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Message from the President



Greetings Sorors!

Welcome back! I hope you spent quality time with family and friends and are now ready to kick off another busy sorority year.

Since we were together last, we have had an exciting 92nd National Convention. What an extraordinary event it was!!! Through WHOVA we were able to attend all the business sessions and workshops which were very timely. We posted pictures in the photo gallery, viewed all the regional museums, chatted with sorors in the coffee room and even took conference pictures. Some really great highlights were the Tributes to the White Rose Queens. Just to hear the hand clapping and confetti coming down from the ceiling was so exciting. Then there was the Memorial Service; the singing, opening of the curtains and the graphic design were simply beautiful and heartwarming. This was one of the best conventions of them all, thanks to our National President, Soror Dorothy White, and her incredible team. Psi Pearls to President White and the entire Tech Team under the leadership of Soror Nicole Ford, along with Soror Danielle DeLoatch and National Director Vonetta Martin, for sharing instructions and keeping the convention moving smoothly. Lest I forget, thanks to the Far Western Regional Director Pamela Paige for her sense of humor and pleasant personality. This convention made you feel as if you were actually in Durham, North Carolina with over 300 other Sorors. It

was obvious there was a lot of planning, preparation, rehearsal, and time spent in putting this convention together, and it all paid off. THUMBS UP!!!

But the excitement did not stop there. We brought home the 2020 National Outstanding Chapter and National Outstanding Presidents Awards. Our hard work paid off as well.

As we gear up for this year's work, I still believe working together in unity, harmony, and peace will take our chapter to new heights and fulfill our national theme: "Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment."

So now my sisters we are on the move. Let's stay focused, committed, and true to our Sorority.

Sisterly

*Soror Judy Reeves
Psi Chapter President*

"Building on a Solid Foundation, Empowering and Strengthening Sisterhood in Business".

PSI CHAPTER OFFICERS

- PresidentJudy Reeves
- 1st Vice PresidentBeverly Moore
- 2nd Vice President..... Wonda Traylor
- Recording Secretary.....Danielle Young
- Corresponding Sec.Stevette Bauman
- Financial Secretary.....Judy Jenkins
- Treasurer.....Teresa Henderson
- JournalistVee M. Jordan
- Dean of Intake.....Collette Jones

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2021-2022 Psi Chapter New Officers

Psi Chapter Officers for 2021-2022

Congratulations!!



Above L-R: Soror Judy Reeves-President; Soror Beverly Moore-1st Vice President;
Soror Wonda Traylor-2nd Vice President; Soror Danielle Young-Recording Secretary

Below L-R: Soror Stevette Bauman-Corresponding Secretary, Soror Judy Jenkins-Financial Secretary,
Soror Teresa Henderson-Treasurer, Soror Vee M. Jordan-Journalist, Soror Collette Jones-Dean of Intake



2021 Soror Recognition Program
By Soror Speed



Virtual 2021 Annual Soror Recognition Program

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, Psi Chapter observed its Annual Soror Recognition Program with Theme: "We're Better Together".

The program hosted by the Membership Committee, and designated Sorors, successfully triumphed as refreshing, and the long-awaited Soror Recognition Program was finally here!

The Membership Committee Chair and Dean of Intake, Soror LeTitia Speed, Co-chair Soror Wonda Traylor, and Membership Advisor, Soror Beverly Moore, led the way for an exciting evening and Soror Recognition Program. This annual event recognizes Sorors in the Chapter who have worked Exceptionally throughout the Sorority Year. Although, there are only five awards given, the committee decided that we are ALL winners as it had truly been a trying year for all members.

The Membership Committee wanted to build up moral within the chapter and thought of the following, engaging games, for all members to participate.

The **games** were:

Virtual Bingo, Led by Soror Rhonda Mollet

Winners were: Soror Carolyn Parker & Soror Stevette Bauman

Name That Tune: Led by Soror Deloris James

Winners were: Soror LaJuana Piper (2x), & Soror Rhonda Jones

The 2021 Exceptional Soror Awards were presented to:



2021 Morale Builder Award
Soror Juanda Wallace



2021 Networking Award
Soror Daphne Hornbuckle



2021 Public Service Award
Soror Beverly Moore



2021 Iota Rose Award
Soror Vee M. Jordan



2021 Impressive New Soror Award
Soror Linda Gray

2021 Soror Recognition Program
By Soror Speed

Virtual 2021 Annual Soror Recognition Program
2021 Years of Service Awards

30-Years of Service

Soror Dr. Vicki Sellers Soror Joyce Hodges

25-Years of Service

Soror Nona Fisher

20-Years of Service

Soror Deloris James

15-Years of Service

Soror Mary Collier

10-Years of Service

Soror Mary Nickson

5-Years of Service

Soror Linda Cole

Soror Vee M. Jordan

Soror Crystal Lotterberry

The President Awards:

President Judy Reeves congratulated all Sorors for a job-well-done and expressed her gratitude to all chapter members for one heck of a year. She then gave acknowledgement to the officers for their contributions of hard-work, commitment, and dedication. President Reeves would then present awards to all outgoing Chapter Officers.

Soror Dr. Vicki Sellers-1st Vice President

Soror Dr. Tonya Cooper-Recording Secretary

Soror Lucille Tolliver Financial Secretary

Soror Dwala Brown-Treasurer

Soror LeTitia Speed-Dean of Intake

President Reeves was on hand at Paul L. Dunbar Library to distribute Psi awards. She thanked those outgoing officers for their commitment to serve Psi Chapter. They were Soror Vicki Sellers- Vice President, Dwala Brown- Treasurer, Lucille Tolliver-Financial Secretary, Tonya Cooper-Recording Secretary and LeTitia Speed, Dean of Intake. It was hard to say goodbye but Psi Chapter will continue to strive and move forward.



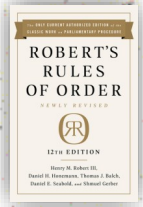
This year's Outstanding Committee award went to Soror Kandre Covington, Chair of Adopted School/Corresponding. The President's award went to Soror Juanda Wallace, chair of Black History/Toys U Can't Return. All these were National Programs that was performed well. Seven other Sorors received the extra Mile award.

ROBERTS'S RULES OF ORDER
BY SOROR NONA FISHER



What Does Robert Say?

P.R.N. – Parliamentary Rules Noted



The National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP) has developed what is known as the NAP Body of Knowledge. It describes what Members, Leaders, and Parliamentary Consultants should know and be able to do to participate in or facilitate effective meetings.

For members, it defines what should be known and the skills required concerning Meetings, Motions and Rules. We will explore each in this and successive articles.

For **Meetings**, a member should know:

The role of the presiding officer and the secretary in a meeting.

Basic rights of members to attend meetings, make motions, speak in debate and vote.

That action may not be taken without a quorum.

The standard order of business.

How an agenda is adopted.

How a meeting adjourns or takes a recess.

How to obtain recognition.

The six steps of processing a motion.

The rules of decorum in debate, including germaneness.

The length and number of speeches permitted in debate.

Standard vote requirements to adopt a motion.

How action may be taken by unanimous consent.

“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
Registered Parliamentarian



Soror Dr. Mary Nickson
Psi Chapter Parliamentarian &
Southwestern Region



Soror Daphne Hornbuckle



Soror Joyce Hodges



Let everything be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:40

2021 SPOTLIGHTING PSI SOROR

Prairie View Interscholastic League
LIFETIME HALL OF FAME

The PVIL (Prairie View Interscholastic League) came into existence in 1920 to mirror the UIL, but for the African American high schools. The organization's board has been successful in ensuring that their athletic records including the African- American state championship competitions are integrated into the UIL. The group continues to educate the public, especially high school students about the organization's history, and recognizes and honors former participants annually.

Each year, the PVILCA Board identifies former coaches and athletes for induction into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association **Lifetime Hall of Honor** and athletes, trainers and officials are inducted into the Hall of Fame. Dr. Vicki Sellers along with Mrs. Selestine Collins Hunt and Mrs. Brenda Tankersley (Lufkin Dunbar High Tennis Champions) were inducted into the 2021 Lifetime Hall of Honor on July 17, 2021.



*Congratulations!!
Soror Dr. Vicki Sellers*



2021 SPOTLIGHTING PSI SOROR

*Congratulations!!
Soror Dr. Tonya Cooper*

Today, allow me to reintroduce myself as Dr. Tonya P Cooper. On November 9, 2020, I successfully defended with **dissertation distinction**, the first at Abilene Christian University in Educational Leadership.

The title of my dissertation is "EXPLORING THE VOICES, EXPERIENCES, AND LEADERSHIP CAREER PATHS OF WOMEN OF COLOR IN HIGHER EDUCATION." Graduation was held virtually and in person at ACU in Abilene, TX. Shortly after graduation, I accepted a position at Collin College as Director of Collegiate Academies overseeing several Collin County and Denton County ISDs and a mentor for doctoral candidates at several Texas universities.

Dr. Tonya Cooper



2021 COMMUNITY SERVICE
BY SOROR JUDY JENKINS



Minnie's Food Pantry



Once again, Psi Chapter did not allow the pandemic and our inability to volunteer in person keep us from outstanding support of our Community Service Project with Minnie's Food Pantry.

Minnie's Food Pantry (MFP) is a nonprofit organization headquartered in Plano, TX. Their goal is to provide numerous programs that help families gain long-term food security and to break the generational curse of people (especially children) in low-income areas not having access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Psi Chapter's monetary donation of \$720.00 (given during June 1-15th) allowed us to provide 2,160 meals to families in need. The families we fed and the staff at Minnie's Food Pantry were grateful for our contributions.

Iota Roses to Sorors: Dwala Brown, Judy-Dossman-Jenkins, Sheila Fadipe, Tangelon Gardner, Jewel Hudson, Deloris James, Mary Nickson, Brenda Napier, Shirley Pleasant, Rita Heath-Powell, Judy Reeves, Martha Richmond, LeTitia Speed, Wonda Traylor and MOI Earl James for having a heart for hunger and for your generous monetary donations. Certificates of appreciation were mailed to all participants.

2021 WORKSHOP BYLAWS THAT WORK
BY SOROR NONA FISHER



"Playing By Your Own Rules"

Bylaws That Work

There was "no summer off" for some Psi members who enhanced their parliamentary procedure knowledge and skills. On August 14, 2021, President Judy Reeves and eight other members of Psi attended the workshop: "Playing by Your Own Rules – Bylaws That Work," presented by Psi Chapter member, Soror Nona Fisher, PRP. Topics discussed in the workshop included: rules governing a deliberative assembly, the vote requirements to adopt, amend or suspend the rules, what bylaws are and why they are important, the structure and content of bylaws and tips for writing, amending, interpreting and publishing bylaws. The connecting theme of the presentation was "You Define You." Through its bylaws, an organization defines for itself, who and what it is. This workshop was one of a series of eight "Parli All Summer" Parliamentary Procedure Workshops sponsored by Altruistic Results, LLC.

Sorors registering for this workshop included: President Judy Reeves, Psi Chapter Parliamentarian Dr: Mary Nickson and Sorors Dwala Brown, Shelia Mathis-Fadipe, Daphne Hornbuckle, Vivian Jordan, Brenda Jackson Napier, Rita Heath Powell and Wonda Traylor.

PARLI ALL SUMMER:
Parliamentary Procedure
Workshop Series
JOIN THE PARLI PARTY!
Featured Speaker

Parli Party #5
Nona Fisher, PRP
"Playing By Your Own Rules":
Bylaws That Work
Altruistic Results
Business done better!



CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Friday, Sept. 10	85TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING MEETING	7pm	Virtual
Saturday, Sept. 18	CHAPTER MEETING	10am	In-Person or Virtual



Happy Birthday!



SORORS' SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Judy Reeves 9/4



Jewel Hudson 9/15



Dr. Vicki Sellers 9/20



Henrietta Morris 9/23



FROM THE

Journalist


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

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 TIPS

By Soror Ross, RN



GYNECOLOGIC CANCER Awareness Month

Each September, Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month focuses on sharing information about symptoms, treatment, risk factors, prevention, clinical trials, and survivors' stories. Every six minutes, a woman receives a diagnosis of gynecological cancer. It may come in the form of several cancers under this category:

- Ovarian cancer
- Endometrial cancer
- Vulvar cancer
- Vaginal cancer
- Cervical cancer

Different symptoms point toward a particular type of cancer. However, some of the symptoms overlap. Symptoms of gynecologic cancers include:

- Spotting between cycles or bleeding unrelated to a period
- Weight loss
- Extreme fatigue
- Pain and discomfort in the pelvic area
- Frequent urination
- Heavy or long periods
- Itching or pain on the external genitals
- Postmenopausal bleeding
- Irregular cycles
- Skin changes of the external genitals
- Painful intercourse/bleeding after intercourse
- Unusual smelly discharge



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. *Southwestern Regional News*

Southwestern Region Theme:

“Empowered Women: Together We Achieve the Extraordinary”

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Southwestern Region

2021 Executive Committee



Wendy Jacques
Assf. SWR Director



Rosetta Davis
SWR Director



LeTitia Speed
SWR Treasurer



Robin Mack
SWRRF Secretary



Dr. Valencia Hall
SWR Journalist

Upcoming News

1. SWR Help-Line Sessions held every Thursday starting September 2, 2021 from 7p.m to 8p.m
Zoom links will be sent to designated participants
2. Chapter Newsletters due 10th of each month of submissions at email: swrjournalistpl@gmail.com
3. Initiative “National Make a Difference Day” Project committee members sign up with Dr. Evelyn Mosley by September 12 , 2021 at email: Mosley4_99@msn.com
4. SWR Committee List Assignment due September 8,2021 to email: iotaswr20@gmail.com



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National HQ News

NATIONAL VIRTUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Soror Dorothy M. White
23RD NATIONAL PRESIDENT



To the members of Iota,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 sorority year. As I began my second term as national president, I want to say thank you for the support that I and the national board have received as we traversed through the new normal that we were confronted with, adapting and adopting new policies as we faced each new obstacle. You were there with us all the way, showing us that no matter the issues, Iota women will face them with audacity and boldness.

As the new sorority year begins, we will confront new challenges as well as revisit some old ones that continue to serve as obstacles to our ability to return to a "so call" normal existence. But we are thankful that God has brought us thus far, even as we mourn the loss of love ones, jobs and homes. Your dedication and commitment to Iota made it possible for us to face these difficult moments together.

This year will start off with many uncertainties as we do not know how the Delta Variant of COVID-19, will continue to affect our sorority's ability to meet and conduct public programs. During the past two years we focused on the theme: "Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment", not just building wealth, but rather on how we use money to enhance our communities through financial literacy and entrepreneurship. We also focused on ways of building this foundation through savings, investing, insurance, real estate, etc.

We will continue to focus on that same theme, but broadening the scope of engagement with our members and the community. I sincerely hope that the national convention gave you some insight into plans for the next two years. Our convention theme: "Engage, Educate and Empower" will serve as the catalyst for the next two years as we continue to engage, educate and empower our members to use the information gathered at the convention to enhance their programming and projects.

Thus, we, the National Board look forward to working with each of you as together, we prepare to weather any storm that we may face during the 2021-2022 sorority year. We look forward to a very successful year together, no matter what the obstacles that may come our way. Together, we can accomplish much!

Dorothy M. White
23rd National President



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National HQ News

National Executive Board & Executive Directors 2021-2023



National Board Candidates



Cheryl Scott, Ph.D.
Central Regional Director



Carolyn Smith-Bell
Far Western Regional Director



Valerie L. Mills Pullen
Eastern Regional Director



Phyllis Moore
Southern Region Director



Rosetta Davis
Southwestern Region Director



Tanesha Mosley
Beta Psi
National Recording Secretary

Start Video



Nicole Ford
Gamma
Treasurer

Share

Participants

Welcome to Service Year 2021 to 2022

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

Sorors and auxiliary members, we welcome you as your 2021 to 2023 National Executive Board and Executive Director to this year's service year that began September 1st. We wish you a wonderful Labor Day weekend and hope that you all will stay safe whether you stay in place or travel. In this edition of the monthly Iota Bulletin, we discuss COVID-19 Iota standards, a small recap of the National Convention, announcements of Candidate Forum, and more. At this time it is my honor to introduce the new team to you all after a fabulous 92nd National Virtual Anniversary Convention this past July. Shown in the above photo from:

Left to Right – Top left : National President Dorothy White; National President-Elect Charlotte D. Berry; Central Regional Director Cheryl Scott ; Eastern Regional Director Valerie Pullen; Far Western Regional Director Carolyn Bell; Southern Regional Director Phyllis Moore ; Southwestern Regional Director Rosetta Davis; National Recording Secretary Tanesha E. Mosley; National Treasurer Nicole Ford; and Iota National Executive Director, Vonetta B. Martin.

Dorothy White
23rd National President



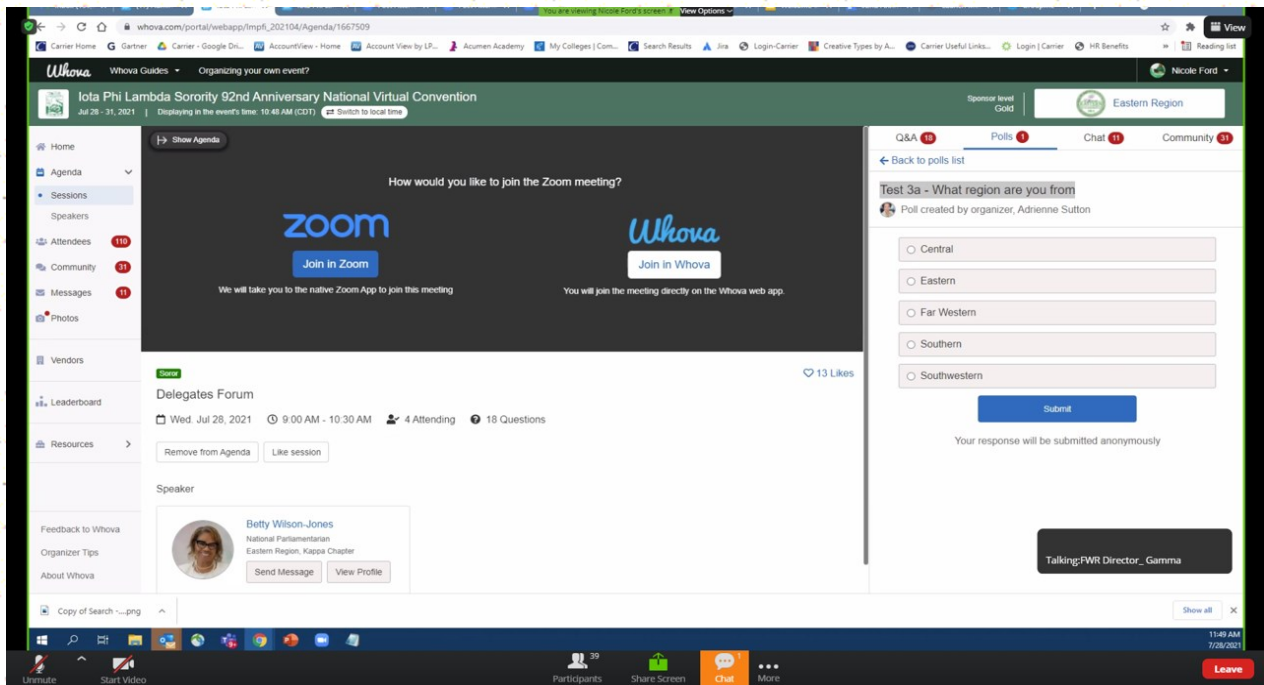
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TECH TEAM



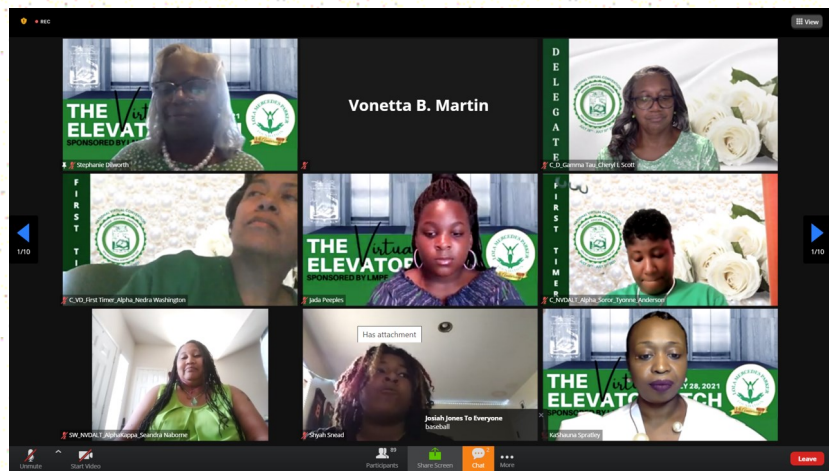
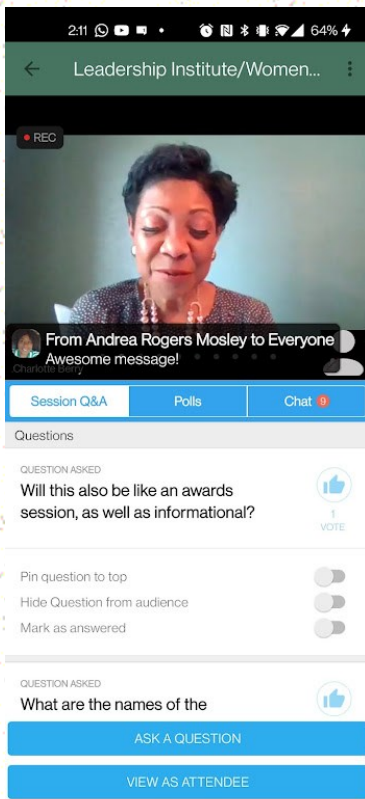
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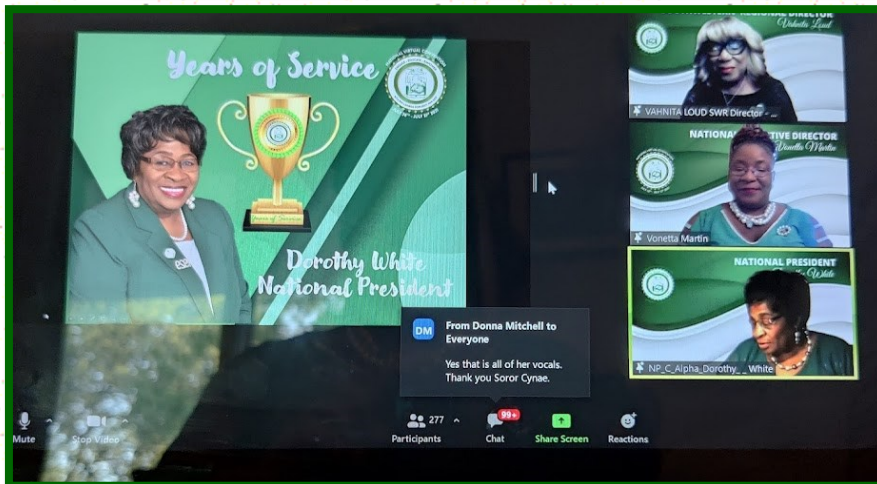
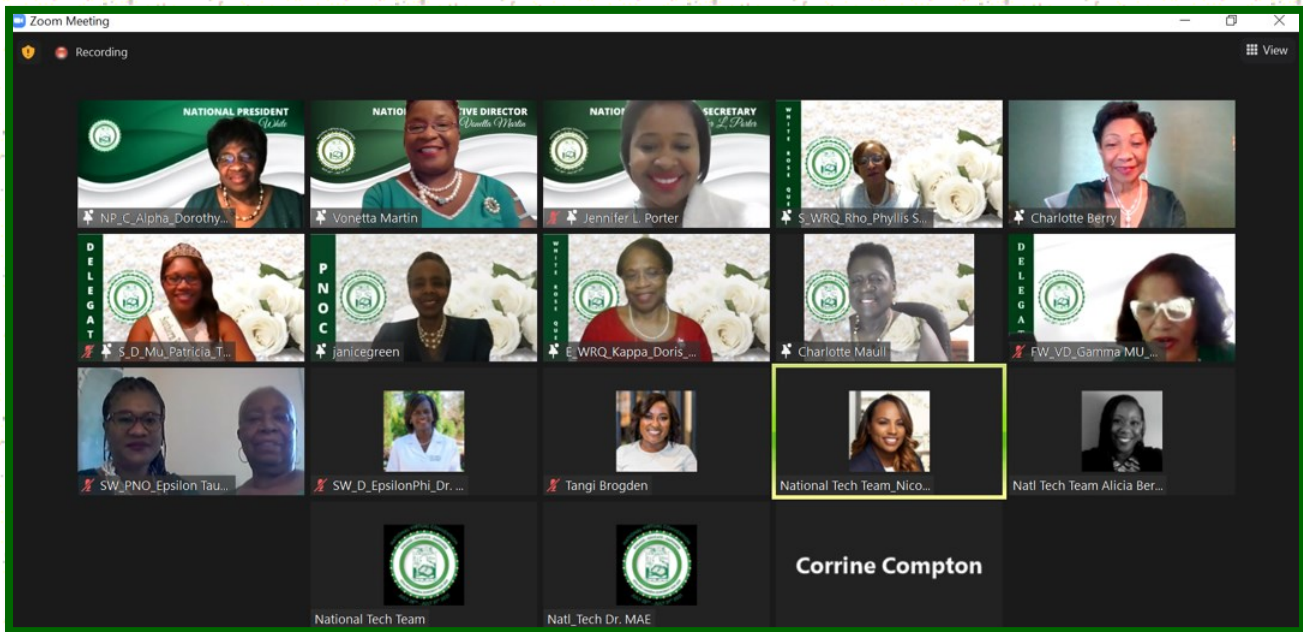
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Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, National HQ News

**“Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation
for Generational Financial Empowerment”**

Soror Dorothy M. White
23RD NATIONAL PRESIDENT



COVID-19 Guideline Updates Emailed: Thursday, September 2, 2021

Sorors, I want to thank you for adhering to the guidelines set to ensure that Iota operated in a manner that put the safety of our members in the forefront of everything we do. I know that it has been frustrating and a struggle to not be able to meet as a chapter or to fellowship together. As we said at the beginning of this ordeal, you are expected to follow the CDC guidelines, in addition to the ones set by this organization

Remember, in addition to our national Bylaws and Standing Rules, all sorority members are expected to abide by any guidelines/regulations developed by the National Board for the safety of our members. We will still plan for a September 1 opening, but with an overwhelming need to move ahead with caution to ensure the wellbeing of our members. With the highly contagious Delta Variant circulating throughout the country, we highly recommend that all members get the vaccine and to continue with virtual meetings where the infection rate is exceptionally high. After discussion with the National Executive Board and taking in consideration our diverse membership and the fact that we cannot guarantee that all of our members are vaccinated we are recommending the following:

CHAPTER & AUXILIARIES MEETINGS:

1. Facilities should be large enough to accommodate social distancing and have good circulation of air. Everyone must wear a mask, whether they are vaccinated or not.
2. We will not ask for documentation, but we highly recommend that only vaccinated members attend in-person chapter meetings and activities.
3. If you choose to go in-person, we recommend that you provide call in or login capability for members who are unable to attend the meetings due to compromised immune systems.

CHAPTER & AUXILIARIES ACTIVITIES:

1. Chapter/Auxiliaries may resume social and community gathering with caution. *Recommend the wearing of mask and social distancing for all activities.
2. You may resume participation in community activities wearing Iota gear and a mask. Please practice social distancing for your and your family's safety.
3. May resume **partial in-person membership recruitment** with limited contact; remember everyone has not been vaccinated. We highly recommend virtual informational and study groups. In-person meetings should be limited to outdoor activities. We highly recommend wearing a mask and social distancing during all interaction with prospective members and members of the Lomepa Club.

FUTURE IOTA LEADERS:

1. Because most youth under 18 have not been vaccinated, all FIL meetings will remain virtual.

We will continue to assess the situation and make changes as needed.

Sisterly,

Dorothy M. White

23rd National President
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Psi Chapter Information

If you would like to email President Judy Reeves, Journalist Vee M. Jordan or visit Psi Chapter's website click on the highlighted links listed below.

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- Rita White Ross
- Shelia Fadipe
- Deloris James
- Carolyn Parker

Chapter Theme:

“Building on a Solid Foundation, Empowering and Strengthening Sisterhood in Business”

Southwestern Region Information

If you would like to send an email to our Southwestern Regional Director, National President or visit the Southwestern Region or National websites. Click on the highlighted links listed below.

[Vahnita Loud](#), Southwestern Regional Director

Southwestern Region Website, <http://www.iotaswr.org>

Southwestern Region Theme: “Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood, Committing to Business and Developing Leaders”

National Information

[Dorothy White](#), National President

National Website, <http://www.iota1929.org>

National Theme:

“BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR GENERATIONAL FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT”



Founder: Mrs. Lola M. Parker

“Upward and Onward in Efficient Service”