Iota Phi Cambda Sorority, Inc.

December 2024 Volume 32, Issue 24

# 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

Season's Greetings Sorors!

The holiday season is finally here and the way we prepare for Christmas has changed throughout the years. However, one thing has always remained the same for my family, we've always kept Christ at the center of Christmas. Let's embrace the holiday spirit and make all gathering memorable. Remembering the true meaning of Christmas brings joy and warmth to all of our celebrations.

Psi Chapter continues to do the programs and projects of our Sorority. lota roses to Chair Martha Richmond and the Career Exploration Committee for an outstanding program. We learned a lot from the speakers and heard about various public service jobs.

lota roses to Chair Dr. Mary Nickson and the Adopt-A-School/Tutorial Committee for honoring educators at our two schools during American Education Week. The educators were so surprised and grateful for the gifts.

lota roses to Dean Collette Jones and the Membership Committee! The induction ceremony for our seven new members was heartwarming. Welcome to the Sorority new Sorors we have big plans for you.

lota roses to Soror Deloris James for being honored by the Bands of Hope. Soror Deloris and we are so proud of you. Thank you to the Sorors that volunteered to serve at the Gala for the Bands of Hope, one of Psi's community service projects. Psi Sorors are always serving in the community. Iota roses to Psi's 2025-2026 Soror of the Year, Soror Collette Jones. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering

## *Table ()f* CONTENT

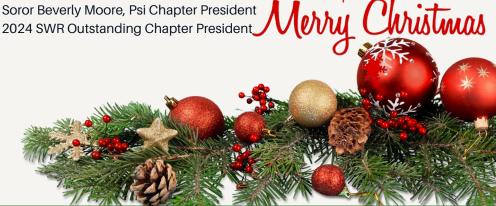
- Presidents Message
- Career Exploration
- 3 Spreading Holiday Cheer Pelatis and Health and Wellness
- 4 Bands of Hope
- 5) What does Robert Say?
- Soror of the Year and Honoring History and Community
- American Education Week and Evelyn D. Wilkey Scholarship Winners
- Calendar, Seven Pearls of Essence, Upcoming Events
- 9 Happy Birthday Sorors
- Reminder from the Journalist and December
- Southwestern Regional News and National HQ
- 12 Psi Chapter Information

commitment to our sisterhood have truly set you apart. You have exemplified the spirit of excellence and service in everything you do, inspiring and uplifting those around you. Your selflessness, leadership, and passion are a testament to the strength and unity we hold as a sisterhood. Congratulations!

Thank you Sorors, MOI, Pelatis, and FIL for supporting lota's programs and projects this year. Wishing you a season of faith, love, and joy as we reflect on the greatest gift ever given - our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings and a very Merry Christmas!

Soror Beverly Moore, Psi Chapter President



Career Exploration

National Project

By: Soror M. Richmond

# Career Exploration

"Public Service Careers"

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, Psi Chapter, lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated hosted their 2024 Career Exploration Program at the Golf Club of Dallas. The event centered around the theme: "Public Service Careers" and highlighted various professions dedicated to serving the community.

The program featured an impressive lineup of presenters who shared their expertise, career journeys, and the importance of public service. Presenters included:

- Detective Tony Newsom, Dallas Police Department A 30-year veteran of law enforcement.
- Sergeant Bernard Johnson and Officer Kristen Clark, DISD Police Officers.
- Retired Master Sergeant Tina Mitchell, Military Service.
- Maelene Grant, R.N., Director of Nursing, Duncanville ISD.
- Ms. Collette Jones, Social Worker and Investigator IV for the Department of Family & Protective Services, State of Texas.
- Ms. Gustavia Cartwright, First Officer, American Airlines (Airline Pilot).
- Jackie Jernigan, Psychotherapist and owner of Therapy Manor Counseling, PLLC.
- Deloris James, Wellness Committee Chair, Good Health Wins Southwestern Region. Each speaker shared insights about their profession, educational pathways, and their

passion for public service. They encouraged the attending youth to consider careers that contribute to the betterment of our communities and our nation.

A special thank you and heartfelt lota Roses to all members of the Career Exploration Committee for their hard work and dedication. Your efforts ensured the success of this inspiring program.

























Spreading Holiday Cheer at Encore Senior Day Care Center Submitted by: Soror W. Traylor



# Spreading Holiday Cheer at Encore Sentor Day Care



On November 26, 2024, members of Psi Chapter's Pelatis Auxiliary, including Pelati E. Louise Williams and Melba Clark, along with Sorors Helen Hurd and Wonda Traylor, paid a visit to Encore Senior Day Care Center to embrace the spirit of Thanksgiving. The group received a warm welcome from Kelly O'Brien, the center's owner. Encore provides a safe and social atmosphere for individuals with Dementia and Alzheimer's disease, focusing on friendship, creativity, and leadership in a cozy, home-like environment. The center's programs are designed to create enriching experiences that support the success of its residents. As part of their outreach efforts, Psi Chapter Pelatis Auxiliary generously donated over 50 blankets to Encore Senior Daycare Center in Plano, Texas.







Holiday Toy Safety Submitted by: Dr. L. Speed-Williams

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS HOLIDAY TOY SAFETY**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Christmas lights and Christmas trees, and not to mention tons of presents! As we ponder over the gifts we are giving, let us consider the toys our kids are placing on their "Christmas list." As much as we want to give them what they want, have you asked yourself: are these toys safe?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends choosing toys that are safe for your child's age, skills, abilities, and interests. As adults, let us consider the following tips when choosing toys: for children.

Age: Toys should be appropriate for your child's age. For example, you can use larger blocks for younger children because they are easier to hold and put together.

Safety features: Avoid toys with small detachable parts, long strings, or cords, or that can shoot objects that could injure eyes or get lodged in the throat.

Labels: Check that toys are labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant, and that paint is lead-free. Art materials should say nontoxic, and crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236.

This time of year, brings loads of laughter, joy, and fun to everyone. We all want our children to be happy and excited about opening their gifts, we have a responsibility to keep our children safe. As I plead with all parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, let us think attentively about their safety during this time of year.

Happy Holidays!





ith gifts, such

Bands of Hope Submitted By: Soror D. James Community Service Project

### **Bands of Hope's 11th Annual Charity Gala Fundraiser**



On November 15, 2024, Psi Chapter attended the Bands of Hope's 11th Annual Charity Gala Fundraiser - Casino Royale whose proceeds provide support to disadvantaged children thru funding for educational programs, social and financial services and scholarships; designed to promote self-empowerment. The event was held at the Plano Event Center, 2000 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano.

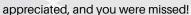
The 11th Annual Charity Gala was a night to remember, dedicated to supporting the inaugural "Bands of Hope Scholarship Fund" and "Bread for Our Children." Guests enjoyed an evening of elegance and philanthropy, all aimed at making a meaningful difference in the lives of children and single-parent households. The evening began with a red-carpet entrance, setting the tone for an unforgettable event. Members of the Psi Chapter and their families were instrumental in making the event a success. The evening began with a sumptuous fivecourse meal followed by a heartwarming presentation highlighting the families that have been supported and the programs that have made a difference in the lives of children and single-parent households.

A heartfelt video highlighted three remarkable volunteers who have significantly contributed to the success of Bands of Hope. Volunteer Service Awards were presented to the three ladies, Carol Blakes, Debra Coleman, and our very own Soror Deloris James. Each honoree received a commemorative plaque, recognizing their unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions over the years. The awards were presented by Gilda F. Smith, President, and Debra S. London, Treasurer/CFO.

Live Music by DOB, made for an evening of dancing and kept the energy high, encouraging guests to dance the night away. Through a silent auction quests had the opportunity to bid on exclusive items, contributing further to the night's mission.

The Casino Royale themed portion of the night included classic table games such as Craps, Poker, Blackjack, Roulette, and a Mega Wheel. Volunteers from the chapter included Tabatha Joseph, Collette Jones, Nadia Robinson, Lucille Tolliver, Ashanta Tolliver, and Tina Louise Johnson. Other attendees and supporters included Beverly Moore, Chapter President, Barry Moore, MOI President, Charlotte Berry, NP, Monty Berry, Eddie Johnson, 1st VP, Danielle Young, 2nd VP, Dr. LeTitia Williams, Gregory Williams, MOI NP, Edwin James, MOI, Nona Fisher, Jewel Hudson, Dwala Brown, Rita Heath Powell, Daphne Hornbuckle, Martha Richmond, Rosemary Harris, Satina Battle Jackson, Mykayla Walker, Rhonda Jones, Joyce Hodges, and Stacy Peoples.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended or contributed. For those unable to join us, your generous donations were deeply







#### **What Does Robert Say? IOTA BYLAWS CHALLENGE**



#### **How Many Does It Take?**

#### Find the answers in the Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. BYLAWS, as amended 2023

- 1. What is the maximum number of voting delegates that represent a chapter at the National Convention or Regional Conference? (Page 14, Article V. Section D.; Regional Bylaws Page 41, Article IV. Section D)
- 2. What is the minimum number of voting delegates that should represent a chapter at the National Convention or Regional Conference? (Page 14, Article V. Section D.; Regional Bylaws Page 41, Article IV. Section D)
- 3. Is there a penalty if a chapter is not represented with at least one voting delegate at the National Convention? (Page 14, Article V. Section D)
- 4. What is the number of persons required to organize a chapter? (Page 24, Article XIV. Section C.1)
- 5. What is the number of sorors required to officially conduct business (quorum) in a chapter that has nine or more members? (Page 14, Article V. Section G.)
- 6. What fraction of the membership is required to officially conduct business (quorum) in a chapter that has fewer than nine members? (Page 14, Article V. Section G.)
- 7. A quorum of the National Convention consists of voting delegates from what fraction of the number of active chapters in the sorority. (Page 14, Article V. Section D)
- 8. At an Educational Fund meeting, a quorum is what percentage of the number of active chapters of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.? (Page 56, Article V. Section B.)
- 9. A quorum for the Regional Conference consists of voting delegates from what fraction of the member chapters? (Page 14, Article V. Section F; Regional Bylaws Page 41, Article IV. Section D)

10. What is the minimum number of active sorors required for a chapter to remain legal? (Page 53, Chapter Standing Rules 2.)

KEY: 1. 3; 2. 1; 3. Yes; 4. 7; 5. 7; 6. 1/3; 7. 1/4; 8. 25%; 9. 1/2; 10. 7







# Congratulations to Psi Chapter's Soror of the Year 2025-2026 Soror Collette Jones









SPOTLIGHTING Honoring History and Community Salem Institutional Baptist Church Submitted by: Soror R. Jones

#### **Honoring History and Community** A Milestone at Salem Institutional **Baptist Church**

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, Salem Institutional Baptist Church proudly marked a significant milestone—dedicating a historical marker that celebrates its 136-year legacy in the community. The event was not just a reflection of the church's long-standing presence but also an acknowledgment of the many individuals who have contributed to its growth, outreach, and deep-rooted impact over the years. Psi Chapter Sorors, Helen Hurd, Dorothy Jones (Honorary Soror) Rhonda Jones, and Pelati E. Louise Williams are long-time members of the 136-year-old church. In fact, Sorors, Hurd, Dorothy Jones, and Pelati E. Louise Williams are all life members. They have not only been pillars of faith but also active participants in the church's ongoing mission. Their unwavering commitment to service, leadership, and community-building exemplifies the spirit that has made Salem Institutional Baptist Church a vital part of the South Dallas Community.

The dedication of the historical marker serves as a reminder of the lasting influence of these and many other dedicated members.

Pelati E. Louise Williams along with Soror Helen Hurd were a part of the committee chosen to work with Rev. Todd Atkins, Pastor of the church to capture the history of the church and its connection with the community throughout the years.

Although the church has moved to different buildings throughout the years, the worship services have always been rooted in South Dallas. Since 1963, the church has been at the crossroads of Eugene, Latimer, and Crozier streets.

The church, founded in 1888, has served as a cornerstone of faith and community support. Its rich history is woven into the fabric of the South Dallas Community, with generations of families finding spiritual guidance, fellowship, and service opportunities within its walls. From its early beginnings to its role in community programs today, Salem Institutional Baptist Church has been a beacon of hope, resilience,

At the dedication ceremony, several community officials offered congratulatory words thanking and encouraging those who have dedicated their lives to supporting the church. The speakers included, Commissioner John Wiley Price, Diane Ragsdale, (South Dallas, Community Activist Leader), Tennell Atkins (Dallas City Council, District 8), and Elizabeth Gunby, chair of the Dallas, Historical Commission. As we celebrate Salem's 136 years of service, we look forward to the continued role it will play in shaping our community for many years to come. The legacy of faith, hope, and service that has been established will continue to inspire future generations as they carry the torch forward.









American Education Week Submitted by: Dr. M. Nickson National Program



### American Education Week November 18-22, 2024



In honor of American Education Week, members of the Tutorial and Adopt-A-School Committee visited two schools within the Richardson ISD on Wednesday November 20, 2024, to recognize four exceptional teachers selected by the building principals. The first presentation took place at Stults Road Elementary School, where Denise Jackson and Yonique Morrison-Player were honored. Next, the committee members headed to Thurgood Marshall Student Success Center to present gift cards to Lai'Tresur Ferguson and Alejandra Lagos. Additionally, teachers and staff at both schools enjoyed a cake left in the teacher lounge for dessert.

Attending the event alongside President Beverly Moore were Sorors Mary Nickson, Brenda Napier, and Pamela Powell.











Evelyn D, Wilkey Scholarship Winners Submitted by: Soror D. Daniels-Young



## **Evelyn D. Wilkey Scholarship Winners**





High School



High School





High School Middle School

Ethan Young Red Oak High School 11th grade



**Brandon Young** Red Oak High School Senior - 12 grade



**Demond Barrett** Desoto High school 9th grade



Dawn Jones **Uplift Hampton Campus** 8th grade





| Calendar for December    |   |               |                              |
|--------------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|
| DATE                     | NAME OF EVENT                               | TIME          | LOCATION                     |
| Monday, December 2nd     | Health and Wellness Meeting                 | 7 p.m.        | Zoom                         |
| Tuesday,December 3rd     | Business Month Meeting                      | 7 p.m.        | Zoom                         |
| Wednesday, December 4th  | LOMEPA Club Meeting                         | 8 p.m.        | Zoom                         |
| Thursday, December 5th   | Membership Monthly Meeting                  | 7 p.m.        | Zoom                         |
| Friday, December 6th     | LOMEPA Club Fun Night                       | 3 - 6 p.m.    | Dallas Police Station        |
| Saturday, December 7th   | Fall Induction Ceremony                     | 3 - 5 p.m.    | Golf Club of Dallas          |
| Thursday, December 12th  | Social Committee Meeting                    | 7 p.m.        | Zoom                         |
| Saturday December 14th   | Pelati Meeting                              | 2 p.m.        | Telephone Conference<br>Call |
| Saturday December 14th   | 50th Anniversary African American<br>Museum | 6 -10 p.m.    | Hilton Anatole               |
| Tuesday, December 17th   | Executive Committee Meeting                 | 7 - 8:15 p.m. | Zoom                         |
| Saturday, December 21st  | Sorority Business Meeting                   | 10 – 1 p.m    | Chocolate Secrets            |
| Sunday, December 22nd    | Future Iota Leaders                         | 3 - 4 p.m.    | Dallas Police Station        |
| Wednesday, December 25th | Merry Christmas                             |               |                              |
| Tuesday December 31st    | New Years Eve 🔼                             |               |                              |



Fall Induction 2024 Seven Pearls of Essence Soror C. Jones



# Psi Chapter Welcomes The Seven Pearls of Essence





Left to right front row Cherie Pearson Cherlyn Jernigan Deitric Wilson Jackie Jernigan Top Row Terri Thomas Diana Eichelberger Sherlese Cannon



#### Let's Support our Community Service Project Coalition of Churcher in Attention Sorors, MOI, Pelati, FIL (ages 14 and up): It's that time again! Please bring your monetary contributions for the Coali-tion of Churches in Prison Ministry to the November Chapter meeting. The finance committee will accept your contributions via cash, check, Zelle, or PayPal and mark your contribution Please mark your calendar for a great time to VOLUNTEER for preparing the gifts for 8,000 residents. This year the gifts will be assembled at: Mt Tabor Baptist Church, 3700 Simpson Stuart Rd Dallas TX 75241 Friday, December 20th @ 9:00am Thank you in advance for your continued participation in the Prison Ministry... To whom much is Given much is Required. Soror Eddie Johnson/Chair

#### **Upcoming Events**



#### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC., PSI CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Regional Scholarship:

The ALMA I. MACKEY Regional Scholarship
Awarded to a graduating high school female (2.5 GPA or higher) wishing to pursue a college degree in business related fields. The deadline to submit application is January 15, 2025. Link to apply: https://form.jotform.com/iotapsifil/ALMS

National Scholarships: The FREDDA WITHERSPOON National Scholarship

Awarded annually to a female graduating high school senior wishing to pursue a college degree in business related fields. The deadline to submit application is January 15, 2025. Link to apply: https://form.jotform.com/iotapsifil/2024-2025FWS

The DORETHEA N. HORNBUCKLE National Scholarship

Awarded to a youth pursuing a degree in the field of business, science, or engineering. The deadline to submit applications is March 1, 2025.

Link to apply: https://form.jotform.com/iotapsifil/2024-2025-DNHS 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: https://form.jotform.com/iotapsifil/2024-2025-APAS

Please contact Soror Danielle Daniels-Young if you have any questions or concerns regarding the scholarships or deadline information above.

Danielle Daniels-Young, Psi Chapter, 2nd Vice President, Education and Scholarship Chair

Scholarship.psi@outlook.com |cell#: (214) 606-1751

# December Birthdays





















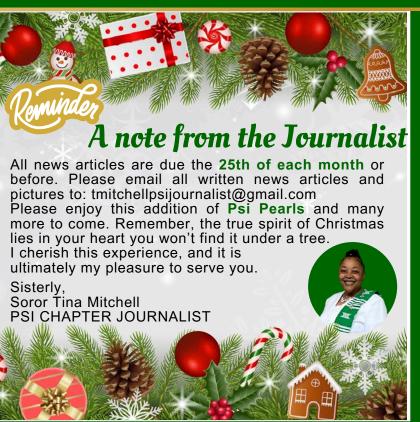


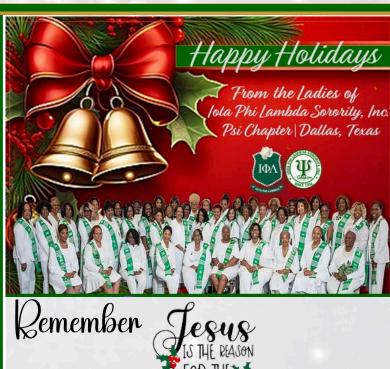






Happy Birthday Sorors Enjoy your special Day!!!







#### **DECEMBER MEDIATION** SPENDING TIME WITH GOD ON OUR JOURNEY



The founding principles of lota Phi Lambda Sorority - Jesus Christ, friendship, loyalty, and love continue to guide us in our journey of spending time with God.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I brine you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manager."

Luke 2:10-12

What a special Christmas gift for all! We don't have to look any farther for a gift that pleases and fits any and everyone. The Lord has given us a gift for all who will take advantage of it - The gift of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy not just for the Christmas season but for all seasons. How many of us are willing to accept His offerings.

86,400 seconds a day is what we are given. Are you willing to give one to say thank you for giving the opportunity to accept your gifts to make this world a better place.



Dear Heavenly Father, we are grateful for your protection during this holiday season. As we move forward into this season of reflection and celebration, let us carry the spirit of gratitude and generosity in our hearts. The holiday season serves as a reminder of the boundless love and grace that have been bestowed upon us, urging us to extend these blessings to those around us. Whether through acts of kindness, thoughtful gestures, or simply sharing a smile with a stranger, each moment presents an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. Please help us to remember those who are alone and inspire us to reach out and check on them. May we find ways to share your love and kindness with those in need, offering comfort and companionship to brighten their days. Guide our actions and words, so they reflect your compassion and grace. Let our actions speak volumes of our commitment to living out the principles of hope, peace, love, and joy, not just during this festive time but throughout the year. As we gather with friends and family, let us cherish these moments of togetherness and create lasting memories filled with joy and laughter. We ask for your continued blessings and guidance in all that we do. We love you Lord for your gifts and the reason for the season. Continue to help us thrive for Hope, Peace, Love and Joy in a world that's not perfect. Amen.

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

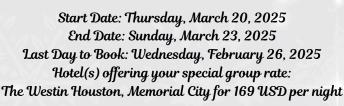


**Southwestern Region Theme:** "Empowered Women: Together We Achieve the Extraordinary"



#### Save the Date:

Regional Conference March 20-23, 2025



<u>Click here for Hotel reservations</u>



Sovor Rosetta Davis **Southwestern Regional Director** 

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

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



# Save the Date:

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



Soror Charlotte D. Berry **24TH NATIONAL PRESIDENT** 

EVELYN D. WILKEY ESSAY CONTEST & NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP Deadline for Regional Coordinators - December 30, 2024

# Click below for newsletter

National Newsletter December 2024



#### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Fredda Witherspoon National Scholarship

Deadline July 31, 2025

National FIL Scholarship

Deadline February 28, 2025

Dorethea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship

Deadline March 15, 2025

Alice P Allen Scholarship

Deadline April 1, 2025

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

#### **Psi Chapter Information**

If you would like to email President Beverly Moore, or Journalist Tina Mitchell click on the highlighted links listed below.

#### **Beverly Moore, Psi Chapter President**

Email: beverlyj5850@gmail.com lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Psi Chapter P.O. Box 224891 Dallas, Texas 75222-4891

**Tina Mitchell, Journalist** 

Public Relations Co-Chair

Email: tmitchellpsijournalist@gmail.com

| PSI Chapter 2024-2025 Officers |                         |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Soror Bevery Moore             | President               |  |
| Soror Eddie Johnson            | 1st Vice President      |  |
| Soror Danielle Daniels-Young   | 2nd Vice President      |  |
| Soror Jewel Hudson             | Recording Secretary     |  |
| Soror Shelia Fadipe            | Corresponding Secretary |  |
| Soror Nadia Robinson           | Financial Secretary     |  |
| Soror Ashanta Tolliver         | Treasurer               |  |
| Soror Tina Mitchell            | Journalist              |  |
| Soror Collette Jones           | Dean of Intake          |  |



#### **Chapter Theme:**

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



# STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

FOLLOW US ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA NETWORKS

PSI Chapter website: https://iota-psi.org



https://facebook.com399587420118





https://instagram.com//psi1936

#### Southwestern Region Information

If you would like to send an email to our Southwestern Regional Director or visit the Southwestern Region websites, click on the highlighted link listed below.

#### Soror Rosetta Davis

**SWR Director** https://iotaswr.org



#### **National Information**

If you would like to send an email to our National President or visit lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., national websites, click on the highlighted link listed below.

#### Soror Charlotte D. Berry, M.Ed.

National President https://iota1929.org

Founder: Mrs. Lola M. Parker