

# Alpha News

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### Purpose

- To stimulate professional growth among teachers
- To foster a true spirit of sisterhood
- To promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession

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Welcome Sorors to the 2017-2018 sororal year; a year that will be filled with wonderful activities to complete our Y.E.S. Program. We reviewed and updated our calendars, our programs, and committee assignments at our Planning Meeting on June 29.

It is my hope this sororal year that all sorors will dedicate their time and assistance to the chapter by supporting our programs, and working to promote the three "R's" of Membership, Recruiting, Retaining and Reclaiming members. Alpha Chapter needs everyone to help maintain this endeavor.

This past summer we attended the 94th Anniversary Conclave in Little Rock, AR. The contingency of Alpha sorors left for Arkansas, Sunday July 16 with anticipation and excitement. What a wonderful time we had! We shared friendships, attended workshops, visited historical sites, the Clinton Presidential Library, and witnessed the installation of newly elected national officers with our own soror, Anona Huntley as Member-At-Large.

During the week, we attended the Public Meeting and President's Reception with First Supreme Anti Basileus, Soror Margaret Galloway as Mistress of Ceremony. The Citation Award was presented to Dr. Roderick Smothers, President of Philander Smith College and the Achievement Award went to Soror Hattie McFrazier of the Far West Region. Mr. Robert L. Mallett was presented a

Saturday July 15, 2017 the Omicron Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. hosted National Summer Reading Day at Park Library in Plainfield, NJ. More than 50 children and 30 parents attended the program to take a stand against summer learning loss or "Summer Slide." The organization thanked the Plainfield Public Library and all other organizations for partnering with them to make the day a success. The Nat'l Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Alpha Chapter was represented with Sorors Erin

## It's A New Sororal Year!

forty thousand dollar check for Africare, our International Project and Supreme Basileus Williams presented NAACP Life Memberships to two sorors.

Supreme Basileus, Charlotte Williams, Supreme Tamiyas Myra Robinson and Supreme Tamiouchos Debra Wade, presented a Leadership Workshop for the Basilei where information was given regarding preparing the Form 990, the forms to use for chapter reinstatement, and on keeping accurate minutes and financial reports. Soror Noreen Little enlightened the Basilei further with the attributes of "Getting Hip to Leadership," what it means and what it looks like. The use of the MPP was stressed even though it is still being updated, and the Constitution and By-Laws should be utilized and followed.

The Membership Luncheon was held Tuesday, July 18 with the Induction Ceremony of new Life Members and Ruby and Diamond Life Members. Congratulations to Alpha Chapter Sorors for Life Membership: Helen Brooks, Anona Huntley, Marilyn Jones, Mary Webb -Miller, and Verna Sims. Diamond Members included Sorors Perry Jackson and Marilyn Jones.

The Vital Issues Breakfast was held with special recognition of two members of the "Little Rock Nine," Thelma Mothershed Wair and Elizabeth Eckford for their involvement in the desegregation of the Central High School in 1957. What a

pleasure it was to actually see one of them in person, hear her personal story and to later take a tour of the historical site itself.

The Awards Banquet was held the last evening of the Conclave with a wonderful salute to our outgoing Supreme Basileus, Charlotte Williams. All regions participated in this special event with the East conducting a "Call and Response" tribute which included an African Dance. Each region presented personal gifts with remarks of gratitude.

Sorors, this was only a sample of the wonderful southern hospitality which was extended to the sorors from the East. The Conclave was informative, educational and quite interesting.

IN conclusion, Sorors, let's do all we can to make this sororal year a productive one. Do not sit back to observe. Be a part of the PDK Team. Alpha Chapter is counting on YOU.



Gwendolyn L. Jackson, Basileus

## Sorors on the Move

Murphy-Richardson and Dr. Tamika Pollins participating. Soror Murphy-Richardson assisted with registration and Soror Pollins read to children.



Soror Murphy-Richardson assisting with registration



Soror Pollins reading a story to the youngsters



Sorors Murphy-Richardson and Pollins did a great job of representing and promoting Alpha Chapter. And, it was Soror Pollins' birthday.

**Alpha Chapter Officers**

Basileus Gwendolyn L. Jackson  
 1st Anti-Basileus Perry L. Jackson  
 2nd Anti-Basileus Mary E. Ennon  
 3rd Anti-Basileus Stacey Abdul-Qawi  
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**Honoring Soror Phillips**



On Sunday, July 9, 2017 several Alpha sorors joined members and friends at Claremont Lafayette Presbyterian Church in Jersey City, NJ in a tribute to Soror Edith Bland Phillips who relocated to Texas to be near her family. Soror Phillips has been a member of Alpha Chapter for more than 50 years. She provided music and celebratory songs for many chapter events and members' campaigns for various Regional and National offices. Declining health in the last few years had prevented her from attending meetings and being an active member. Alpha Chapter Basileus Gwendolyn Jackson gave remark and presented her with a gift from the chapter.

On Saturday, July 8, 2017 Basileus Gwendolyn Jackson and Sorors Perry Jackson, Anona Huntley, Mary Ennon joined Soror Stacey Abdul-Qawi for the David's Shoes, Inc. 8th Annual Scholarship luncheon. The event took place at the Galloping Hills Caterers and utilized the theme "History Propelling Us Forward." Soror Leisa brown was also in attendance supplying the music for this occasion.

This organization was created by Elaine Lane in honor of her and he husband's only son who lost his life as a result of gunfire at the age if 18. The mission of the organization is "to promote love



September Happy Birthday Shout-outs to the following sorors: Frances Harold, 9/10, Verna Sims, 9/14, Mildred English, 9/19, Adrienne Lofton, 9/26

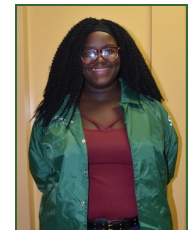
Alpha Chapter remembers Soror Suretta Wright who joined Omega Chapter. Pray for Soror Francenia Britton-Sheppert on the passing of her mother and Anthropos Floyd Huntley

**Xinos Induction Soror Rhonda Baskerville**

The induction ceremony for Alpha Chapter Xinos took place on July 1, 2017 at the home of Soror Perry Jackson. Three lovely high school freshmen became Xinos in the ceremony with current Xinos and advisors Sorors Rhonda Jackson Baskerville and Shawnte Williams participating. Caiya Edwards Walker attends Hudson Catholic, Dana Carter attends Lincoln High and Nevaeh Mustipher attends Infinity Institute.



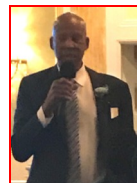
Welcome to Alpha Xinos Caiya Edwards, Dana Carter (top) and Nevaeh Mustipher (below)



**David's Shoes Soror Stacey Abdul-Qawi**

of self and community. To instill in the minds of our youth the ultimate responsibility of creating a safe, nonviolent environment whereby all children can live, play and learn".

The guest speaker for the event was Terrence Roberts, Ph.D. one of the Little Rock Nine who desegregated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. He is now CEO of Terrence Roberts Consulting. He provided tremendous insight on the events that took place during that period of time.



Dr Roberts encouraged the scholarship recipients to do their best in college.



Soror Stacey Abdul-Qawi with Elaine Lane founder of David's Shoes



Alpha sorors with Dr. Roberts

**Gifts and Good Will Soror Adrienne Lofton**

on the passing of his brother.

Send words of comfort to Soror Tiffany -Ladson Lang, Delta Phi Chapter on the passing of her father-in-law and her mother-in-law two weeks later, Soror Yvonne Ladson, Beta Omicron Chapter on the passing of her mother, Dr. Barbara Miles, Beta Zeta Chapter on the passing of her son, Beta Zeta Chapter on the passing of Soror Cassandra Fogg, and Epsilon Alpha Chapter on the passing of Soror Earlene

Chiles.

Send messages of cheer to Soror Aretha Harris who is recovering from a stroke and Dr. Juanita High, Iota Chapter who is recuperating from knee surgery.

Pray for Past Supreme Basilei Sorors Ardena Dixon, Ann Black, Della Oliver, and Marguerite McClelland. Also prayers are requested for Past Nat'l Officer Dr. Melrose Robinson



## A Bit of Little Rock 94th Anniversary Conclave



**Delegates**  
Gwendolyn Jackson and Perry Jackson



**Anthropos**  
Floyd Huntley at the opening ceremony



Alpha sorors Anona Huntley and Verna Sims received Life Memberships. Sorors Marilyn Jones and Perry Jackson received Diamond Life memberships. Soror Jones received both. They posed for photos with sorors from Epsilon Alpha and Rho Chapters.



**Alpha sorors decked out for the Banquet**



Local Little Rock Attorneys discuss Civil Rights issues, past and present at the evening with the Anthropos on Sunday, July 16.



**Nat'l Anthropos**  
President Gary King



**Conclave chorus under the direction of Eastern Region Sorors Doris Wilson and Kathy Allen**



At the Perpetual Scholarship meeting, Soror Florence King announced her resignation as president after eight years of dedicated service. We wish her well.

## Hub Parents' Bowling Party Soror Perry Jackson

On Saturday, June 24, 2017 Alpha Chapter's Hub Parents hosted a Bowling Blast at the Hudson Lanes on Garfield Avenue in Jersey City. The event was well attended by Xinos, Kudos and their family and friends.

The Parents gave away three beautiful raffle prizes to lucky winners. They included a Loaded Summer Basket, a Yummy BBQ Basket that left nothing out, and an Everything you Need Movie basket.

Everyone had a spectacular time; especially the little pre-Xinos and Kudos.



## Our Youth in the Community Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On Saturday, August 26, 2017, the Alpha Xinos and Kudos came together at Monumental Baptist Church to help organize their Dorcas Room for their "Come before Winter" event. Soror Adrienne Lofton and Hub Parents Nyree Williamson and Sandra Tune, served the Xinos and Kudos a hot breakfast before they went to the Dorcas room to serve. Once there, Soror Mary Webb-Miller, instructed the youth on specifically what to do. The Xinos organized and folded clothes so they would be ready for families. The Kudos formed a human chain and carried coats from the basement to the first floor. The Xinos

and Kudos carried bags of clothing outside so families could examine them and take whatever they needed for the winter. Soror Webb-Miller spoke to the children when they had completed their tasks and thanked them for their service. She invited them to return again

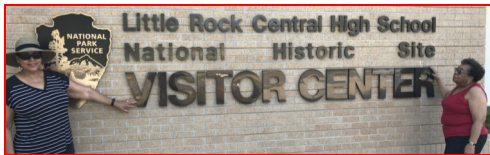


**Soror Adrienne Lofton and Hub Parents served a hot breakfast. Each group posed for photos before listening for directions. Advisors were on hand to assist.**



# A Bit of African American History

The Little Rock Nine was a group of nine African American students enrolled in Little Rock Central High School in 1957. Their enrollment was followed by the Little Rock Crisis, in which the students were initially prevented from entering the racially segregated school by Orval Faubus, the Governor of Arkansas. They attended after the intervention by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.



Several Alpha Sorors visited the Little Rock Central High school National Historic Site and took a walking tour of the museum, the campus and grounds.



Jefferson Thomas graduated from Central High School in 1960. He moved to Detroit and attended Wayne University. He moved to Los Angeles in 1961 and served as treasurer of the NAACP

Youth Council. He finished his BA Degree at Los Angeles State College. He received a doctorate in humane letters for his work in human rights and equality advancement from Ohio Dominican University. He worked as an accountant for the U.S. Dept of Defense until he retired in 2004. He passed away in 2010 at the age of 68.



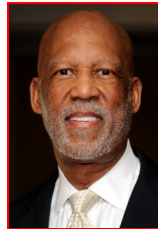
Minnijean Brown-Trickey completed high school in New York City and received a BA of Social Work in Native Human Services from Laurentain University in Greater Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. She is a social activist. She said of one of her experiences at Central High School, "We were told we would have to take a lot and were warned not to fight back if anything happened. One girl ran up to me and said, 'I'm so glad you're here. Won't you go to lunch with me today?' I never saw her again."



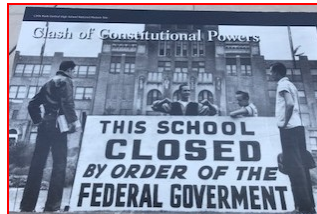
September 2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the desegregation of the Central High School.



Ranger Roger led the tour and provided explicit details on the incidents of the desegregation of the high school.



Terrence Roberts completed high school in Los Angeles, CA, received a degree in sociology, a masters in social welfare and a Ph.D. in Psychology. He is now CEO of the Terrence Roberts Consulting Firm.



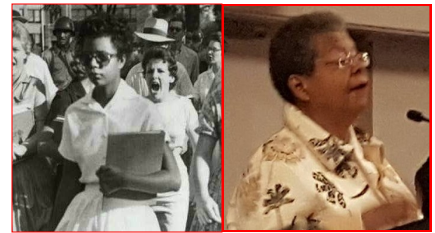
In September 1958, Governor Faubus signed acts that enabled him and the Little Rock School District to close all public schools.. Thus, with this bill signed, on Monday September 15, Faubus ordered the closure of all four public high schools, preventing both black and white students from attending school.



Carlotta Walls Lanier decided to help desegregate Central because of the better laboratory facilities and science curriculum she needed to better prepare her for college. Following her graduation, she received a degree from Colorado State College. She founded her own real estate brokerage firm and resides in Englewood, CO.



Thelma Mothershed-Wair completed her junior year at the Central High School. Because the city's high schools were closed the following year, in order to earn the necessary credits for graduation she took correspondence courses and attended summer school in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her diploma from Central High School by mail. Wair graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and earned her master's degree in Guidance and Counseling and an Administrative Certificate in Education from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Wair taught home economics in the East St. Louis School System for 28 years before retiring in 1994. In 1958, she received the Spingarn Medal from the NAACP for outstanding achievement. In 1998, Mothershed-Wair received the Congressional Gold Medal.



Elizabeth Eckford—"They moved closer and closer. Somebody started yelling. I tried to see a friendly face somewhere in the crowd—someone who maybe could help. I looked into the face of an old woman and it seemed a kind face, but when I looked at her again, she spat on me." Speaking at the 94th Anniversary Conclave, she said she doesn't hold anger against the people who were so cruel to her because no good would come of her holding anger all these years.

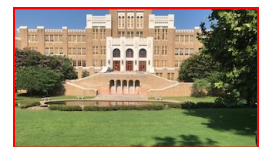


Gloria Ray Karlmark attended Central High School as a sophomore. After finishing that year her family moved to Kansas City MO where she completed high school in an honors program. She earned a bachelor's in Chemistry and Mathematics at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Ernest Green was the first of the Little Rock Nine to graduate from Central High School in 1958. he earned a BA Degree in Social Science and a MA in Sociology. In 1977 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs by President Jimmy Carter.



Melba Pattillo Beals finished high school in Santa Rosa, CA and earned a BA Degree in journalism from San Francisco State and a Masters from Columbia University. She wrote a memoir titled *Warriors Don't Cry*, published in the mid-1990s.



The Central High School is a huge building that takes up an entire city block.