



**Inside this issue:**

Chapter Song	2
Happy Mother's Day	3
Chapter News	4
Foundation News	4
Announcements and Tidbits	5
Happy Birthdays!	6
Along the Ivy Vine	7

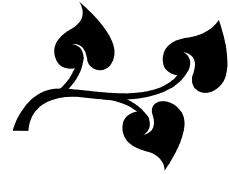
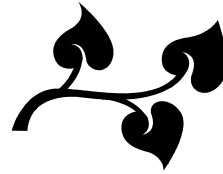
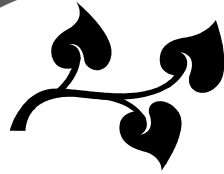
**Next Chapter Meeting**

May 9, 2009

No Continental Breakfast Served Prior to Meeting

10 a.m. Meeting

11:30 a.m. Portrait Unveiling of Former Basileus Gilda Garrett—Repast Following



## Message from the Basileus

Greetings My Dear Sorors:

During this past month, over 75 Sorors travelled to New York City for the 78th North Atlantic Regional Conference. We were represented at plenary sessions, workshops and institutes and obtained and exchanged exciting sorority program information and updates.

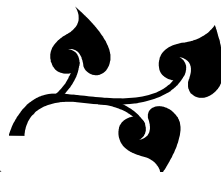
The Supreme Basileus was in attendance along with several former Supremes. The highlight for Epsilon Omega Chapter and me was the recognition of our Diamond Soror Corinda S. Waters who was recognized along with two other 75-year Sorors at the Soror Recognition Luncheon. Though Soror Corinda was not physically present, we obtained her recognition from the Regional.

Congratulations to our new Golden and Silver Sorors. We received recognition as a platinum sponsor for EAF, three heartbeats for membership (75 percent retention) and Soror Lois Knight Harrison was recognized as Undergrad Advisor of the Year for the 4th time. Congratulations on a job well done. You will learn more about the Regional from the Delegate reports.

Sorors, we need your ideas and input through your work on committees. You may still sign up or join a committee at any time. Program is the heart of Alpha Kappa Alpha, and you are the heart of Epsilon Omega.

Many Sorors also attended the lecture by our Soror President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf at Goucher College. Soror LaJerne Cornish was extraordinary in her introduction of President Sirleaf. I was able to present Soror Sirleaf with a dozen pink roses and have a photo taken. This was truly a special occasion.

Continued on Page 3



## 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.

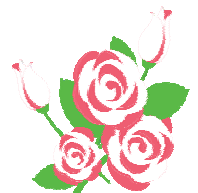
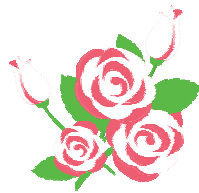
II

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  
before 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.

## Happy Mother's Day, Sorors!



A mother's eyes so often shine with laughter, joy or tears,  
And with the pride of seeing children,  
Blossom through the years.

A mother's lips give kisses, cautions, praise and good advice.  
She shares her faith and values,  
Through hard work and sacrifice.

A mother's hands are busy trying to meet her children's needs,  
But quick to give applause whenever one of them succeeds.

Throughout her children's lives, a mother plays a vital part.  
She is their shining star, their inspiration and their heart.

Even if, you have no children to call your own,  
You have sacrificed, praised and loved,  
And, you deserve a Happy Mother's Day,  
Just like they were own.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Message from the Basileus Continued

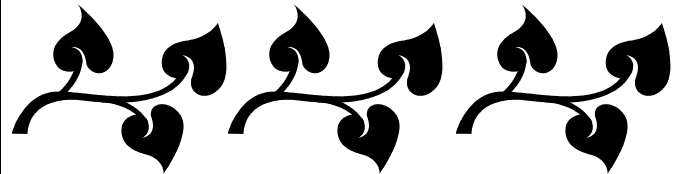
Thank you for your sign up for the 2010 Regional Conference. We are now being asked to participate in the Joint Founders' Day by Cluster I. Epsilon Omega is charged with finding a speaker in addition to working on a committee. If you have suggestions, please let me know right away. The speaker must be a Soror as this is a closed activity. The Joint Founders' Day will be in January 2010 and held at BWI Airport.

Happy Mother's Day to all, whether you are a mother, grandmother, aunt, foster mother, cousin or a female giving love and care to our children.

*Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She opened her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth no the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellent them all. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.*

Proverbs 31: 10, 25-31

Sisterly,  
Soror Angela C. Gibson



## Scoop Sheet

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no electronic scoop sheets will be accepted later than **Monday, June 15, 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 Soror Cecelia L. Carroll and Soror Elizabeth E. Craig, who assist with the publication and distribution of the newsletter each month.

## Chapter News

### Our Soror, Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Visits Baltimore



Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Among the vibrant colors of green, yellow, orange and red that represent the rich heritage of Africa were ribbons of pink and green, as dozens of Epsilon Omega Sorors helped fill Kraushaar Auditorium at Goucher College on April 16, 2009, to witness the coming of a highly celebrated member of their beloved sorority – Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Soror LaJerne Cornish, Epsilon Omega's education committee chair and assistant professor of education at Goucher, received the honor of introducing Soror Sirleaf and wasted no time reciting the president's long list of achievements and her membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Known as the "Iron Lady," Soror Sirleaf emerged from behind curtains and took center stage as the audience applauded her stature as the first freely elected female head of state in Africa

and she cheered her connection to the world's first African American sorority.



Soror LaJerne Cornish

After surviving a 14-year civil war and a government riddled with corruption, Liberia was ready for change. And, on January 16, 2006, the people of Liberia inaugurated Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as president. Having won a hotly contested election with the overwhelming support of women across Liberia, Sirleaf now faces the daunting task of lifting her country from debt and devastation.

At Goucher, she discussed the power of women, the economic state of her country, Liberia's natural resources and her imprisonment as a political refugee. She speaks of these experiences and others in her new book, *This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Female President*.

"The day I was elected, the world unrepresented the power of women," Sirleaf said. "We are great. The women's movement has brought about both positive and negative change in all aspects including politics, but it has also

redefined what role women have in society and the world in general. And, it shows we can have any role."

### And, The Winner Is...



Many thanks to all Sorors who helped make the Spring Fling 2009 a huge success. This year's raffle gift was a beautiful black hat donated by the Michael Andre' Boutique. The lucky raffle ticket number is 179794. As indicated, you did not have to be present at the drawing held at the April 2009 Chapter meeting to claim the prize. If you are the winner, please contact Soror LaVerne Turner to arrange pick up of the hat.

## Foundation News

### Semi-Annual Foundation Meeting

Epsilon Omega Foundation will hold its semi-annual foundation meeting on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at the Ivy Family Support Center. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:15 a.m. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. All members of the foundation are invited to attend.

## Announcements and Tidbits

### Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Sorors of Intake April 18, 1994

Doris K. Barclay  
Sheila Bell  
Lucy Berry  
Deidra N. Bishop  
Joanne C. Bryant Carpenter  
Jean A. Creek  
Glenda B. Cross  
Michelle Cypress  
Trebbe S. Dickerson  
Odessa D. Dorkins  
Ellyne Brown Downs  
Donna Fields  
Angela C. Gibson  
Giovanna Hughes  
Bernardine Johnson  
Shelly Mitchell Jones  
Evelyn C. McLeod  
Elizabeth Grant Mack  
Sayyida S. Martin  
Marjorie Miles  
Monzella S. Owings  
Malika Jackson Perry  
Ernestine H. Press  
Florence Blair Rainey  
Faye Renwick\*\*  
Cheryl Robinson  
Florine Robinson  
Patricia A. Scott  
MaryEllen Smackum  
Erica M. Waters

\*\*Ivy Beyond the Wall

#### Unveiling of the Portrait

At the conclusion of our May 2009 Chapter meeting, we will have a program to unveil the portrait of Soror Gilda J. Garrett, the 19<sup>th</sup> Basileus of Epsilon Omega Chapter.

We will not have a continental breakfast that morning. We will have a repast following the unveiling. The unveiling program will begin at 11:30 a.m. Family and friends of Soror Gilda will be invited guests. All Sorors are invited to attend.

#### 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 planning committee is seeking volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please contact Soror Audrey M. Bennett.

#### Telephone Contact

The Basileus, Soror Angela C. Gibson, 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.

#### Directory Updates

- Soror Vivian Jackson has a new email address, vivianaljac@verizon.net.
- Soror Norma Scott has a new email address, fordneyscott@gmail.com.

#### Your Directory Listing

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

#### No Newsletter During Summer Vacation

The *Along the Byline* will not be published during July and August 2009.

### Thank You, Sorors!

Sorors of Epsilon Omega,

Your care and concern during the illness and passing of my sister and our Soror Nancy Louise Anderson truly warmed my heart. I sincerely appreciate the cards, calls, flowers and other expressions of love and sympathy (visits, stamps, monetary gifts, etc.). All of these things helped me and my family through this difficult time.

Our Golden Soror "Lou" left a strong legacy in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, which includes two sisters, two daughters, one granddaughter, five nieces and a host of cousins. May Soror Louise be at peace. May she live with God and on the way to judgment, may she hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Sincerely,  
Soror Ruth Payne Brown, Ph.D.

## Happy Birthday, Sorors!



### May 4

- Soror Helena H. Hairston

### May 5

- Soror Francine Z. Ashby
- Soror Sylvia L. Johnson

### May 7

- Soror Edmonia T. Yakes

### May 8

- Soror Clementine D. Carr

### May 10

- Soror Sara L. Jerkins

### May 11

- Soror June I. King

### May 12

- Soror Bernice J. Beard

### May 20

- Soror Virginia R. Clark
- Soror Annamaria B. Joyner
- Soror Celia Wright Brown

### May 24

- Soror Gloria J. Carpenter

### May 26

- Soror Crystal Cotton-Faison

### May 27

- Soror Lillye M. Wells
- Soror Tamara W. Greenhill

### May 28

- Soror Wilhelmina R. Greenhill

### May 29

- Soror Carolyn H. Cole

### Hooray for Ieesha!

Congratulations to Soror Ieesha Gillis who will graduate from the University of Maryland—Baltimore School of Law on May 15, 2009.

## Foundation News

### Flea Market Sale

Epsilon Omega Foundation Annual Spring Flea Market sale of new and nearly new items will be on May 9, 2009, immediately following the Chapter meeting. Please be prepared to “shop until you drop.”

### EOF Celebrates Young Women Soaring to Greatness at Special Dinner

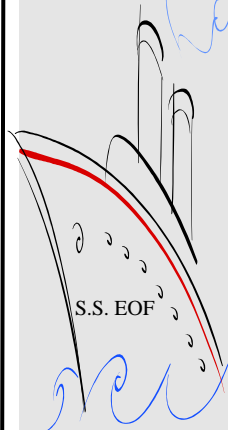


(L to R) Jessica Clowney, Anae Goodwin, Morgan Glaze and Kristina Makle

On April 25, 2009, the Epsilon Omega Foundation hosted the culminating event of the “Celebrating Young Women Soaring to Greatness” program. More than 100 people were in attendance at a special dinner to honor the six young ladies who completed a series of workshops on financial and time management and self-esteem to help prepare for their exit from high school to their entry into college.

Miss Clowney, Miss Glaze, Miss Goodwin and Miss Makle were showered with praises and gifts from their parents and Sorors. Two participants Jessica Conner and Jasmine Owens were not in attendance due to a debate competition, which they won.

Boarding Passes  
Available at  
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!

## 2010 Metropolitan Founders' Day Committee Sign-Up Form

Plans are underway for the 2010 Metropolitan Founders' Day in January 2010.  
Please sign up for committee(s) and submit suggestions for speakers by May 21, 2009 to Soror Angela C. Gibson.

<b>Name:</b>	
--------------	--

<b>Address:</b>	
-----------------	--

<b>Phone Number:</b>	
----------------------	--

<b>E-mail Address:</b>	
------------------------	--

Guest Speaker Suggestion(s): 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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

<input type="radio"/> Budget/Finance	<input type="radio"/> Hostesses	<input type="radio"/> Publicity
<input type="radio"/> Favors	<input type="radio"/> Logistics	<input type="radio"/> Rededication
<input type="radio"/> Flowers/Decorations	<input type="radio"/> Program	<input type="radio"/> Service Project—Day of Service
<input type="radio"/> Guest Speaker	<input type="radio"/> Protocol	<input type="radio"/> Souvenir Journal



<b>Sick and Shut-In Sorors</b>	<b>Along the Ivy Vine</b>	<b>Did You Know?</b>
<p>Soror Anne Boone 3200 Howard Park Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21207</p> <p>Soror Gloria Carpenter 3407 Callaway Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215</p> <p>Soror Virginia Clark 1206 Arunah Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21228</p> <p>Soror Juanita H. Gates 7121 Park Heights Avenue, #210 Baltimore, Maryland 21215</p> <p>Soror Gloria Jones 111 Hamlet Hill Road, #1310 Baltimore, Maryland 21210</p>	<p>Soror Hermia Jordan Future Care Cherrywood 22 Reisterstown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21136</p> <p>Soror Ruth Land 1190 W. Northern Pkwy, #207 Baltimore, Maryland 21210</p> <p>Soror Chicora M. Lee 1300 E. 36th Street Baltimore, Maryland 21218</p> <p>Soror Carolyn Peck 6802 Bonnie Ridge Drive, #101 Baltimore, Maryland 21209</p> <p>Soror Theresa Sisco 3052 Hunting Ridge Drive Owings Mills, Maryland 21117</p>	<p>Last summer's Alpha Kappa Alpha convention was one for the record books. Guinness World Records announced on April 16, 2009, that the July 17, 2008, meal for 16,206 sorority sisters at the Washington Convention Center was the largest sit-down dinner in the history of conventions. Who knew? It took 2,000 workers, three tons of beef and 1,800 gallons of pink lemonade to accommodate the ladies of pink and green. The meal shattered a 2001 record set in London for 11,483.</p>

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

## Save-the-Date



- **Saturday, May 9, 2009**  
10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center—No Continental Breakfast Served (Read More on Page 5)
- **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

- **Tuesday, June 2, 2009**  
Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center—No Meetings During July and August
- **Saturday, June 13, 2009**  
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center—No Meetings During July and August  
Fun Day, 11 a.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, June 15, 2009**  
*Along the Byline* Scoop Sheets Due, Please Submit to Soror Shaletta D. Espie—No Newsletters are Published During July and August
- **Saturday, June 20, 2009**  
Epsilon Omega Semi-Annual Meeting, 9:15 a.m. (Continental Breakfast) and 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center.
- **Monday, June 22, 2009**  
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Sunday, June 28, 2009**  
Cluster I Cook Out and Pool Party, Laurel, Maryland
- **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

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.