

The Cultured Pearl Connection

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From the desk of the Basileus...

My Dear Sorors,

*I trust that you each enjoyed a festive Fourth of July Holiday that was full of love with family and friends; as well as, enjoying reunions, picnics, and everything that makes summer special! July is significant in our great sisterhood, because it marks the beginning of the last half of the calendar year! This means that we now literally have only six months left to complete identified tasks and goals to be achieved in 2017! I applaud and thank all chairmen and committees for your steadfast determination and commitment. I eagerly look forward to us ending the year with a **Pink & Green Bang!***



As you know the Leadership Summit was held in Las Vegas, July 13-16, 2017. To all sorors who attended, please ignore the saying: "what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!" I know you are anxious to share the wealth of information acquired at Leadership and you will be given the opportunity to do so. Due to Honey Do Seaward's repeat eye surgery, I was unable to attend. Corporate advised me that provisions will be made to email essential information to all basilei who could not attend.

Sorors, here are two reminders: First, July is National Mental Health Awareness Month. Please refer to your minutes for suggestions/requests from Target II. Second, the Fall Retreat Committee has been busy planning for our upcoming Fall Retreat on August 5, 2017 at Royal Missionary Baptist Church. The cost is only \$30.00 per soror, so please register to attend. I eagerly look forward to seeing everyone there!

*Let's take a moment to reflect on our chapter. Although the bonds of death have left us shaken with the transitioning of Sorors Ruth Singleton Middleton and Lydia Johnson Rhodes, we are not broken. We remain resolute and take comfort in knowing that God comforts those who are bereaved. I sincerely thank all sorors who participated in the Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremonies. By your actions, you demonstrated, **"We help each other!"***

*Finally, I wish for each of you a joyous summer! Get lots of rest and relaxation, and return in the fall re-energized for dedicated and committed **Service to All Mankind** through the meaningful efforts and works of our Targets and committees!*

*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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Fall Retreat

Our annual Fall Retreat will be held on August 5, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Royal Missionary Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall. The cost for the retreat is \$30.00 per soror. The last collection date for the retreat will be held on July 20, 2017, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. You may also mail in your registration fee for the retreat to the chapter's post office box. The theme for this year's retreat is **"Final Steps of LNSD (Launching New Dimensions of Service) 2017-2018."**

AKA Connection – Soror Laurachelle White, Chairman

All are invited, sorors and the public, to a forum entitled: **"Empowerment Forum/Pearls of Promise,"** August 17, 2017, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The forum will take place at the Sorority Building. Please come and invite others to come with you.

Target II – Health Promotion – Soror Latecia Abraham, Co-Chairman

The Alzheimers Committee displayed useful educational materials on Alzheimer's Disease at the June 10th sorority meeting in connection with Alzheimer's The Longest Day.



Sorors Toni Haltiwanger and Rosa Bowens

"Basileus Choice"

Chosen from the 33 D.O.L.L.S.....Sorors to Watch in GXO Chapter



Sorors Sonya Gibbs Jones, Sshune Rhodes, and Latarsha Asby



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

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

All sorors who have experienced illness or bereavement.

Happy Birthday!



Jackson, M. Yvette	July 4
Smalls, Jacqueline L.	July 4
Womack, Gale	July 8
Burke, Angela B.	July 10
Caldwell, Tomika	July 10
Horton, Darien Watson	July 11
Boston, Desaree D.	July 18
Kearse, Latonya Y.	July 18
Richardson, La'Aysha	July 20
Jenkins, Enid Brockington	July 24
Garrett, Miriam	July 25
Coakley, Shanequa Gilliard	July 26
Cobin, Tamara	July 27
Smith, Rosalee M.	July 27
Fortner-Burden, Sonya Riley	July 29
Jenkins, Dorothy M.	July 30
Smith, Miriam D.	July 31

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