



# The Ivy Vine

## Gamma Xi Omega

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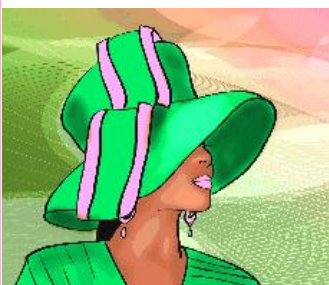
MAY 2018

### A Message From the Basileus

#### 2018 Chapter Officers

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Juanita Gibbs-Jones  
**Pan Hellenic Representative**  
Kendra Woody-Simmons  
**Pan Hellenic Representative**

**"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take" ....Happy Mother's Day sorors!**



Love is the bridge that connects sisterhood and service. Each member is needed to come together to utilize talents for the continuous growth and edification of our beloved sorority, established 110 years ago. Gamma Xi Omega Chapter has a strong and rich history filled with influential women who believe in making a difference in the community. Our pledge must be to continue the outstanding service programs provided to the community for the past

76 years. Let us continue to expand our battery of knowledge, and recognize that this organization has taught us how to be women who can achieve despite many of the circumstances that we face. We must overcome the variables of life that we cannot control, build a daily foundation to create a new tomorrow, and reject any obstacles that attempt to hinder our endeavors.

As we continue to stand out as a unique chapter that is dedicated to preserving the beauty and charm that defines this great sisterhood, I ask that we stand together and be a beacon of light in our community, state, and nation. Now, more than ever, we must pay attention, participate, and serve.

As we celebrate mothers, we have the capacity, education, tenacity, and ability to truly expand beyond the template that our foremothers provided. We have the gift of the blueprint that they established while experiencing far more adversities during their era than we do today. Therefore, this should fuel our energy to continue to ignite a fire so big, that anyone who crosses our path can't help but feel the passion of service in the flames. Sorors, I admonish you to never forget the past. Build a fire within yourself that can ignite future generations to carry on the torch for another 110 years. We are a legacy of servant leaders who continuously support our communities, and words alone are not adequate enough to thank you for all you do!

Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day! I look forward to seeing you at our May 10th sorority meeting at 6:30 p.m.

With Sisterly Love,  
Soror Gretchen

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY SORORS!

### Congratulations

- ♦ The 81st Miss South Carolina State University is Miss Teonna Breland. Teonna is a junior in the Honors College at SCSU and the daughter of Soror Katesha Breland!



- ♦ Maya Christina Whaley is a sophomore at Winthrop Univ., a dean's list recipient, a member of



Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society, was inducted into the Psi Chi National Honor Society in Psychology and was a representative for

the 2018 Model UN. She is the daughter of Soror Clarissa Whaley and the sister of Soror Marissa Whaley-Gordon.

- ♦ Soror Raven Cheyenne Tittle a junior at Howard Univ. became a member of our great sisterhood on March 2, 2018. She is the granddaughter of Soror Linette E. Nesbitt.



Jones, Sonya	May 6
Reed-Perrineau, Karen Y	May 10
Hunt Bellinger, Delores	May 11
Phillips, Almisha Porcher	May 12
Breeland, Felicia S.	May 14
Washington, Violet B.	May 14
Whaley-Gordon, Marissa	May 19
Washington, Deronda C.	May 20
Wilson, Barbara S.	May 20
Broughton, Jacqueline V.	May 23
Wilford, Gloria Gantt	May 23
Bailey, Rondia	May 25
Burke-Haltiwanger, Toni	May 25
Buck, Ruth M.	May 26
Stoney, Allison	May 26
Frasier, Roberta M.	May 27
Brown, Carolyn Singleton	May 28
Gibbs-Jones, Juanita	May 28

### Hostess Group Alpha – May

Breland, Sarah, Captain

Bailey, Rondia

Calhoun, Karriema L.

Cannon, Sandra Boozer

Dailey, Laurretta Lemon

Davis, Desyona

Greene, Kimberly

Hollinshead, Gabrielle M.

Horton, Darien Watson

McWilliams, Cheryl

Middleton, Sandra

Smalls, Deborah M.

Stuckey, Vickie M.

Thompkins-Webber, Eboni

Washington, Deronda C.

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## 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



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

### Condolences:

**Soror Jasmine Campbell**

### Sorors and Family Members

#### On the Mend

**Soror Pearl Givens**

**Soror Lottio Otto**

**Soror Roberta Frasier**



**Soror Renee Jenkins**  
**Soror Michelle Govan-Seymore**

### **The Sisterly Relations**

**Committee** would like to celebrate Mother's Day at the next sorority meeting on Thursday, May 10th. We are asking all sorors to honor their "Heart Sister" with a gift. Let this occasion be the beginning of a great sisterly relationship!

### **The Membership Committee**

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



Announcing the Birth of Grant Marshall Thomas – son of Soror Tiffany Whaley Thomas and Honey Do Maurice T. Thomas of Gastonia, NC – Baby Grant was born on April 16, 2018; 7 lbs 4 oz, 21". Soror Tiffany is the (legacy) daughter of Soror Clarissa and Honey Do Mark; and sister of Soror Marissa Whaley-Gordon.



Congratulations to Soror Kiyanna Brown daughter of Soror Carzenia Brown and Honey Do Johnny Brown. She completed Midland Technical Nursing School and was pinned during their graduation pinning ceremony. She will further her education by starting the master's program in the fall.



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## Target Updates

### Target 2: Health Promotion

Chairman: Dr. Latecia M. Abraham-Hilaire



On behalf of **Gamma Xi Omega Chapter**, Soror Latecia Abraham-Hilaire, Health Promotion Chairman; Soror Kendra Woody-Simmons, Mental Illness Chairman, Soror Dena Magwood, Anti-Basileus, and Soror Sshune Rhodes, Founders' Day Chairman, collaborated with other Tri-County Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., chapters (Omicron Rho Omega, Nu Alpha Omega, and Sigma Upsilon Omega), and participated in the 1.98-mile **AKA NAMI Buddy Walk**, which took place on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 10 am at Park Circle, located in North Charleston, SC, to emphasize mental health awareness. Sorors Abraham-Hilaire and Woody-Simmons provided mental health awareness literature for the walk. Since May is "Mental Health Month," GXO sorors will receive literature at the May 10th sorority meeting! Each soror paid \$5.00 to participate with a total of \$467.00 being raised. All proceeds were donated to NAMI. A total of 33 sorors, 44 guests, and 16 children participated in the walk! Fun was had by all!



Soror Rosa Bowens, Soror Toni Burke-Haltiwanger, and Soror Allison Stoney, Alzheimer's Disease Co-Chairmen, want to inform you about "The Longest Day," which will take place on June 21, 2018. In the fight to end Alzheimer's Disease, the local Alzheimer's Association hosts "The Longest Day," and provides helpful services and programs free-of-charge to our community. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, please remember to take photos providing care to Alzheimer's Disease patients and send them via email to Soror Dronica DeBerry at [ddeberr@gmail.com](mailto:ddeberr@gmail.com) and to Soror Rosa Bowens at [rosa.bowens@comcast.net](mailto:rosa.bowens@comcast.net). Sorors who are caregivers may call the Alzheimer's Disease Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.



On April 7, 2018, the National Pan Hellenic Council members and chapter members volunteered their time to support Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization. The Pan Hellenic Council assembled in North Charleston and provided their building skills and assistance from 8:30 am—11 am. It was great to work with the Divine 9 and give back to the community. Service to all Mankind!!





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## 65th South Atlantic Regional Conference Photos





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