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It's A New Sororal Year...

Welcome to an invigorating 2018-2019 Sororal Year, Sorors. In viewing some of your recent communications and social media, I know the summer vacations were enjoyable, fun, and relaxing. Thank you for another exciting year as your Basileus.

Our Reorganization Meeting was held June 28, in Jersey City where sorors worked together to update information regarding the Y.E.S. Program, reviewed committee assignments, and the projected 2018-2019 budget.

During the summer months our Dean of Pledges worked tirelessly with the members of the Krinon Club preparing them for membership into Alpha Chapter, Advisors of the Xinos and Kudos prepared their pledge groups for Initiation Ceremonies prior to September, and the closing ceremony for employment of our youth in Partnership with St. Peter's University was held at P.S. 40 in Jersey City.

On July 16, a committee of three sorors; Mary Ennon, Chairperson,

Donna Scott-Motley and I met with a team of educators at New Jersey City University to discuss the Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship which established collaboration between NJCU and the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

Our Teach-A-Rama entitled "Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds," was held September 15, at the Hudson County School of Technology in Jersey City. What a morning of stamina, vitality, and fun, as Sorors, Hub parents, our youth, and friends participated in fitness and nutrition classes, yoga, and self defense.

Thank you to the Advisors of the Youth Groups and the Hub parents for expeditiously holding their initial calendar meeting September 9, to review their activities and fund raising events for the year. Alpha Chapter is definitely on the move to showcase the Y.E.S. Program Components and continue with the goals of our Eastern Regional Director, Soror Noreen Little: Recommit to Soror-

al Purposes, Reclaim the Sisterhood, and Renew the Spirit of NSPDK, Inc.

Sorors, let's have a productive year of working together to support the chapter's programs by being a "Leader" as well as "a proactive member."



With Sisterly Love,
Gwendolyn L. Jackson
Basileus

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Save the dates

- ♦ October 21, Walk for A Cure Breast Cancer Walk
- ♦ November 2018 Thanksgiving youth activities
- ♦ December 2018 Children and Adults Benefits
- ♦ January 2019 Scholarship Applications due to Scholarship Chair

Dr. Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship



Soror Mary Ennon National Co-chair of the Florence Steele Hunt Education Scholarship at NJCU, and her committee Soror Donna Scott-Motley and Basileus Gwendolyn Jackson met with Ms. Jane McClellan, Executive Director of Alumni Relations and Mr. Richard Rodney, Director, NJCU Fund to inquire about the status of the Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship.

Information provided showed that the scholarship had been established following Founder Hunt's

receiving an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the College in 1997.

The committee learned that it was through the efforts of Past Supreme Basileus Della Oliver that a \$10,000 endowment was established. In addition, 18 scholarships have been awarded from the interest since 2001. The scholarship is given to students meeting the criteria and entering any area of education, which includes music, Founder Hunt's specialty.

On August 23 Supreme Basileus, Dr. Etta Carter, Eastern Regional Director Little, MAL Huntley, Eastern Regional Tamiouchos, Sawyer-Boyd and several sorors from Alpha Chapter visited the university to witness Supreme Basileus Carter's presentation of a check to Dr. Sue Henderson, NJCU President as the 2017-2018 National Donation.



Alpha Welcomes New Xinos Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On July 1, 2018, the Alpha Xinos inducted 11 young ladies into their fold supported by the Alpha Chapter Xinos, Sorors, and a host of family and friends. A memorable ritualistic induction ceremony for the excited young ladies took place. Each neophyte was presented with their official line name, their jacket, shirt, and blazer. The newly inducted Xinos presented their big sisters with unique and decorative green and white pillows that they created while on line.

Family and friends had an opportunity to peruse the creativity of this line via their scrapbook, entitled, "This is Us". It was a beautiful day with numerous memories to last a lifetime.



Gifts and Goodwill Soror Adrienne Lofton

Birthdays celebrated in September
 Soror Frances Harold— 9/10,
 Soror Verna Sims— 9-14,
 Soror Leisa Brown-9/16,
 Soror Mildred English— 9/19,
 Soror Hazel Williams-9/30

Birthday to celebrate in October
 Soror Stacey Abdul-Qawi— 10/21

Birthday to celebrate in November
 Soror Gwendolyn Jackson— 11/3
 Soror Adrian Braker-Davis— 11/5
 Soror Sandra Webster— 11/26

It is with great sadness the we announce the passing of Dr. Edith Bland Phillips, on

Sunday, September 30, 2018. Soror Phillips was a member of Alpha Chapter for more than 50 years and was active until her health declined. She was a resident of Jersey City, NJ where she taught music and retired as a Supervisor of Music in the Jersey City Public Schools. She relocated to Texas two years ago.

Soror Phillips was musician at the Claremont Lafayette Presbyterian Church for several years and was a member of the Mt Pisgah A.M.E. Church, Jersey City, NJ.

She is survived by her son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.



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And We're off to Another Great Year



The financial officers and Grammateus were on the job at the first Alpha Chapter meeting September 8, 2018.



In addition, the chapter also recognized its Anthropos with framed Certificates of Appreciation.

Soror Bernadette Robinson, Anthropos chair, presented the certificates with assistance from Soror Perry Jackson, co-chair. Sorors received certificates for their significant ones who were unable to attend the meeting.

Basileus Jackson thanked the men for their support of the chapter and their fundraising efforts to present scholarships to our young men. Dr. Elnardo Webster made remarks on behalf of President Richard Jackson, Jr. who was unable to attend. The men joined the sorors for lunch.



Teen Night Out Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Xinos attended the first Bethune Teen Night Out in Jersey City on Friday, July 6. The guests munched on pizza and drinks and had a chance to see the various groups in Jersey City who work with the youth.

The young ladies had an opportunity to participate in a mini Paint and Sip, and were entertained by young and talented dancers from Jersey City as well as some up-and-coming rappers from the neighborhood. The DJ kept the crowd going the entire evening.

The Xinos finished the night with some friendly Double Dutch and dancing.



Kudos Induction Soror Francine Britton-Sheppert

Six energetic and eager young men were inducted into the Alpha Chapter Kudos on Saturday, June 23 at the Alpha Chapter Office.

During their pledge period the inductees called Soduks, were able to get to know their brothers pretty well. They participated in an egg toss and strengthening exercises led by a graduate of the Kudos. Advisors Sorors Francenia Britton-Sheppert and Anona Huntley oversaw the event.

The proud parents were in attendance at the ceremony to pin their children. Light refreshments were served.

One young man was unavailable to attend the ceremony because he was at camp. However, because he had completed all of the requirements for membership, his induction took place upon his return.



Teach-A-Rama 2018 Dr. Tamika Pollins

Alpha Chapter's Teach-A-Rama entitled "Healthy Bodies and Healthy Minds," was held September 15, at the Hudson County School of Technology in Jersey City. Chairperson, Dr. Tamika Pollins and Co-chair Soror Sandra Webster designed and executed a series of workshops that assisted educators, young people, Hub Parents and friends in staying healthy in body and mind.

Kristen Beriloff opened the session with meditation and conducted yoga instruction with modifications for individuals with physical limitations

Lynette Hem-Lee, RDN provided food samples and information on healthy eating. Shoprite pharmacist, Catherine Arroyo, provided flu shots to participants and Soror Jonnie Cannon instructed line dancing classes to get the bodies moving.

Lisa Charles provided our youth with information on fitness and wellness and Retro Fitness engaged the young people in relay races and fitness competitions.

Kadeem Porter gave self-defense instruction with opportunities for participants to practice ways to keep themselves safe.

Harborside Sport & Spine in Jersey City provided massages to participants in between sessions.

Sherry Shine, a fiber artist, specializing in hand-cut, stitched, fused and hand-painted quilts, displayed some of her pieces and discussed how she came into this art form. She also had pieces for sale.

Following the sessions everyone was able to sit, relax and enjoy a healthy lunch.

Sincere appreciation is extended to our chair and co-chair, the registration committee, Sorors Cynthia Jones, Hazel Williams and Adrienne Lofton and all of the attendees for making the 2018 Teach-A-Rama motivating, educational, and enjoyable

