



The Ivy Vine

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A Message From the Basileus

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"Love, Strength, Faith and Hope"

Greetings Soror,

Every October the color pink is displayed in full force in various forms. Pink ribbons and lapel pins are worn throughout the month. Moreover, pink is generally integrated into our wardrobe in support of breast cancer awareness. Gamma Xi

Omega Chapter as well as thousands of amazing people will come together to show support for the fight against this devastating disease that impacts the lives of so many. Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women. While the survival rate has dramatically improved over the years, breast cancer continues to affect the lives of countless families and friends. Furthermore, it is still taking the lives of women on a heartbreaking scale and at an alarming rate. Black women are 20-40% more likely to die from breast cancer, which is likely due to genetics, the biology of the cancer, and the disparity in healthcare.

Some might ask, "Why wear pink?" It is worn to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease, to support the progress that is being made to defeat it, and to increase awareness. However, awareness is only the first step to increasing public health education and making significant advances in medical research. Research holds the key to a future where women won't live in fear of breast cancer, a future where they are watching their children grow up, a future where they are creating lifetime memories with their loved ones, and a future where every woman that develops this disease survives. With every symbol of pink that we wear, we are demonstrating our fight and determination to help make this future possible.

Wearing pink is a simple gesture to let women who have been impacted by the disease know that they are not alone. As Alpha Kappa Alpha observes Breast Cancer Awareness this month, let's show support by wearing pink, speaking out and impacting the community, and raising money to help make cutting edge, life-saving research happen. Sorors, let's "think pink and wear pink" and further commit to praying for an end to this tragic disease and praying for the women and families continuing the battle of its devastating effect.

Lastly, many of us have experienced various personal challenges, so let us continue to encourage and pray for one another. Additionally, we must pray for our friends and loved ones, as well as the local, national, and global communities. We must keep service in our minds and sisterhood in our hearts.

I look forward to seeing you at our next sorority meeting, Saturday, October 13, 11:00 a.m.

With sisterly love,

Soror Gretchen

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Congratulations

Golden Soror Felecia S. Breland honored for 59 years of service to the Choraliers Music Club, Inc.



Honey Do Bernard R. Fielding, Sr., presented the Alpha Living Legend Award at the Public Program for the 58th Annual SC District Conference, Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church, Friday, Oct. 5th. Honey Do Bernard is the husband of Golden Soror Conchita Fielding.



Hello World! Corrine and Camille Saddler

Born: August 23, 2018
Grand nieces of Soror Margo Gilliard and great-grand daughters of Golden Soror M. Inez Fields (IVBW)



October Birthday's

Middleton, Marguerite	1-Oct
Bradham, DeAundra	3-Oct
Button, Gwendolyn	10-Oct
Pryor, Carmelita	10-Oct
Middleton, Ezell	13-Oct
Breland, Sarah	14-Oct
Snyder, Brenda	14-Oct
Simmons-Brown, Rosemary	19-Oct
Banks, Oneida R.	24-Oct
Gilliard, Margo	24-Oct
Simmons, Chenequa M.	28-Oct
Sumter, Myiesha N.	28-Oct
Scott, Dawnita V.	30-Oct
White, Laurachelle H.	31-Oct

October Hostess Group Jenkins, Enid B., Captain

Abraham-Hilaire, Latecia
Bellinger, Delores
Burden, Sonya Riley
Catalon, Katie B.
Deas, Edith P.
Fielding-Jenkins, Tanisha
Fielding, Conchita Lawson
Fielding, Thuane B.
Givens, Pearl M.
Govan-Seymore, Michelle
Lemon, Clarice B.
Magwood, Dena G.
Miller-LaViscount, Priscilla
Murray, Chardale
Rainey, Kesha
White, Faith
Winder, Julia Dozier
Wright, Felecia M.

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Upcoming Events/Save the Date!

Target III will sponsor a seminar on
“The Secret to Master the Power of Credit” presented by
 Michelle Glover on Saturday, October 27th from
 11 a.m. — 2 p.m. at the AKA Bldg. Please RSVP by
 Friday, October 19th to Soror Kathy at
katherine.whitaker50@gmail.com

Cluster VI Meeting
 (Vidalia, GA)
 November 16—17, 2018
 Toombs County High School
 500 Bulldog Rd.
 Lyons, GA 30436
 Early registration:
 Now—November 2nd (\$85)
 Late registration:
 November 3rd—9th (\$100)



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

Sorors and Family Members On the Mend or in Bereavement

Soror Pearl Givens (aunt)

Soror Morgan Curry Brown
 (Mr. Herbert Cunningham,
 grandfather)

Sorors Janetha Prioleau and
 Erica S. Taylor

Soror Gwen Brown/Honey Do
 Linus Brown (uncle)

Soror Quinteria Mazyck-Wilson
 (Mr. Issac Mazyck, uncle)

Soror Violet Washington
 (cards/well wishes welcomed; no
 calls or visitors at this time)

Soror Myiesha Sumter
 (Mr. Johnnie Gadson, step-dad)



HBCU Community Impact Day September 17, 2108

We did it.....over 1.2 million dollars
 collected in one day to support our
 HBCUs!!



Twenty Pearls Foundation has secured a bus
 for transportation to the Cluster VI Meeting,
 November 17, 2018 in Vidalia, GA. The cost
 per person is \$50.00. Please contact Maxine
 Frazier Riley (mobile: 843-696-5765, home: 843-722-4373 or
 email: macfraril@aol.com) to reserve your seat on the bus.
 Checks must be made payable to **Twenty Pearls Foundation
 of Charleston, Inc.** and mailed to P. O. Box 30115, Charles-
 ton, SC 29417-0115. **Please do not mail checks to Maxine's
 residence.**

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Target Updates



The **Care for Caregivers** Co-Chairmen, Soror Rosa Bowens and Soror Toni Burke-Haltiwanger, are committed to finding resources to assist caregivers in providing care for their loved ones, as well as resources to provide stress relief for themselves. On August 25, 2018, Soror Rosa Bowens, Soror Roberta Frasier, and Soror Noni Jenkins attended **Soror Linda Harvey's Fitness Class** at the Arthur Christopher City Gym, located at 265 Fishburne Street, downtown Charleston. The fitness class incorporated low impact/high impact exercise and music to create a total body workout that fit everyone. The class also offered caregivers an outlet to rejuvenate themselves mentally and physically through fellowship, health and wellness. Soror Linda Harvey plans to offer her fitness class on an ongoing monthly basis (tentatively on Saturdays). She will provide the chapter with additional information in the near future.



The **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk** took place Sept. 22nd, 8:30 a.m., Riverfront Park. Sorors and community residents were encouraged to register online/join the AKA GAMMA XI OMEGA BREAST CARE TEAM. Soror Latecia Abraham-Hilaire, DHA (Team Captain), Soror Kendra Woody-Simmons, Soror Priscilla Miller- LaViscount, and Soror Gwendolyn Brown, DMD, participated in the walk. TOGETHER WE FIGHT!



The **LowCountry Heart Walk** took place Sept. 29th, 9 a.m., Riverfront Park. Soror Latecia Abraham-Hilaire, DHA (Team Captain), Soror Kendra Woody-Simmons, Soror Cheryl McWilliams, and Soror Gwendolyn Brown, DMD, represented the Gamma Xi Omega Heart Beat Team. Despite the rain, sorors participated in Zumba!



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Target Updates



AKA Breast Cancer Awareness Community Impact Day is scheduled to take place on October 1, 2018. Please wear pink, share personal breast cancer stories on Sisters Network and Susan G. Komen websites, plan a breast cancer awareness event, compile a list of organizations providing free mammograms for the indigent, and publish the American Cancer Society Guidelines for early detection of breast cancer on the chapter's website and social media pages.



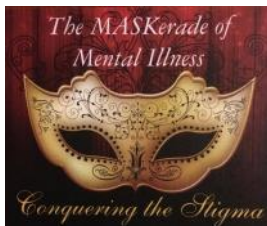
Inaugural Wellness Day is scheduled for Oct. 12, 2018, from 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. at Wanner County Park (Cypress Hall), 8888 University Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29406. All are invited to participate in practicing self-care, in utilizing acceptance and commitment therapy, learning about resilience and the workplace, and in Zumba!

Register at <https://ticketbud.com/events/6655ed6-8c36-11e8-9d4f-ab26bbf9f4da>



Due to Hurricane Florence, the walk has been rescheduled! Soror Rosa Bowens (Team Captain) invites GXO sorors and community residents to participate in the **Walk to End Alzheimer's**, October 14, 2018, 3 p.m. at Riverfront Park, 1001 Everglades Avenue, N.

Charleston, SC 29405. Refer to the registration details on the fliers/cards that were distributed. Please register online.



TMI Mental Health Awareness and Education is hosting the **"MASKerade of Mental Illness – Conquering the Stigma"** fundraising event, October 27th, 6:30 p.m. at the Harbour Club. This event will be hosted by Mr. Tom Crawford from Lowcountry Live (WCIV-TV). It includes food, cocktails, music, and a live auction.

Tickets cost \$100/person; please contact M. Jeannelle Perkins-Muhammad at tmimentalhealthawareness@gmail.com. Additionally, a **Mental Health First Aid Course** is being offered. Please go to www.MentalHealthFirstAid.org, or contact 843-730-2618 to learn more about the eight-hour course to help individuals learn how

to offer assistance to those with mental illness.

Partnership between the Medical University of South Carolina-Hollings Cancer Center and Gamma Xi Omega Chapter!

Onsite Mammography Screening
Friday, October 26th, 1-5 p.m.
Trident Technical College - Palmer Campus
66 Columbus St., Charleston, SC 29403
Appointments Required - for scheduling information
contact Outreach Services at 843-792-0878.

Go PINK With Us!

**Let us continue to "Exemplify Excellence
Through Sustainable Service"**



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Gamma Xi Omega's Nominating Committee is looking for interested sorors to vye for the following offices:

ANTI-TAMIOUCHOS – To be eligible for the office of Anti-Tamiouchos, a member must have the same qualifications as Tamiouchos. The duties and responsibilities of the Anti-Tamiouchos are a soror must have been an active financial member of the chapter for two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to her election. She will serve as guardian of the chapter's funds. The Anti-Tamiouchos will be appointed specific accounts to work with by the Tamiouchos. She shall prepare monthly reports of income and expenditures. She shall maintain and reconcile the chapter's bank account monthly. She shall follow the established guidelines as set forth in the AKA publication "Fiscal Fitness: Guide to Chapter Financial Procedures." She shall be bonded. This soror must have a background check.

PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS – To be eligible to serve as Pecunious-Grammateus a soror must have been an active financial member of the chapter for two (2) consecutive years immediately prior to her election. She must have demonstrated knowledge of basic bookkeeping and /Accounting. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Pecunious Grammateus to serve as financial secretary. She shall receive all funds received by the chapter; issue receipts to each source; and maintain a cash receipts journal. She must, within 3-5 business days turn funds received over to the Tamiouchos with a report identifying each source. To assure proper segregation of financial functions, she shall monitor all expenditures by budget line items. She shall issue and sign all vouchers for expenditures after assuring that the requested expenditure is in accordance with the approved budget. She shall maintain a journal of expenditures by budget line item. She shall report the status of the budget periodically throughout the year. She shall follow guidelines established in the Alpha Kappa Alpha publication, "Fiscal Fitness: A Guide to Chapter Financial Procedures." She shall serve on the Budget Committee. This soror must have a background check.

HODEGOS – To be eligible for the office of Hodegos, a member must have been an active financial member the previous year. She should be congenial and dependable. It shall be a duty and responsibility of the Hodegos to receive and introduce visitors. She shall assist the Basileus with arrangements for the Ivy Beyond the Wall Ceremony.

GRAMMATEUS — To be eligible to serve as Grammateus a soror must have knowledge of the proper format of meeting minutes as expressed in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, (11th Edition). She must have the ability to record rapidly, accurately and neatly (minutes are a part of the official and permanent records of the chapter and should be neatly arranged) and bound. She must be assertive enough to ask questions and clarify any information she may miss during the meeting to ensure that she gets an accurate record of events. The soror must have access to a personal computer, preferably a laptop that can be brought to the chapter meeting, with Microsoft Office or another word-processing software.

IVY LEAF REPORTER – To be eligible for the office of Ivy Leaf Reporter, a member must have been an active financial member the previous year; be able to promote chapter activities; recognize "new value" information about the chapter and its activities. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Ivy Leaf Reporter to compile, edit and publicize news about the chapter and chapter activities in the Ivy Leaf and other news media. She shall serve as chairman of the Public Relations Committee.

All GXO and Twenty Pearls financial obligations must be paid in full by November 30, 2018 in order for a soror to be considered as an eligible candidate for the position. Please reply by October 15, 2018 to Soror Carzenia Brown, Chairman at akalady0577@yahoo.com and Soror Janetha Prioleau, Co-Chairman at janethaprioleau@bellsouth.net if you are interested and meet all of the required criteria!!

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HBCU Impact Day, Saturday, September 8, 2018



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Greek Picnic, Saturday, September 22, 2018

