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### Next Chapter Meeting

March 14, 2009

9:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

10 a.m.

Meeting

## A Diamond Diva is Crowned



Anytime, we gather to honor our Founders something magical happens. But, at this year's Founders' Day celebration, not only did something magical happen, something historical happened. Epsilon Omega crowned its first Diamond Diva, Corinda S. Walters.

Soror Corinda, 92, was initiated into the Alpha Delta Chapter at Morgan State University in 1934. At Morgan, she majored in Health Sciences and Physical Education. She taught for 42 years, first in the Baltimore City Public School System, then at Bowie, Coppin and Morgan State Universities after earning her Ph.D.



(l to r) Sorors Reona J. Thomas and Angela C. Gibson present Soror Corinda with a beautiful shawl.

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## Nellie Quander: An Alpha Kappa Alpha Pearl



Join Judge Rohulamin Quander as he discusses his book, *Nellie Quander, An Alpha Kappa Alpha Pearl (the Story of the Woman Who Saved an International Organization)*, on Saturday, March 14, 2009, 2 – 3:30 p.m. at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum (830 E. Pratt Street).

Nellie Quander was instrumental in the birth of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She authored the AKA constitution's preamble and served as Supreme Basileus, 1910-1919. Admission to the discussion is free with museum admission.

## 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 B. 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

## Message from Basileus

My Dear Sorors,

February was an extraordinary month for Epsilon Omega. During the month, we celebrated Black History, Founders' Day and Sisterly Love.

At the urging of our North Atlantic Regional Director Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates, I established an ad hoc Soror Relief Committee to assist members of our Chapter in critical and extenuating circumstances.

Little did we know that one of our own would need the action of the committee right away. Chaired by Soror Adrienne Stokes-Orange, we helped to provide financial assistance and items of necessity to our Soror Alika Gillis-Redd and her family who lost everything in a fire that displaced several residents in her apartment complex. Sorors, I am extremely proud of your generous donations to our Soror. Epsilon Omega Chapter doesn't do what is easy; we do what is necessary - "we help each other."

Secondly, I was humbled and honored to witness and crown our first Diamond Soror Corinda Stewart Waters, at our Founders' Day celebration. We congratulate Soror Corinda on this significant recognition. This was Epsilon Omega history in Black History month up close and personal. The Founders' Day speaker, Vic Carter, gave us a powerful message. Our worship service was hosted by our Soror Pastor Lisa Weah who provided a spiritual sermon on Sunday to complete our Founders' Day weekend. Congratulations to the Founders' Day Committee led by Sorors Jan W. Carter, Cecelia L. King and Sheila E. Tidline. Well done.

Sorors, welcome spring and Women's Herstory Month. We look forward to traveling to the NARC in NYC, AKA Night in Annapolis, An Afternoon of Jazz and our 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Eating Together Program

We're fine in 2009.

With Sisterly Love,

*Soror Angela*



By donating eyeglasses, you will provide glasses for the underprivileged and homeless population.

### Donate Unused Eyeglasses and Cell Phones at NARC

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Cluster III Community Service Project  
**Extraordinary Service Project**

Think **Pink** Speak **Green**  
Helping One Family at a Time



By donating cell phones, you will help women in domestic violence centers have access to emergency numbers.

## 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.

## Chapter News

### Basileus Congratulates Poetry Winner



(l to r) Mayor Sheila Dixon and Soror Angela C. Gibson congratulate Alexis Finnerty, a 6th-grader at Harlem Park Elementary and Middle School, for winning third prize in the Mayor's Poetry Contest at the "It Takes a Village" Black History Month Celebration. Soror Angela presented the young winner with a \$100 savings bond

### Xi Tau City Chapter Members Attend NARC Leadership Conference



(l to r) Sorors Lindsay Bynum, Jessica Turrall and Lena Mitchell with North Atlantic Regional Director Evelyn Sample-Oates

### Congratulations to Our New Diamond, Golden and Silver Sorors



#### Diamond

Corinda S. Waters

#### Golden

Jo-Ann N. Batie-Smith

Beverly Givens Reid

Shirley N. Stills

#### Silver

Alicia M. Alston

Mary M. Bethea

LaJerne T. Cornish

Kathy F. Crosby

Geraldine S. Curry

Helen E. Dupree

Margaret B. Friend

Doris M.P. Holmes

Sara W. Jerkins

Lillie N. Myers

Clarissa G. Price

Tonja L. Ringgold

Barbara A. Robinson

Sheila E. Tidline

Mary D. Ward

Janet K. Williams

**Congratulations to Michelle Byers, Crystal Cotten-Faison, Lisa Foust, Angela C. Gibson, Tonja L. Ringgold and Sheila E. Tidline for being selected to participate in the 2009 Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy!**

## Scoop Sheet

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no electronic scoop sheets will be accepted via e-mail later than **Monday, March 16, 2009**. Please e-mail your scoop sheet to Soror Shaletta D. Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com.

News for "Along the Ivy Vine" is greatly appreciated. Please let me know about any awards received, promotions, family additions, marriages, graduations, etc. Photos are also appreciated.

Thank you!

# Announcements and Tidbits

## Eating Together Program Set to Celebrate Anniversary

On Wednesday, March 18, 2009, the Eating Together Program will celebrate its 8th anniversary at the Spring Fling 2009 at the Ivy Family Support Center, 12 noon - 3 p.m. The event will feature a fashion show, entertainment, dancing, lunch, door prizes, fellowship and much, much more.

If you are interested in modeling in the fashion show, please contact Sorors Elizabeth P. Dyett and Catherine P. Stansbury. Sorors are also asked to donate gifts for door prizes. Please give your donations to Anne Roberts or bring them to the Ivy Center on Mondays or Wednesdays.

Tickets are \$10. To purchase, contact Sorors Anne Roberts, LaVerne A. Turner, Lillye M. Wells and Wynola W. Cunningham.

## AKA Night in Annapolis

AKA Night In Annapolis is Thursday, March 12, 6 - 8 p.m. A bus will leave the Ivy Family Support Center at 4:30 p.m. The cost to travel on the bus is \$10. Please contact Soror Karenthia A. Barber at 410-366-1355 to reserve your seat. Sorors are encouraged to wear pink and green.

## Chapter Web site: What Are Your Thoughts?

The Technology Committee is soliciting comments on the development of the Chapter's Web site. Please send your ideas and thoughts to Soror Carmen T. Maxwell at [ctmaxwell@msn.com](mailto:ctmaxwell@msn.com).

## Keep Our Sorors in Your Prayers!

- Soror Gloria J. Carpenter broke her foot.
- Soror Marlene Greer-Chase is back in the hospital.

- Soror Gloria B. Jones is recovering from surgery.

**Congratulations to the 2009 Founders' Day Committee for planning an outstanding and memorable event!**

## Foundation News

### Get Your Tickets to the Afternoon of Jazz; Last Day Saturday, March 14

The Epsilon Omega Foundation will present, *An Afternoon of Jazz*, on Sunday, March 15, 2009, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., at the Ivy Family Support Center.

Tickets are \$40. The last day to purchase tickets will be Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Chapter meeting. Please contact Soror Isabella Branch-Brown about purchasing tickets at 410-922-1002.

### Save-the-Date; Get Ready to Ride!

On Saturday, August 8, 2009, come along and ride on our fantastic card party voyage. More info. to come!

### Scholarship Applications Available

The 2009 Epsilon Omega Foundation scholarship applications will be available at the March 2009 Chapter meeting. If you know an eligible graduating high school senior, please complete the application by Friday March 20, 2009 and return it to Soror Shirley T. Hill.

The next meeting of the Scholarship Committee is Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Ivy Family Support Center. The committee welcomes new members!

Please Don't Forget to Wear Your Name Badge at Chapter Meetings.

## Along the Ivy Vine

### Soror Graces the Front Page of Baltimore Sun



If you opened the Baltimore Sun a day after President Barack Obama's historic visit to Baltimore, then you saw one of our precious pearls gracing the front page, Soror Caprisa Hooper.

### Soror Honored by Leadership Maryland



*Soror Karenthia A. Barber (right) with Leadership Maryland board members at a reception honoring program participants*

Soror Karenthia A. Barber, president of Professional Development Associates, LLC, recently completed an eight-month leadership development program sponsored by Leadership Maryland.

Congratulations, Soror Karenthia!

# Founder's Day 2009



*New Golden Sorors (1 to r) Beverly Givens Reid, Jo-Ann N. Batie-Smith and Shirley N. Stills smile for the camera at Founders' Day 2009*



*New Silver Sorors pose for a group photo at Founders' Day 2009, "Celebrating Sisterhood in Time of Change," at Martin's Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley, Maryland*



*The Founders' Day 2009 Committee, chaired by Jan Wood Carter and co-chaired by Cecelia L. King and Sheila E. Tidline*



*Founders' Day 2009 Keynote Speaker Vic Carter, WJZ-TV News Anchor, with (1 to r) Delegate Barbara A. Robinson, Baltimore City Comptroller The Honorable Joan Pratt and Baltimore City Council President Stephanie Rawlings-Blake*



*(1 to r) Sorors Maryellen Smackum, Gwendolyn E. Brown, Annamaria B. Joyner and Elvenia Hopkins enjoy the Founders' Day 2009 program*



*Sorors gather before the start of the Founders' Day 2009 worship service at the New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Baltimore*

## Happy Birthday, Sorors!



### March 2

- Soror Delores G. Jones

### March 3

- Soror Martha A. Thomas

### March 6

- Soror Margaret B. Friend
- Soror Nicole James

### March 8

- Soror Ashley Johnson
- Soror Lois D. Knight-Harrison

### March 10

- Soror Thelma G. Clardy

### March 11

- Soror Joi M. Carter
- Soror Cynthia G. Porter

### March 12

- Soror Janis Wiggins

### March 13

- Soror Cherisse Cruickshank

### March 15

- Soror Tamara Hill

### March 16

- Soror Erma K. DeBeal

### March 17

- Soror Stephanie R. Blake

### March 18

- Soror Robin Y. Kane-Prater

### March 19

- Soror Tanya Rucker

### March 21

- Soror Angela C. Gibson
- Soror Emma J. Hamlin

### March 22

- Soror Erica M. Waters

### March 23

- Soror Crystal Watkins Johansson

### March 25

- Soror Patricia Sparrow

### March 26

- Soror T. Joan Robinson

### March 31

- Soror Chicora M. Lee

## Directory Update

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Soror April Randall  
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Soror Alika G. Redd  
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Parkville, Maryland 21234

Soror T. Joan Robinson  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21237

Soror Janice H. Wilcox  
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Soror Sheena Williams  
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Baltimore, Maryland 21206

**Please submit any changes to your address, e-mail address and phone number to Soror Virginia B. Vauls at [vir-vauls@msn.com](mailto:vir-vauls@msn.com) or 8004 Township Drive, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 so that your information can be printed correctly in the upcoming Directory.**

## Along the Ivy Vine

### Soror Support is Appreciated!

As you may have heard, the roof of the apartment building next to Soror Alika Redd's building caught on fire in the middle of the night on February 5, 2009. The fire eventually spread to Soror Redd's building and both were deemed unlivable. By the grace of God, everyone was able to evacuate both buildings without any major harm. However, the Redd Family (Isaac, Alika, Arriq and Asiah) were only able to recover clothing and a dining set.

Soror Redd is currently seeking new bedroom furniture for her 6-year-old son, Arriq, her 9 ½-month-old daughter, Asiah, and her and her husband, Isaac. Other items that the family is in need of are: living room furniture and electronic devices, such as televisions, DVD players, etc.

If you would like to make a donation, please send them to: The Redd Family, 6-A Rockingham Court, Parkville, Maryland 21234. The family also sends the following message to the Sorors of Epsilon Omega: "Sorors, thank you very much for being a blessing to our family with your generous donations. Our family is very grateful for all of the love and financial support that has been extended to us in our time of need. May God continue to bless each and every one of you!"

*Celebrating Young Women Soaring to Greatness*  
*Sunday, April 25, 2009*

**SOUVENIR JOURNAL CONTRACT**

Please place my advertisement in the Souvenir Journal for the *Celebrating Young Women Soaring to Greatness* event sponsored by the Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc., and Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Payment is enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, which corresponds to the advertisement size listed below.

<b>Name of Honoree:</b>	
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Please Select an Advertisement Size:	Price:	With Photo:
<input type="radio"/> Full-page	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<input type="radio"/> Half-page	<b>\$ 70</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>
<input type="radio"/> Quarter-page	<b>\$ 50</b>	<b>\$ 65</b>
<input type="radio"/> Eighth-page	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
<input type="radio"/> Business Card	<b>\$ 25</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
<input type="radio"/> Patron	<b>\$ 5</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Please attach a camera-ready advertisement or a business card to this form. Handwritten ads will not be accepted. Make checks or money orders payable to *Epsilon Omega Foundation*. Returned checks will assess a fee. This form must accompany each advertisement. **Submission Deadline: Tuesday, March 31, 2009**



**Sick and Shut-In Sorors**

Soror Etheline Barland  
 1 Hamill Court, #23  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21210

Soror Marlene Greer-Chase  
 9735 Sherwood Farm Road  
 Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

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

Soror Anne Boone  
 3200 Howard Park Avenue  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21207

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

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

Soror Gloria Carpenter  
 3407 Callaway Avenue  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21215

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

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

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

Soror Corinda currently resides in Cambridge, Maryland and is the caregiver of a 98-year-old family friend and a 100-year-old aunt. Stay tuned for more about our Diamond Diva in the April 2008 *Along the Byline*.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Epsilon Omega Chapter  
P.O. Box 67006  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0005

## Save-the-Date

- **Saturday, March 14, 2009**  
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Start Time), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Sunday, March 15, 2009**  
Afternoon of Jazz, 4 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center, Tickets \$40, Contact Soror Isabella Branch-Brown
- **Monday, March 16, 2009**  
*Along the Byline* Scoop Sheets Due, Please Submit to Soror Shaletta Espie
- **Monday, March 23, 2009**  
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **April 1-5, 2009**  
North Atlantic Regional Conference; Epsilon Omega Bus Leaves **Thursday, April 2, 2009**, 8 a.m.; Returns on **Sunday, April 5, 2009**, 2 p.m.
- **Monday, April 6, 2009**  
Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, April 11, 2009**  
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Start Time), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, April 13, 2009**  
*Along the Byline* Scoop Sheets Due, Please Submit to Soror Shaletta Espie
- **Saturday, April 25, 2009**  
Celebrating Young Women Soaring for Greatness Gala
- **Monday, April 27, 2009**  
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center

