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# Psi Pearls



**Psi Chapter Monthly Newsletter** 

Dallas, Texas



President Beverly Moore

2024-2025 Southwestern Region Outstanding Chapter



Chapter Theme: "Business and Professional Women Empowering Others by Reflecting on Our Accomplishments, Upholding Our Legacy, and Celebrating What Is To Come!"

### Message from the President

**Greetings Sorors!** 

Happy Women's History Month! This month gives us the opportunity to reflect on powerful, brilliant and unstoppable women -- and learn from their resilience. Let's fill social media with information about our own great women especially from our family, friends and organizations that we are a part of.

lota Roses to Soror Ashanta Tolliver for creating a team, Lola's Girls, to raise money and awareness about Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Raising awareness helps shine a light on the physical, cognitive, and emotional aspects of MS. It also encourages others to take action as they show support in the battle against MS — whether by supporting treatment, promoting understanding, or ultimately, working toward a cure. Let's support our Soror.

Psi Chapter Sorors worked tirelessly during the month of February to remind everyone of the contributions "our people" made to society. Iota Roses to Soror Juanda Wallace and the Black History Committee for the outstanding events in February. The annual Soul Food Smackdown was entertaining, and we had lots of delicious food. Another Black History event was Sorors visiting and eating at Market Café at Bonton Farm. It was wonderful to know that most of the delicious food that was prepared for our lunch was grown in Bonton Farm gardens.

Psi's annual Black History program "African Americans and Labor" was outstanding. Thank you, Mr. Robert Pitre and

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Mrs. Akwete Tyehimba for the invaluable information that you presented to the audience. Psi Sorors you looked beautiful in your African attire.

lota Roses to Psi Chapter's 2025- 2026 Soror of the Year, Soror Collette Jones and our Outstanding Businesswoman of the Year, Dr. Januari Lewis. We are so proud of you both.

lota Roses to Dean Collette Jones and the membership committee for introducing several women in the community to Psi Chapter at the spring informational/RUSH. Here we GROW again!

The Good Health WINs' CBO Community Listening Session was held at the Golf Club of Dallas on Friday, February 28, 2025. Valuable discussions on community concerns, building community trust and developing strategies were led by a facilitator at each table. A delicious dinner was served for the attendees, and a survey was provided at the end of the event. Thank you GHW for the invitation.

Sorors it is almost time for the 78th SWR Conference. Psi Chapter members and Auxiliary members let's show up and show out! Will our chapter take home the trophy for the best line dance group? We look forward to seeing you in Houston.

Love and Blessings,
Soror Beverly Moore
Psi Chapter President
2024 SWR Outstanding Chapter President



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Black History Month Submitted by: Soror J. Wallace "Mational Project"



# Black History Monti

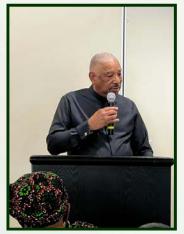
As Psi Chapter continued its Black History Month celebrations, the third event occurred during the regular Sorority meeting on Saturday, February 15, 2025. During the devotional period, a slide show titled "A Look Back In Time, The History of Psi Chapter" was presented, providing valuable insights for both longtime and new members. Following the meeting, members enjoyed lunch and a tour of Market Café at Bonton Farms, a Black-centered restaurant with a history of addressing food deserts within the African American community through farm establishment, market creation, restaurant operations, and community development initiatives.

On Saturday, February 22, 2025, Psi Chapter finished out Black History Month with a Black History Program at the University of North Texas at Dallas, Founders Hall. The program began with an oratorical performance by FIL ZaRiyah Duncan, a 5th grader from St. Anthony Academy, and concluded with guest speakers Mr. Robert Pitre, entrepreneur and community

activist, owner of Skyline Ranch Event Center and Pitre Auto Dealership and Mrs. Akwete Tyehimba, owner of Pan African Connection bookstore, art gallery, and resource center, sharing their inspiring stories.

As an organization, lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is dedicated to continuing to tell the stories of African American History, spotlighting its past and present accomplishments.

















# Psi Touring Market Café at Bonton Farms

### PHOTO GALLERY















Heart for Others' "Ladies Luncheon' Submitted by: Soror Dr. M. Nickson



Heart for Others' Ladies Luncheon"

On February 22, 2025, Sorors Mary Nickson and Brenda Napier, the former President of the Psi Chapter, attended the "Heart for Others' Ladies Luncheon" hosted by the JV McRae Foundation, Inc., at Vouv Dallas. The mission of the JV McRae Foundation, Inc. is to empower underserved communities through education and resources. The Foundation supports both educators and students by acknowledging and rewarding teachers for their commitment. Furthermore, it offers academic scholarships and rewards to students motivated by

As members of Psi Chapter's Tutorial and Adopt-A-School Committee, Sorors Nickson and Napier attended to align with the goals of the JV McRae Foundation. This marks the third year of the luncheon, which celebrates a local educator and discusses the importance of heart health for African American women.

The 2025 Honoree was Ms. Marian A. Willard, President of the Dallas Regional NABSE. Presenters at the Heart for Others luncheon included Dr. Shawna D. Nesbitt, Medical Director of Parkland Health and Hospital System's Hypertension Clinic, Dallas County Sheriff Marian Brown, Mrs. Evette Davis, a former heart patient, and Mary Nickson, PhD, a Licensed Psychologist.



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Good Health WINs CBO Community Listening Session Submitted by: President B. Moore



# Good Health WINs CBO Community Listening Session



President Beverly Moore was invited to take part in the Good Health WINs CBO Community Listening Session, which took place at the Golf Club of Dallas on Friday, February 28, 2025.

The objectives of the Community Listening Session included:

- 1. Understanding Community Concerns: Collect insights and feedback regarding community concerns and misconceptions surrounding vaccines.
- 2. Building Trust: Share accurate information to foster trust between healthcare providers and community members.
- 3. Developing Strategies: Work together to create strategies and solutions that address the identified issues and enhance vaccine uptake.

Each table was led by facilitators in valuable discussions on these objectives. Attendees enjoyed a delightful dinner, and a survey was distributed at the conclusion of the event.

Also in attendance was National President Charlotte Berry and Psi Chapter member Brenda Murphy. Thank you, Sorors, for your support. Together, we can achieve Good Health WINs!









SPOTLIGHTING Soror Dr. Letitia Speed-Williams Contributor To: What is a Courageous Woman "100 Women's Affirmations" Submitted by: Soror Dr. L. Speed-Williams

# What is a Courageous Woman: "100 Women's Affirmations"

On January 19, 2025, The Courageous Woman's Magazine proudly unveiled its "100 Women's Affirmations" Coffee Table Book! Psi Chapter is thrilled to share that Soror Dr. Letitia Speed-Williams was recognized as a Contributor for her work with Courageous Woman's Magazine. This is a remarkable accomplishment as she started this journey simply to critique and edit submissions.

The January issue is reportedly one of the magazine's best-selling publications to date! Dr. Speed-Williams expresses heartfelt gratitude to the Sorors for their unwavering support throughout this important project. If you're interested in purchasing your own copy of this stunning coffee table book, it's now available in paperback, please click the link below to be directed to Amazon: https://a.co/d/2x8luRm







### What Does Robert Say? The Parliamentarians of Psi

# Motions Which Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly

A motion which brings a question again before the assembly either by adoption or by its introduction, allows the assembly to consider again the merits of a question that has previously been disposed of in some way. There are two ways to bring a motion back before the assembly. One way is called renewing a motion: If a motion is made and disposed of without being adopted and later allowed to come before the assembly after being made again by any member in essentially the same connection, the motion is said to be renewed (RONR (12th ed.) §38). The second way is by using a group of motions that are described below:

To Take from The Table - (To Take a Motion from the Table) Allows the assembly to resume consideration of a motion or a series of adhering motions previously laid on the table

- ·Reconsider (To Reconsider the Vote on a Motion) Allows a question previously disposed of to come again before the assembly for further consideration, within a limited time and without notice, as if it had not previously been considered.
  - Rescind or Amend Something Previously Adopted Rescind (Repeal or Annul) voids or cancels a motion previously passed. Amend Something Previously Adopted is the motion that can be used if it is desired to change only a part of the text, or to substitute a different version.
  - Discharge a Committee By means of the motion to Discharge a Committee from further consideration of a question or subject, the assembly can take the matter out of a committee's hands after referring it to the committee and before the committee has made a final report on it, such that the assembly itself can consider it.

Scholarship Information Submitted by: Soror D. Daniels-Young



## Scholarship Information



#### National Scholarships:

The ALICE P. ALLEN National Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a teenage mother desiring to further her education beyond high school. The deadline to submit applications is March 15, 2025. Link to apply: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/iotapsifil/2024-2025-APAS">https://form.jotform.com/iotapsifil/2024-2025-APAS</a>

#### **Bands of Hope Scholarship:**

The Bands of Hope is awarding four (4) Scholarships to students who attend school in Dallas or Collin County, who will be attending an accredited institution of higher education in the fall.

The application season is open until March 31, 2025, so there is still time to order their transcript, get letters of recommendation and submit their application. Awardees will be announced April 18, 2025, and scholarships will be ceremoniously awarded in May (exact date, location TBD). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our scholarship chair, Debra Coleman at the address below.

Debra Coleman Scholarship Committee Chair sed.coleman3@verizon.net

#### Please contact Soror Danielle Daniels-Young

if you have any questions or concerns regarding the scholarships or deadline information.

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Women's History Month Submitted by: Soror V. Jordan



# MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



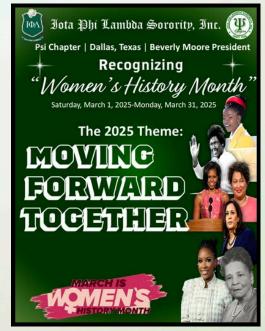
Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2025 will take place from Saturday, March 1-Monday, March 31, 2025.

The 2025 theme, "Moving Forward Together," celebrates "Women Educating and Inspiring Generations." This theme celebrates the collective strength, equality, and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership, shaping the minds and futures of all generations. (according to H-History)



From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America was as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

President Jimmy Carter's Message designating March 2-8, 1980 as National Women's History Week



Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women's History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as "Women's History Month." (According to the National Women's History Museum)

### **Upcoming Events**



**Business Month** Important Deadlines

- Luncheon Ticket Sales: All ticket sales must be completed by: April 15, 2025.
- · Ad Submissions: Submit camera-ready ads in JPEG format to: psi1936scholarships@gmail.com by March 28, 2025.

For any questions regarding ads, please contact Soror Vee Jordan at (972-765-8533).









ENDOR PARTICIPANTS

Raise Awareness Until We Find a Cure for Multiple Sclerosis

Psi Chapter is going orange and green for the Walk MS Dallas event, happening on April 5th at the Grandscape in The Colony. This event is crucial for raising funds for research and spreading awareness about multiple sclerosis. Addressing the intricate challenges posed by multiple sclerosis requires a holistic strategy. It involves personalized support from MS Navigators, advocacy for systemic changes, and providing resources and information to empower individuals living with MS, helping them feel more in control and less isolated. However, there is always more we can do to spread the word, share research findings, and enable those affected by MS to lead fulfilling lives. While you can make a difference every day, participating in MS Awareness Week and World MS Day are excellent opportunities to get involved and declare that MS ends with us! Join our team, Lola's Girls, or consider donating to this Team. Your support is greatly appreciated!

MS Awareness Week: March 9-15, 2025

During MS Awareness Week, the National MS Society will amplify the voices of those living with MS. (According to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society)





To join the Team or donate Click on the links above.

SPOTLIGHTING Soror Collette Jones Outstanding Soror of the Year Dr. Januari Lewis Outstanding Business Woman of the Year Submitted by: Soror V. Jordan



# Outstanding Soror of the Year Outstanding Business Woman of the Year



# Outstanding Soror of the Year Soror Collette Jones

Collette Jones is a dynamic leader and dedicated advocate for positive change, embodying the essence of service, growth, and community impact.

As a Social Worker for the State of Texas, she works tirelessly to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children, driven by her unwavering passion for helping others become the best versions of themselves.

Collette's story is one of compassion, leadership, and a relentless pursuit of excellence.

Congratulations Soror Collette Jones!

### Outstanding Business Woman of the Year Dr. Januari Lewis

Dr. Lewis has demonstrated extraordinary leadership, vision, and entrepreneurial spirit, making a lasting impact in her industry and the community.

One of her strongest passions is serving as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Illustrious Angels Youth and Family services, a non-profit founded following the loss of her best friend in 2013 due to domestic violence, which focuses on the unintended victims that domestic violence leaves behind, the children.

She is an exceptional business leader with a proven track record of success.

Congratulations Dr. Lewis!



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# March Birthdays

















Thursday, March 20th -

Sunday, March 23rd



**Calendar for March** 



DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	LOCATION	
Monday, March 3rd	Health and Wellness Meeting	7 p.m.	Zoom	
Tuesday, March 4th	Education and Scholarship Meeting	7 - 8 p.m.	Zoom	
Friday, March 7th	SWR Line Dance Practice	6 p.m.	Glen Oaks United Methodist Church	
Saturday, March 8th	Pelati Meeting	2 p.m.	Telephone Conference Call	
Monday, March 10th	Vendor Committee Meeting	7 p.m.	Zoom	
Tuesday, March 11th	Executive Committee Meeting	7 - 8:15 p.m.	Zoom	
Wednesday, March 12th	SOTY Committee Meeting	7 p.m.	Zoom	
Thursday, March 13th	Membership Meeting	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Zoom	
Friday, March 14th	Business Month Committee Meeting	7 p.m.	Zoom	
Saturday, March 15th	Sorority Business Meeting	10 – 1 p.m	J. Erik Jonsson Central Library	
Saturday, March 15th	Audit Committee Meeting	12:30-1:30 p.m.	The Market Café Bonton Farms	
Monday, March 17th	Happy St. Patrick's Day			

78TH SWR Conference, Houston, Texas







### From the Journalist...



All news articles should be submitted by the 25th of each month, or earlier if possible. Please email your written pieces along with any accompanying images to: tmitchellpsijournalist@gmail.com.

I hope you find this edition of Psi Pearls enjoyable, with many more to come. As we navigate these unpredictable times, let's remain mindful of the various challenges faced by those around us. Let us keep everyone in our thoughts and prayers, remembering that God is in control! I truly appreciate this opportunity, and it is my heartfelt pleasure to serve you.

Soror Tina Mitchell PSI CHAPTER JOURNALIST





### **MARCH MEDIATION**

### SPENDING TIME WITH GOD ON OUR JOURNEY

The month of March is special for many reasons. Christian holidays are throughout - lent, changing seasons. "The Lord, the only true God, has spoken. He has summoned the earth from where the sun rises to where the sun sets. Psalm 50:1

Can't you feel the warmth of the sun that He has orchestrated with the coming new season of Spring? Even hearing the birds chipping or seeing the budding of new life everywhere through the newness of planets and animals. Spring has sprung.

No matter what the world says or does, God has done it again, giving us the opportunity to turn over a new leaf of penitence and renewed faith in the world around us.

If plants can survive the harshness of storms and coldness of winter. Then why can't we? Even though we are buried with the weight of the world right now. God says a new season is on the horizon. We must remember Spring follows Winter - a time of renewal and repentance.

Seasons of winter will continue to come but God's promise says that joy will come in the morning. We must endure with faith, hope, and love.

"Consider it pure joy, my sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1:2-3

### Let us go to God in prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for guiding us through the past months. Hold our hands each day and help us to stay close to you. As we embrace the coming days, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude and optimism. Let our lives be a reflection of the love and grace you have shown us. Encourage us to uplift and support one another, fostering a community that thrives on compassion and understanding. We need you now more than ever and trust in your enduring mercies. Walk with us through every season of life.

With each new day, remind us to be thankful for the small miracles and the beauty that unfolds in our lives. May we continue to seek your guidance and wisdom, cherishing the journey and the lessons it brings. Thank you for your love and the promises of hope and renewal that accompany each season. Let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We love you and praise your holy name. Amen.



**Dates to Remember:** 

### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. **SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL NEWS**



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



### Save the Date:

Regional Conference March 20-23, 2025 Shades of Green Welcome Reception

Crazy Hat submission due: Friday, March 21, 2025 March 20, 2025, 5:30-8 p.m.

Soror Rosetta Davis **Southwestern Regional Director** 

Click here for other Conference Activities

Taylor House of Hope Motherhood Donation Registry Link Monetary Donation through Zeffy

### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. **NATIONAL HQ NEWS**

"Professional Business Women Propelled by Ingenuity: Intentional Purpose" #Designed1929 #Driven2023-2027 #Distinction2029



Click below for newsletter National Newsletter March 2025

### Save the Date:

**National Convention** July 29, 2025 - August 3, 2025 in Washington, D.C.



Click here for Registration

Click here for Hotel Reservations

#### **NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Dorethea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship Deadline March 15, 2025 Alice P Allen Scholarship Deadline April 1, 2025

ALL SUBMISSIONS BY FMAIL ONLY: IPLSCHOLARSHIPS@IOTA1929.ORG APPLICATION ARE LOCATED ON MEMBER PLANET





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### **Chapter Theme:**

"Business and Professional Women **Empowering Others by Reflecting on Our** Accomplishments, Upholding Our Legacy, and Celebrating What Is To Come! "

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