

# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**Epsilon Omega Chapter** 



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#### **Next Chapter** Meeting

December 11, 2010

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10 a.m. Town Hall Meeting

11 a.m. **Chapter Meeting** 



# Message from the **Basileus**

Greetings My Dear Sorors:

We have come to the end of another year and have much to be thankful for. In this season of giving, you have come forth to help feed the homeless with canned goods donations for the Bea Gaddy Center. We will assist with your gift items to the Hand in Hand project and the St. Jerome Head Start Center with a party for the children on December 22 at 10:30 a.m. Please try to join us. More information is on page 11. You may still bring gifts to the December Chapter meeting.

A big bouquet of Pink Roses to Soror Beverly Reid for her very generous donation of \$10,000 to the Epsilon Omega Foundation. This surely is giving in a big way. THANK YOU SOROR BEVERLY!

We will install officers at the December Chapter meeting and have a special tribute to Soror Idell who will celebrate her birthday on December 8. Please bring birthday cards. Her family members will be in attendance to present them to her. Remember December 5 is Love Your Sister Day so this will be an extension of sisterly love. In addition, Soror Esther Reid Brown, former member of Epsilon Omega (AD 1952), will celebrate her 101st birthday on December 8. Let us remember her as well.

Sorors, 2011 brings us to the Global Leadership for Timeless Service, and we are planning on an exciting year. There will be a committee fair and sign-up at the January 2011 Chapter meeting, and you will not want to miss out. Bring your ideas, time and talent.

Thank you for your support and confidence as we move Epsilon Omega to another year of service to mankind. May each of you and your families enjoy the holiday season.

Sisterly love,

Soror Angela





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 member-

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**



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

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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

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



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Educational Advancement Foundation North Atlantic Region

# SAVE THE DATE!!!

### "Salute To Excellence"

in Community Education Awards Luncheon

Saturday, January 29, 2011 11:30 Am

Sheraton Washington DC North 4095 Powder Mill Road Beltsville, MD 20705

Tickets \$50.00

See your chapter EAF Captain for tickets and information!

SOROR ESTHER C. BAILEY 410-542-5731

The "Salute To Excellence" in Community Education Awards and Luncheon is designed to recognize and acknowledge those in the community that have made a difference in creating a love of lifetime learning.

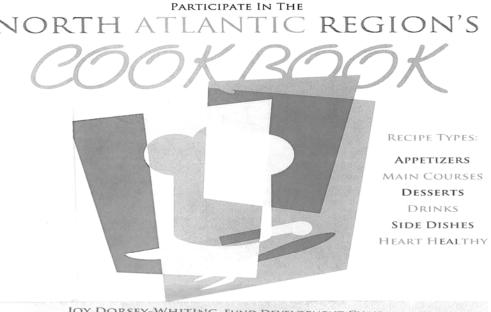
All proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the NARD Endowment Jund.

Soror Constance R. Pizarro North Atlantic Regional Director

Soror Barbara F. Sutton

Soror Carolyn House Stewart International President

Soror Alicia Tibbs Tolson North Atlantic Regional EAF Chairman



JOY DORSEY-WHITING, FUND DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN CONSTANCE R. PIZARRO, NORTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL DIRECTOR

RECIPES CAN ALSO BE SENT TO: NARCOOKBOOK@YAHOO.COM

Submission Deadline is December 31, 2010

# **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.



Please Do Not Park in the Post Office Parking Lot

# Happy Birthday, Sorors!



#### December 1

• Soror Janet Williams

#### December 2

Soror Louise Owens

#### December 4

- Soror Lillian Jackson
- Soror April Randall
- Soror Roslyn Wood

#### December 5

• Soror Elizabeth Dyett

#### December 6

• Soror Clarissa Price

#### **December 8**

- Soror Estella Grant
- Soror Doris Holmes
- Soror Idell Pugh

#### December 9

Soror Glenda Cross

#### December 10

Soror E.Francine Stokes McElveen

#### December 13

Soror Carol Robinson

#### December 14

- Soror June Dennis
- Soror Reba Robbins

#### December 17

• Soror Adeline Wheless-Hutchinson

#### December 20

- Soror Geraldine Waters
- Soror Alice Quarles

#### December 21

Soror Leona Carpenter

#### December 24

Soror Katrina Joyner-Briscoe

#### December 25

Soror Ruthe Sheffey

#### December 27

• Soror Doris Johnson

# Sick and Shut-In

Diamond Soror Corinda Waters

Soror Anne Boone

Soror Shirley Briscoe

Soror Virginia Clark

Soror Ellen Gonzales

Soror Vivian Holmes

Soror Vivian Jackson

Soror Delores Jones

Soror Chicora Lee

Soror Idell Pugh

Soror Tonja Ringgold

Soror Helen Thornton

# **Telephone Contact**

The Basileus is the first contact with the Sorority whenever there is a death in the Soror's family, including the Soror, spouse of a Soror, mother or father of a Soror and child (or children) of a Soror.

Following notification, the automatic telephone tree system will be activated, and Sorors will be notified regarding Ivy Beyond the Wall service and funeral details.

For the loss of other extended family members, the Sisterly Yours Group Chair should be contacted in addition to the Basileus. The notice may be listed in the newsletter and sent via email.



# **Committee Sign-Up Form**

# Please Complete and Return to Soror Lois Knight-Harrison and Soror E. Francine Stokes-McElveen

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Phone Number:		
E-mail:		
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• AKA Connection	<b>Operations</b>	<ul><li>Public Relations/Publicity (Newsletter)</li></ul>
○ Cultural Arts	○ Archives	○ Retreat
• Eating Together	○ Audit	○ Scholarship
• Education	o Awards	○ Standards
o Founders' Day	o Bylaws	○ Technology
• Health & Family Living	○ Courtesy	○ Telephone Contact
• History	o Finance	○ Music
<ul><li> Holiday Activity</li><li> Joint Chapters</li></ul>	<ul><li> Membership</li><li> Nominating</li></ul>	○ Inspirational Opening



## NOTABLE NORTH ATLANTIC ORDER FORM

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# NAR News

The NAR Leadership Meeting that was scheduled for January 8 in Somerset, NJ is cancelled.

NARC Registration Opens December 13, 2010

#### **Save the Date**

AKA International Founders' Day Celebration 2011

January 13-16, 2011 Little Rock, Arkansas

#### **Inclement Weather**

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

# **Scoop Sheet**

To ensure the timely distribution of the newsletter, please submit your scoop sheets to Soror Jewell Chambers by Monday, December 13, 2010.

# **Announcements and Tidbits**

## **Stories from Our Fathers**





Volunteers are needed to assist with the bedtime story recordings at Jessup Correctional Facility from 9 a.m.—11:30 a.m. on the following Saturdays: Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March.19, April 16 and May 21. All volunteers must submit a background check form before being permitted to participate. Please contact Soror Cylia Lowe for more information at Cylia-LoweEsq@gmail.com or 443-994-2873.

#### **Newly Elected Chapter Officers for 2011-2013**

Basileus

Soror Angela C. Gibson

Anti-Basileus (Operations)

Soror Lois Knight-Harrison

Pecunious Grammateus

Soror Jan W. Carter

Ivy Leaf Reporter

Soror Jewell Chambers

Graduate Advisors

Alpha Delta (Morgan State University ) - Soror Adrienne Stokes-Orange

Epsilon Kappa (Copppin State University ) - Soror Karen

Foster

Xi Tau (Johns Hopkins) –

Soror Lois Knight-Harrison

Philacter

Soror Rita Johnson

Anti-Grammateus

Soror Francina Spencer

Anti-Tamiouchos

Soror Adeline Wheless-Hut chinson

Executive Committee (Members-at-Large)

> Soror Karenthia A. Barber Soror Nicole Brown

Nominating Committee

Soror Barbara Burgess

Soror Sylvia Johnson

Soror Edna Rich

Soror Paula Roberts-Tolson

Soror Carol Robinson





#### Make Plans to Attend **Transition Meeting**

All newly elected and outgoing Chapter Officers, Committee Chairs/Cochairs and Executive Board members are requested to attend a mandatory meeting at the Ivy Center on December 14, 2010, at 6 p.m. All outgoing Officers and Chairs/Co-chairs should be prepared to bring the Chapter files and reports for transition.

#### Happy Birthday **Epsilon Omega Birthday**



Epsilon Omega turns 89 this year, and the History Committee will celebrate the occasion with highlights of our history.

> A special recognition will be given to Soror Idell Pugh, and Sorors are asked to bring birthday cards to the Chapter meeting in her honor. Family members of Soror Idell will be in attendance.

#### **2011 Chapter Dues**

Regular Members - \$260 Golden Sorors - \$240 Life Members - \$170 Golden and Life Members - \$150

To pay your dues, please see Soror Sylvia Burke or Soror Jan Carter.

# **Announcements and Tidbits**

# SAVE THE DATE

FOUNDERS' DAY FEBRUARY 19, 2011 11 a.m.—3 p.m.

PINK AND GREEN GALA JUNE 18, 2011

#### North Atlantic Regional Conference April 7-10, 2011

**Delegates for the North Atlantic Regional Conference**—If you are interested in serving as a Delegate, please contact Soror Isabella Branch Brown of the Nominating Committee.

**Bus to NARC**—If you are interested in traveling on the Epsilon Omega bus to Atlantic City for the Regional, please contact Soror Esther Bailey by January 8, 2011. Forty-five Sorors are needed to secure the bus.

#### How Did You Celebrate December 5—Love Your Sister Day?



Did you reach out to other Sorors with messages of love? Did you invite a Soror to breakfast, lunch or dinner? Did you visit a sick and shut-in Soror?

Share how you celebrated with Soror Jewell Chambers so your stories can

appear in the newsletter.

#### **Eating Together Program Brings Christmas Joy to Needy Families**

The participants of the *Eating Together* program will once again provide needy families within our Ivy Center community with Christmas dinner including all the trimmings. In addition to the turkey, ham, vegetables and deserts, the families will receive toys for their children. Oh yes, we will also provide books to be read independently and by the parents. If you would like to donate a new book, please see a member of the *Eating Together* Committee.

#### Join Us on Facebook!

#### **Epsilon Omega**



Stay Informed about Chapter
News and Events

View Photos of Chapter Events

Stay in Touch with Former and Current Chapter Members

#### Search For:

The Epsilon Omega Chapterof Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

# **Foundation News**

Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc.,
Annual Meeting
will be held
Saturday, January 15, 2011
10 a.m.
at the Ivy Family Support Center
Continental breakfast will be served
beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Foundation is in need of Sorors willing to serve on the Facility Management Team for the Center. If you are interested, please contact the Foundation President at 443-622-5810 or cfraz 1@netzero.com.

The Foundation will be kicking off our 2010-2011 Foundation Pledge Campaign at the December Chapter meeting. Pledge forms and information will be available at that time.

The Epsilon Omega Foundation Advisory Board is being reformed. The committee is seeking recommendations for persons to approach as a possible board member. If you have any suggestions please contact Sorors Janet Williams, Delores Kelley, Cardrienne Griffin or Heloise Frasier.

#### **Soror Profile Form**

Please complete the Soror Profile Form so that we can have accurate information for our members. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to complete the form.

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Date of Birthday:	Home Address		City and State	
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Return completed form to any member of the Membership Committee







#### **Sorors Attend Mentoring Workshop**



# **2011 Soror Recognition Form**

Please Complete and Return to Soror Heloise Frazier by Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 4803 Tamarind Road, #105, Baltimore, Maryland 21209

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On a separate piece of paper, briefly describe the nominee's accomplishments Deadline to submit to a member of the Awards Committee is December 31, 2010



# **Along the Ivy Vine**

# Epsilon Omega Foundation, Inc. Receives Generous Gifts from Sorors

"I love Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Epsilon Omega Chapter. When I inherited the money from my late sister, I did not think twice about keeping it. I knew my Chapter needed it. I want my Chapter to stay strong"

- Soror Beverly Reid



Soror Beverly Reid presented the Foundation with a special gift of \$10,000.

Soror Ruthe T. Sheffey presented the Foundation with a \$500 gift at the October 2010 Chapter meeting. Sorth Ruthe made the donation in the name of Sisterly Yours Group III of which she is a member.

#### A Special Thank You from Soror Shaletta Espie

I say goodbye to you as your Ivy Leaf Reporter—a position I have held since 2008. There is much work to be done at Epsilon Omega, and I'm looking forward to embracing new roles and experiences.

Because of this position, I received the honor of getting to know many of my Sorors. I will miss many of our conversation—that began with inquiries about the newsletter but ended with you sharing wonderful and encouraging stories about the Sorority and life. I listened to all of them with great curiosity and let me say again—thank you for sharing.

I also appreciate the many Sorors who helped me along the way—whether it was taking pictures, "licking" stamps or producing the newsletter during my absence. Thank you Sorors Cylia Lowe, Cecelia Carroll, Paula Tolson, Nicole Brown, Yolanda Barber, Michelle Byers, Lois Knight-Harrison, Jan Carter and especially, Angela Gibson for allowing me to have this wonderful experience.

I cannot finish my term without saying a special thank you to all the Sorors who took the time to tell me how much they loved the newsletter—your comments always made me smile, and I appreciate them deeply.

With Sisterly Love, Soror Shaletta Espie



My Dear Sorors:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the beautiful pink and green dish garden and the many other expressions of love and concern during my recent surgery and recuperation period. I am making steady progress and hoping to see you soon. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers.

With Sisterly Love and Affection, Soror Vivian E. Jackson

Dear Sorors:

Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers and messages of sympathy shown to me and my family. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

With Sisterly Love, Soror Phillis Doggett



We send our condolences to Soror Evelyn McLeod, who recently loss her mother, Mrs. Celia E. McLeod. The family is accepting donations to the Celia E. McLeod Music Scholarship Fund c/o Soror Evelyn McLeod, 7205 Pinecrest Road, Baltimore, MD 21228.

# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ~ Epsilon Omega Chapter

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# Holiday Activity Committee Angel Tree



Items will be collected at the November & December chapter meetings

Please support Initiative V. Social Justice and Human Rights by donating the following unwrapped gifts to



## Hand In Hand Baltimore & St. Jerome's Headstart

Arts & Crafts, books, toys (ages 3-13 years old), stickers, new bike helmets, knee pads, hair accessories, digital watches, winter clothing (3-6 months old), t-shirts, toiletries (soap, deodorant, lotion), formula, diapers, & baby wipes.

Sorors will visit St. Jerome's located on 1800 Hollins Street, Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, December 22<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

**St. Jerome's Headstart** provides early education, child development, and intervention services to low-income children and their families.

Hand in Hand Baltimore is a non-profit organization founded by Soror Jessica Turral that provides juvenile males at the Baltimore City Detention Center mental health and rehabilitation resources. The gifts Epsilon Omega Sorors donate will be provided to the young men & children of incarcerated parents.

For questions please contact the Holiday Activity Committee Chairman Soror Odessa 410-532-7714 or pinzon1000@aol.com

Soror Angela Gibson, Basileus
Soror E. Francine Stokes-McElveen, Anti-Basileus Program

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

# **Important Dates to Remember**

#### **December 6, 2010**

Chapter Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

#### December 11, 2010 Continental Breakfast,

9:30 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting, 10 a.m.
Chapter Meeting and Installation of Chapter Officers,
11 a.m.

#### **December 13, 2010**

NARC Registration Opens

#### **January 3, 2011**

Chapter Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

#### **January 8, 2011**

Continental Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Chapter Meeting, 10 a.m.

#### **January 13-16, 2011**

International Founders' Day Little Rock, Arkansas

#### **January 29, 2011**

EAF, Salute to Excellence Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Beltsville, MD

#### **February 7, 2011**

Chapter Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

#### February 12

Continental Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Chapter Meeting, 10 a.m.

#### February 19, 2011

Epsilon Omega Founders' Day, 11 a.m.

#### April 6-10, 2011

North Atlantic Regional Conference Atlantic City, New Jersey

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