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Next Chapter Meeting

June 13, 2009

9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

10 a.m.
Meeting

11 a.m.
Fun Day



Message from the Basileus

Dear Sorors,

This month we spotlighted and honored one of our former Basilei, Soror Gilda Jones Garrett, unveiling her portrait to be placed among the other former Basilei. She was our 19th Basileus from 1980-1984 and left us much too soon.

I extend pink tea roses to the committee chaired by Soror Ellen Gonzales and committee members: Sorors Joanne Barber, Ruth Brown, Elizabeth Dyett, Karen Miller, Virginia Vaults, Joanne Carpenter, Jan Carter and former Regional Director Erma W. Barron. Sisterly Yours Group III is also thanked for the refreshments. The ceremony was fitting, sisterly and well done. The family of Soror Gilda was also pleased with our event.

Pink tea roses also to the Epsilon Omega Foundation Scholarship Committee, chaired by Soror Shirley Hill, on their presentation of our 2009 scholarship recipients. In addition, our Undergraduate Chapter members were recognized (Xi Tau City Chapter and Epsilon Kappa) for their academic achievements by their respective schools. The Connection Committee, chaired by Soror Karenthia Barber, is also thanked for coordinating the Annual AKA Night at City Hall. The Chapter was recognized and presented with a citation by Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton.

The Standards Committee conducted its Annual Chapter Operations workshop for our executive board, committee chairs and co-chairs. Information provided was on target, enriching and equipped our leaders with the tools needed to continue to move forward in their work. Many thanks to all the presenters.

While the summer may be fast approaching, we will continue with preparations for our fall program. Plans are being made to launch our literacy program in the fall. The proposed activity will be three days a week for three hours a day. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Soror LaJerne Cornish, chair of the Education Committee.

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Epsilon Omega Executive Committee

Basileus

Soror Angela C. Gibson

Anti-Basileus (Program)

Soror Audrey M. Bennett

Anti-Basileus (Operations)

Soror Joann R. Barber

Grammateus

Soror Sheila E. Tidline

Anti-Grammateus

Soror Francina C. Spencer

Tamiouchos

Soror Sylvia Burke

Anti-Tamiouchos

Soror Virginia B. Vauls

Pecunious Grammateus

Soror Jan W. Carter

Anti-Pecunious Grammateus

Soror Geraldine S. Curry

Epistoleus

Soror Ruby M. Bass-Coleman

Philacter

Soror Emma J. Hamlin

Anti-Philacter

Soror Rita Johnson

Hodegos

Soror Shirley S. Briscoe

Ivy Leaf Reporter

Soror Shaletta D. Espie

Parliamentarian

Soror E. Francine Stokes-McElveen

Anti-Parliamentarian

Soror Edmonia T. Yates

Historian

Soror Cardrienne P. Griffin

Standards

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

Epsilon Omega Chapter Song

(Tune: "Moonlight and Roses," by Lemare, Black, Moret)

I

Epsilon Omega,
The chapter that we all love.

Epsilon Omega,
The chapter we're proudest of.

Alpha Kappa Alpha,
A sisterhood noble and true.

Alpha Kappa Alpha,
Our hopes are in you.

II

We pledge devotion,
In all that we try to do.

From ocean to ocean,
We seek to honor you.

One thought, one purpose,
United in spirit we stand.

Epsilon Omega,
The best in the land.



Business attire is the required
dress code for meetings.

Please wear your name badge to
facilitate networking.

Do not park on the post
office parking lot during their
business hours.

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

No business transactions are to
take place during the meeting.

Sorors may conduct business be-
fore or after the meeting.

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 the Basileus

We will also conduct a retreat in the fall and information will be forthcoming at the June 2009 meeting. Look for the announcement of the ceremonial street naming of “Ivy Family Way” coming in the early fall.

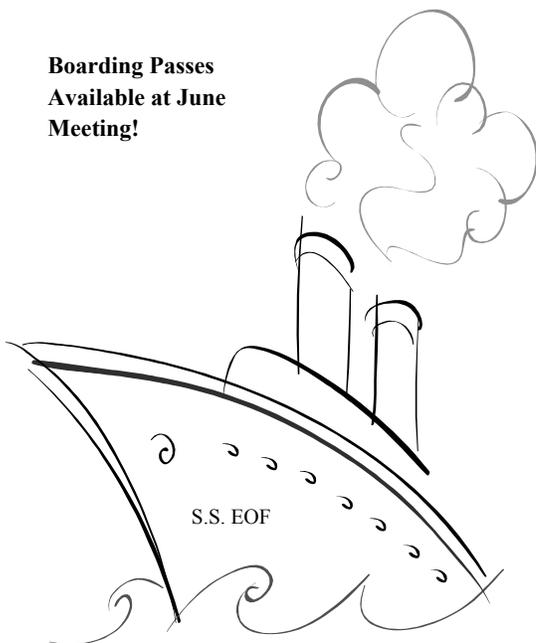
Sorors, please send me your recommendations for a speaker (Soror) for the Joint Founders’ Day in January 2010 ASAP. Epsilon Omega has the task of identifying the speaker. Don’t forget the Cluster I picnic on June 28, 2009, sign-up for the Joint Founders’ Day committees and the 2010 Regional Conference committees. Mark your calendars for August 8, 2009, for the Foundation’s Fantastic Voyage Card Party and Evening Delight. Remember – **Every Soror Participates.**

Fun Day will begin immediately after our Chapter Meeting on June 13, 2009 at 11 a.m. Attire for the meeting and Fun Day is AKA paraphernalia. Lastly, I will be traveling to the Leadership Conference representing the Chapter in Anchorage, Alaska from July 11-19, 2009.

Congratulations to our undergraduates, Sorors and family members of Sorors who are graduating this year.

Sisterly yours,
Soror Angela
 Basileus

**Boarding Passes
 Available at June
 Meeting!**



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!

Scoop Sheet

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no electronic scoop sheets will be accepted later than **Monday, August 3, 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.

Although no newsletters will be published during July and August 2009, Soror Shaletta will continue to accept news and announcements. The next newsletter will be published in September 2009.

Chapter News

Former EO Basileus Remembered

On Saturday, May 9, 2009, the Sorors of Epsilon Omega came together to pay tribute to the Chapter's 19th Basileus, Soror Gilda Jones Garrett. In front of Soror Gilda's family and friends, Basileus Angela C. Gibson unveiled a portrait of Soror Gilda, which will hang along those of other former Basilei at the Ivy Family Support Center.

Soror Gilda was initiated in the Alpha Delta Chapter at Morgan State University in 1960. She became Chapter Basileus in 1981 and served four years.

Soror Gilda become an Ivy Beyond the Wall on January 18, 1995.



Soror Gilda's family, including Maryland State Senator Verna Jones, join Basileus Angela C. Gibson at the portrait unveiling.



Former Epsilon Omega Basilei, along with current Basileus Angela C. Gibson, gather to pay tribute to Soror Gilda.

Scholarship Awardees Recognized



Sequoia Boone of Baltimore Polytechnic High School and Kelley Mason of Western High School received EOF scholarships.

AKA Night at City Hall



Sorors at AKA Night at Baltimore City Hall on May 18, 2009.

Announcements and Tidbits

History Committee Needs Your Help

The History Committee is seeking pictures, articles, programs and other memorabilia for the years of 1985 through 2008. If you have such items, please contact Soror Cardienne Griffin.

Cluster 1 Cook-Out and Pool Party

Cluster 1 of the North Atlantic Region will host a cook-out and pool party on Sunday, 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 committee is seeking members. If you are interested in serving, please contact Soror Audrey M. Bennett.

Rho Xi Omega Cook-Out

Rho Xi Omega invites you and your family to its Family Affair Cookout on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at Patapasco State Park (picnic area off of Johnnycake and Fairbrook Roads), 12 noon to dusk. The cost is \$7 plus a \$2 car fee. For more information, please contact Soror Soror Michelle Davis-Adams at 443-421-9918.

Election Day is Coming

Election Day 2009 will be here soon. In this odd number year, we will elect the following positions:

- Anti-Basileus for Program
- Grammateus
- Tamiouchos
- Epistoleus
- Hodegos
- Anti-Pecunious Grammateus
- Anti-Philacter

- Executive Committee (2)
- Nominating Committee (4)

Please contact any member of the Nominating Committee to avail yourself or suggest someone to run. Members of the Nominating Committee are Sorors:

- Isabella Branch-Brown (Chair)
- Patricia Sparrow (Co-chair)
- Barbara Burgess
- Crystal Cotton-Faison
- Ramona Greene
- Roselyn Hammond
- Barbara Harding
- Lillian Jackson
- Vivian Jackson

Please make your recommendations ASAP so the candidates' profiles can appear in the newsletter.



Mark your calendar: On October 18, 2009, You Can Make A Difference!

Join the "AKAs for a Cure" on Sunday, October 18, 2009, so you can be among the anticipated 30,000 people who will participate in the 2009 Komen Maryland Race for the Cure held in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Your participation will help support the Komen promise of saving lives and ending breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality for all and energizing science to find the cure.

Because early detection is the best protection for breast cancer, Komen Maryland provides grants with the funds you help raise that increase the number of women who have annual mammograms and clinical breast exam screenings. Komen grants also target the entire range of breast health services from transportation to appointments and financial support to clinical trials and national research to find a cure.

Please consider walking with the team and/or making a contribution to show your support. Our team's goal is to raise \$1,000 this year! Please encourage other Sorors, your family and friends to support our team's effort! To register as a member of "AKAs for a Cure" and/or make a donation toward the team's goal, please contact Michelle Byers.

For more information on Black women and breast cancer, visit www.BlackWomensHealth.ORG.



Happy Birthday, Sorors!



June 2

- Soror Vivian Holmes

June 3

- Soror Jewell Chambers

June 5

- Soror Helen Lee

June 8

- Soror Juanita Gates
- Soror Barbara Robinson

June 9

- Soror Elaine Conway

June 10

- Soror Elizabeth Craig
- Soror Lorraine Green

June 12

- Soror Gordine Blount
- Soror Rosalie Turpin

June 19

- Soror Martha Lancaster
- Soror Corinda Waters

June 20

- Soror N. Grace Coffey

June 21

- Soror Judith Smith
- Soror Carmen Queen-Hines

June 24

- Soror Janet Woolridge

June 26

- Soror Ivy Gates-Smith

June 27

- Soror M. Edwin Burke
- Soror Deneen Hamlin
- Soror Denise Hamlin-Glover
- Soror Evelyn McLeod
- Soror Pamela Rice

June 28

- Soror Esther Bailey

July 1

- Soror Michelle Byers

July 3

- Soror Yannika Crowell
- Soror Leslie Griffin

July 4

- Soror Ann Moore
- Soror Marguerite Quarles

July 7

- Soror Courtney Suggs

July 9

- Soror Sheila Bell

July

- Soror June I. King

July 11

- Soror Heloise Frazier

July 14

- Soror Anne Roberts
- Soror Patricia Scott

July 15

- Soror Doris Barclay
- Soror Angela Jones

July 17

- Soror A. Bernice Hunley
- Soror Edna Rich

July 18

- Soror Karen Miller

July 19

- Soror Geraldine Coleman

July 22

- Soror Mary Bethea

July 23

- Soror Geraldine Gates
- Soror Cecelia King

July 24

- Soror Sheena Williams

July 26

- Soror Rita Johnson

July 27

- Soror Alika Gillis Redd
- Soror Theresa Sisco
- Soror Laverne Turner

July 29

- Soror Ieesha Gillis

July 30

- Soror Wynola Cunningham

August 4

- Soror Ruby Coleman
- Soror Beverly Reid
- Soror Ann Young

August 5

- Soror Paulette Burgess

August 7

- Soror Catherine Stansbury

August 10

- Soror Nicole Johnson

August 12

- Soror Shirley Hill

August 13

- Soror Karen Foster

August 14

- Soror JoAnn Barber
- Soror Shirley Briscoe

August 15

- Soror Marion Patterson

August 16

- Soror Frances Parks

August 23

- Soror Lucretia Whitter

August 24

- Soror Vivian Jackson

August 25

- Soror Flossie Johnson

August 31

- Soror Alicia Alston

Sorors Support Victim's Fund



In April 2009, several Sorors participated in the Victim's Fund Walk/Run in Patterson Park. Thanks to the generous support of Sorors, Epsilon Omega donated \$113 to the fund.

Donations help maintain the emergency fund that is available to crime victims who need help covering the cost of victimization and meet the established criteria. The fund covers expenses such as broken windows and locks, replacement of identification cards and medical prescriptions.

For more information on the fund, please visit www.baltimorecity.gov.

Sorors Awarded at Leadership Recognition Program



On April 20, 2009, Johns Hopkins University held its annual Leadership Recognition Program. Congratulations to the following Sorors from the Xi Tau City Chapter on receiving the following awards (in picture l to r):

- Soror Evalina Ikpoh received the Owens, Hall and Bilgrave Award.
- Soror Jessica Turrall received the Exemplary Leadership Award and the Alexander K. Barton Cup.
- Soror Melissa Cross received the Dean of Student Life Achievement Awards.

Sick and Shut-In Sorors

Soror Anne Boone
3200 Howard Park Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Soror Gloria Carpenter
3407 Callaway Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Soror Juanita H. Gates
7121 Park Heights Avenue,
#210
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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

Soror Hermia Jordan
Future Care Cherrywood
22 Reisterstown Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21136

Soror Ruth Land
1190 W. Northern Pkwy,
#207
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Soror Chicora M. Lee
1300 E. 36th Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Soror Carolyn Peck
6802 Bonnie Ridge Drive,
#101
Baltimore, Maryland 21209

Soror Theresa Sisco
3052 Hunting Ridge Drive
Owings Mills, Maryland
21117

Along the Ivy Vine

- Congratulations to Soror Edna Rich for receiving the Teaching Excellence Award given at the 18th Annual Reginald F. Lewis High Recognition Ceremony held at Baltimore City Community College on April 22, 2009.
- The Courtesy Committee sent flowers and well wishes to the following Sorors: Anne Boone, Juanita Gates, Virginia Clark, Delores Jones, Hermia Jordan, Helen Lee, Carolyn Peck and Theresa Sisco.
- The Courtesy Committee also sent a good luck card to Gloria Smith and a congratulatory card to Edna Rich.

Please plan to attend the EO Foundation's Semi-Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 20, 2009. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

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Save-the-Date



- **Thursday, June 11, 2009**
Connections Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, June 13, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
Fun Day, 11 a.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, June 20, 2009**
Epsilon Omega Foundation Semi-Annual Meeting, 9:15 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting),
Ivy Family Support Center
- **July 11-19, 2009**
Leadership Conference, Anchorage, Alaska
- **Monday, August 3, 2009**
Along the Byline Scoop Sheets Due, Please Submit to Soror Shaletta D. Espie
- **Saturday, August 8, 2009**
Fantastic Voyage Card Party, 11 a.m., Ivy Family Support Center
Fantastic Voyage Evening Delight, 8 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, September 12, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center