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A Message From the Basileus

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“Our sisterhood is not a Destination but a Journey”



Greetings,

Sorors are packed, polished, and prepared for take-off as we move towards the summer months, while continuing to Launch New Dimensions of Service throughout our communities. The first six months have afforded me the opportunity to not only learn more about each of you, but have allowed me to work with you to move the chapter to greater heights.

As we approach our summer recess, it is imperative that we continue to reflect on our legacy, embrace our present, and plan our future with a focus on abolishing anything that could impede us from reaching our maximum potential.

Congratulations to our “polished pearls,” Target III/Family Strengthening, Soror Jacqueline Smalls (Irene Westbrook McCollum “Outstanding Golden Soror Award”), Soror Carzenia Brown (Delores H. Oliver Service to Mankind Award), Soror Carolyn Brown (Mary Shy Scott Fine Arts Award), and Soror Kelli Burke (Lucretia Payton-Stewart Guiding Torch Award). We are and will continue to be an award-winning chapter that will always be relentless and innovative in determining ways to uplift and provide service to our communities. In July, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors will take on the city of Houston by storm as we celebrate our sisterhood and our commitment to lifelong membership and learning by attending the 68th Boule.

We are packed with the bonds of sisterhood that we share. We are polished as we work together to enhance our resources and operate efficiently and effectively. We are polished and prepared to continue rendering service in our respective communities, since program is ultimately the heart of Alpha Kappa Alpha. When we reconvene in the fall, let’s continue to implement our programs with passion and purpose! The fabric of this chapter is made up of a myriad of integrated, tightly woven strands that are unique and beautiful in its own way. It is durable, fits well, adapts, and is equipped to serve for many years to come. Moreover, let the work that we do continue to speak for our chapter, as our action defines the value that we bring to our organization. Uniting in sisterhood and service will ensure that the Glamorous Gamma Xi Omega Chapter remains preeminent in making a difference.

Thank you sorors, for your never-ending dedication and service to our dynamic sisterhood. I look forward to seeing you at our June 9th sorority meeting at 11 a.m., followed by our “Pink Pearl Soiree.”

Sisterly,
 Soror Gretchen

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BIRTHDAYS
 CONGRATULATIONS

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KUDOS
 CONDOLENCES/SPIRITUAL SUPPORT
 NEW/REACTIVATED SORORS

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TARGET UPDATES
 REMINDERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Congratulations

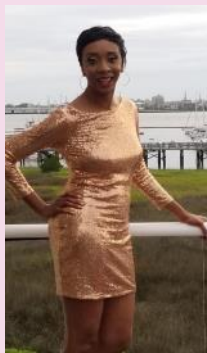
- ◆ Congratulations Mother of the Year, Soror Henrietta Mack!
New Webster United Methodist Church



- ◆ Congratulations 2018 Councilman's Ball Honoree, Soror Dorothy Jenkins!
Recognized for outstanding work in the community.



- ◆ Congratulations "New Employee of the Year" Soror Deronda C. Washington! Recognized for exemplary service to the Division of Student Affairs and to the students at the College of Charleston.



Robinson, Juanita	June 3
Varner, Francena	June 6
Creel, Erica A.	June 8
Perrineau-Jackson, Kimberly	June 10
McPherson, Dawn	June 11
Ford, Jenell	June 12
Gathers, Terraine Ford	June 13
Singleton, Kartika	June 15
Washington, Beulah J.	June 15
Breland, Katesha	June 18
Taylor, Erica S.	June 19
Maybank, Vanessa Turner	June 26
Jones, Morgan	June 30

Hostess Group Alpha – June Otto, Lottie, Captain

Brown, Carolyn Singleton	Johnson, Angela
Burke-Haltiwanger, Toni	McPherson, Dawn
Burke, Angela B.	Middleton, Vertelle M.
Burke, Kelli	Pompey, Dorothy A.
Curry, Morgan	Pryor, Carmelita
Fields, Vonda	Pryor, Joy S.
Gilliard, Margo	Rogers, Cecelia Gordon
Gilliard, Sylvia Harleston	Simmons, Chenequa M.
Jenkins, Delores S	Takeall, Echo
Jenkins, Dorothy M.	Woody-Simmons, Kendra

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"Polished Pearls" Regional Award Winners



- * Target III/Family Strengthening
- * Soror Jacqueline Smalls (Irene Westbrook McCollum "Outstanding Golden Soror Award")
- * Soror Carzenia Brown (Delores H. Oliver Service to Mankind Award)
- * Soror Carolyn Brown (Mary Shy Scott Fine Arts Award)
- * Soror Kelli Burke (Lucretia Payton-Stewart Guiding Torch Award)



*Remembering you in prayer
keeping you close in thought!*

Condolences:

**Soror Rosemary Simmons-Brown
(Mother)**

Sorors and Family Members

On the Mend

**Soror Lottie Otto (prayers, cards
and well wishes are greatly
appreciated no visitors at this
time)**



Soror Amari C. Bowman, legacy of Soror April Bowman and Honey-Do James, made the Dean's List for the 2018 spring semester. She was also recognized for her leadership and dedication to the Multicultural Advisory Board. Soror Amauri is a member of the NAACP and Iota Xi Chapter.

Paul Stoney wins 'Pursuit' contest, will conduct CSO

BY ADAM PARKER
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Paul Stoney, president and CEO of the Greater Charleston YMCA, has won the Charleston Symphony Orchestra League 2018 Pursuit of the Podium contest.

Stoney will conduct the CSO during its free Sunset Serenade concert scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday May 25, outside the U.S. Customhouse on East Bay Street.

Sunset Serenade is the official kickoff event of the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. The Pursuit of the Podium



Stoney

contest is a fundraiser for the symphony. Participants paid \$5 to cast a vote for one of the contestants. More than \$5,000 was raised

this year.

Stoney was up against James D. Elliott Jr., founder and executive director of the Avian Conservation Center; Leyla Gulen, Fox24 News anchor; and Sandy Tecklenburg, first lady of Charleston.

Congratulations to Paul Stoney, Honey-Do to Soror Allison Stoney for winning the "Pursuit" contest. He conducted the CSO Sunset Serenade concert on May 25th outside the United States Customhouse on East Bay Street.

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**KEEP
CALM
and
WELCOME
HOME**

Soror Marilyn Pyatt

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Target Updates



Target 1 - HBCU

It's HBCU donation time! If you have made a donation to your favorite HBCU in 2018 please submit your receipt(s) or confirmation letter(s) to Soror Carzenia Brown. A donor receipt, a cancelled check (with the account number marked out), or a letter indicating the donated amount, school's name, your name, and the date can be submitted. If you plan to donate, please do not forget to request a receipt to turn in for a great cause!

Target 3—Family Strengthening

A Financial Fitness Workshop will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 11 am—2 pm at the AKA Building. The presenter will be Ms. Cheryl Petty Garnette. All are welcomed to attend. RSVP to Soror Harriet Simmons at harriet29420@yahoo.com or Soror Gwen Button at gwenbuton@comcast.net by June 15th. Refreshments will be served.



Sorors, if you have any requests for PR coverage for any events, please notify me @ ddebeer@gmail.com 2 weeks prior to the event. If your event requires attendance outside of GXO, such as a Facebook post, please send a notice at least 4 weeks in advance of the event to ensure a better outcome for people attending. I will assist you with the process as your emails come in.

The next submission deadline for the Ivy Leaf Magazine is July 15th. If you would like an event that you have hosted with your committee to be featured in the chapter news section, please send them to me @ ddeberr@gmail.com and I will assist you with the process. Sisterly, Soror Dronica C. Deberry

Save the Date

Gamma Xi Omega Chapter
Annual Fall Retreat
Saturday, August 11, 2018
at 9:00 am, cost: \$40
Royal Missionary Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

The Membership Committee in collaboration with the **Sisterly Relations Committee** is hosting a bowling event at Sandpiper Bowling Alley Saturday, June 23rd at 3 pm. The cost is \$7 per person (price includes shoes). Bring an inactive soror with you for some GXO fun!

For more information contact
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or

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