HAPPY HOLIDAYS

“We should live every day like it is a holiday, being thankful and spending time with family, and looking hopefully to the future.” May your home be filled with peace and joy this holiday season.

Greetings from the Basileus

Dear Sorors:

Thank you for the many hours that you have spent planning and implementing Alpha Kappa Alpha’s pre-launch program activities. Your great deeds and service to our community are worthy of praise. I would like to acknowledge the leadership of the program committee chairmen: Sorors Ramona Reliford and Tiffany Kinchens, Educational Enrichment; Soror Deborah Bowen, Health Promotion; Soror Lisa George, Family Strengthening; Soror Kim Cox, Global Impact; and Soror Linda Brown, Global Impact.

As shared by former Supreme Basileus, Soror Carolyn House Steward, “A leader is a servant -- sharing her time, talents and resources. The gift of our time spent with sorors is priceless. Faith in God and love of our sorority sustains us. The love for our sorors inspires us to give greater service.” You are each leaders and are to be commended.

I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much you are appreciated. Best wishes are extended to you and your families for every happiness at this festive holiday season and throughout the coming New Year.

A SEASON OF GIVING

Remembering the reason for the season is giving, Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter donated eight bags of food items with each including stuffing. Four turkeys were also donated to families in need at Plantation Elementary School. Special gratitude to sorors for opening their hearts to the needs of others.

Upcoming Events:

December 13 - Seasonal Wraps
December 15 - Habitat Nurture Meeting
December 22 - Cooperative Food Program
January 15 - ASCEND Program Launch
January 29 - MLK Day of Service
February - “Pink Goes Red”
March 25 & 26 - AKA Day at the Capitol
April 15-19 - South Atlantic Regional

THE FIRST 100 DAYS

Supreme Basileus, Dorothy Buchanan, released a document listing accomplishment made during the first 100 days of the 2014-2018 International Program, Launching New Dimensions of Service. Some of the highlights include the following:

- Completed and prepared for publication, the Launching New Dimensions of Service 2014-2018 International Program Resource Guide
- Implemented programs of service in all target areas beginning with August 21, 2014 with Pre-Launch activities
- Kicked of the AKA One Million Backpacks Program
- Launched the ThinkHBCU initiative
- Expanded Sisterly Relations on the International Level with the creation of a new ad-hoc committee. This committee led Nurturing Ivy workshops at each Fall Cluster Meeting
- Facilitated consistent Protocol across the organization with protocol presentations by the International Protocol Committee at all Cluster Meetings
- Restored the use of two unofficial symbols, pinkie and see-wee among Undergraduate Sorors
- Approved circulation of a membership survey to gather information on proposed updates to the current Membership Intake Process
- Approved a new background check and eliminated the credit check
Sounding the Alarm for a revolution to end Aids in Florida

On Friday December 5th, a summit was held to mobilize women against HIV/AIDS. A panel of experts spoke on various topics relating to women of all ages on HIV/AIDS and dating. The event was hosted by Miami Children’s Initiative & Community Partners, in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health in Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties. Soror Krystal Kirkland served as one of the organizers. Special thanks to Sorors Linda Brown, Sharoen Goodwin, and Delores Williams for their assistance with the project, especially with registration.

The summit was well attended by women throughout Broward, Miami Dade and Palm Beach. Approximately 250 women of all ages attended the event. Attendees also included between 50 – 70 young girls from Alternative schools throughout Broward County.
Pan-Hellenic Recognizes Three UXO Members

The Broward County Chapter of The National Pan-Hellenic Council, Incorporated presented its 14th Annual Founders’ Day Program Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Mt. Hermon AME Life Center. Three UXO sorors were honored: Soror Barbara Scruggs, recognized as Soror of the Year; Soror Isaac Mae McKinney, recognized for 50 years in Greekdom and Soror Laura Martin recognized as a Lifetime Achiever for 60 years of dedicated service in education. The theme was “Celebrate, Collaborate, Commemorate.” Sorors Tiffany Kinchens, Andrea Barrington, Debra Simpson, and I joined the celebration. Also in attendance were Sorors Edith Gooden-Thompson and Eloise McCoy Cain who were a part of the program representatives on the Pan-Hellenic Council.
2014
Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen

Basileus ................................................................. Devarn Flowers
Anti-Basileus ................................................................ Linda Brown
Second Anti-Basileus .................................................. Delores Williams
Grammateus ................................................................ Lisa George
Anti-Grammateus ......................................................... Barbara Scruggs
Epistleus ..................................................................... Cynthia McDonald
Pecunious Grammateus .................................................. Debra Simpson
Anti-Pecunious Grammateus ...................................... Shaoreen Goodwin
Tamiouschos ................................................................ Lisa Bell
Anti Tamouchos .......................................................... Shirley Lamar
Hodegos ....................................................................... Hazel Grisham
Philacter ...................................................................... Gina Stuart
Historian/Archives ........................................................ Rose Merritt
Ivy Leaf Reporter .......................................................... Margaret Hayes
Graduate Advisor .......................................................... Shaoreen Goodwin
Parliamentarian ............................................................ Helen Walker
Member-At-Large ........................................................ Shaoreen Goodwin
Chaplin ...................................................................... Crystal Spence

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