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Alpha News

Caring and Giving, the Alpha Way

Alpha Chapter has shown that we follow our National Program of Youth, Education and Service in numerous ways. During the Fall and Winter months our youth were very busy working on several projects to assist the local community. Alpha Chapter's village has been impacted by the undying efforts of our Children and Adult Benefits Committee supporting our Xinos and Kudos. Their collaborative efforts yielded eight Thanksgiving baskets that were distributed to families in the Jersey City and Newark communities, and provided an opportunity for them to serve at the Mo'Hair Foundation Thanksgiving Community Dinner.

The winter season was also, a time we reached out to the less fortunate children and adults. Additionally, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, which included a beautiful Kwanzaa celebration, made us reflect on our own blessings and the reason for the season.

The advisors of our youth coupled with the Sorors, the Children and Adult Benefits Committee and the Local Projects Committee collected socks for the

homeless. Also collected were clothing and toys for three families and gently used handbags which were filled with toiletries the youth coined as their "Blessings in a bag." The bags were given to the homeless males and females in New York City when the young people along with their Advisors and Hub parents made a visit to Rockerfellow Center to view the Christmas Tree.

As we have moved through the winter showing that we care, we continue to execute our mission in the Eastern Region with a focus on increasing membership and improving our public relations and technology presence.

Members of Alpha Chapter have tried some simple tasks such as wearing our colors, or a pin with our organization's name or logo to events, such as school visits and other public gathering. We did it!! Thanks to Soror Mary Ennon, who made us aware of an event at New Jersey City University, eleven sorors and I attended the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Celebration and Scholarship Brunch held on Jan-

uary 22. What an event! Having a table of women, all in our colors certainly did elicit attention. Following the program, several people came to our table seeking information about the sorority and soliciting our support at the university community.

While we contribute to the Dr. Florence Steele Hunt Endowment as a part of our membership dues, Alpha Chapter is taking it one additional step to enlist prospective Krinon members who attend the University's Teacher Education Programs.

Our technology presence on Facebook and our website have given an awareness of our programs to the masses.

Sorors, let us continue to execute our love of who we serve and the programs we support.

I am blessed to be your Soror,
Perry



Esteemed Founders

Gladys C. Nunery,
Julia A. Barnes,
Gladys M. Ross,
Florence S. Hunt,
Ella W. Butler,
Marguerite Gross,
Mildred M. Williams
Not Shown- Edna McConnell
*All are in Omega Chapter

Save the Dates

- March 14, 2020 Annual Scholarship Luncheon: The Westwood, Garwood, NJ
- March 20-22, 2020 Youth Leadership Conference
- April 23-26, 2020 Eastern Region Conference, Wilmington, DE
- May 17, 2020 Founders' Day Newark, NJ

Autumn Harvest

Several sorors, friends, family and a Hub parent and Kudos spent an enjoyable afternoon at Giamarese Farms in East Brunswick, NJ October 26, 2019. The group enjoyed picking apples, going on a hay ride, walking through the huge maize, and consuming items from a variety of delicious foods.

Sorority Gail Andrew, Sisiterhood Activity chair made arrangements for the outing.



Sorority sisters, Anthropos Kudos Hub Parent and friends



Hub Parent mom with Kudos President enjoying the outing



Inspection time. Look at this one!



Apple pickers, job well done.



She's got one!

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Xinos' Halloween Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On October 18 and 31 Alpha Xinos donated plentiful candy baskets to the students at Founder Julia A. Barnes School (PS#12) for Halloween. Thanks to Sorors Shawnte Williams and Chavon Smith for allowing the Xinos to contribute to their classes. Many thanks to Xinos Dana Carter who met the children to deliver the baskets during her lunch time from Lincoln High School.



Xinos prepared and gave treat bags to children in two classes at the Julia A. Barnes School #12.

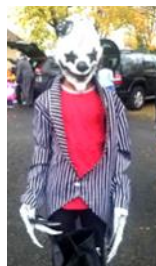


Trunk or Treat Soror Francine Britton Sheppert

Alpha Chapter's Kudos donated 85 bags of treats to the East Orange 'Trunk or Treat' event. Sorors Marilynn Jones who is the 1st Ward District Leader and Soror Francine Britton-Sheppert, Kudos advisor distributed the treats to the children. Former Kudos Tyree Johnson and Josh Gaines who is now an Anthropos participated in the activity.



Preparing the goody bags!



Youngsters are "decked" out for Halloween.



Ready— Set— 'Trunk-or Trreereaat'!



Gifts and Goodwill Soror Adrienne Lofton

Birthday Celebrations:

December- Sorors Gail Andrew, 12/8; Marilynn Jones, 12/16; Donna Scott-Motley, 12/19; Anona Huntley, 12/23

January- Sorors June Day, 1/1; Helen Brooks, 1/20; Shawnte Williams, 1/22; Lavetta Ross, 1/31

February- Sorors Mary Ennon, 2/9; Perry Jackson, 2/11; Jessie Wilkerson, 2/11; JoAnn Alston, 2/12; Audra Fields-Chisolm, 2/12; Mildred Dorsey, 2/21

March- Alexis Allen-Penn, 3/31

Celebrations:

Epsilon Chi Chapter – 14th Anniversary Charter Day; Dr Lavetta Ross- Graduation of Twin Daughters; Dr Juanita High-Honored by Upsilon Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Soror Rhonda Baskerville honored by NSPDK, Inc. Theta Chapter

Recuperating:

Soror June Day; Soror Donna Mickens, Beta Lambda Chapter; Soror Rose Robinson, Xi Chapter

Bereavement: Our own Soror Doreen Bryant's father and mother-in-law; Anthropos Kenneth Bryant's mother; Gamma Chapter- Soror Sarah Dorsey's Mother-in-law; Delta Lambda Chapter- Soror Flora Parker, Charter Member (Southeast Region); Alpha Lambda Chapter- Soror Julia Varner; Alpha Zeta Chapter- Soror Lila O'Neil's brother; Beta Tau Chapter- Soror Joyce Lewis' mother; Alpha Chi Chapter- Soror Deryl Winborne's; Delta Pi Chapter- Soror Donna McGregor's aunt; Beta Zeta Chapter- Soror Tacheka Davis; Zeta Chapter- Sorors Catherine Robinson and Gertrude Mills at 103 years of age; Beta Lambda Chapter- Soror Teresa Kanu's brother-in-law; Pi Chapter- Soror Talaya Stoddard-Wilson's mother; Delta Lambda Chapter- Soror Jeanette

Reed's brother-in-law; Beta Omicron- Soror Noreen Little's brother-in-law; Beta Chapter- Soror Florence Radcliffe at 103; Epsilon Sigma Chapter- Soror Tara Dowdell's aunt, Soror Mary Steele's niece; Epsilon Chi Chapter- Soror Drusilla Kinzonzi's brother-in-law, Anthropos Manitou Kinzonzi's brother; Beta Eta Chapter- Soror Ruby Wilkerson; Delta Nu Chapter- Soror Sylvia Ligon and Anthropos Peter Langston- on the passing of their mother Soror Gussie Langston; Alpha Pi Chapter- Soror Theresa Holmes' sister; Delta Lambda Chapter- Soror Gloria Pettiford's brother; Delta Pi- Soror Sharon Thompson's mother; Gamma Chapter- Soror Anna and Anthropos Ed Boston's son; Our own Soror Gwendolyn Jackson, Anthropos Richard Jackson, Soror Rhonda Jackson Baskerville and Soror Perry Jackson on the passing of their mother, grandmother and mother-in-law

Soror Honored Soror Rhonda Baskerville

Soror Rhonda Baskerville received the honor of Exemplary Soror of NSPDK, Inc. by Theta Chapter, Brooklyn, NY. The event took place on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at the chapter's 92nd Anniversary Celebration and Scholarship Luncheon held at the Glen Terrace Ballroom. Soror Rhonda was extremely humbled by the honor and expressed her sincere gratitude as she accepted the plaque.

Several sorors of Alpha Chapter, her parents, Basileus Perry and Anthropos Richard Jackson and Soror Baskerville's best friends were in attendance at this wonderful afternoon of good food and fellowship.



Soror Baskerville was escorted by Theta Chapter Anthropos Gary King



Best friends for a long time



Sorors King and Sowerby presented the plaque.



Alpha Chapter sorors are all smiles as they enjoy a wonderful afternoon with their sister chapter and celebrate Soror Baskerville's honoring.



Donor Appreciation

Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship Committee members Mary Ennon and Gwendolyn Jackson attended a Donor Appreciation Dinner at NJCU on November 20, 2019.

Dr. Sue Henderson offered greetings and words of thanks in appreciation of the generous support to the university. She stated that approximately two million dollars had been raised over the last few years to support bright students who need just a little more financial help. The backing of contributors has assisted the university in keeping its tuition down.



Sorors Ennon and Jackson with NJCU President, Dr. Sue Henderson



Reaching Out Soror Audra F. Chisolm

Chapter Soror Audra Fields-Chisolm and her Kudos son were at Speedway Ave. School for their Annual Community Day. Each year before the Thanksgiving holiday, this school invites people staying in the neighborhood homeless shelters and the local community to the school for a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal and a "Blessing Bag" filled with toiletry items, socks, hats and gloves; some of which were donated by Alpha Chapter sorors and greatly appreciated. Vans were rented to shuttle people to and from the shelters. This special day is a vision of the principal, Ms. Atiba Buckman and her husband and is funded by them annually.



Soror Fields-Chisolm and her Kudos preparing for the event.



Youth Support Thanksgiving Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On November 28, 2019 Alpha Chapter's Xinos, Kudos and Hub Parents assisted the Monique's Techniques and Mo'Hair Foundation with its 23 Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The young people worked with a number of other volunteers in a huge tent on Storms Avenue in Jersey City to serve a delicious hot meal to individuals and families in need. It was amazing to see people giving their time on Thanksgiving Day in service to others.



An abundance of food with service being provided with politeness and smiles



The huge tent on Storms Avenue in Jersey City was where hundreds of people were fed. Ms. Monique welcomed the people and made sure all ate well.



Xinos Thanksgiving Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Chapter Xinos collected food items and filled four baskets to give to families in need for Thanksgiving. The baskets were prepared at the Chapter Office and taken to the Julia A. Barnes School #12 in Jersey City. The four families who receive the overflowing baskets were extremely grateful.

Principal Donald Howard, Jr. was especially pleased to see the support Alpha's Xinos have provided to the school named for Founder Barnes.

Xinos worked hard to make certain each basket was well



School principal, Donald Howard, Jr. with Soror Shawtee Williams expressed his gratitude to the youth for their concern and sharing.

Four families were overjoyed to receive Thanksgiving baskets

The finished product: Four baskets to give to four families so they will enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal



Kudos Thanksgiving Soror Francine Britton-Sheppert

Alpha Chapter Kudos Ryan and Johnathan performed community service at Monumental Baptist Church in Jersey City, NJ as part of the young men's service projects. They assisted in filling bags with fresh food items and delivering them to people in the community who had signed up with the church. Sorors Adrienne Lofton, Mary Webb-Miller and Advisor Francine Britton-Sheppert were on hand to help pack the bags. The president of the Jersey City Board of Education was on hand to help with the project.

The Kudos also prepared four Thanksgiving meal baskets to give to families in need. They presented one basket to a family at the Dr. Ercel Webb School in Jersey City, another was given to a family at a Hub Parent's church in Newark and two baskets were presented to families at the Monumental Baptist Church.



Sorors Lofton and Webb-Miller and other ladies worked with the Kudos.



Kudos packing food items to deliver to neighborhood residents



Kudos delivered bags of food to people in the church community.



This bag is ready to go.



Kudos commended by the President of Jersey City Board of Education.



Kudos show prepared Thanksgiving Baskets.



The basket for Newark was Delivered by former youth group members.



Youth Fundraiser Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos sponsored a Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser at the Applebee's in Hudson Mall, Jersey City, NJ on Saturday, November 30. The event was well attended by Sorors, Hub parents, Anthropos and many friends.

The slogan "Short Stacks For A Tall Cause" was evident in the dynamic support the young people received. Those who met the working criteria waited on customers and cleared tables while others enjoyed a great meal.



Kudos Advisor Fran Sheppert with a Hub Parent and Xinos Advisors Rhonda Baskerville and Shawnte Williams



"Here's My money."



Sorors Adrienne Lofton, Hazel Williams and Marilynn Jones enjoying the food while supporting a worthy cause.



Youth took their jobs seriously and as always, provided service with pleasant attitudes.



Family time is Fun time for everyone.



Soror Hazel Williams enjoying her meal



Kudos advisor Anona Huntley with Anthropos Floyd Huntley and their family



Alpha Chapter's youth are thankful for the support.

Youth's Kwanzaa Soror Rhonda Baskerville

The Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos held their Annual Kwanzaa program at Monumental Baptist Church Educational Center in Jersey City, NJ, December 15, 2019. It was a huge success. Not only did the youth remind their guests of the meaning and importance of Kwanzaa, they also engaged them in fun activities after the formal presentation.

Attendees had an opportunity to take part in two (20 minute) activities: Kwanzaa Libation Ceremony Table, Bracelet Making Table, Christmas Bracelet and Kwanzaa Pin Table, and the Ugly T-shirt Creation Table.

Later, everyone shared in an abundance of food, drinks and desserts. The people had a wonderful evening and are looking forward to the 2020 celebration.



Youth enter the auditorium ready for their presentation.



Youth light a candle for each principle of Kwanzaa.



Some youth and young attendees take part in two of several activities.



Ugly T-shirt looks great!



Lots of delicious food was provided



Soror Williams and Ondande pause for a photo.



Former Kudos in attendance to share in the festivities



Basileus Perry Jackson gave remarks at the end of the program.

President's Reception

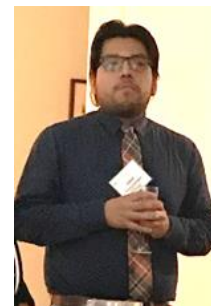
The Florence Steele Hunt Scholarship National Committee members, Sorors Donna Scott-Motley, Gwendolyn Jackson and Mary Ennon were among the guests invited to a Special Reception at the NJCU President's home on December 5, 2019. Dr. Sue Henderson hosted their visit and provided updates on the exciting things happening at NJCU. Also, in attendance was Soror Delores Shaw from Delta Pi Chapter. Dr. Deborah Woo, Interim Dean of the College of Education provided information on the numerous advances in the field of education; particularly the Teacher Intern Program (TIP), a multifaceted program initiative that includes work experiences, professional development, inservice, and research for the College of Education students.



Dr. Sue Henderson, President NJCU



Dr. Deborah Woo, Interim Dean of the College of Education



Flores Vazquez Cruz-Student Intern



Ryan Heard, Student Psychology Major



Sorors Scott-Motley, Jackson and Ennon with Flores Cruz, Ryan Heard and Soror Shaw

Children and Adult Benefits Soror Doreen Bryant / Local Projects Soror Shawnte Williams

The Children and Adult Benefits Committee, chaired by Soror Doreen Bryant, has been actively supporting the youth's Thanksgiving project and the Local Projects Committee. They provided two turkeys each for the Xinos' and Kudos' Thanksgiving baskets. Additionally, the committee collected items for Christmas gifts to be given to three families at the Julia A. Barnes School #12. They also supported the "Sock Drive" for the Local Projects Committee with their donation of many pairs of socks.

Soror Shawnte Williams, Local Projects chair and her Xinos daughter prepared the socks for distribution to the homeless at her church, First Assembly of God in Bayonne, NJ.



Sorors donated socks for the Local Projects Committee to distribute.



Soror Doreen Bryant, chair of Children and Adults Benefits Committee presented Christmas gifts to Local Projects chair



Soror Shawnte Williams, chair of Local Projects Committee and her Xinos daughter prepare to hand out gifts of socks to the homeless.

Blessings in a Bag Soror Rhonda Baskerville

On Saturday, December 21, 2019, Alpha Chapter Xinos and Kudos along with Advisors and Hub parents headed to the Port Authority in New York City to put a smile on the faces of many homeless women and men. The Xinos had packed slightly used handbags donated by the sorors with care items and goody bags for women and the Kudos had packed items and treats for men in backpacks.

Once the group arrived in the City they met Xinos and Kudos of Epsilon Alpha Chapter at the Dallas BBQ on 42nd Street for lunch. Epsilon Alpha had also, packed bags to bless homeless men and women. The bags were given out as the young people walked through Times Square heading to Rockefeller Center for photographs by the magnificent Christmas Tree.

On behalf of the youth, a sincere thank you to all sorors who donated gently used handbags and items to the youth's **Blessings Bags** project.



Future Xinos Journey Baskerville lends a hand to Xinos as they prepare bags to be distributed to the homeless.



Advisor Rhonda Baskerville with youth on their way to the Big Apple, 'Blessing Bags' in tow



Youth enjoying lunch at Dallas BBQ



Youth with Advisors and Hub parents are ready to make some homeless people very happy .



Alpha youth Advisors met Epsilon Alpha youth and Advisors (below) for lunch.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

On January 22, 2020 several sorors of Alpha Chapter attended the 31st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and Scholarship Brunch at New Jersey City University. Karen D. Morgan, Ph.D. Interim Director of the Lee Hogan African Studies Center pointed out in her opening remarks that the theme, **Lift Every Voice: Standing at Times of Challenge and Controversy**, reminds us that during times of disruption and unrest, we must remain strengthened as a community and work to lift each other up.

The keynote speaker was Assembly

woman Angela V. McKnight, 31st Legislative District, Jersey City, NJ General Assembly. Franklin Walker, Superintendent of the Jersey City School System presented Dr. MLK Scholarships to Janea Reed and Yaneke Robinson. Additionally, several Community Service Awards were presented, including the Dr. MLK Community Service Award. Closing Reflections were given by Councilwoman Denise Ridley, Ward A District 32, Jersey City, NJ. Music was provided by Alum Chivonne Perkins accompanied by Dr. Maredia Warren, Professor Emerita.



Assemblywoman gives her points of view on the theme.



Superintendent Walker presented Dr. Martin L. King Scholarships.



Ms. Chivonne Perkins blessed everyone with her beautiful voice.



Sorors In And About



Soror Ennon and friends in the Hacksensack area saw the movie "Just Mercy" at a theatre in Teaneck, NJ.



Soror Rhonda Baskerville visited her daughter Journey's school during Education Week. She wrote a morning message with the children and read a book to them.



Several sorors saw the movie "Harriet" at theatres in several locations. Sorors Diana Ondande, Tynetta Harris and Basileus Perry Jackson paused for a photo after seeing the movie at a theatre in Jersey City.



Sorors JoAnn Alston, Mary Webb-Miller and Basileus Perry Jackson read to classes at PS #17, February 12, 2020 in celebration of Black History Month.



Basileus Perry Jackson attended Pi Chapter's Scholarship Luncheon December 7. Soror Anona Huntley, Eastern Region MAL, the Eastern Regional Director, Dr. Patsy Squire and 1st Supreme Anti-Basileus Noreen Little were in attendance. Trenton Superintendent of Schools was also a guest at the event.



Soror JoAnn Alston, Literacy chair was a judge of the Science Fair projects at Dr. Charles P. DeFuccio School #39 in Jersey City, NJ.



During National School Choice Week, January 26-February 1, 2020, Soror Francine Britton-Sheppert attended the showing of the movie, Miss Virginia; about school choice, at NJIT which is based on a book by Virginia Walden Ford. A panel discussion and book signing took place at the conclusion of the event.



Soror Mary Ennon and her the women's group of her church followed the chapter's toiletries give-away idea. They prepared and distributed 175 toiletry bags; 50 for men and 125 for women, at a feeding of the homeless in the city of Paterson, NJ on November 23.