018 was the second year in which a fun and festive event called, "A Christmas to Remember," was held at the Flagler County Fair Grounds for the children. CDO chapter members volunteered to help decorate the venue, supervise games and activities, serve food and distribute gifts to each foster child present. In addition, the chapter nominated Soror (Rev.) Theresa Waters for the 2018 Abundant Life Ministries Humanitarian Award and WON! It was a wonderful day of service to remember.



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, *Chi Delta Omega Chapter*

Honors the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated members of Chi Delta Omega Chapter in Palm Coast, Florida, collaborated with "Our Father's Table," of Palm Coast United Methodist Church to commemorate the legacy and exemplary life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.-Impact Day of Service. Together, the sorority and Palm Coast United Methodist Church members engaged in an impactful day of service by working to implement a global initiative to end hunger within

the Flagler County community. More than 25 volunteers worked in shifts to prepare, cook and feed more than 85 of the area's needy population

"SMART GIRLS START THE YEAR OFF RUNNING"

The SMART Girls AKAdemy in conjunction with the girls of Flagler County Boys and Girls Club, ages eight to eleven, started the New Year off with a bang. In January the young ladies, decorated and wrote cards of encouragement and caring to seniors in a Bunnell nursing home. The month continued with a scavenger hunt at the Flagler County Public Library in Palm Coast. The group was divided into teams, each lead by a soror, to find items and activities throughout the library. Our library visit included a hunt for information on the Harlem Renaissance. We continue to encourage them to get library cards. The winning team received points and monies for the mini store we have developed. Month's end arrived with the girls beginning work on individual newspaper "All About Me" articles.

February activities included a Valentine's Day fellowship with distribution of cards, games and crafts. In an expression of thanks, the club surprised each soror with a bouquet of flowers. As we move into Spring, a trip is planned for March 22 with activities centered on women in history, science, teamwork and character building. The youth receive patches for each activity completed to be placed on a sash which, hopefully will be worn at the end of the year program for the SMART AKAdemy and the Boys and Girls



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Service and Sisterhood

The theme for the 2019 Founder's Day held in St. Mary, Florida was honoring Golden Sorors for "Sisterhood and Service". Eight Chi Delta Omega Golden Sorors were in attendance. Soror Robbie Johnson was one of the speakers at the gathering. The many years of sisterhood and service were emphasized in her talk.

Chi Delta Omega Golden Sorors have served on every elected and volunteer leadership position that exists in the chapter. Three Golden Sorors have served as Basilei. Following a resolution in 2016 to establish a Golden Soror scholarship fund awards have been extended every year with funds from the chapter and donated funds from Golden Sorors.

There are 13 Golden Sorors affiliated with Chi Delta Omega. All 13 are Life Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Eleven are currently active with the chapter. The eleven sorors currently active with the chapter have a combined 645 years of service and sisterhood in Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Soror Hazel Lockett initiated at *Newark Citywide* = 52 years

Sorors Cassandra Stephenson initiated at Cheney State = 53 years with line sister

Soror Carol Wilson-Jones at Cheney State = 53 years

Soror Yolanda Pino initiated at *Morgan State* = 54 years

Soror Sue Fray initiated at *Fisk University* = 57 years

Soror Gwen Carroll-Dunn initiated at Dillard College = 57 years

Golden Sorors with more than 60 years of Sisterhood and Service



Soror Vivian Cottman initiated at *NC Central University* = 61 years

Soror Jacquelyn Faison initiated at *District of Columbia Teachers College* = 63 years with line sister,

Soror Joyce Freeman at District of Columbia Teachers College = 63 years

Soror Robbie Johnson initiated at *the University of Cincinnati* = 65 years

Soror Gloria Wilkins initiated in the *Alpha Chapter at Howard University* = 67 years



*"Pink Goes Red" for Heart
Health Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc. Chi Delta Omega
Chapter Palm Coast, FL February
16, 2019*



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banquet in Daytona. This is an extremely rewarding project and the members of this project would like to take this opportunity to thank Chi Delta Omega Chapter for continuing to support it. Two of the original members of what is now the SMART AKAdemy are golden Sorors Jacqueline Faison (who started it all), Joyce Freeman, Hazel Lockett and Gloria Wilkins. Current members are Sorors Olivia Bereal, Gerri Dillon, Gwen Dunn Carroll, Myra Middleton Valentine, and Cassandra Stephenson.



For the third year, members of Chi Delta Omega Chapter participated in the annual African American Read-In at Belle Terre Elementary School. The goal of the Read-In is to make literacy a significant part of African American History Month in both the school and the community.

The readings were performed in grades one through four from selected works of African American authors. After they read aloud, the sorors signed the book and spent time discussing her profession(s)



and accomplishments with the students.

In addition to the Read-In, the Golden Sorors made a \$100.00 donation to aid in purchasing additional books so that each student had a book to take home and share with their families.

The Chi Delta Omega sorors participating were: Gerri Dillon, Jacquelyn Faison, Hazel Lockett, Karen Harrison, Jonita McCree, Myra Middleton-Valentine, Robbie Johnson, Leila Jordan and Gloria Wilkins. They were joined by several other Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors who live in Palm Coast.

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4. Participates in chapter activities and events and attends all ceremonies.
5. Maintains chapter business within the chapter.
6. Accepts committee appointments.
7. Completes assignments in a timely manner.
8. Commits to corporate with chapter leadership in implementing all areas of programs and operations.
9. Volunteers to work on chapter projects.
10. Pays all dues and assessments promptly.
11. Participates in leadership training sessions at the chapter, regional and/or international levels.
12. Offers commendation to sorors for a job well-done.
13. Offers constructive criticism with the intent on being a part of the solution, avoids undue criticism.
14. Welcomes visitors and new sorors to the chapter to help them experience a friendly, warm and welcoming atmosphere.
15. Informs the community of outstanding programs and activities, when appropriate.
16. Reaches out to those who do not utilize electronic communications to ensure they are properly informed.
17. Offers special consideration to Former Directorate Members, Former Executive Directors elderly or physically-challenged sorors (seating, transportation assistance, securing handouts, meeting notifications, etc.)

Protocol Committee Members: Sorors Ivy Archer, Olivia Bereal, Yolanda Brady, Gerri Dillon (**Chair**), Jacqueline Faison, Kowanna Johnson, Robbie Johnson, Vivian McRae, Michelle Vernet, Theresa Waters, LaShonda Watson, Jacqueline Williams

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