

The Cultured Pearl Connection

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From the desk of the Basileus...

My Dear Sorors,

April showers have given way to May Flowers! Beautiful spring buds are in bloom everywhere! The month of May is special because we celebrate the tradition of families traveling near and far to celebrate Mothers' Day (May 14, 2017). This is the day on which we remember our mothers and special women in our lives. During the month of May, we also celebrate Memorial Day. On this day, the nation honors those brave men and women in the military who made the ultimate sacrifice by laying down their lives for our country. Like the season, our beloved chapter continues to spread the fragrance of her bloom with our noteworthy works in the Charleston community.



With the conclusion of the Debutantes' Showcase, and the 64th South Atlantic Regional Conference, most people would be tired---ready for a rest and relaxation / spa day. But as we all know, WE are not most people and WE are not your average chapter! Thanks to our Targets and Committees, the Alpha Kappa Alpha legacy of "Service to All Mankind" has continued non-stop in the Charleston community. I extend special thanks to the sorors of Targets II, III and IV for continuing our forward momentum by facilitating our NAMI Community Impact Day, sponsoring the Financial Responsibility Workshop, and participating in Earth Day at Riverfront Park, respectively.

Excitement mounts in anticipation of the upcoming **AKA 1908 Playgrounds Mobilization Day on May 20, 2017**. Sorors, let's pull out our gardening gloves, yardwork clothes and sneakers. Let's get ready to give our local children a well-spruced playground that will last so long, even their children will enjoy it! Let's not forget **ASCEND and AKA One Million Backpacks**. By steady, persistent collection of backpacks and school items, we will be ready for fall distribution; AND, possible recognition at Cluster! Additionally, the Youth Leadership Committee has been busy working on plans for the 2017-2018 Youth Leadership Program. Sorors desiring to sponsor a high school senior young lady are reminded to get the applications to the committee by May 13, 2017. It is crucial, Sorors, that you kindly adhere to this date.

Finally, take time out to check on a sista! Let's remember all of our sisters who are experiencing sickness and bereavement. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers, because our God is truly AWESOME, AND He is ABLE!

As usual, Sorors, thanks again for catching the **Gamma Xi Omega fever**, as we continue to find "greater laurels to win, greater tasks to begin" for love of our great sisterhood!

Sisterly,

Soror Marguerite S. Middleton

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2017/2018 Youth Leadership

The Youth Leadership Committee is now accepting applications for prospective Debutantes. Please complete the application if you would like to sponsor a young lady. Applications are **due not later than May 13, 2017**. The application has been emailed to every soror and is available at the building.



Please keep our sick, shut-in and bereaved sorors in your prayers.

*Soror Thomasine Grant Soror Geneva Bennett
Soror Allison Stoney Soror Diane DeVeaux*

Soror Evette Stroud, passing of her sister-in-law

Target IV – Environmental Ownership –

Soror Barbara Wilson, Chairman

Members of Target IV volunteered at Earth Day.



Public Relations – Soror Dronica DeBerry, Chairman

If any committee would like publicity coverage for events, please contact Soror Dronica DeBerry at ddberr@gmail.com for a request form. All requests should be submitted two weeks prior to the event.

Basileus Choice Awards

For the month of April

Delores Kemp	Barbara Wilson	LaQuinta Yates
Rhondia Bailey	Moncia Smalls	Dena Magwood
Karen Harvey	Latonia Allen	Carmelita Pryor
Kendra Woody-Simmons		



*Welcome to
our newly
reactivated
soror:
Brandi Alston*



Dr. Tiffani Middleton (Soror) and Madam Regional Director are pictured at the North Atlantic Regional Conference in Baltimore, MD. Soror Tiffani is Soror Marguerite's Legacy.

Next Sorority Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

**President of SCSU, Mr. James E. Clark,
will be with us.**

May – Alpha Hostess Group

Sarah Breland, Captain

Rondia Bailey	Akilah Brown
Karriema L. Calhoun	Sandra Boozer Cannon
Lauretta Lemon Dailey	Delores S. Greene
Kimberly Greene	Darien Horton
Cheryl McWilliams	Saundra Middleton
Deborah M. Smalls	Vickie M. Stuckey

Happy Birthday!



Sonya B. Jones	6
Rev. Karen Reed-Perrineau	10
Almisha Porcher	12
Felicia S. Breeland	14
Violet B. Washington	14
Dhmir Grant	19
Sylvia Bailey	20
Barbara S. Wilson	20
Jacqueline V. Broughton	23
Gloria Gantt Wilford	23
Rondia Bailey	25
Toni L. Haltiwanger	25
Ruth M. Buck	26
Allison Stoney	26
Roberta M. Frazier	27
Carolyn Singleton Brown	28
Juanita Gibbs Jones	28