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Next Chapter Meeting

March 13, 2010

9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

10 a.m.
Meeting



Message from the Basileus

Greetings Sorors,

Welcome Spring! I hope that you faired well after the blizzard of all blizzards. Despite the snow, we were able to move forward with our February activities.

Congratulations to our newly installed Mayor, Soror Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Sorors Jerrelle Francois and Maxine Wood who were reappointed and sworn in to serve on the Baltimore City School Board and our Chapter Awardees Sorors Edith Gordon, Elizabeth Craig and Reona Thomas.

We also congratulate Dr. Charles Simmons as our Community Awardee. We also congratulate Soror Karenthia Barber who was selected to serve on the Transition Committee for Mayor Rawlings-Blake.

Founders' Day was a triple treat—honoring our Founders, awarding our Sorors and presenting our history book. Our Diamond Diva, Soror Corinda Waters, was as lovely as ever as she graced us with her presence. Congratulations to the committee chairs and members who made the day possible. We worshiped at City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church and was warmly welcomed and received with a message on “Black love.”

This month, our delegates will travel to the North Atlantic Regional Conference in Oxon Hill, Maryland. Please try to attend the public meeting on Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., where the Regional Director will honor our Mayor with an award. At this conference, we will also be voting on a new Regional Director and recommendations for changes to our constitution and bylaws. See you there!

Sisterly love,

Soror Angela

Epsilon Omega Joins Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. In Mourning the Passing of Our 26th International Supreme Basileus Linda Marie White



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We Celebrate the Life and Legacy

of a Great International Leader.

Epsilon Omega Executive Committee

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Soror Angela C. Gibson

Anti-Basileus (Program)

Soror E. Francine Stokes McElveen

Anti-Basileus (Operations)

Soror Joann R. Barber

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Soror Francina C. Spencer

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Soror Jan W. Carter

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Soror Barbara Y. Howard

Epistoleus

Soror Michelle A. Byers

Philacter

Soror Emma J. Hamlin

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Soror Rita S. Johnson

Hodegos

Soror Tonja Ringgold

Ivy Leaf Reporter

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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 Cecelia Carroll

Soror Odessa Dorkins

Soror Reather F. Green

Soror Edna Y. Rich

Foundation President

Soror Cheryl L. Frazier

Immediate Former Basileus

Soror Cheryl L. Frazier

Along the Ivy Vine

Congratulations to Soror Taryn Dorsey on the Birth of Her Son



Congratulations to Soror Taryn Green-Dorsey and her husband, Christopher L. Dorsey Sr., who welcomed their son, Christopher L. Dorsey Jr. (CJ), on Friday, February 26, 2010. CJ, who was born at Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, Maryland, is the first grandchild of Soror Ramona Green, first great-grandchild of Soror Anne Roberts and first grand-nephew of Soror Paula Tolson.

Congratulations to Sorors Maxine Wood and Jerrelle Francois

Both were sworn in as members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners on Wednesday, February 24, 2010



Special Thanks from Soror Elizabeth Craig—Edna Over Campbell Second Mile Award Winner



Whenever one is recognized for an achievement or accomplishment, the feeling that accompanies it is difficult to describe. To receive this prestigious award has me still searching for appropriate expression of gratitude and appreciation.

Thank you for your caring, loving ways and your encouragement.

Scoop Sheet Deadline

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no scoop sheets will be accepted later than **Monday, March 15, 2010**. Please return your scoop sheet to Soror Shaletta Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 5717 Willowton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21239.



ENCOURAGING OUR SONS TO READ

National Tour Focused on Increasing
Literacy With The African American Community

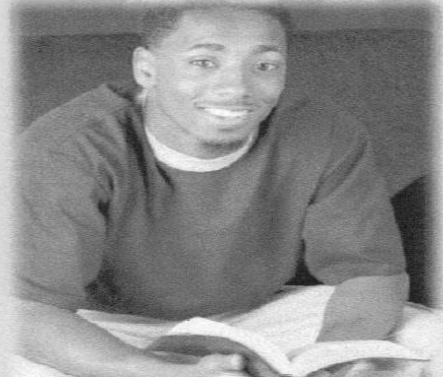
Moderator
Rev. Heber Brown

Craig Thompson, ESQ. author of *The ABCs of Black History & The ABCs of Black Inventors: A Children's Guide*

LaMarr Shields- author of *101 Things Every Boy of Color Should Know*

David Miller- author of *Raising Him Alone & Mama Used To Say*

Patrick M. Oliver- author of *Turn the Pages and You Don't Stop*



Saturday, March 20, 2010
1:00—3:00 p.m.
Ivy Family Support Center
3515 Dolfield Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland
(Off of Coldspring Lane)

Book Signing and Giveaway
Following Discussion

Great for Entire Family
For More Information Visit
www.UrbanYouth.Org
or call 410-467-1605

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2010 Pink and Green Gala

Dinner • Dancing • Music • Fun



**Donations
Accepted
Beginning at
March
Chapter
Meeting**



**Saturday,
June 19, 2010
8 p.m.—12 a.m.
Martin's West
Donation—\$100**



**Open to the
Public**



Announcements

Spare Some Change

The History Committee will make its final collection of change at the March Chapter meeting to benefit the House of Ruth.

Volunteers Needed

The Eating Together Program needs culinary service volunteers. For more information, please contact Soror Wynola Cunningham.

AKA Night In Annapolis

AKA Night in Annapolis will be Thursday, March 11, 2010. The bus will leave the Ivy Center at 4:30 p.m.

Join the Fight—Support Our Black Farmers

Justice delayed is justice denied. That saying takes on special meaning for the 80,000-90,000 Black farmers who were discriminated against by the United States Department of Agriculture and are still owed compensation for the wrongs inflicted upon them.

President Obama's 2011 budget proposal includes \$1.2 billion in settlement monies for the Black agrarians. However, this case remains unsettled despite a notification by the Justice Department to the White House that a settlement is near. Meanwhile, the Black farmers continue to be victimized by an unjust system that fails to compensate them for their losses.

Join our Black farmers in this fight by contacting our senators to insist that they press for release of monies that will finally settle this debt to the Black farmers. You can contact Senator Barbara Mikulski at 410-962-4510 or Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 and Senator Ben Cardin at 410-962-4436 or Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Chapter News

Epsilon Omega Sorors Attend Metropolitan Founders' Day on Saturday, January 24, 2010



Epsilon Omega Founders' Day Celebration— Special Thanks from Soror Edith Gordon—Vivian Johnson Cook Award Winner



In the spirit of appreciation and grace, I recall and remember all these women who smiled at, praised, encouraged and motivated me, and sometimes, admonished, corrected and criticized me along the way.

Where are those women now? Where are the ones who embraced and cared about me, as well as considered my feelings when I evidenced unknowing? Where are they who patiently shared sorority ways, guided me forward, showed me the way and allowed me to imitate, emulate and copy them as I learned? Who continues that legacy?

The women of Epsilon Omega—that's who! The young and younger, the senior and mature and the experience and inexperienced. The spirit of "we have each other" is alive and practiced by the soror-sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Thank you for your congratulations! I will always treasure them.

Happy Birthday!



March 2

- Soror Delores Jones

March 3

- Soror Martha Thomas

March 6

- Soror Margaret Friend

March 8

- Soror Lois Knight-Harrison
- Soror Charlotte Harper

March 10

- Soror Thelma Clardy

March 11

- Soror Joi Carter

March 12

- Soror Janis Wiggins

March 15

- Soror Tamara Hill

March 16

- Soror Erma DeBeal

March 18

- Soror Robin Kane-Prater

March 21

- Soror Angela Gibson
- Soror Emma Hamlin

March 22

- Soror Erica Waters

March 25

- Soror Patricia Sparrow

March 26

- Soror T. Joan Robinson



Celebrate Women's History Month



In celebration of Women's History Month in March 2010, the History Committee will present, "Writing Women Back into History," at our March 13, 2010, Chapter Meeting.

The Committee will focus on the accomplishments of Soror Vivian Carter Mason, the first Basileus of Epsilon

Omega Chapter and the third North Atlantic Regional Director.

The committee will display the achievements of our Epsilon Omega Sorors by recognizing their community and sorority service.



Census 2010 It's In Our Hands

Look for Your Forms in the Mail in Mid-March!

It's so important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like:

- Hospitals
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior centers
- Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- Emergency services

Chapter Song

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 pur-
pose, United in spirit we
stand.
Epsilon Omega, The best
in the land.

Enthusiastically Serving Pediatrics

The North Atlantic Region is reaching out to 2,010 families of children in need of Extra Special Pediatric care at Children's National Medical Center



Children's National Medical Center (CNMC), the only exclusive provider of pediatric care in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area for the last 130 years is a proven leader in the development and application of innovative new treatments for childhood illness and injury. CNMC, ranked among the top Children's Hospitals in America by U.S. News and World Report, has a nationally and internationally recognized staff of pediatric healthcare professionals.

Children's National Medical Center, one main hospital and many regional outpatient centers, delivers sophisticated care to thousands of families throughout the region, around the world, and in neighborhoods in the North Atlantic Region including:



- Children's National Medical Center - Main Hospital, Washington, DC
- Children's Outpatient Center - Annapolis, MD
- Children's Outpatient Center - Laurel, MD
- Children's Outpatient Center - Spring Valley, Washington, DC
- Children's Outpatient Center - Upper Marlboro, MD
- Children's Outpatient Center - Rockville, MD
- Children's Outpatient Center - Northern Virginia, Fairfax, VA

Due to the unique and innovative treatment offered by CNMC, there are a number of families who spend a great portion of the year as CNMC hospital residents. These families often experience a drastic change in their normal everyday routines as well as their financial resources. The families and patients depend on support from organizations like Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The North Atlantic Region has a goal to reach out to 2,010 families during their time of need. Sorors and Chapters are asked to **bring the following items to the 2010 North Atlantic Regional Conference:**

- **E**ssential items: new children undergarments (for children of all ages and sizes, newborn through XXL)
- **S**tored value cards: phone cards, retail and grocery store gift cards (i.e. Giant, Safeway, Walmart, Target)
- **P**ersonal care kits: toothbrush; toothpaste; shave cream; razors; soap; deodorant; small bottles of hand lotion, shampoo, conditioner

Project Coordinators:

Soror Melvenia Wright (queaka@verizon.net) & Soror Lezell Murphy (LWMurAKA@hotmail.com)

All items will be donated to Children's National Medical Center

Stored value cards (gift cards) may also be mailed to: 2010 NARC • P.O. Box 366 • Oxon Hill, Maryland 20750
(*MUST be postmarked by Friday, March 12, 2010*)



Office of The State's Attorney For Baltimore City 10th Annual Victims' 5k Fund Run/Walk And 1 Mile Walk

Saturday, April 17, 2010- Patterson Park 9:00 A.M.
2601 E. Baltimore Street (RAIN OR SHINE)

PURPOSE: To maintain the emergency fund that is available to crime victims who need help in covering the cost of victimization and meet the established criteria. Funds will cover expenses such as broken windows and locks, replacement of identification cards and medical prescriptions.

ENTRY FEE: Pre-registration \$20.00 by April 16th. Day of Race \$25.00
Deadline for online registration April 14th
T-Shirt included with registration for first 400 entrants.
Not responsible for mailed registrations post marked after April 16th.

REGISTRATION: 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. (Race starts at 9:00 a.m.)
Register on line at www.charmcityrun.com

GATHERING PLACE: Patterson Park Recreation Center – 2601 E. Baltimore Street

POST-RACE ACTIVITIES: Refreshments for all runners and walkers; cash awards to top three male and female overall finishers; prizes to top three male and female winners in each age group division and random prizes for all participants. Charm City Run will provide finish line timing and race scoring. Complete race results will be posted on the internet at www.charmcityrun.com.

For more information, call: 410-396-1897
Fax: 410-545-1911
E-Mail mail@stattomey.org

No headphones, baby joggers, skates bicycles, or pets allowed on the course

This course is handicap accessible.

Your Thoughts and Prayers

Please Whisper a Prayer for Soror Alice Quarles

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Richard Quarles, husband of Soror Alice Quarles.

Richard (Cups) of Randallstown, Maryland, was the beloved husband of Alice, dear father of Kim and her husband Omar, Michael, Toni, Kevin, Kimberley and her husband Corvelli and John, devoted grandfather of Justin and nine other grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Soror Alice at 9711 Winands Road, Randallstown, Maryland 21133.

Share Your AKA Photos Online



Share your photos of Chapter activities and events online in a special photo album. Visit www.akaepsilonomega.shutterfly.com to upload your photos directly to the site or e-mail them to Soror Cylia Lowe at cylialoweessq@gmail.com. Please remember to include captions.

Committee Sign-Up Form

Please Complete and Return to Soror Joann R. Barber or Soror E. Francine Stokes-McElveen.

Name:	
Address:	
City, State and Zip:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail:	

(Please Check) I'd like to volunteer to serve on the following:

<p><u>Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> AKA Connection <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts <input type="checkbox"/> Eating Together <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Founders' Day <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Family Living <input type="checkbox"/> History <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Activity <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Chapters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Salute to Outstanding Young Women <p><u>Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Archives <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Awards <input type="checkbox"/> Bylaws <input type="checkbox"/> Courtesy <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Nominating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Protocol <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations/Publicity (Newsletter) <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Standards <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Music <input type="checkbox"/> Inspirational Opening
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Epsilon Omega AKAs for the Cure

It's time to sign up and register for the 2010 Susan G. Komen Race For The Cure!

This year, our team name is "Epsilon Omega AKAs For The Cure," so that all will know that the Sorors of Epsilon Omega Chapter are concerned about the fight to help find a cure for breast cancer. Please consider joining the team for this very worthy cause.

This year's walk will be held on Sun-

day, October 3, in Hunt Valley, MD.

Even if you're not able to walk with us this year, please consider making an individual donation of any amount, and please encourage as many people as you can to make a contribution. Visit www.komrnm.org to join team Epsilon Omega AKAs For The Cure!



Sisterly Yours Group Hostess Schedule

March 2010

Group 10

Soror Margaret Shipley
Soror Gwen Statham

April 2010

Group 1

Soror Jan Carter
Soror Lillian Jackson

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

Save the Date



- **Thursday, March 11, 2010**
AKA Night in Annapolis, Annapolis, Maryland, Bus Leaves Ivy Family Support Center at 4:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 13, 2010**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, March 22, 2010**
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **March 24-28, 2010**
North Atlantic Regional Conference, The Gaylord , National Harbor, Maryland
- **Monday, April 5, 2010**
Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, April 10, 2010**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, April 26, 2010**
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, May 3, 2010**
Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, May 8, 2010**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, May 24, 2010**
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Sunday, June 13, 2010**
Cluster 1 Picnic, More Information TBA
- **July 9-16, 2010**
Biennial International Boule, St. Louis, Missouri