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Our first Chapter meeting was exciting, informative, and full of love and support. The sorority year is in high gear, and we are honored to do the work of lota and collaborate on ideas that will implement successful programs and projects for Psi Chapter.

Congratulations to NPE, Soror Charlotte Berry on her nomination for the Curtistene McCowan Citizenship 2022 Award in Desoto, Texas. Psi and Epsilon Tau Chapter members attended the presentation at the Desoto city council meeting in September to show our love and support.

Psi's President's workshop theme: Psi Chapter's Green Print: Charting The Path For Our Future started us off with a great plan for the sorority year. A dozen roses to the President's Workshop Committee for a successful program!

The FIL Chair, Soror Joyce Hodges and her Committee started our youth off with a "Green Print" also. The Future lota Leaders (FIL) elected officers and made plans for future activities.

Three members of our Chapter, Sorors Vahnita Loud, Wonda Traylor and I, enrolled in the National Association of

Parliamentarian (NAP) TSAP Parli Study Group to take the membership exam and become members of the organization. I'm so happy to report that we all passed the exam and are now members. The information that we learned was worth the five weeks of studying.

A dozen white roses to our Social Chairs, Soror Collette Jones, and Joyce Hodges for planning a fun night out for the Sorors in the DFW area. We saw the movie "The Woman King" and it was fantastic! The Agojie, the all-female unit of warriors who protected the African Kingdom of Dahomey in the 1800s were fierce and remarkable! We had a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and we want to honor our survivors and remember the Sorors and family members that are not with us anymore due to breast cancer. We admire each of you for your bravery, inner strength, hope, courage, and determination. The Fight continues!

Blessings, Soror Beverly Moore Psi Chapter President

# Message from the President

President Beverly Moore

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Community Service
Submitted by Soror James



# Psi Chapter Working in the Community 6th Annual African American Leadership Institute Fall Policy Summit

Psi Chapter started the Sorority year by volunteering for the African American Leadership Institute (AALI) 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 2022 Fall Policy Summit on Saturday, September 10, 2022. The summit was held on the campus of Paul Quinn College at the request of Texas State Senator Royce West District 23. The volunteers included Sorors MaryAnn Collier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Dwala Brown, Daphne Hornbuckle and Deloris James.

The AALI provided a full and tasty buffet breakfast, each attendee received a backpack, which included a signed copy of the book, "The Gift of Forgiveness.", and food trucks and other vendors were onsite to provide lunch. The summit consisted of five panel discussions that focused on Education, Mental Healthcare, Economic Development, Civic Engagement and Criminal Justice. Each discussion followed with a Q&A session. The panelist kept everyone engage as they brought a wealth of information.

**Education**: Aicha Davis, State Board of Education Trustee, moderated the session, "The Changing FACE of Education in Texas". The panelists shared information on ways to stop and/or slow down the "School to Prison Pipeline". With a shortage of educators, Haley Taylor Schiltz, the youngest African American to ever graduate from law school, shared the best way to attract more young educators is to deal with the college debt, especially for African American families. Other panelists included: Dr. Usamah Rodgers DeSoto ISD Superintendent, John Garland Esq – Texas Education Agency, Mia Street, State Policy Advisor for NAACP and Dr. Constance Lacy, Dean, School of Behavioral Health, and Human Services UNT Dallas.

**Civic Engagement**: Dallas City Councilman Casey Thomas moderated the session, "Building Black Political Power". Diane Ragsdale Executive Director, South Dallas Fair Park Innercity Community Development Corporation, suggested the best way to dismantle the old systems is to confront the Race Theory with well-organized community groups that stand with a united front. The other panelists included Texas State Representative Jasmine Crockett, Democratic Nominee for the Texas 30<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and Di'onna LaFay Hardin, State Organizing Manager- Texas Black Voters Matter Fund

#### **Education Panelist**



L to R: Dr. Lacy, Dr. Rogers, Haley Schiltz, Aicha Davis, Mia Street and John Garland

#### Civic Engagement Panelist



L to R: Diane Ragsdale, Jasmine Crockett, Casey Thomas and Di'onna Hardin





Soros: Hornbuckle, James, Collier & Brown



Soror Hornbuckle, Senator R. West & Soror Collier



2022-2023 Psi Chapter
Business Meeting
Submitted by Soror Traylor



#### Psi Chapter Business Meeting Back In Action

Saturday, September 17, 2022, lota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Psi Chapter kicked off the 2022-2023 sorority year with their first Business Meeting at the Erik Jonsson Central Library, in Downtown Dallas, Texas. Transitioning from hybrid and virtual meetings to an in person meeting was great. Members thoroughly enjoyed the warm fellowship and love, while reconnecting with our sisters.

What an amazing day and start of the Sorority Year!











Spotlighting Soror Submitted by Soror Traylor



#### Supporting The National President-Elect Charlotte Berry Curtistene S. McCowan Citizenship 2022 Award Nominee

On September 20, 2022, members of lota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Psi Chapter and sister chapter Epsilon Tau were honored to support the National President Elect, Soror Charlotte Berry as a nominee for the 2022 Curtistene S. McCowan Citizenship Award presented by the City of Desoto. This award honors a DeSoto citizen who exudes the legacy that the late Mayor McCowan displayed - kind, generous, fair, advocate for others, courageous and outstanding citizen.

In 2016, Mayor McCowan was Psi Chapter's 2016 Joyce M. Jones Community Service Award recipient. Psi chapter Members who attended were Sorors Beverly Moore, President, Wonda Traylor,

1st Vice President, Mary Ann Collier, 2nd Vice President, Collette Jones, Membership Chair, Jewel Hudson, Eddie Johnson and Men of lota Monte Berry and Barry Moore.

Epsilon Tau members present were Sorors Wendy Jacques, Assistant Southwestern Regional Director, Shelia Fisher and Michelle Peace. Desoto Civic leaders and council members were also in attendance for the celebration.





**Networking Submitted by Soror Hornbuckle** 



#### **US India Chamber of Commerce** Conference

Soror Daphne Hornbuckle attended the US India Chamber of Commerce's Wellness & Workplace Conference on Friday, September 23, 2022. She is pictured with the keynote speaker, Dr. Vivek Murthy, US Surgeon General.



2022 President's Workshop Submitted by Soror Hornbuckle



#### 2022 President's Workshop

Theme: "Psi Chapter's Green Print: Charting The Path For The Future"

On Saturday, September 24, 2022, Psi Chapter held their President's Workshop to start the new sorority year. The theme: "Psi Chapter's Green Print: Charting The Path For The Future." The topics were informative, and the speakers were amazing." Soror Collette Jones, kicked off with an ice breaker, "Tell Us about Your First Job." The presenters' topics were as follows: "What's Expected As A Committee Chair," Soror Wonda Traylor, "Event Summary Form & How to Submit News Articles," Soror Vee M. Jordan," "Google Drive," Soror Danielle Young, and "Networking," Soror Daphne Hornbuckle. The meeting was engaging and very informational.



Sorors Signing into the workshop



President Moore proving final instructions



Welcome to the 2022 Psi Chapter President's Workshop!



Soror Traylor presenting



Soror Young presenting



Soror Hornbuckle presenting



Psi Chapter!



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Networking "The Woman King" Submitted by Soror C. Jones



# "The Woman King" Based On A True Story



The basic framework of the story is inspired by true events, but it is heavily fictional-

**ized and dramatized**. The Agojie was an all-female warrior group that did exist and they did protect the kingdom of Dahomey (modern-day Benin) in West Africa. In the 1800s, a group of all-female warriors protects the African kingdom of Dahomey with skills and fierceness unlike anything the world has ever seen. Faced with a new threat, Gen. Nanisca trains the next generation of recruits to fight against a foreign enemy that's determined to destroy their way of life.

The Sorors of Psi Chapter got together for the viewing of The Woman King on September 29, 2022. Green and white flowed through The Look Dine & Cinema theater in preparation of showtime. Psi Chapter extended the invitation to local Chapters, Epsilon Tau, Epsilon Omicron, and Zeta Xi. The FIL and MOI of Psi Chapter also joined in for showtime. The Woman King didn't disappoint, there was plenty of action, culture, and beautiful costumes with absolutely gorgeous scenery. Sorors and guest were able to order food and drinks during showtime. Thank you to All who came out to join in Psi Chapter movie night, "The Woman King" Showtime.





















Community Service 2022 Celebrating Life Submitted by Soror Hornbuckle



#### 21st Sister-to-Sister Fitness Festival



On Saturday, October 1, 2022, Psi Chapter kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month by volunteering at the Celebrating Life Foundation's 21st Sister-to-Sister Fitness Festival.













Texas Metro News
Submitted by Marva Sneed



# Aid For Black Jack MetroNews Pizza

There was love everywhere when the lota Phi Lambda sorority sisters (Psi Chapter) of Dorothy Jones showed up and let Ms. Dorothy know that they were by her side all the way. They presented her a check to help her rebuild Black Jack Pizza. Two weeks ago, a stolen car crashed into the South Dallas pizza restaurant, leaving several injured and the business was destroyed. Ms. Dorothy is looking forward to reopening.







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Psi Chapter Support Beta Delta 50th Anniversary Submitted by Soror Powell



# CONGRATULATIONS BETA DELTA CHAPTER ON YOUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Beta Delta Chapter celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Gala that was well attended by the members of the Houston community and other lota chapters from the Houston area and Psi Chapter (Dallas). The elegant affair was held at the Marriott Hotel South Hobby Airport. The theme, "Our Golden Road to Success, Past, Present, and Future," "Pressing Toward the Mark" was exemplified by not only the beautiful gold rose table centerpieces but also by their exhibits of chapter memorabilia and awards. The highlight of the Gala was keynote speaker, lota Phi Lambda Sorority's 18<sup>th</sup> National President Soror Lillian Parker, who was also a charter member of Beta Delta Chapter. It was truly a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all in attendance. Sorors Nona Fisher and Rita Heath-Powell from Psi were in attendance. Cheers to Beta Delta Chapter for 50 years of sisterhood and service in the Houston community!







#### **Announcements**

#### **Finance Team Announcement**

It's Assessment Time! Assessments are due Tuesday, November 8th. Please contact the Finance Team for more Information.



#### It's Not Too Early. Get Ready to Vote

#### **Midterm Elections are:**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 –Last Day to Register to Vote Monday, October 24, 2022 First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Friday, October 28, 2022 Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not postmarked) Friday, November 4, 2022 Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 Election Day

**Have A Voice In Your Government!** 



**Beverly Moore** 

Congratulations to Sorors: Vahnita Loud, Wonda K. Traylor and Beverly Moore on passing the National Association Of Parliamentarians (NAP) exam. Sorors Vahnita Loud and Wonda Traylor are new members of "The Sounding Block Unit" as well.

Vahnita Loud

Wonda K. Traylor

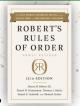


ROBERTS'S RULES OF ORDER
SUBMITTED BY
SOROR NONA FISHER, PRP



#### What Does Robert Say?

P.R.N. – Parliamentary Rules Noted The Parliamentarians of Psi



#### WHY DOES EACH MEMBER NEED TO KNOW PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE?

I am a sports fanatic! Perhaps my favorite sport is tennis. I can be found watching matches at 3:00a.m. or 3:00p.m. I have never played the game. What is it that affords me such pleasure? I know the rules of the game! I understand what is going on and why!

In a deliberative organization like lota, in which decisions are made on actions to be taken, those who wish to participate effectively in the business meetings can profit by having at least a basic knowledge of the principles and procedures by which decisions can be made, properly and fairly. Some members might mistakenly feel that only the officers or those who aspire to office need an understanding of parliamentary law and procedure. Not so! To contribute her best to the organization with the self- assurance that knowledge provides, a member must invest in learning the rules of the game.

The purpose of the parliamentary rules is to expedite business, to maintain order, to ensure justice, to provide equal treatment for all members, and to help an organization accomplish the purpose for which it was formed.

Is our Parliamentary Authority, the 700<sup>+</sup> page Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition a bit intimidating as you seek to learn parliamentary procedure? May I recommend that you begin your study using *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised - In Brief*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. It is a simple guide. The basics of Parliamentary Procedure can be learned easily, step by step.

There are rules which are commonly applicable to all deliberative assemblies and then there are specific rules adopted by a particular organization, e.g., Corporate Charter, Bylaws, Rules of Order (Parliamentary Authority and Special) and Standing Rules. *Effective meetings* could become common if the accepted rules that govern them were known by each member, as for example – the rules of tennis are known by its fans!

#### Reference: RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) 2

#### "The Sounding Block Unit"

Psi Chapter has a history of effective parliamentarians including those who are currently members of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), an organization whose mission states: "NAP is dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure."

#### Members of a local unit of NAP, "The Sounding Block Unit"



Soror Nona Fisher Professional Registered Parliamentarian



Soror Dr. Mary Nickson Psi Chapter Parliamentarian & Southwestern Region



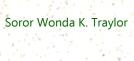
Soror Daphne Hornbuckle



Soror Joyce Hodges



Soror Vee M. Jordan







Soror Vahnita Loud



1 Corinthians 14:40

Let everything be done decently and in order.



#### **CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2022**

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday, October 1,	Celebrating Life Sister-to-Sister Fitness Festival	9 a.m.	Cedar Hill Recreation Center
Saturday, October 1,	Pinning Ceremony	2 p.m.	Glen Oaks United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 2,	Green Team Celebration	1 p.m.	Dallas Arboretum
Wednesday, October 5,	Lomepa Club Meeting	7 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Friday, October 7-9,	LMPF	3 p.m.	Las Vegas
Saturday, October 8	Pelati Meeting	2 p.m.	In-Person
Monday, October 10	Business Month Committee Meeting Newsletter Due	7 p.m. 11:59 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Tuesday, October 11,	Executive Committee Meeting	7 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Wednesday, October 12,	Lomepa Club Meeting	7 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Thursday, October 13,	Southwestern Region Journalist Meeting	7 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Saturday, October 15,	Chapter Business Meeting	10:30 a.m.	J. Erik Jonsson Central Library
Sunday, October 16,	Future Iota Leaders (FIL) Committee Meeting	3 p.m.	
Wednesday, October 19,	Lomepa Club Meeting	7 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Tuesday, October 25,	News Articles Due	11:59 p.m.	By Email
Wednesday, October 26,	Lomepa Club Meeting	7 p.m.	Via. Zoom
Monday, October 31,	Halloween		[존민호(일시다. 첫 화소리 존민호()

# Happy Bizthday Sozozs



Vee M. Jordan October 3rd



Eddie Johnson October 14th



Newtonia Hemphill October 18th





Joyce Hodges October 24th







All news articles are due the **25th of each month** or before. Email all written news articles and pictures to: <u>journalistiotapsi@gmail.com</u>

Please enjoy this edition of **Psi Pearls** and many more to come, and know it has ultimately been our pleasure to serve you.

Sisterly,

SOROR VEE M. JORDAN

PSI CHAPTER JOURNALIST/PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.



## HEALTH NEWS/WELLNESS SUBMITTED BY SOROR R. ROSS



### OCTOBER IS Liver

**Awareness Month** 

Do you realize that your liver is depending on you?

It's true. Even though you can't see it hidden away under your rib cage, if your liver could speak to you, it would say: "I'm working hard, doing my best to process what you eat and drink into energy and nutrients. Hey, I'm also your filter! I'm trying to remove harmful substances from your blood. So, won't you at least help me?" A talking liver—sounds odd, doesn't it? But your liver does communicate with you. If you eat a healthy diet, your liver "tells" you that you're doing a great job. You get the message because your liver can function properly and, provide your overall health

## BREAST CANCER SUBMITTED BY R. JONES



#### October Is Breast Cancer

**Awareness Month** 

If you are uncertain about your own risk of breast cancer, it can help to learn about the known risk factors and steps you can take to lower your risk as much as possible. Everyone has some risk of developing breast cancer, but there are many factors that can increase or decrease each individual person's breast cancer risk.

If you are uncertain about your own risk of breast cancer, it can help to learn about the known risk factors and steps you can take to lower your risk as much as possible. Or if you know you have a higher risk of breast cancer due to factors such as a strong family cancer history or an inherited genetic mutation, you can learn more about those risk factors and risk reduction treatments that may be available to you.

There are a variety of factors that affect your breast cancer risk. Some you can't change, such as being a woman, growing older, and inheriting a gene mutation linked to breast cancer. But you can change other risk factors — such as being overweight, not exercising regularly, smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, or eating unhealthy food — by making healthier lifestyle choices.

Learn more about known breast cancer risk factors and the steps you can take to lower your risk.

This information is provided by Breastcancer.org.

Domestic Violence Awarenes

MONTH

In October 1987, the first **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** was observed, and the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline was established. In 1989, Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) is held throughout the month of October as a way to bring advocates across the nation together to end domestic violence. Communities and advocacy organizations across the country will connect with one another in a true sense of unity to end domestic violence for good.



# Jota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National HQ News

"Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment"

# October, 2022 IOTA BULLETIN

Soror Dorothy M. White
23RD NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Hello Sorors,

Thanks for checking out our October lota Bulletin. We have extended the date for you to turn in your Christmas In lota Land video. The new date is November 19, 2022, ensure your video is in .mp4 format. We hope our newsletter can make your daily routine a little more enjoyable and efficient. I am so excited about the upcoming season. Remember to log in to memberplanet.com/iota1929 to update your email address and tell a Soror and auxiliary member so they can always receive their monthly lota Bulletins.

Best of luck during the service year 2022-2023.

#### Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.,

2022-2023 Essay & Scholarships Procedural Reminders

Evelyn D. Wilkey National Essays to be postmarked by Friday, December 30, 2022, sent to the National President-Elect.

Award Amounts - 1st Place \$500.00| 2nd Place \$250.00| 3rd Place \$100.00| for both Middle & High School Winners

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Jota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc Southwestern Regional News

Southwestern Region Theme:

"Empowered Women: Together We Achieve the Extraordinary"

## Upcoming Events

Sovor Rosetta Davis 20TH SWR DIRECTOR

National Make a Difference Day Saturday, October 22, 2022.

This year, our focus will be on Toys U Can't Return and IMAP.

Chapters may choose either one or both projects to participate in and submit it to me by Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Soror Dr. Evelyn S. Mosley

OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> via zoom HEALTH/WELLNESS Committee





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Southwestern Region Theme: "Empowered Women: Together We Achieve the Extraordinary"

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