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Next Chapter Meeting

April 11, 2009

9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

10 a.m.
Meeting

AKA Night in Annapolis

Epsilon Omega Joins Other Chapters in State's Capital to Learn about Policies that will Shape Our Future



Forty-two Sorors journeyed to Annapolis to learn about policies concerning health care and energy and to hear from our fellow Sorors who represent us in the Maryland General Assembly

By Soror Karenthia A. Barber

On Thursday, March 12, 42 Sorors from Epsilon Omega boarded the “pink and green” express bus to Annapolis. The Honorable Verna Jones, Maryland Senator and Soror, welcomed more than 250 Sorors from Maryland and the District of Columbia. We were provided with information packets with brochures outlining the legislative process, an overview of the Maryland General Assembly and an explanation of legislative lingo.

This year for the first time, several Sorors attended the morning Senate session with The Honorable Delores Kelley, Maryland Senator and Soror, and attended legislative hearings during the day. During the reception, these Sorors provided an overview of the legislation hearings they attended and the bills debated.

All state- and local-elected and appointed officials present were recognized. Soror Verna acknowledged individuals of influence who are part of our illustrious sisterhood.

Epsilon Omega Executive Committee

Basileus

Soror Angela C. Gibson

Anti-Basileus (Program)

Soror Audrey M. Bennett

Anti-Basileus (Operations)

Soror Joann R. Barber

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Soror Sheila E. Tidline

Anti-Grammateus

Soror Francina C. Spencer

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Soror Virginia B. Vauls

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Soror Jan W. Carter

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Soror Emma J. Hamlin

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Soror Rita Johnson

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Historian

Soror Cardrienne P. Griffin

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Soror Barbara A. Burgess

Graduate Advisors

Alpha Delta (Morgan)- Soror

Adrienne Stokes-Orange

Epsilon Kappa (Coppin)- Soror Karen

P. Foster

Xi Tau (Johns Hopkins) - Soror Lois

D. Knight-Harrison

Members-at-Large

Soror Isabella Branch-Brown

Soror Joanne C. Carpenter

Soror Reather F. Green

Soror Edna Y. Rich

Foundation President

Soror Evelyn C. McLeod

Immediate Past Basileus

Soror Cheryl L. Frazier

Message from Basileus

Greetings Sorors and Happy Spring!

In March, we hosted some wonderful students from the NFTE Program, who provided samples of their entrepreneurial endeavors. One young man vended his home-made ice cream, another young woman shared her special lotions and hand cream, and we had a young man who designs Web sites for which he won national recognition.

Congratulations to our Eating Together team led by Soror Wynola W. Cunningham. They celebrated the 8th anniversary of the program at the Ivy Center. Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton attended and brought greetings. Congratulations to the Connections Committee chaired by Soror Karenthia A. Barber on our annual AKA Night in Annapolis. This program gets better and better each year.

I joined several Epsilon Omega Sorors for the discussion of Nellie Quander: An Alpha Kappa Alpha Pearl at the Reginald Lewis Museum. We learned some new facts about our First Supreme Basileus.

Sorors, your support is needed for our upcoming activities: Celebrating Young Women; Cluster I Picnic; 2010 North Atlantic Regional Conference; Fantastic Voyage (Card Party and Evening Delight); Fun Day 2009; and, most of all, our programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha—Every Soror Participates.

We look forward to Spring and its promises of renewal, rejuvenation and revival. May this Easter season provide us with the Essential, Steadfast, Perseverance to work for our Epsilon Omega programs.

Peaceful blessings to you and your families.

Sisterly,
Soror Angela C. Gibson

Students from NFTE Program with Soror Angela



Join Us!

Celebrating Young Women Dinner

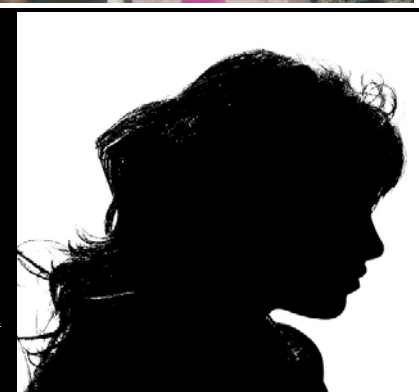
Saturday, April 25, 2009

5 p.m.

Ivy Family Support Center

Tickets are \$40

*Tickets available at April 2009 Chapter meeting or contact
Sorors Shirley W. Johnson or Vivian E. Jackson.*



Vision & Mission

Epsilon Omega Chapter will be recognized as a viable, dynamic, positive force in Baltimore that impacts the community educationally, politically and culturally. We will have an informed, committed, dedicated and spirited membership.

It is the mission of the Epsilon Omega Chapter to provide consistent and effective services to its members, civic organizations and local, national and international communities to improve the quality of life for all whom we serve.

Message from Anti-Basileus of Program

It's Spring – Let's SPRING into Action

Sorors:

Please participate on the committee you signed up for, attend committee meetings and offer ideas and suggestions. Think out of the box, we don't have to do what we have always done – lets be creative.

If you have not signed up for a committee, it is not too late. Let me know of your interest and I am sure I can find a committee that can use your talents.

Sorors, we have many positive things happening in our Chapter – it is easy to sit on the sidelines and find fault – but it takes time, commitment, devotion, loyalty and dedication to provide selfless service. Together, we can accomplish great things.

Congratulations to the *An Afternoon of Jazz* committee for a fun-filled afternoon of great music, food, conversation and interaction and let's not forget absolutely great dancing.

Put the *Celebrating Young Women Dinner* on your calendar for April 25, 2009. We have six fantastic young women who will showcase their talents and contributions to our community. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Please see Sorors Shirley W. Johnson and Vivian E. Jackson or any foundation officer for tickets and information.

Thank you for all you do for Epsilon Omega, and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sisterly,

Soror Audrey M. Bennett

Message from Anti-Basileus of Operations

With one warm gentle breeze, springtime reveals all impossible wonder and beauty within us.

My Sorors:

Spring is a favorite season for many people. Its regenerative effects mark a celebration of renewal and new life. It was springtime at the NARC 2009. The conference was a wonderful experience, a time of sisterhood. It was an opportunity to reflect upon our reasons as to why we choose to be members of this great organization. Likewise, we refreshed our energies in upholding the image of an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman and accomplishing the goals and ideals set forth by our Founders.

As we return home to our Chapter, Epsilon Omega, let the springtime continue. Let us rediscover our values in regards to ourselves, others and the Chapter. Creatively, we must plan to meet the needs of Epsilon Omega's unique community at the local, national and international levels. So, I ask that you pledge the following:

*I, Soror _____, will maximize my strengths and contributions to enhance Epsilon Omega.
I will strive to make this Chapter supreme in serve to all mankind.*

Happy Springtime, Happy Sisterhood,

Soror Joann R. Barber

Scoop Sheet

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no electronic scoop sheets will be accepted later than **Monday, April 13, 2009**. Please return your scoop sheet to Soror Shaletta D. Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 5717 Willowton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21239. Scoop Sheets are available at the sign-in table at Chapter meetings.

Special thanks to all who help with the publication and distribution of the newsletter each month: Sorors Cecelia L. Carroll, Elizabeth E. Craig, and Anne V. Young.

AKA Night in Annapolis

Epsilon Omega was well represented by Sorors Delores, Verna, Barbara Robinson, Angela C. Gibson and Karenthia A. Barber.

Consistent with our focus of Engaging Strategies for Power, Sorors Delores and Verna encouraged Sorors to become more engaged in the legislative process.

Chapters were asked to provide a table display of Chapter Connection Committee activities. Special thanks to Soror Joann R. Barber, who designed Epsilon Omega's Power-Point presentation display, which generated a lot of traffic and positive feedback.

For those sorors who were not able to join us, you missed a truly enjoyable, informative and enlightening experience. Now that we have brightened the halls of the Senate Office Building in Annapolis with our pink and green, it is now time to visit the City Council Chamber of Baltimore City. AKA Night at City Hall will be on Monday, May 18, 5 p.m. Sorors are encouraged to wear pink or green. More information will be shared at future Chapter meetings.



On the Road to Annapolis—Sorors prepare for the journey to Annapolis



Basilei from 16 Maryland Graduate Chapters gather for a group photo



Soror Delores Kelley, Maryland Senator, and Soror Joan S. Stevenson



Soror Cardrienne P. Griffin and Soror LaVerne A. Turner with Soror Verna Jones, Maryland Senator



Connections Committee display designed by Soror Joann

Bills to Watch

For more information on these bills, visit www.maryland.gov or contact your state representative:

HB 41 — Mandated Benefits: Hospitalization and Home Visits following a Mastectomy

HB 1223 — High School Reform

SB 202 — Identity Fraud: Seizure and Forfeiture of Property

Announcements and Tidbits

History in the Making

The History Committee invites you to its first meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 1 p.m., in the library of the Ivy Family Support Center. Sorors are needed to write and publish the rich history of Epsilon Omega Chapter from 1962-2010. For more information, contact Sorors Cardrienne P. Griffin, chair, at 410-233-6229 or Soror Marian L. Patterson, co-chair, at 410-466-1414.

Chapter Establishes Relief Committee

We can all use some help during these challenging economic times. Just know that Epsilon Omega and the Soror Relief Committee are here to help you.

The Soror Relief Committee is an ad-hoc committee which has been established to provide assistance to our Chapter Sorors. What does assistance mean and how can we help you? We are defining the term assistance loosely as providing help to a Soror in need. That help could be financial, a ride to a Chapter meeting or a card to lift a Soror's spirit.

If you would like the Soror Relief Committee to help you, please feel free to contact Soror Adrienne Stokes Orange at 410-599-6649 or a1k1a1908@hotmail.com.

Can We Count on You?

During these tough economic times, everyone is looking for ways to save money. And, so is Epsilon Omega. Here is one suggestion on how we can all pitch in to save the Chapter some money:

- Opt to receive the electronic version of the newsletter only. This will save the Chapter about \$1.75 per soror, per month in printing and mailing cost. Please contact Soror Shaletta D. Espie to receive the e-Newsletter at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 443-418-8225.

Cluster 1 Cook-Out and Pool Party

Cluster 1 of the North Atlantic Region will host a cook-out and pool party on Saturday, June 28, 2009, 3-6 p.m., at the Russett Community Center in Laurel, Maryland. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, 12 and under. For more information, please contact Sorors Michelle and Wanda at cluster1cookout@yahoo.com.

The planning committee is seeking members. If you are interested in serving, please contact Soror Angela.

Directory Updates

Please submit all directory updates to Soror Virginia B. Vauls at virvauls@msn.com or 8004 Township Drive, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117.

Foundation News

An Afternoon of Jazz a Success

More than 200 people enjoyed the sounds of the Rollex Band at this year's *An Afternoon of Jazz*. The event raised needed funds for the foundation. Thank you to all who participated, sold tickets and donated. Special thanks to the committee: Sorors Shaletta D. Espie (chair), Rudy M. Bass-Coleman, Yolanda Barber, Isabella Brown-Brown, Gwendolyn E. Browne, Michelle Byers, Joi Carter, Ieesha Gillis, Caprisa Hooper and Evelyn C. McLeod.



Members of the planning committee: Sorors Yolanda Barber, Shaletta D. Espie (chair), Caprisa Hooper and Joi Carter



Attendees boogie down the Soul Train Line



Sorors Virginia B. Vauls, Heloise B. Frazier and Cheryl L. Frazier with guests

Happy Birthday, Sorors!



April 3

- Soror Shanda C. Crowder

April 4

- Soror Alice Loving-Clash
- Soror Adrienne Stokes Orange

April 5

- Soror Margaret H. Jackson

April 6

- Soror Odessa D. Dorkins

April 7

- Soror Mignon M. Moore

April 13

- Soror Barbara Y. Howard

April 14

- Soror Verna M. Jackson

April 16

- Soror Kenyetta Watson

April 18

- Soror Reona J. Thomas

April 22

- Soror Alethia B. Starke

April 23

- Soror Venciedora H. Kane

April 24

- Soror Jennifer C. Smith-Hoffman

April 25

- Soror Ernestine H. Press

April 27

- Soror Kathy F. Crosby

April 29

- Soror Jan W. Carter

April 30

- Soror Ellen D. Gonzales
- Soror Annie L. McGlotherm

NARC 2009 Pictures Needed!

If you took picture perfect photos at NARC 2009, please share them with Soror Shaletta D. Espie (shaletta76@hotmail.com) for possible inclusion in the May 2009 issue of *Along the Byline*.

Announcements and Tidbits

Founders' Day Pictures for Sale

Pictures from Founders' Day 2009 will be on sale at the April 2009 Chapter meeting only. The cost is \$2.50 for 4x6, \$5 for 5x7 and \$10 for 8 x10. The book as shown at the March 2009 Chapter meeting is \$225. If you would like to place an order, please see Soror Sheila E. Tidline at the April meeting.

Telephone Contact

The Basileus, Soror Angela, is the first contact in the Chapter when there is a death in a Soror's family. Sorors will be notified when there is a death of a Soror or a spouse, mother, father or child of a Soror. The loss of other family members may be sent to Soror Shaletta D. Espie, Ivy Leaf Reporter, at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 5717 Willowton Avenue (21239) for inclusion in the newsletter.

Foundation News

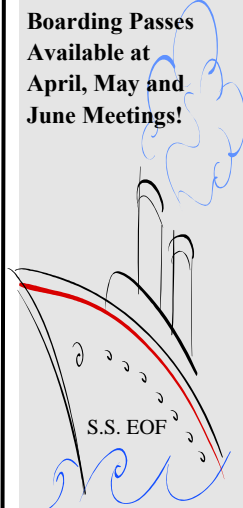
Celebrating Young Women

Celebrating Young Women Souvenir Journal advertisements are available, please contact Sorors Shirley W. Johnson or Vivian E. Jackson for price information. If you cannot attend (see ad on page 2 for event information) or purchase an ad, please consider making a financial contribution. All proceeds will provide stipends for program participants.

Committee Members Needed for New Event

A new fundraising event, a *Chocolate and Wine Affair*, is being planned for October 2009. Committee chair, Soror Shaletta D. Espie, is seeking committee members. Ideas are floating—wine and chocolate tasting, a light menu, neo-soul music, dancing and poetry—but to make it a success, your ideas and suggestions are needed. If you are interested, please contact Soror Shaletta at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 443-418-8225.

Boarding Passes Available at April, May and June Meetings!



Come and Go on the Fantastic Voyage with the Epsilon Omega Foundation!

Saturday, August 8, 2009
Ivy Family Support Center

Port 1

Ship Arrives at 11 a.m. • Ship Departs at 3 p.m.

Card Party

Boarding Pass - \$40

Bridge, Pinochle, Bingo, Pokeno, Sevens, Spades, Food and Prizes!

Port 2

Ship Arrives at 8 p.m. • Ship Departs at 12 midnight

Evening Delight

Boarding Pass - \$55

Casino and Wheel Games, Food and Drinks and Prizes!

Business attire is the required dress code for meetings.

Please wear your name badge to facilitate networking and do not park on the Post Office parking lot during their business hours.

2010 NARC Committee Sign-Up Form
Please Complete by April 11, 2009, and Return to Soror Angela C. Gibson

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	

(Please Check) I would like to sign-up for the following committee (committees):

<input type="radio"/> Awards Gala <input type="radio"/> Comedy/Step Show <input type="radio"/> Corporate Sponsors <input type="radio"/> Courtesies <input type="radio"/> Diamond, Golden and Silver Sorors Luncheon <input type="radio"/> EAF <input type="radio"/> Elections/Tellers <input type="radio"/> Events and Entertainment <input type="radio"/> Evaluation <input type="radio"/> Exhibits and Chapter Displays <input type="radio"/> Flowers and Decorations	<input type="radio"/> Food and Beverage <input type="radio"/> Graphics, Signs, Banners and Printing <input type="radio"/> Hospitality <input type="radio"/> Hostesses <input type="radio"/> Ivies Beyond the Wall <input type="radio"/> Kits and Souvenirs <input type="radio"/> Leadership <input type="radio"/> Logistics <input type="radio"/> Music <input type="radio"/> NARC Office <input type="radio"/> Non-Soror Activities <input type="radio"/> Philacters	<input type="radio"/> Protocol <input type="radio"/> Publicity <input type="radio"/> Public Meeting and Reception <input type="radio"/> Registration <input type="radio"/> Souvenir Journal <input type="radio"/> Special Needs <input type="radio"/> Transportation <input type="radio"/> Undergraduate Activities <input type="radio"/> Vendors <input type="radio"/> Workshops <input type="radio"/> Worship Service
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Sick and Shut-In Sorors

Soror Anne Boone
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Soror Gloria Carpenter
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Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Soror Juanita H. Gates
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#210
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Soror Marlene Greer-Chase
15 Hemison Court
Pikesville, Maryland 21208

Soror Gloria Jones
111 Hamlet Hill Road,#1310
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Soror Hermia Jordan
Future Care Cherrywood
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Baltimore, Maryland 21136

Soror Ruth Land
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Soror Chicora M. Lee
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Soror Carolyn Peck
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#101
Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Soror Theresa Sisco
3052 Hunting Ridge Drive

Owings Mills, Maryland
21117

**Along the
Ivy Vine**

Please keep the following Sorors in your prayers:

- Soror Erica M. Waters, who loss her father, Eddie Franklin, suddenly in March.
- Soror Gloria Carpenter, who recently broke her foot.
- Soror Ruth Brown, who loss her sister, Golden Soror Mary Louise

Payne Anderson.

- Soror Patricia Scott, who loss her father in March 2009. Expressions of sympathy are also extended to Sorors Elizabeth E. Craig and Cecelia L. Carroll.

Please congratulate Soror Charlette Feenster, who wed Sidney Vass on Saturday, March 28, in Frederick, Maryland, and Soror Taryn Green, who wed Chris Dorsey also on Saturday, March 28, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Save-the-Date



- **Saturday, April 11, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, April 13, 2009**
Along the Byline Scoop Sheets Due, Please Submit to Soror Shaletta D. Espie
- **Saturday, April 18, 2009**
Connection Committee Participates in State Attorney's Victim's Fund Run/Walk, 9 a.m., Patterson Park, Contact Soror Karenthia A. Barber for more information
- **Saturday, April 25, 2009**
Celebrating Young Women Soaring for Greatness Dinner, 5 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, April 27, 2009**
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, May 2, 2009**
Chapter Operations Workshop, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, May 4, 2009**
Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, May 9, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, May 11, 2009**
Along the Byline Scoop Sheets Due, Please Submit to Soror Shaletta D. Espie
- **Monday, May 18, 2009**
AKA Night, 5 p.m., Baltimore City Hall
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center

At Chapter meetings, continental breakfast will end promptly at 10 a.m. No food will be served after 10 a.m.

No business transactions are to take place during the meeting. Sorors may conduct business before or after the meeting.

Epsilon Omega's Fun Day with Rho Xi Omega and Upsilon Omega will be Saturday, June 13. Please contact Soror Patricia Scott if you would like to volunteer.