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# Next Chapter Meeting

May 8, 2010

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

> 10 a.m. Meeting



# Message from the Basileus

**Greetings Sorors:** 

Epsilon Omega is on the move!

We ask you to support our spring activities:

- Joint Chapters F.I.T.T. Health Fair on May 15
- AKA Night in City Hall on May 17
- Reception for Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake on May 20

When scheduling your June events, please plan to include:

- Chapter meeting with "Creations by Sorors" on June 12
- Pink and Green Gala on June 19
- Solidarity Boule Walk on June 26

At the conclusion of our June meeting, we will break for the summer. However, July is shaping into a busy month for us. Sorors will travel to St. Louis for the 64<sup>th</sup> Boule between July 10-16. I wish those attending a safe and happy trip!

The Cluster I Picnic is July 18 and the Annual Card Party is August 21. I hope all of you plan to attend! No rest for the weary, but it is because of our love for Alpha Kappa Alpha that we participate in all these worthwhile events!

I salute all the mothers (grandmothers, godmothers, mothers-to-be, aunts and all women—everywhere). Have a Blessed Mother's Day! And, congratulations to all the Sorors and their families who will celebrate graduations during the months of May and June.

Sisterly love,

Soror Angela

# Important Announcement

Kudos to all Sorors for your outstanding cooperation during our photo shoot following the April 2010 Chapter meeting!

Following the May 8, 2010, Chapter meeting, photos of the Standards Committee and Sisterly Yours Groups will be taken. **Please wear white or light-color clothing.** 

For more information, contact Soror Esther Bailey at 410-542-5731 or Soror Jean Owens at 410-466-6275.



# **Epsilon Omega Executive Committee**

### **Basileus**

Soror Angela C. Gibson

## **Anti-Basileus (Program)**

Soror E. Francine Stokes McElveen

# **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 Barbara Y. Howard

# **Epistoleus**

Soror Michelle A. Byers

#### Philacter

Soror Emma J. Hamlin

#### Anti-Philacter

Soror Rita S. Johnson

### **Hodegos**

Soror Tonja Ringgold

# **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 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

# **Chapter Song**

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

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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. П

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.



# Sick and Shut-In Sorors

Soror Anne Boone 3200 Howard Park Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21207

Soror Ellen Gonzales 3417 Edcrest Road Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Soror Delores Jones 9705 Tulsemere Road Baltimore, Maryland 21133

Soror Margaret Land 1190 W. Northern Parkway, #207 Baltimore, Maryland 21210 Soror Chicora Lee 1300 E. 36th Street Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Soror Ernestine Press 9050 Iron Horse Lane, #213 Pikesville, Maryland 21208

> Sorors, you are in our thoughts, and we're all hoping that you will enjoy better health again soon. Our prayers are with you—always!

# Scoop Sheet Deadline

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no scoop sheets will be accepted later than **Monday**, **May 10**, **2010**. Please return your scoop sheet to Soror Shaletta Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 5717 Willowton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21239.

# "THE ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SOLIDARITY WALK"

# FOR

# Emotional, Spiritual & Physical Healing MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN NOW!

The "Alpha Kappa Alpha Solidarity Walk" will occur simultaneously around the world on Saturday, June 26, 2010, wherever there is a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., The culmination of the Solidarity Walk initiative will conclude with a symbolic walk at the 2010 Boule in St. Louis, MO. PARTICIPANTS:

Sorors, Families, Friends, Supporters and Partners. Note: Chapters are encouraged to collaborate. DATE:

# Saturday, June 26, 2010

# TIME:

To be determined based on your time zone, bearing in mind that California starts at 8:00 A.M (Pacific Time). The Solidarity Walks will therefore begin as follows:

Pacific Daylight (PDT)	o begin d
Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) Central Daylight (CDT)	8:00 am
Lasiern Daylight Time (FDT)	9:00 am 10:00 am
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Coordinated Universal Time (UTC/GMT	5:00 pm Midnight

# DURATION:

A minimum of 2.10 miles are recommended

# ROUTE:

Chapters are to choose a route that theoretically would move towards the direction of St. Louis, MO

# **Announcements and Tidbits**

# Shirts!

There are several Epsilon Omega Chapter shirts that have not been picked up. If you paid for a shirt and have not made arrangements to pick it up, please see Soror Nicole Brown at the May 2010 Chapter meeting.

# Start Thinking about the Upcoming Chapter Elections

We are approaching the time that we must elect Chapter officers for 2011-2013. The following officers will be selected at our November 2010 Chapter meeting: Basileus, Anti-Basileus (Operations), Pecunious Grammateus, Ivy Leaf Reporter, Graduate Advisors, Philacter, Anti-Grammateus, Anti-Tamiouchos, 2 Members-At-Large and 5 Members to the Nominating Committee

Please consider running for an office. Names can be submitted to any member of Nominating Committee: Sorors Isabella Branch-Brown (chair), Esther Bailey, Ruth Brown, Barbara Burgess, Crystal Cotten-Faison, Geraldine Curry, Ramona Green, Barbara Harding and Vivian E. Jackson.

# **Boule Early Registration** Extended

After careful consideration of the financial impact you have had this year such as attending Regional Conference and severe economic conditions affecting our membership's financial health. Alpha Kappa Alpha is extending the regular registration deadline.

You can register at the fee of \$450 for graduate Sorors and \$225 for undergraduate Sorors until May 5, 2010.

For graduate Sorors who paid \$550 and undergraduate Sorors who paid later than June 1, 2010.

If you wish to use your credit to purchase additional tickets for events, please contact Soror Nicole Barrett at 773-371-4415 or by email at nbarrett@aka1908.com.

Sorors may register by visiting AKA1908.ORG and going to the Members Only section of the Web site.

# **News from Eating Together**

The Lyric Opera Company will visit the Eating Together seniors with a program called "Senior Tears." You are all welcome to come on May 26, 2010, at 12:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

# Plan to Visit the EΩ Flea Market

The Epsilon Omega Foundation Annual Spring Flea Market For Chapter members will be held immediately after our May 2010 Chapter meeting.

Our "Boutique Room" will have many new or nearly new items including pink and green evening wear and accessories on sale for the Gala.

# **Boule Volunteers Needed**

The North Atlantic Region Cluster I Coordinators are seeking volunteers to serve on the Boule Hospitality and Luncheon Committees.

If you are interested in serving, please email Soror Angela Gibson ASAP with your name, email address and cell number.

# **Showcase Your Talents in June**

At the June 2010 Chapter meeting, the Cultural Arts Committee will facilitate a "Creations by Sorors" exhibition. The purpose of the exhibition is to display the variety of creative talents of our members and provide an avenue

Don't Forget to Pick Up Your \$350, you will receive your refund no for Soror-to-Soror appreciation and communication.

> The items displayed will not be for sale at this showing. Featured items can be: abstract, computer and fine arts, literary works, crafts, culinary arts, needleworks, sewing, music compositions, ceramics, jewelry, clothing and hat designing, toy making, photography and collectibles.

> Please contact Sorors Agnes Edwards and Verna Jackson or any other member of the Cultural Arts Committee if you wish to have your work displayed in the exhibition.

# Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Fun and Games!

The NPHCMB Annual Greek Cookout is June 5, 2010, at Woodlawn Memorial Park, 2 p.m.- 8 p.m. The Hospitality Committee is seeking Cookout Committee Members to serve on the following crews: purchasing, setup/ breakdown, children activities, food serving, food prep, cleaning and activi-

If you are interested in serving, please see the NPHCMB  $E\Omega$  Coordinators, Sorors Marcia Martin, Cecelia Wright Brown and Cecelia Carroll.

# Night at City Hall

AKA Night at City Hall will be held on Monday, May 17, 2010, at 5 p.m. All Sorors are asked to wear pink and green and arrive to be seated by 4:45 p.m. Please RSVP to Soror Karenthia A. Barber at 410-366-1355.

# It's All About Family!

On Saturday June 5, 2010, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., the Connections Committee will host "Focus On The Family" at Westport Academy. Workshops will feature the following topics: etiquette, selfesteem, conflict management and communication.

# **SORORS, FAMILY, FUN AND GAMES!**



Sunday, July 18, 2010, 3 p.m.-6 p.m.

# Alpha Kappa Alpha North Atlantic Region Cluster 1 Barbeque

Russett Community Center 3500 Russett Common Laurel, Maryland 20724

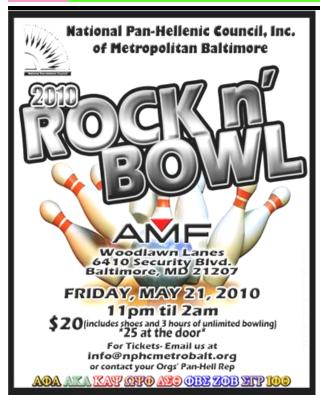
\$15 per Graduate Sorors \$10 per child (up to 12-years-old) and Undergraduate Sorors

We will accept Chapter checks, money orders and certified checks along with a list of names. Make all checks payable to:

Psi Epsilon Omega

Send to: P.O. Box 445, Laurel, Maryland 20725

Contact Person: Sorors Michelle or Wanda cluster1cookout@yahoo.com





# Foundation News



Pink & Green Gala Dates to Remember...

# Saturday, May 8, 2010– Sorority Chapter Meeting

All reserved tables for the Gala must be paid in full. Sorors who have not paid for their table will only have the five (5) seats initially paid for with the \$500 deposit. The remaining five (5) seats will be open for sale.

Friday, June 4, 2010—Final Payments are Due

All money is due for Gala seating.







# Come Along and Go On a Fantastic Voyage with the Epsilon Omega Foundation Cruise Line

Saturday, August 21, 2010 The Ivy Family Support Center 3515 Dolfield Avenue, 21215

Card Party & Luncheon 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

\*\*Vendors Door Prizes Mystery Gift Raffles\*\* Games: Spades, Sevens, BidWhist, Bridge, Bingo, Pinochle, Pokeno & More Luncheon Buffet

Tickets are now available. For ticket information, please contact:

Sylvia Johnson—410-664-6552 or Patricia Sparrow – 443-722-5420

Cheryl Fraizer, Admiral - Epsilon Omega Foundation Cruise Line Carol Robinson & Patricia A. Sparrow, Co-Captains

# **Foundation News**



# Calling All Sorors of Epsilon Omega!

Please support the E $\Omega$  Foundation Card Party August 21, 2010, 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Please consider making a contribution to the Card Party door prizes at the May and June Chapter meetings.
Your financial donations are also welcomed!

If you have questions, please contact co-chairs: Soror Patricia Sparrow, 443-722-5420 Soror Carol Robinson, 443-864-9751

# **More Pictures from NARC 2010**



# **AKA News**

# Directorate Candidates—Elections at 2010 Boule in St. Louis, MO

# First Supreme Anti-Basileus

Juanita Sims Doty

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1972/Initiated as a General Member by Theta Sigma Omega

Current Chapter/Region: Beta Delta Omega/South Eastern

International Sorority Experience: South Eastern Regional Director, International Program Committee Directorate Liaison, Editorial Advisory Committee – Pearls of Service, International Program Committee Chairman, International Finance Committee, International Membership Committee Chairman, International Membership Committee

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Anti-Grammateus, Parliamentarian Vision:

My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha is to perpetuate our Founders' strong legacy of providing service to our global society, while nurturing our membership. Together, we will serve as goodwill ambassadors, identifying resources and strengthening partnerships that further the sorority's mission. Future goals include: (1) enhancing proven program, membership and leadership development initiatives for undergraduates and graduates, (2) utilizing technology and innovative approaches to drive efficiency and effectiveness, and (3) being inclusive by listening and communicating to all members – from our energetic young to our silver, golden and diamond sorors. Together, we will uphold the integrity of our great sisterhood.

Cynthia J. Thomas Finch

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1977/ Zeta Delta

Current Chapter/Region: Psi Zeta Omega/South Eastern Region

International Sorority Experience: South Eastern Regional Director, International Program Committee, Undergraduate Activities Committee Liaison, Ritual Committee, Time and Place Chairman Boule 2002, Senior Residence, Inc.

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos, Graduate Advisor, Ivy Leaf Reporter, Hodegos

Other: Everyone is presumed innocent until proven otherwise. In July 2009, a three count felony indictment was returned against this candidate. The candidate entered a plea of not guilty. The charges involve questionable receipts totaling about \$2,200. The court docket indicates that a trial date is set for April 13, 2010.

#### Vision:

To create within the sorority's membership a renewed "spirit" of service to all mankind, one which is passionate, engaging, spiritual and with a friendly, sisterly attitude. Solicit empowering partnerships around the world to create life-sustaining outcomes. GOALS: (1) Ensure chapter representation at the national level, i.e., committees and task forces. Establish initiatives that create inclusion, transparency and ownership; (2) Implement a partnership with the Armed forces, both active and retired to show the sorority's appreciation for keeping our country and the world safe; (3) Institute a strategic partnership that identifies the role AKA must play in creating a new economic workforce for the future.

# Vicki Miles-LaGrange

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1972/Initiated as a General Member by Beta Sigma Omega Current Chapter/Region: Beta Sigma Omega/Mid-Western

International Sorority Experience: Mid-Western Regional Director, International Risk Management Task Force, International Anti-Hazing Task Force Chairman, International Connection Committee

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Graduate Advisor, Ivy Leaf Reporter Vision:

My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is that we will be restored to our greatness as captured in the preamble to our constitution. My goals are: 1. To be responsible and supportive of the Supreme Basileus, assisting her in the performance of her duties and presiding in her absence. 2. To humbly and proudly serve our sorority while maintaining my personal values of professionalism, integrity, and transparency; and 3. To serve as a helpmate to the Supreme Basileus as she administers sorority business and implements her program of the Boule with the vision and foresight of our Founders.

# Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1978/Psi

Current Chapter/Region: Upsilon Mu Omega/Central Region

International Sorority Experience: Supreme Grammateus, Central Regional Director, Boule

Rules Committee Chairman, International Program Committee

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Epistoleus, Member-at-Large,

Parliamentarian, Cluster Coordinator

#### Vision

Today's sorority operations are complex, requiring experience, shared accountability and flexibility. My vision is to remain true to our Founders traditions of service above self, sisterly leadership, and community programs. Three goals are advanced: 1) Strengthen the bonds of sisterhood and unity among sorors with a lifelong active membership program, utilizing proven sisterly relations strategies, formal mentoring and input from members. 2) Establish the sorority as "best in class" across program service areas by launching innovative, measurable approaches to provide essential life/work skills in our communities. 3) Utilize my network of financial and corporate resources to enhance programs.

## **Supreme Tamiouchos**

Delores Y. McKinley

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1973/Alpha Pi

Current Chapter/Region: Zeta Rho Omega/South Atlantic

International Sorority Experience: None

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Tamiouchos, Graduate Advisor Vision:

I envision building upon the legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., that values and promotes itself as a fiscally sound organization. My goals include: 1. embracing, supporting and articulating the mission and goals of the 2010-2012 Directorate and Boule, while sustaining fiscal responsibility during these difficult economic times; 2. furthering professional development by expanding quality training programs including comprehensive procedures for completing accurate, clear and concise annual financial reports and budgets; and 3. informing sorors, via email blasts, of financial opportunities and resources available for their overall individual financial health and stability.

# **AKA News**

# **Supreme Grammateus**

Susan Simms Marsh

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1979/Iota Mu

Current Chapter/Region: Epsilon Sigma Omega/North Atlantic

International Sorority Experience: International Technology Committee, International

Nominating Committee

 $\textbf{Chapter Sorority Experience:} \ Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Epistoleus, Membership Chairman$ 

Vision:

My vision for Alpha Kappa Alpha is to continue to build upon our legacy as a premier organization devoted to service and anchored by a sisterhood of empowered, determined, innovative women who remain committed to the principles upon which the Sorority was founded. My goals include: (1) Being an active member of the Directorate exercising sound judgment while strengthening corporate governance and creating an unprecedented level of openness for all sorors. (2) Delivering accurate and timely minutes to the Directorate and membership while maintaining records reflecting the Sorority's dynamic history. (3) Using advanced technologies and techniques to enhance communications.

**Evelyn Sample-Oates** 

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1984/Lambda Zeta

Current Chapter/Region: Rho Theta Omega/North Atlantic

International Sorority Experience: North Atlantic Regional Director, International Standards

Committee, Undergraduate Activities Committee

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus, Member-at-Large, Cluster

Coordinator Vision:

My vision is to ensure that Alpha Kappa Alpha is an entity that has secured treasured documents. My goals will be: (1) Security of Sorority Documents-to protect the sorority's records as to perpetuate the legacy and future of the sorority, which I will accomplish by binding and digitally storing records; (2) Transparency-to make records and reports more transparent, available and electronically accessible to members through digital transformation, password-protected on-line archiving, members-only webinars and indexing records with optimized search capability; and (3) Accuracy-to create accurate documentation of our living history to perpetuate our longevity.

# Barbara J. Thomas

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 1975/Gamma Upsilon

Current Chapter/Region: Chi Psi Omega/South Atlantic

International Sorority Experience: Centennial Tellers' Committee

Chapter Sorority Experience: Basileus, 2nd Anti-Basileus, Tamiouchos

Vision:

(1) To prepare and provide accurate and timely minutes of the Boule, Directorate and Educational Advancement Foundation; 2. To work in conjunction with the International Archives Committee in the preservation of the minutes of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; 3. To assist regional directors with the preservation of regional conference minutes for inclusion in our International Archives.

# **Undergraduate Member-At-Large**

Jamila C. Hall

Year/Chapter of Initiation: 2009/Gamma Mu

Current Chapter/Region: Gamma Mu/South Eastern

Sorority Experience: Basileus

Vision:

I plan to promote positive awareness of the stellar community service programs that the undergraduates participate in globally. I believe that the body of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated cannot function efficiently without its necessary pearls. I will assist in reclaiming and re-activating inactive sorors. My main goal is to be a servant leader, the voice of the undergraduates and to strengthen the mentorship between graduate and undergraduate sorors. If elected I promise to uphold the high ethical standards that our beloved sorors held near and dear to their hearts.

# Happy Birthday!



# May 5

Soror Sylvia Johnson

# May 7

Soror Edmonia Yates

# May 8

Soror Clementine Carr

# May 10

Soror Sara Jerkins

## May 11

• Soror June King

# May 12

Soror Bernice Beaird

# May 20

- Soror Annamaria Joyner
- Soror Cecelia Wright Brown

# May 24

Soror Gloria Carpenter

## May 27

- Soror Tamara Greenhill
- Soror Lillye Wells

#### May 28

• Soror Wilhelmina Cragway

# May 29

• Soror Carolyn Cole

### May 31

Soror Anna Parker



# **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 Sunday, October 3, 2010, 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 <a href="https://www.komrnmd.org">www.komrnmd.org</a> to join team Epsilon Omega AKAs For The Cure!





# Along the Ivy Vine

 $E\Omega$  Soror Cylia Lowe was Guest Speaker at Epsilon Kappa's (Coppin State University) AKA Week 2010 "Domestic Violence: End The Cycle Now!" Event

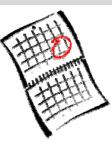


 $E\Omega$  Sorors Ieesha Gillis, Shaletta Espie, Cylia Lowe and Deneen Hamlin Attend Upsilon Epsilon Omega's 2010 Rock-N-Bowl Fundraising Event at Woodlawn AMF



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

# Save the Date



Monday, May 3, 2010

Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Center

• Saturday, May 8, 2010

Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Center

Monday, May 10 2010

Along the Byline Submission Deadline (See Page 2 for More Information)

• Saturday, May 15, 2010

Joint Chapters Healthy F.I.T.T. Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., The Seed School, 200 Font Hill Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21223 (See Page 10 for More Information)

• Monday, May 17, 2010

AKA Night in City Hall, 4:45 p.m., Baltimore City Council Chambers (See Page 4 for More Information)

• Monday, May 24, 2010

Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Center

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Eating Together "Senior Tears" Event, 12:30 p.m., Ivy Center (See Page 4 for More Information)

• Saturday, June 12, 2010

Chapter Meeting and Fun Day, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Fun and Games Following Meeting, Ivy Center

• Saturday, June 19, 2010

Pink and Green Gala, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Martin's West (See Page 6 for More Information)

• Saturday, June 26, 2010

Alpha Kappa Alpha Solidarity Walk, 11 a.m., Baltimore, Maryland (See Page 3 for More Information)

• Friday, July 9 - Friday, July 16, 2010

Boule, St. Louis, Missouri (Visit AKA1908.ORG for More Information)

• Sunday, July 18, 2010

Cluster 1 Picnic, 3 p.m.—6 p.m. Russett Community Center, Laurel, Maryland (See Page 5 for More Details)