UXO Kick-Off New Program Year
“Launching New Dimensions of Service”

After an unprecedented six months of pre-launch activities, chapters were asked to embark on a new program year at their January meeting. All sorors were invited to join chapters around the world as Alpha Kappa Alpha celebrated the official unveiling of “Launching New Dimensions of Service.”

UXO kicked off its’ celebration on January 24th in a special way and was spearheaded by program chairman, Soror Linda Brown. Sorors wore white tops with black slacks to the chapter meeting along with their Launching New Dimensions of Service pin and a scarf or kerchief distributed during the seventh plenary session at the 2014 Boule in Charlotte, NC. A pink and green cake along with sparkling cider enhanced the celebration as sorors toasted the special occasion. Committee chairmen entered the room to the songs “Aint No Stoppin’ Us Now” and “Celebration.” They reviewed UXO’s local chapter initiatives planned for each target: ASCEND Student goal, Think HBCU goal, AKA One Million Backpack goal, Family Strengthening goal, Acts of Green goal and the 1,908 Playground Project goal. The celebration was a special way to kick-off the new program year.

UXO LAUNCHES ASCEND

UXO launched the ASCEND Program on January 12th at South Plantation High School. Chaired by Sorors Tiffany Kinchens and Ramona Reliford, the program got off to a terrific start, providing creative workshops and activities for high school students. The theme for the second session was “From the Classroom to the Board Room,” and featured informational sessions on testing and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The sorority’s signature program, ASCEND℠, is part of Target I: Educational Enrichment. ASCEND focuses on Achievement, Self-Awareness, Communication, Engagement, Networking, and Development Skills. Participants include high school male and female students with emphasis on academic, life, career and character-building skills. The ultimate goal is to motivate, engage and assist students in reaching their maximum potential. The sorority is placing additional emphasis on SMART careers. (Science, Math, And Related Technologies).

FAMILY STRENGTHENING

Upsilon Xi Omega is addressing Childhood Hunger by providing nutritious and easy to prepare foods over the weekend. Members of the Family Strengthening Committee met to pack the Weekend Backpack meals, which were distributed to eleven (11) students at Plantation Elementary. These specific students participate in the free lunch program and have a critical need for food over the weekend.

The bags were delivered to Plantation Elementary for distribution on January 30th and February 12th. Each child receives two brown paper lunch-size bags. One bag contains breakfast items for Saturday and Sunday and the other lunch items for the two days. The next set of bags will be delivered for distribution on February 26.

Upcoming Events:
February 28 - Motown The Musical
March 14 - Founders’ Day
March 25 & 26 - AKA Day at the Capitol
April 15-19 - South Atlantic Regional Conference
UXO ON THE MOVE

Special thanks to sorors for supporting program and community activities. Photo 1, sorors worship at Greek Sunday, February 15th at Mt. Hermon AME Church; Photo 2, Soror Jamie teaches a cultural dance to ASCEND participants; Photo 3, Sorors support Sigma Chi Pink Goes Red at Community Fest; Photo 4, Soror Delores present on Environmental Ownership; Photo 5, Soror Tandra leads the chapter in Sisterly Relations activity; Photo 6, Soror Rose support American Research Library, Northwestern Black Alumni reception.
To help increase awareness about heart disease, the members of Upsilon Xi Omega Chapter observed “Pink Goes Red for a Day” by wearing red and sponsoring a FUNTASTIK Evening educating guests on heart disease and stroke prevention. Guests from the community attended including members of other sororities, as the evening focused on breaking the barriers against heart disease and stroke. Attendees kicked off their heals, laced up their sneakers and engaged in a healthy workout, tested their endurance during a dance-a-thon, and sampled healthy foods (including wine and chocolate).
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Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen

Basileus ................................................................. Devarn Flowers
Anti-Basileus ............................................................ Linda Brown
Second Anti-Basileus ................................................ Delores Williams
Grammateus .............................................................. Lisa George
Anti-Grammateus ....................................................... Barbara Scruggs
Epistoleus ................................................................. Cynthia McDonald
Pecunious Grammateus .............................................. Debra Simpson
Anti-Pecunious Grammateus ....................................... Shaureen Goodwin
Tamouchos ............................................................... Lisa Bell
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Parliamentarian ........................................................ Helen Walker
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Chaplin .................................................................. Crystal Spence

RECOMMENDED MEETING DATES

Chapter Meeting Dates
September 27, 2014
October 25, 2014
November 15, 2014
December 13, 2014
January 24, 2015
February 28, 2015
March 28, 2015
April 25, 2015
May 23, 2015
June 27, 2015

Executive Board Meeting Dates
September 20, 2014
October 18, 2014
November 08, 2014
December 06, 2014
January 17, 2015
February 21, 2015
March 21, 2015
April 11, 2015
May 16, 2015
June 20, 2015