

The Cultured Pearl Connection

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From the desk of the Basileus...

My Dear Sorors,

Yippee! Please join me in excitedly welcoming the month of June, complete with its weddings, graduations, and other exciting events! Let's not forget our honey dos and our fathers on Fathers' Day! Let's celebrate them and let them know that, indeed, they are very special! Of course, in the life of our great sorority, June marks the midway point of the calendar year and the last month that the chapter will meet prior to Summer Break! How exciting!

We have much to celebrate and be grateful for during these past six (6) months in the life of our chapter. We have been Launching New Dimensions of Service with vim and vitality and have maintained that "good ole AKA Presence" in the Charleston Community. I encourage each of you to utilize our brief Summer Break to rest, relax, enjoy a variety of healthy activities and return to the Chapter re-energized to creatively complete the tasks we began earlier this year.

Boule will be held July 9 – 14, 2016, in Atlanta, Georgia. As we prepare for this event, Target and Committee Chairmen are asked to kindly review the 23 Moments of Service Form for items that are related to their targets and/or committees. Sorors, please become familiar with the ten (10) proposed amendments for voting at Boule. Standards will have ballots for voting at the June Meeting. Finally, in preparation for Boule, Targets III and V will finalize our Little Dresses for Africa Project. I eagerly look forward to seeing the chapter's creativity at a brief fashion show during our June 11th chapter meeting! We will end the day with an enjoyable Family and Friends Day!

Cluster VI plans are progressing nicely. Since each soror has already paid her registration fee while paying chapter dues for 2016, the Tamiochous will register the chapter as a group. You will be informed once this task has been completed.

Thanks so much for catching the Gamma Xi Omega fever as we find "greater laurels to win and greater tasks to begin" for love of our great sisterhood!

Sisterly,

Soror Marguerite S. Middleton

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COMMITTEE CORNER

Target II-Health Promotion

Soror Saundra Middleton, Chairman

June is PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Awareness Month.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is an anxiety disorder caused by very stressful, frightening or distressing events and occurs following the experience or witnessing of a traumatic event. A traumatic event is a life-threatening event such as military combat, natural disasters, terrorist incidents, serious accidents, or physical or sexual assault in adult or childhood, mugging or robbery.

Take the mystery out of PTSD: learn what it is, who is affected, and how treatment can help.

No matter how much you know about PTSD, there is always more to learn –new research, treatment methods, and educational resources.

Visit the National Center for PTSD web site for more information and to see a list of ways to help raise PTSD awareness. www.ptsd.va.gov/about/ptsd-awareness/index.a

The Longest Day

Our Alzheimer's's Chapter Team is GXOAKA. We ask all Sorors to please go to Alz.org and join our Chapter's Team to become a registered participant in the Longest Day Event for June 20-21 2016.

The Longest Day is a community event to raise funds for Alz research for the cure or the delay of onset and to bring awareness to this devastating disease. We ask that you wear purple on the Longest Day to show your support. Please document with pictures.

The Longest Day Event is to engage and connect to a network of individuals, businesses and non-profit organization to mobilize ALL Americans to a commitment to end Alzheimer's. It is also a commitment to support and train the caregivers of Alz patients.

Please go to Alz.org then link in to the Longest Day to check out ideas on how you can participate in the Longest Day. Send documentation of your activities to Soror Rosa. If you wish to make a donation please see Soror Rosa for donation information and forms.

For your Alz reading enjoyment, please be sure to check out the book by B. Smith and Dan Gasby "Before I Forget"

Save the Date: The Longest Day is Tuesday, June 21, 2016. - "The Race to End Alzheimer's Disease"

To register go to www.act.alz.org and enter code **AKA**

Target IV, Environmental Ownership

Soror Barbara Wilson, Chairman

Members of Target IV, Environmental Ownership, help to promote a healthy and safe environment by volunteering at Charleston Development Academy Field Day/Community Environmental Day



Public Relations – Soror Karriema Calhoun Chairman

If any committee would like publicity coverage for events, please complete the Public Relations Coverage Request form and send it to Soror Karriema Calhoun at karriema_c@yahoo.com. Please submit all requests at least two weeks prior to the event.

Cluster VI Conference

Cluster VI registration opens on Saturday, June 16th. All Gamma Xi Omega Chapter sorors have paid the required registration fee for the conference. Therefore, your registration will be taken care of by the chapter. In addition, the last day to book a room at the Embassy Suites Hotel in North Charleston for the Cluster VI Conference is Wednesday, July 27th.

*****REMINDER*****

The deadline to enter your pillowcase dress for the June 11th **"Runway Fashion Show"** is Wednesday, June 8th. Please contact Soror Yvonne Holan-Smith for registration and detailed information.

Next Chapter Meeting:
Saturday, June 11, 2016
11:00 am

"Dress down in your favorite AKA Tshirt and paraphernalia."





Basileus' Choice Awards recipients for May 12, 2016 were:
Saundra Middleton for creating our newly formed
Emergency Response Team

April 16, 2016 Super Sprucers

Saundra Middleton	Sarah Breland
Thuane Fielding	Allison Stoney
Angela Burke	Avis Ulmstead
Barbara Wilson	Brenda Snyder
Carzenia Brown	Delores Hunt Bellinger
Dena Magwood	Dronica DeBerry
Henrietta Mack	Jacqueline Smalls
Janetta Holmes	Kimberly Greene
LaQuinta Yates	Latonia Allen
Laurachelle White	LoElla Smalls
Lottie Otto	Monica Smalls
Pearl Givens	Rosa Bowens
Sshune Rhodes	Toni Burke Haltiwanger
Vertelle Middleton	Viola Williams
Vonda Fields	Julia Winder
April Rivers-Bowman	

Vashti Gathers, honey-don't of Soror Terraine Gathers, was the first runner up in the Miss Burke Pageant and was also voted Miss Congeniality.



Quinetra Gathers received her BA in biology from Fisk University - Cum Laude. She will be continuing her education this fall at the University of Alabama. Quinetra is the honey-don't of Soror Terraine Gathers.



SICK & SHUT-IN, BEREAVEMENT –
Our thoughts and prayers are with you...

Soror Thomasine Grant Soror Cecila Rogers
Soror Marguerite Mosely Soror Lydia Rhodes
Soror Bessie Allen Holmes, Illness
Soror Faith White, Illness

Soror Victoria Brisbane, death of her mother
Soror Miriam Green, death of her brother
All other Sorors experiencing illness or bereavement

~Happy Birthday~



June 2016

Jacqueline	Ford	1
Juanita B.	Robinson	3
Francena D.	Varner	6
Kimberly	Perrineau-Jackson	10
Dawn	Frazier McPherson	11
Janell	Ford	12
Terraine	Gathers	13
Beulah	Washington	15
Katesha	Breland	18
Erica S.	Taylor	19
Vanessa	Turner Maybank	26
Andrea L.	Lewis	28
Lelia	Potts Campbell	29

Hostess Group **DELTA - JUNE**

Lottie Otto, Captain

Randi I. Allen	Carolyn Singleton Brown
Kellie Buke	Morgan Curry
Margo Gilliard	Sylvia Harleston Gilliard
Delores S. Jenkins	Dawn McPherson
Vertelle M. Middleton	Dorothy A. Pompey
Chennequa M. Simmons	Vonda Fields
Jaime P. Thompson	Kendra Woody-Simmons
Bessie S. Allen-Holmes	Angela Burke
Bettye Kenny	

Little Dress Fashion Show

Saturday, June 11th

following sorority meeting

Prizes over \$100 Cash

Walk the runway holding your pillow case “little dress”
or strut your stuff



Contact Soror Yvonne Smith *by* June 8th for entry
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