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Next Chapter Meeting
November 14, 2009

9:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

10 a.m.
Meeting



Message from the Basileus



Greetings Sorors:

We are approaching the time of year when the days are getting shorter and the seasons are quickly changing. In this particular season, our thoughts turn to remembering our families, friends, and especially those in need who require a little extra assistance.

Epsilon Omega always steps up to the plate and our “Day of Hope” activity will be geared toward assisting a homeless shelter at 1211 N. Chester Street on Saturday, November 28 2009. The executive director is Soror Jewel M. Gray. Items needed include: single sheets, towels and wash cloths, children’s clothing (all sizes), women’s clothing (all sizes), coats (all sizes), as well as food and monetary donations. Please bring items with you to the November 14, 2009, Chapter meeting.

I hope that your plans include participating in our Biennial Retreat and that you will attend the NAACP Exhibit Opening and Ceremonial Street Naming. Bring your family, friends and church members. The committees have planned and worked very hard to bring quality programming to both activities.

Many thanks to the Epsilon Omega Sorors who traveled to the Cluster I Conference with over 400 Sorors from our Cluster. Despite the weather, Sorors were engaged, excited and energized by the day’s activities.

We will hold election of officers at the November 14, 2009, Chapter at 11 a.m. You must obtain your voting card before 11 a.m. Please read the bios on page 5 and come out and vote.

Peace and blessings to you and your families in this season of Thanksgiving and let us give thanks for all the we have received.

With Sisterly Love,
Soror Angela

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.

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 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.

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.

Foundation News

Get Your Tickets Out



The winners of the Epsilon Omega Foundation raffle are:

- First Prize (\$100) - Camilla Peterson
- Second Prize (\$50) - Ledonia Kimball
- Third Prize (\$25) - Reather Green

Please see Soror Evelyn McLeod to collect your winnings.

Thank you for your support! All proceeds support the upkeep of the Ivy Family Support Center.

Save-the-Date

Annual Meeting of the
Epsilon Omega Foundation
Saturday, January 16, 2010
Continental Breakfast: 9:15-9:45 a.m.
Meeting Time: 10 a.m.
Ivy Family Support Center

Scoop Sheet Deadline

To ensure the timely distribution of *Along the Byline*, no scoop sheets will be accepted later than **Monday, November 16, 2009**. Please return your scoop sheet to Soror Shaletta D. Espie at shaletta76@hotmail.com or 5717 Willowton Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21239. Please remember to spell check and check the spelling of names before submitting your information.

Chapter News

Sorors Support Breast Cancer Awareness and Research



(Top Row) Sorors Ivy Gates-Smith, Audrey Bennett and Crystal Cotton-Faison. (Middle Row) Sorors Michelle Byers, Sheila Tidline, Nicole Brown and Lisa Foust. (Bottom Row) Sorors Barber and Jan Carter.

The rain poured on Sunday, October 18, 2009, but it did not stop team “AKAs For The Cure.” Nine Sorors walked in the Susan G. Komen of Maryland Race for a Cure in Hunt Valley, Maryland. Thank you to all of the Epsilon Omega Sorors who made donations and raised funds to benefit breast cancer awareness and research. We raised a total of \$1,805 for a great cause, exceeding our goal of \$1,000. Your AKA spirit was appreciated!

PROJECT HOPE

Epsilon Omega Sorors will once again participate in the regional project “Day of Hope.”

We will provide assistance at Code Blue, a women and children’s shelter located at 1211 N. Chester Street-Baltimore, MD 21213 on Saturday, November 28, 2009. Soror Jewel M. Gray is the executive director, and she is very excited that we are coming to spend time with the residents to provide games, activities and conversation.

Of course, we will also provide donations of the following items:

- Single bed sheets
- Towels and wash cloths
- Children’s clothing - all sizes
- Women’s clothing - all sizes
- Coats - all sizes
- Food
- Financial donations

We will arrive at the shelter at 12 noon on Saturday, November 28, 2009 and depart at 4 p.m. If you plan to participate, please contact Soror Audrey Bennett (410-486-2290) or Soror Joann Barber (410-908-6772).

Sorors, lets do this as only Epsilon Omega can!

Mark Your Calendar

Day of Hope—Project Hope
 Saturday, November 28, 2009
 12 p.m.– 4 p.m.
 Code Blue - Women’s Shelter

Inclement Weather Notice

Chapter meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee shall be postponed when Baltimore City places Phase II of the Snow Emergency Plan in operation.

Chapter Election

The Chapter election will take place on Saturday, November 14, 2009, during our Chapter meeting, at 11 a.m.

Only Chapter Sorors who were financial at the end of October 2009 are eligible to vote.

Announcements and Tidbits

November is American Diabetes Month: It Doesn't Have to Be Our Destiny!

Metropolitan Founders' Day

The Founders' Day event will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010, 12 p.m. - 3p.m. at the BWI Marriott. The keynote speaker is Reverend Debyii Thomas. Please wear your white attire (no pants). Tickets are \$60. Please see Soror Esther Bailey if you wish to purchase a ticket. We have 20 tickets available, and if they are not sold, we must return them to the planning committee by December 1, 2009

In other Founders' Day news:

- The Metropolitan Founders' Day Committee is organizing a chorale for the event. If you are interested, please contact Soror Persphone at ptbedpsych@hotmail.com.
- The Committee is also coordinating a "Day of Service" to be conducted on the weekend of the Founders' Day Brunch. The theme is "Food for the Needy" and the Regional Director has asked that the Anti-Basileus for Program and

Chair of the Connection Committee coordinate our Chapter's activity. Please contact Soror Audrey or Soror Karenthia if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Fee Reminder

The 2010 Regional Conference fee is \$75, and it is due on December 31, 2009.

Soror Recognition

If you will become a first time Silver Star (1984-85), Golden Soror (1959-60) or Diamond Soror (1934-35), please submit your information to the Founders' Day Committee, Attn: Soror Heloise Frazier, by January 5, 2010.

Telephone Contact

The Chapter Basileus is the first contact 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.

More than 1.5 million Black women have type 2 diabetes, 460,000 of them don't know it and nearly 50 percent of Black girls may develop it in their lifetime.

To prevent diabetes:

- *Know Your Numbers:* blood sugar—get it measured twice a year; blood pressure—strive for below 130/80; and, cholesterol—set a goal of below 100 for LDL ("bad") and above 40 for HDL ("good").
- *Take Small Steps:* eat right—include whole grains, fruits and vegetables in every meal; get fit—get 30 minutes of physical activity, five day a week; be well emotionally—feed your spirit and reduce stress.

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Along the Ivy Vine

Thoughts and Prayers

Please take a moment to whisper a prayer for the following Sorors: Gloria Carpenter, Virginia Clark, Yvonne Fletcher, Doris Levi, A. Bernice Hunley and Helen Thornton

Congratulations to Soror Karenthia Barber

Governor Martin O'Malley appointed Soror Karenthia Barber to serve on the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund Board.

Thank You from Soror Delores Jones

The lovely engraved jewelry case is greatly appreciated and will be forever

cherished as a very special remembrance of my retirement. Thank you.

Thank You from Sorors Geraldine Roberts Waters and Veris Roberts Lee

Thanks to all of the Sorors who supported the Neighbor-to-Family Tribute. The Roberts Family really appreciated all the caring, love and admiration you demonstrated to us. The finest women in the world turned out in large numbers to honor us. Thanks again.

Thank You from Soror Margaret Shipley

Thank you for the beautiful silver heart-shaped engraved jewelry box ac-

knowledging my retirement. There is none other like our sisterhood, Alpha Kappa Alpha!

Congratulations to Soror Denise Hamlin-Glover

Soror Dr. Denise Hamlin-Glover passed her dissertation defense on October 21, 2009. She will receive her Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy from Florida State University. Her dissertation is titled: "Spirituality, Religion, and Resilience among Military Families." She is the daughter of Soror Emma Hamlin and the twin sister of Soror Deneen Hamlin.

Announcements and Tidbits

Legislative Workshop in November

The Connections Committee will sponsor a Legislative Advocacy Workshop on Saturday, November 14, 2009, immediately following the Chapter meeting. This workshop will cover how a bill becomes law, how to communicate with our elected officials so they understand what's important to us and how we can effectively impact the legislative process. Soror Senator Delores Kelley will conduct the workshop. It is open to the public. Please invite family and friends.

Chapter Awards

Chapter awards will be presented during the next Founders' Day Celebration by the Awards Committee. The awards are in recognition of Vivian Johnson Cook, Edna Over Campbell and Flossie M. Dedmond, as well as the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Community Service Award. Information packets will be distributed during the November 14, 2009, Chapter meeting.

Ivy Beyond the Wall

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Soror Mignon M. Moore on October 24, 2009. Condolences can be sent to the home of Soror Moore's daughter Cassandra Mosby at 1028 Flagtree Lane, Baltimore, Maryland 21208.



Chapter Election—Nominees

Anti-Basileus for Program

Soror Audrey Moore Bennett

- Incumbent
- Developed summer camp at Ivy Center
- Held several offices: Anti-Parliamentarian, Tamiochous, Chair-Finance Committee, Chair-Health Committee and Chair-NARC Office-Baltimore 2003
- Has experience to further develop and increase events and services within the Chapter and community

Soror E. Francine Stokes-McElveen

- Committee and offices held: Epistoleus, Chair-Bylaws Committee, Co-Chair Health Committee, Retreat Committee and Protocol Committee
- Participated in sorority leadership training
- Has strong organizational and leadership skills
- Very task oriented and has the ability to get the job done

Grammateus

Soror Sheila Tidline

- Incumbent
- Responsible for maintaining and

distributing monthly minutes in a timely fashion

- Member NARC 2010 Committee
- Wishes to continue to serve as the Recording Secretary of the Chapter

Tamiouchos

Soror Sylvia Burke

- Incumbent
- Responsible for keeping financial records and making monthly reports
- Wishes to continue to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee

Epistoleus

Soror Michelle Byers

- Currently Recording Secretary of Epsilon Omega Foundation
- Member of the Membership and Connections Committees
- Trained to be an Election Teller
- Able to compose and edit letters
- Great oral and communication skills

Soror Ruby Coleman

- Incumbent
- Previous offices held: Grad Advisor, Member-at-Large and Anti-Parliamentarian

- Past member of By-Laws and An Afternoon of Jazz Committees
- Great oral, reading and writing skills

Anti-Philacter

Soror Rita Johnson

- Incumbent
- Member of the Eating Together Program; Telephone, Salute to Outstanding Young Women and Choir Committees; and, Co-Chair of Courtesy Committee
- Good management and record keeping skills

Soror Lillye Wells

- Worked with the Eating Together Program as Chair of Arts & Craft
- Member of the Inspirational Committee
- Trustworthy with lots of people skills; smiles often and ready to meet and greet Sorors.

Happy Birthday!



November 2

- Soror Janice Wilcox

November 4

- Soror Helen Thornton

November 7

- Soror Camilla Peterson
- Soror Cheryl Robinson
- Soror Gloria Smith

November 11

- Soror Barbara Harding
- Soror Caprisa Hooper
- Soror Sheila Tidline

November 15

- Soror Dorothy Johnson

November 16

- Soror Lisa Foust
- Soror Veris Lee

November 17

- Soror Joyce Brown
- Soror Pinkie Daniels

November 18

- Soror Nancy Bennett
- Soror Terri Parker

November 19

- Soror Norma Scott

November 22

- Soror Claire Dorsey

November 24

- Soror Laquesha Davis

November 25

- Soror Jeanne Robinson
- Soror Robin Satchell

November 27

- Soror Bernardine Johnson
- Soror Verna Jones
- Jean Owens

November 29

- Soror Gwendolyn Browne

Chapter Election

Executive Committee

Soror Cecelia Carroll

- Former Chair of Black Family Committee
- Member of the Membership, Standards, Pan-Hellenic and Newsletter Committees
- Excellent clinical skills
- Ability to relate to diverse groups
- Great grant writing and leadership skills
- Previous member-at-large

Soror Odessa Dorkins

- Former Chair of Nominating Committee
- Member of Health, Salute to Outstanding Young Women and Eating Together Committees and EOF Parliamentarian
- Wishes to continue her service with the Chapter
- Will be an enhancement to the committee and bring additional concerns and positive information to the group

Nominating Committee

Soror Ramona Green

- Member of the Awards Committee and former Chair of the Connections Committee
- Great leadership and recruiting skills
- Ran successfully last year to complete one year of an unexpired term on the Nominating Committee

Remember!

Only Chapter Sorors who were financial at the end of October 2009 are eligible to vote.

Letter from Regional Director

Dear Sorors,

I'm putting out a *Call To Action* to the Birth region of this sorority and all who will join us around the sisterhood. Stand up and take action against those trying to tear us down and decide to refrain from putting our business in the street and on the internet for all to comment on without full knowledge of the truth.

Act with dignity.

We have always been women of action and initiative. With each passing day, our Sisterhood sustains another attack on its image, integrity, and leadership. *Every* Soror who loves and serves Alpha Kappa Alpha and wants to see it sustained, needs to stand up and take action. Alpha Kappa Alpha is not open to the public, nor is she subject to her constant scrutiny and disparaging activities. We were all selected to become members of this private sisterhood. Therefore, our business should not be open to the public. We need to stop putting information on these public websites and rally together to protect the sisterhood. Let us remember that we are sisters by choice. Right now we are making a mockery of our own organization and belittling the legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha and it's time to STOP and take action.

Act with a sense of purpose.

Our Founders deserve better and we deserve better! We only perpetuate the wanton disrespect and disgust by putting our private business out in plain sight and reading the constant assaults. If we stop going to these various websites and reading the information they contain, we will eventually shut them down because they will have no audience. This is not an attempt to stifle transparency, but a plea to my sisters to stand up for decency, due process and the perpetuity of our organization.

Their information is not only partly inaccurate, but unofficial. We didn't join this organization to follow them. We joined to follow service. So let's stop condemning our Sorors and dragging our beloved sisterhood through the dirt. Let's get down to the work of *Service To All Mankind*.

Act with fidelity.

As sisters who serve our community and help each other in every task, let us never forget our pledge nor indestructible bond. Remain loyal to each other and believe the best before you defer to the default. Take steps to restore trust instead of fuel dissension. Your sisterhood, my sisterhood, our sisterhood depends on it for growth and progressive development.

Act with sisterly solutions.

We will deal with our issues in-house and make sure that what is right prevails. That is the true Alpha Kappa Alpha way. We are college-educated women who are skilled communicators and consummate problem solvers. We can and will talk about what has transpired, as well as how we will prepare our beloved Sisterhood for her 102nd, 125th, 150th and 200th birthdays. We determine what happens now. All of that begins now and we must take proactive steps that honor our established ago. We must not give up on Her or the ideals of sisterhood. Sorors I love you and I know you love Alpha Kappa Alpha so let's not let her down, keep her dignity and reputation in tact.

Sisterly,

Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates

Centennial North Atlantic Regional Director



Epsilon Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
invites you to view an historical exhibit of photographs, posters, documents, newspaper clippings and memorabilia.

Opening
November 8, 2009, 2-5 p.m.

Refreshments will be Served!

**NAACP
Historical
Exhibit**

97 Years and Counting
1912-2009
Baltimore City Branch



**Free Admission and
Open to the Public
November 8-16, 2009**

November 8 & 15,
2-5 p.m.

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November 9, 11 & 16,
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

■
November 10 & 12,
12:30-2:30 p.m.



Ivy Family Support Center
3515 Dolfield Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

For more information, call 410-367-6750 or 410-654-9894.

**Join Us for the Ceremonial Street Naming of "Ivy Center Way"
on November 8, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.**

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

Save-the-Date



- **Sunday, November 8, 2009**
NAACP Exhibit and Naming of Ivy Center Way, 2:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, November 14, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, November 23, 2009**
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, November 28, 2009**
Day of Hope Activity; Read more about it on Page 3
- **Saturday, December 5, 2009**
"Love Your Sister" Day
- **Monday, December 7, 2009**
Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, December 12, 2009**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, December 28, 2009**
Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Monday, January 4, 2010**
Chapter Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, January 9, 2010**
Chapter Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting), Ivy Family Support Center
- **Sunday, January 10, 2010**
Chapter Leadership Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Ivy Family Support Center
- **Saturday, January 16, 2010**
Annual Meeting of the Epsilon Omega Foundation, 9:15-9:45 a.m. (Continental Breakfast), 10 a.m. (Meeting) Ivy Family Support Center