



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Theta Rho Omega Chapter



Chapter Meeting Agenda
January 24, 2026

B.A.D.D.I.E.

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| I. Call to Order | Soror Stephanie L. Ivey |
| II. Meditation | Soror Jean Rogers-Yates |
| III. Adoption of Agenda | |
| IV. Minutes | Soror Renita Craig |
| V. Officer Reports | |
| Basileus | Soror Stephanie L. Ivey |
| Anti-Basileus | Soror Carolyn Levystein |
| Pecunious Grammateus | Soror Kamela Fulbright |
| Tamiouchos | Soror Vanessa Vavasseur |
| Hodegos | Soror Danielle Hill |



VI. Committee Reports

AKA Connections

Soror Tondalaya Lloyd

Generation Next

Sorors Amanda Mitchell/Alexis Lenoir

Membership

Soror Jacqueline Brown

Sisterly Relations

Soror Bridget Lynch Alderson

Standards

Soror Gloria Pleasant

VII. Program Reports *(Boldly Accepting Duties Designed to Implement Excellence)*

Strengthen our Sisterhood

Soror Bridget Lynch Alderson

Build our Economic Wealth

Soror Renita Craig

Advocate for Social Justice

Soror Tondalaya Lloyd

Unfinished Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment

Soror LaShelle Royster

Soror Stephanie L. Ivey



JANUARY 2026

BADDIE UPDATE

REPORT/NEWSLETTER

Basileus Message

Life brings seasons of comfort and seasons of challenge. When obstacles appear, I pause and remember the divine gifts that ground me and keep me moving with intention.

These gifts remind me of my purpose and my connection to something greater. It is also the start of all things NEW. New personal goals, new professional goals and new ways to serve. This January, we reflect on our Founders' vision and commit once again to serving all mankind. Happy 118th Founders' Day, Sorors. The best of the B.A.D.D.I.E. Administration is yet to come!

Stephanie L. Ivey
Basileus



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NEWSLETTER



Chapter Updates

MEMBERSHIP

EXPERIENCE WE ARE MOVING FORWARD!!!

MEMBER ORIENTATION WORKSHOP #2 WILL BE RESCHEDULED PLEASE STANDYBY FOR THE NEW DATE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS IS THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND. YOU MUST ATTEND IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN M.E.

FEBRUARY 2026 CHAPTER PHOTO BEFORE CHAPTER MEETING! CHAPTER MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM ATTIRE: SHADES OF PINK WITH PEARLS(NO PANTS)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 NEWLY INSTALLED AND APPOINTED CHAPTER OFFICERS

THE OFFICERS WORKSHOP WAS HELD AT FLOSSMOOR STATION ON JANUARY 10, 2026

MLK DAY OF SERVICE WAS AN ABSOLUTE SUCCESS! SORORS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOWED UP AND Poured BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AT AN ALL TIME HIGH HONORING REV MARTIN LUTHER KINGS DREAM

CHAPTER ATTENDANCE

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE ON TIME FOR CHAPTER MEETINGS. SIGN-IN LIST WILL BE PULLED AT 10:30 AM, THIS ENSURES THAT ATTENDANCE IS CALCULATED FAIRLY EVERY MONTH.

PROTOCOL REMINDERS

CHAPTER MEETING ATTIRE IS BUSINESS ATTIRE UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

THE BASILEUS SHOULD BE INVITED AND CC'D IN ALL SCHEDULED MEETINGS AND FLYER DRAFTS!

ALL SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT AND FLYER APPROVAL MUST BE APPROVED BY THE BASILEUS

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NEWSLETTER

Region/International Updates

**OFFICIAL BOULE 2026
DATE CHANGE!!!**

**BOULE WILL TAKE
PLACE IN LAS VEGAS,
NEVADA JULY 18-
JULY 24, 2026 Save
the Date WAS SENT
OUT BY AKA
CORPORATE.**

**2025 EOY REPORTS
were all submitted
by 12/31/2025 IN
THE AKA PORTAL
/DROPBOX**

**Both financial
Reports have been
submitted before
the Feb 1, 2026
deadline.**

**Chapter will be
taxed again this year
for 2025 as we have
raised funds another
year without NPO
status. So stand by
for tax forms and
payment remittance.**

**CRC 2026
registration has
not yet gone live.**

**Location
Indianapolis,
Indiana**

**Date
April 9-12, 2026**

**92nd CRC
AWARDS
BOOKLET IS OUT**

**2025 chapter
Notable
Awardees
submission
deadline to
submit to the
adhoc
committee is
02/16/26
submission
deadline to enter
in the Dropbox is
02/21/2026**

**JOINT FOUNDERS
DAY 2026**

**January 31, 2026
St Louis, MO.**

**COST- \$195.00 PER
TICKET**

ATTIRE: SHADES OF PINK

**92nd CRC delegate
*** you have been
notified via email if you
are eligible and
interested to serve as a
delegate*****

**SORORS WE HAVE A
NEW PEARL #65 years of
Service in our Beloved
Sisterhood!**

Congratulations Soror

Jacquelyn Parker

JANUARY 2026

BADDIE UPDATE NEWSLETTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ EVENTS/CHAPTER PICS



“Service is the heart of sisterhood.”



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
THETA RHO OMEGA CHAPTER



MLK DAY OF SERVICE
Monday, January 19, 2026
Noon - 4:00pm



Pack A PURSE

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Anti Basileus Message

The new year has begun. It is 2026 and we have an exciting year to look forward to. I draw inspiration from celebrating Founders Day on January 15th.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated celebrated 118 years of serving our communities. It warms my heart to know that Theta Rho Omega Chapter is a part of that illustrious history. As I reflect on the many activities that our chapter has initiated during the first year of the B.A.D.D.I.E. administration, I can only say, "Job Well Done." If this sounds like I am bragging a bit, I am. I am so proud of the job all of our committees and programs have done over the past year.

Completing and submitting our End of the Year Reports to Central Region gave me a great overview of the work that Theta Rho Omega Chapter has done. Seeing our work quantified brought everything clearly to mind. TRO is working and exemplifying what it means to be an Alpha Kappa woman. We serve and we do.

This is the time for me to ask myself and for you to ask yourselves, "What more can I do?" "How can I serve?" Evaluate yourselves and look at how you are functioning as an Alpha Kappa Alpha woman. Do a self-assessment. Are you living our motto "Of service to All Mankind" or are you just wearing the pink and green like a fashion statement? You know where you stand. If you need to step up a bit more, do so. All of the committees are open for new/more committee members for 2026. Let's get on the B.A.D.D.I.E. train and forge ahead so that we can be all that we can be.

Sisterly Submitted,
Soror Carolyn Levystein, Anti-Basileus



BADDIE UPDATE

NEWSLETTER

Sorors, in previous meetings and messages, I have stressed the need for us to be intentional about being kind and supportive to one another. I feel that most of us were raised in the Christian tradition which instructs us to love God and one another. Our Alpha Kappa Alpha history stresses our commitment to sisterhood and service. Our sisterhood in practice is an act of Love: a combination of Agape Love (selflessness, giving with the exception of nothing in return) and Filial Love ((deep friendship, shared values and goals). As we have experienced, there are myriad ways of expressing our love, e.g., gifts for special, or no occasion; random acts of kindness -- I am sure that you can think of more than I have space to name. The scriptural reference above tells us what love is. Many of you know the words; a few of you may have used this passage in your wedding ceremonies.

I want you to remember that Love is an action word, and it demands accountability. As members of Theta Rho Omega chapter we are accountable to each other to live out our shared values and goals. On MLK Day of Service we showed up and showed OUT as we honored our commitment to our service community and our sorors who worked so hard to organize our service project. Let us continue to practice our Love to neighbor and friends, giving thanks for the opportunity to serve.

Soror Jean, Chaplain



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2026 CHAPTER OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Basileus – Soror Stephanie L. Ivey

Anti Basileus – Soror Carolyn Levystein

Grammateus – Soror Renita Craig

Anti Grammateus – Soror Tondalaya Lloyd

Tamiouchos – Soror Vanessa Vavasseur

Pecunious Grammateus – Soror Kamela Fulbright

Epistoleus – Soror LaShelle Royster

Hodegos – Soror Danielle Hill

Parliamentarian – Soror June Cole Boulware

Historian – Soror Imani Crenshaw

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Soror Amanda Mitchell
(APPOINTED)

Chaplain – Soror Jean Rogers-Yates

Philacter – Soror Rose Lee

TRO DIRECTORY -

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/286217e3-022b-4d06-afd9-c8c0346b3490/Theta%20Rho%20Omega%2024%20Directory%20-1026.p-172a76a.pdf>

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Protocol – Soror Gabriella Hayes

AKAPE' – Soror Fabienne Williams Neiman

Membership – Soror Jaqueline Brown***

Standards – Soror Gloria Pleasant

Bylaws – Soror June Cole Boulware

Leadership Development – Soror Jaqueline Brown

Connections – Soror Tondalaya Lloyd

Generation Next – Soror Amanda Mitchell /Alexis Lenoir

Fundraising – Soror Kamela Fulbright

Logistics – Soror June Cole Boulware

Nominating – Soror Brittany N. Wilson

Risk Management – Soror Chanay Mackey

Scholarship – Soror Telia Chilton

Technology – Soror Vanessa Vavasseur

Archives – Soror Stacy Johnson

Communications – Soror LaShelle Royster

Public Relations – Soror Amanda Mitchell
(APPOINTED)

NPHC – Soror Shatina Edwards

ADHOC COMMITTEES

NPO

92ND CRC AWARDS

PROGRAM/INITIATIVE CHAIRMEN

Empower Our Families – Soror LaShelle Royster

Advocate for Social Justice – Soror Tondalaya Lloyd

Build Our Economic Wealth – Soror Renita Craig

Enhance Our Environment – Soror Diane Robinson

Uplift Our Local Community – Soror Danielle Brasfield

Strengthening Our Sisterhood/Sisterly

Relations – Soror Bridget Lynch Alderson

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA Sorority, INC.
Theta Rho Omega Chapter**

Date: Saturday, December 20, 2025

Chapter Meeting No. 10

The meeting was held on December 20, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 AM by the Basileus Soror Stephanie L. Ivey, Grammateus, Soror Renita Craig was present. The meditation was presented by Soror Jean Rogers Yates. A quorum was established (X) yes () no. There were 58 members present and one visitor in attendance. See attached attendance list.

I. The agenda was adopted by general consensus.

II. The minutes were adopted with corrections by general consensus.

III. Officers Reports

A. Basileus Report - Soror Stephanie L. Ivey presented the report

- Extended greetings as the chapter closes another remarkable year.
- Expressed appreciation for the sorors' hard work and commitment.
- Announced the conclusion of Year 1 of the B.A.D.D.I.E. administration.

Chapter Updates

- Membership Experience: Eligible sponsors have been notified.
- New officers were installed at today's meeting.
- Chapter dues are to be paid by the end of day on December 20, 2025.
- 2025 Chapter Notables will be recognized today for their service and efforts.
- Boule date change announced: July 19–24, 2026.
- End-of-Year (EOY) Reports:
 - Due to the chapter by December 20, 2025
 - Due in the Corporate Portal by December 31, 2025

Central & Mid-Western Region Joint Founders' Day

- Dates: January 30–31
- Cost: \$195
- Attire: Shades of Pink

2026 Chapter Officer Installation

- Basileus: Soror Stepanie L. Ivey
- Anti-Basileus: Soror Carolyn Levystein
- Grammateus: Soror Renita Craig
- Anti-Grammateus: Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
- Tamiouchus: Soror Vanessa Vavasseur
- Pecunious Grammateus: Soror Kamela Fulbright
- Epistoleus: Soror LaShelle Royster
- Hodegos: Soror Danielle Hill
- Parliamentarian: Soror June Cole Boulware
- Historian: Soror Imani Crenshaw
- Ivy Leaf Reporter: Soror Amanda Mitchell
- Chaplain: Soror Jean Rogers Yates
- Philacter: Soror Rose Lee

Chapter Notable Nominations:

(Awards marked with an asterisk require a vote)

1. Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year Award*

- Soror Shatina Edwards
- Soror Danielle Brasfield
- Soror Stephanie Falls Warr
- Soror Kamela Fulbright
 - **Chapter Nominee: Soror Shatina Edwards**

2. Sonya L. Bowen Charmed for Service Award*

- Soror Amanda Mitchell
- Soror LaShelle Royster
- Soror Brittany Wilson
- Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
- Soror Ericka Blakemore
 - **Chapter Winner: Sorors Amanda Mitchell and LaShelle Royster (Tie Vote)**
 - Must vote again in the January meeting per MRD Sonya L. Bowen

3. Kathy A. Walker Steele Outstanding Sisterly Relations Award*

- Soror LaShelle Royster
- Soror Danielle Hill
- Soror Bridget Lynch Alderson
- Soror Kamela Fulbright
 - **Chapter Winner Soror Danielle Hill**

4. Gisele M. Cassanova Outstanding Leadership Award*

- Soror Erika Walker
- Soror Jacqueline Brown
- Soror Carolyn Levystein
- Soror Renita Craig
- Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
- Soror Brittany Wilson
 - **Chapter Winner : Soror Jacqueline Brown**

5. Pamela Bates Porch Outstanding Educator Award*

- Soror Lauren Senter
- Soror Cheryl Shackelford
- Soror Danielle Brasfield
- Soror Imani Crenshaw
 - **Chapter Winner: Soror Imani Crenshaw**

6. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson Outstanding Golden*

- Soror Jacqueline Brown
- Soror Gloria Pleasont
- Soror Diane Robinson
 - **Chapter Winner : Soror Gloria Pleasont**

7. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson Outstanding Silver Soror Award*

- Soror Vanessa Vavasseur
- Soror Jean Rogers Yates

- Soror Carolyn Levystein
 - **Chapter Winner: Soror Carolyn Levystein**

8. Nadine C. Bonds Outstanding Soror Through the Years Award*

- Soror Vanessa Vavasseur
- Soror Jacqueline Brown
- Soror Gloria Pleasont
- Soror Telia Chilton
 - **Chapter Winner: Soror Gloria Pleasont**

9. Martha L. Perine Beard Outstanding Soror of the Year Award*

- Soror Kamela Fulbright
- Soror Gloria Pleasont
- Soror Jaqueline Brown
- Soror Vanessa Vavasseur
- Soror Brittany Wilson
 - **Chapter Winner: Soror Brittany Wilson**

10. Yvonne Perkins Outstanding Basileus Award*

- Soror Stephanie L. Ivey
 - **Chapter Winner: Soror Stephanie L. Ivey**

11. Peggy Lewis LeCompte Outstanding Communication/Journalism Award*

- Soror Brittany Wilson
- Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
- Soror Danielle Brasfield
 - **Chapter Winner: Soror Tondalya Lloyd**

B. Anti-Basileus Report– Soror Carolyn Levystein presented the report.

- Expressed gratitude for a productive 2025 and optimism for 2026.

Program highlights:

- Empower Our Families: Hundreds of meals assembled
- Build Our Economic Wealth: \$149,418.65 tracked
- Enhance Our Environment: Trees planted
- Advocate for Social Justice: Expungement seminar
- Uplift Our Local Community: School supplies distributed
- Sisterly Relations: Fashion show supporting Black-owned businesses with \$3,000 spent

C. Pecunious Grammateus Report - Soror Kamela Fulbright presented the report. For the months of November, 2025 the chapter collected \$10,214.00 The Pecunious Grammateus Report will be filed for audit and placed online in the Members Only section of the TRO website.

D. Tamiouchos - Soror Vanessa Vavasseur presented the Tamiouchos report for the month of November, 2025: Operations account balance \$28,785.04; Program account balance \$50,799.96; Contingency account balance \$3,202.90. The Tamiouchos Report will be filed for audit and placed online in the Members Only section of the TRO website.

E. Epistoleus - Soror Lolita Liggons presented the report

- Thanksgiving greeting - Soror Carrie L. Clark - International Regional Director
- Holiday Greeting Card - Soror Tresa Dunbar-Garrett
- Holiday Greeting Card - From Soror Alisha
- Request from Jones Community Center from Chicago Heights
 - Request for donation of \$100
- The Executive Committee supports the recommendation to donate \$100.

Motion: Soror Erika Walker moved and was properly second by Soror Stephanie Falls Warr to donate \$100 to the “Feed the Family Food Pantry” program of the Jones Community Center, that aligns with Empower Our Families, from the Program Account. The ayes have it. The motion carries.

- Soror Erika Walker withdrew her initial motion and made a revised motion.

Motion: Soror Erika Walker moved and was properly second by Soror Stephanie Falls War to donate \$250 to the “Feed the Family Food Pantry” program of the Jones Community Center, that aligns with Empower Our Families, from the Program Account. The ayes have it. The motion carries.

F. Hodegos Report - Soror Danielle Hill presented the report.

- Birthdays, initiations and anniversaries for the month of December were shared and celebrated with applause.

G. Ivy Leaf Report - Soror Tondalaya Lloyd presented the report.

- Submitted a submission to the Ivy Leaf Magazine for the Build Our Economic Wealth’s Real Estate Webinar and Empower Our Families - CHIPP Train
- Submissions are due by January 15, 2026

I. Committee Reports

A. Membership Committee - Soror Jacqueline Brown presented the report
Graduate Membership Experience

- Provided updates and changes to the Membership Experience
 - Referenced the *Graduate Membership Experience Facilitators Guide* and its guidelines
- Orientation Workshop Dates
 - January 4 - 1-4pm (Clubhouse)
 - January 24 (following Chapter meeting) - Prairie State College
 - The following sorors must attend the ME Chapter Orientation Workshop and sign the Soror Commitment Form:
 - Any soror who plans to Sponsor/Co-Sponsor a candidate
 - Any active TRO chapter members who plan to participate in the ME

- All ME workshop presenters
- The Basileus, Anti-Basileus, Grammateus, Tamiouchos, Pecunious Grammateus & Epistoleus
- Tentative Dates: Membership Experience
 - May 15-17
 - May 29-31
 - June 5-7
- More information will be shared once approval has been granted

B. NPHC - Soror Shatina Edwards presented the report

- NPHC Scholarship
 - Deadline: December 31, 2025
- Sankofa Awards Packet
 - Now available to celebrate excellence, leadership, and service within the organization
 - Deadline: January 4, 2026
- NPHC: Greek Night
 - Date: February 24, 2026
 - Location: Chicago Bulls Game
- NPHC: Greek Week
 - Dates: June 12-14, 2026

C. Sisterly Relations/Stregthen Our Sisterhood - Soror Bridget Lynch Alderson presented the report

- Save the Date: Pack a Purse for a Homeless/Domestic Violence Shelter
 - MLK Day of Service Activity
 - Date: January 19, 2026
 - Time: 12-4pm
 - Pack and distribute to the shelters

II. Program Reports

A. Advocate for Social Justice/Connections - Soror Tondalaya Lloyd presented the report

- Social Media - will send a reminder out for the Primaries as an interactive post
- Host a Judges Form -
 - Location: Flossmoor Village Hall
 - Date: February 7, 2026
- AKA Day at the Capital: May 5-6, 2026, Springfield, IL

B. Empower Our Families - Soror LaShelle Royster presented the report

- Gave thanks for the support for 2025 CHIPP packs
- CHIPP Train
 - Wolcott School
 - Matteson SD 159
 - Work Study Program
- Senior Game Day was wonderful!

C. Build Our Economic Wealth - Soror Renita Craig presented the report

- 2025 Black Dollars Total: \$149,418.65
- Thanked sorors for participation in the Real Estate Webinar

III. Unfinished Business: None

IV. New Business:

A. NPO Ad Hoc Committee Update: Soror Brittany Wilson presented the report

- The name of the organization: "First Bloom Collective"
- Will find a way to include the Legacy 1968 in our scholarship, etc
- Attended the NPO Workshop in November, 2025
- Submitted the application to the Regional Director
 - First Chapter to submit
 - MRD made some suggestions and it has been sent to the Corporate Office

- Thank you to the committee for your assistance with the report

B. Chapter Notables - Soror Brittany Wilson presented the report

Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year Award*

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Sonya L. Bowen Charmed for Service Award (vote for one)*

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- Soror Brittany Wilson
- Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
- Soror Ericka Blakemore

Kathy A. Walker Steele Outstanding Sisterly Relations Award (vote for one)*

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Gisele M. Cassanova Outstanding Leadership Award (vote for one)*

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- Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
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- Soror Cheryl Shackelford
- Soror Danielle Brasfield
- Soror Imani Crenshaw

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- Soror Diane Robinson

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- Soror Telia Chilton

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- Soror Gloria Pleasont
- Soror Jaqueline Brown
- Soror Vanessa Vavasseur
- Soror Brittany Wilson

Yvonne Perkins Outstanding Basileus Award (vote for one)*

- Soror Stephanie Ivey

Peggy Lewis LeCompte Outstanding Communication/Journalism Award (vote for one)*

- Soror Brittany Wilson
- Soror Tondalaya Lloyd
- Soror Danielle Brasfield

C. Chapter Audit Summary - Soror Jacqueline Brown presented the report.

- After reviewing the audit results with the chapter finance team, the following recommendations will be implemented:
 1. The last four digits of the bank accounts will be added to each checking account:
 - Operations, Programs, and contingency account
 2. A monthly receipt report that includes all types of transactions will be developed.
 3. The finance team will develop a procedure and form for the purpose of confirming that deposits are made within the 7-day required time frame. Currently, deposits are made well within the time frame, but multiple steps were required to check for this compliance. A streamlined procedure is needed.
 4. Explore the use of financial software to streamline our financial process.

D. Technology - Soror Vanessa Vavasseur presented the report

- Utilizing outside spaces adds an additional cost for audiovisual needs
- Recommendation to purchase a projector and a screen
- The Executive Committee supports this recommendation

Motion: Soror Vanessa Vavasseur moved and was properly second by Soror Brittany Wilson to purchase a projector and a screen in the amount of no more than \$900 to come out of the Operations account. The ayes have it. The motion carries

V. Announcements:

- Soror Carolyn Wheatfall Gary winner of the 50/50
- Soror Jacqueline Richardson gave thanks for the wellness check and the sisterly show of love

- Soror Erika Walker, is hosting a giving breakfast at Hidden Manna Cafe, Sunday, December 21, at 10am
 - Raffling off a TV
 - Please bring an additional \$25 to give to the server
- Soror Chanay Mackey announced that her daughter/Soror graduated from college
- Soror Erica Blakemore announced that her daughter/Soror graduated from college
- Soror Andrea Sanders gave kudos to Soror Sheila Barlow for receiving the Dreammakers Award for her leadership as a Principal
- Soror Monica Purchase announced that she published her first book, “What Do the Lonely Do at Christmas” which is available on Amazon
- Soror Faye Perkins announced that on January 15, Soror Jacquelyn Parker will become a Pearl Soror celebrating 65 years of service
- Soror Danielle Hill announced Sorors who have joined TRO
 - Monica Rozelle
 - Alane Anthony
- Soror Gloria Pleasont announced that Officers that are transitioning in or out need to complete a transition form that is due by January 31, 2026
- Soror Vanessa Vavasasseur announced to for your programs and activities through July 2026
- Soror Stephanie L. Ivey announced that Sorors must to submit written reports at Exec in order to report out at Chapter Meeting
- Soror Stephanie L. Ivey announced for Sorors to place their Grab Bag gifts in the wagon or the back table gift exchange took place once the chapter meeting concluded. Toys for the Ronald house were collected on the table and will be delivered before Christmas.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:28am

Soror Stephanie L. Ivey, Basileus

Soror Renita Craig, Grammateus

Date Accepted _____

Attendance: December 20, 2025

Alderson, Bridget Lynch	Y	Beckham, Jennifer	N
Blakemore, Ericka	Y	Brasfield Knight, Danielle	Y
Breedlove, Leigh	N	Broomfield, Jayla	N
Brown, Jacqueline	Y	Burks Johnson, Beverly	N
Byrd, Danielle	N	Carr, Brandi	Y
Carthan, Marsha	Y	Chilton, Telia	Y
Cole Boulware, June	N	Collins, Rashonda	Y
Craig, Renita	Y	Crenshaw, Imani	Y
Darey, Amanda	N	Davis, Dawn	N
Davis, Ti'Kyla	N	Doriety, Michelle	Y
Edwards, Shatina	Y	Foster, Virginia	N
Fulbright, Kamela	N	Garnett, Marie	N
Gary, Carolyn Wheatfall	Y	Gilbert, Bridgette Lomax	Y
Gill, Teresa Pennix	N	Guthrie Purchase, Monica	Y
Harmon, Anita	N	Hayes, Gabriella	Y
Henderson Frierson, Cynthia	N	Hill, Danielle	Y
Hillard, Lakisha	Y	Holifield, Mildred	N
Holmes, Sheila	Y	Hubbard-Green, Sonya	Y
Hudson, Stacey	Y	Ivey, Stephanie L.	Y
James Lewis, Jacqueline	Y	Johnson, Jennifer Renee	Y
Johnson, Stacy	Y	Jones, Anna	N

Jones-Barlow, Sheila B.	Y	Knight, Annika	N
Lee, Michele	Y	Lee, Rose M.	Y
LeNoir, Alexis	N	Levesque, Chasitie	Y
Levesque, Shanee	Y	Levystein, Carolyn	Y
Liggons, Lolita	Y	Lloyd, Tondalaya	Y
Mackey, Chanay	Y	Macklin, Claudette	N
Madison, Darrah	Y	McCrary, Tiffany	N
Mitchell, Amanda	Y	Nichols, Dana	Y
Parker, Jacquelyn Heath	N	Patterson, Julia	Y
Pleasant, Gloria	Y	Richardson, Cheryl	Y
Richardson, Jacqueline	N	Robinson, Diane	Y
Rogers-Yates, Jean	Y	Royster, LaShelle	Y
Russell, Latrece	N	Sanders, Andrea	Y
Scott, Marilyn	Y	Senter, Lauren	Y
Shackelford, Cheryl	Y	Smith, Marie	N
Smith, Yolanda	N	Smith-Thomas, Pamela	N
Spears, Kienya	Y	Taylor, Rhonda	Y
Terrell-Perkins, Faye	Y	Thomas-Smith, Debbie	N
Torian, Mechelle	Y	Vavasseur, Vanessa	Y
Walker, Erika	Y	Warr, Stephanie Falls	Y
West Paul, Sherry	Y	Williams Neiman, Fabienne	Y
Wilson, Brittany	Y	Wilson, Eileen	N
Woodson, Erin	N	Wright, Leonis	Y

Guests:			
Monica Rozelle		Alana Anthony	



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Theta Rho Omega Chapter

Officer/Committee Report

Soror: Carolyn Levystein

Date: January 24, 2026

Officer/Committee: Program Anti-Basileus

Updates:

As we begin 2026 I am looking forward to a year of many expectations as we enter the second year of the B.A.D.D.I.E. administration. Last year was a time of many accomplishments. Preparing and submitting the End of Year reports to the Central Region gave me the opportunity to quantify all of what TRO did in 2025. We were busy. I am looking forward to that same zest and zeal in 2026.

We are already starting our calendar off with an outstanding event planned for our MLK Day of Service. Entitled “Pack a Purse.” Strengthening Our Sisterhood/Sisterly Relations is hosting a drive to supply women and families in homeless shelters due to domestic violence and other issues with toiletries and other much needed items. This event will take place on Monday, January 19th from 12-4 pm at 309 E. Lansing, Glenwood, IL. I know in the usual TRO fashions Sorors will come out in numbers and support this initiative.

Advocate for Social Justice is already planning their judges forum and voter education. Another expungement extravaganza is also in the works. We will continue to support Black owned businesses through our Black Dollars program. Again, TRO did a fantastic job tracking Black Dollars in 2025. Our Chapter spent nearly 150K in Black Dollars. That is a fantastic amount. Uplift Our Local Communities had over 6 high impact programs that affected our communities. They addressed everything from dressing students for prom to mental health issues of families and caregivers. And they partnered with another Divine Nine organization to provide mentorship for young men. UOLC also hosted a Bingo night for Seniors at a local nursing home. The light that TRO brought to those seniors’ smiling faces was a joy to see. Again, our CHIPPS program was fantastic.

Theta Rho Omega has a full calendar of events planned for 2026. We serve, we serve, we serve.

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Carolyn Levystein

Anti-Basileus

Officer/Committee: Finance

Dear Sorors,

In November 2025, the chapter approved a budget of \$21,851 with 85 sorors. As of January 2026, 81 sorors have paid 2026 dues.

Below is status of the 2026 Operations Budget:

- **2026 Approved Budget = \$21,851**
- 85 sorors x \$257
- 81 sorors x \$257 act = \$20,817
- Budget shortage \$ 1,034 (\$21,851-\$20817)

The Operations budget is also short due to 3 sorors 85 and over and electing to pay 10% less of \$257, per TRO Chapter Bylaws.

TRO Bylaws - Section 2 Assessments, Fees, or Dues

Chapter dues only for sorors who have attained the age of 85 years, shall be reduced by 10% of the Chapter Dues amount only if so desired. The soror will still pay for other chapter activities such as Chapter Retreat, December Luncheon, CRC chapter assessment, Chapter Anniversary.

- 2026 approved budget \$21,851
- Shortage due to 4 sorors \$ 1,034
- shortage due to 3 sorors \$ 77.10
- Current paid Budget \$20,739.90
- **Total budget shortage** **\$ 1,111.10**

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Vanessa Vavasseur, Tamiouchos Finance Committee Chairman

Officer/Committee: Hodegos

Birthdays

Michele Lee 1 st

Julia Patterson 23 rd

Marie Smith 3 rd

LaShelle Royster 26 th

Bridgette Lomax Gilbert 3 rd

Jacquelyn Heath Parker 29 th

Cynthia Henderson-Frierson 15 th

Jean Rogers-Yates 30 th

Faye Terrell-Perkins 15 th

Monica Guthrie Purchase 31 st

Virginia Foster 20 th

Wedding Anniversaries

Jacquelyn Heath Parker

Sandra Patterson

AKAversaries

Alexis LeNoir Epsilon Kappa Omega
2015

Beverly Burks-Johnson Lambda Tau
Omega 1996

Andrea Sanders Delta Omicron 1968

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Darrah Madison Omicron Eta Omega
2016

Erin Woodson Beta 2006

Cheryl Shackelford Theta Rho Omega
2016

Cynthia Henderson-Frierson Theta Rho
Omega 2016

Dana Nichols Theta Rho Omega 2016

Lauren Senter-Pickett Theta Rho Omega
2016

Marie Garnett Theta Rho Omega 2016

Michele Lee Theta Rho Omega 2016

Roshanda Collins Theta Rho Omega
2016

Shanee Levesque Theta Rho Omega
2016

Stephanie Ivey Theta Rho Omega 2016

Officer/Committee: Advocate for Social Justice

Updates

The 2026 Judicial Forum will take place on Feb 7, 2026 at Flossmoor Village Hall from 11-1. We currently have 10 jurists confirmed.

Gov. Pritzker signed the Clean Slate Act into law which allows certain offenses to be expunged automatically. This should go into effect in 2031.

AKA Day at the Capitol is May 5 and 6 and the hotels have been announced.

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Tondalaya Lloyd

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<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Rate</i>	<i>Online Link</i>
<p>SpringHill Suites by Marriott Springfield Southwest</p> <p><u>Address:</u></p> <p>3921 S MacArthur Blvd.Springfield, IL 62711</p> <p>Phone: <u>(217) 789-0000</u></p>	<p>\$209.00 + tax</p>	<p><u>Book your group rate for Alpha & AKA DATC Room Block</u></p>
<p>Hampton Inn & Suites Springfield-Southwest</p> <p><u>Address:</u></p> <p>2300 Chuckwagon Dr.Springfield, IL 62711</p> <p>Phone: <u>(217) 793-7670</u></p>	<p>\$164 + tax</p>	<p><u>BOOKING LINK - MAY 2026 HAMPTON INN - ALPHA & AKA DATC</u></p>
<p>Staybridge Suites</p> <p><u>Address:</u></p> <p>4231 Schooner Dr. Springfield, IL 62711</p> <p>Phone: <u>(217) 793-6700</u></p>	<p>1-BR K \$184 +tax 2-BR Suite \$21 + tax</p>	<p><u>BOOKING LINK - MAY 2026 STAYBRIDGE SUITES - ALPHA & AKA DATC</u></p>

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<p>Courtyard by Marriott</p> <p><u>Address:</u></p> <p>3462 Freedom Dr, Springfield, IL 62704</p> <p>Phone: <u>(217) 793-5300</u></p>	<p>\$200 + tax</p>	<p><u>Book your group rate for AKA Alpha DATC</u></p>
<p>Spark By Hilton</p> <p><u>Address:</u></p> <p>3446 Freedom Dr, Springfield, IL 62704</p> <p>Phone: <u>(217) 793-9277</u></p>	<p>\$137 + tax</p>	<p>Group Code 500</p> <p>Hotel Code: SPICEPE</p>

Officer/Committee: **Generation Next**

Updates:

In honor of Heart Health Awareness Month, GenNext and Sisterly Relations will be hosting a “Heartbeats in Harmony” stroll practice in preparation for the Regional Conference. Save the date, February 27th, 2026 at 6 p.m.

Sisterly Submitted,

Amanda Coleman-Mitchell and Alexis LeNoir, Co-Chairmen

Officer/Committee: Membership

Updates

The Membership Committee will share the following three announcements with the chapter during chapter meeting:

- Sorors are reminded that attendance is required at one Orientation Workshop to participate in the Membership Experience. If a soror does not attend the chapter's orientation workshop, she may only attend the Final Commitment Ceremony.
- Sponsors should submit the names of their co-sponsors if they have not done so.
- Everyone in attendance should sign the soror commitment form which will be forwarded to the Corporate Office.

Chairman, Soror Jacqueline Brown

Officer/Committee: Sisterly Relations /Strengthen Our Sisterhood

Updates

MLK Day of Service

On Monday, January 19, 2026 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Theta Rho Omega chapter of Markham, Illinois hosted a “Pack a Purse” event in Glenwood, Illinois. This day of service was phenomenal. We had an overwhelming amount of support and received an abundance of donations. Other Greek organizations, Order of the Eastern Stars, Top Ladies of Distinction, several community businesses and individuals near and far showed up and showed out in support of much needed causes.

This was a serious matter. We exceeded our goal of 100 bags to be distributed. Within the first two hours we pack over 238 purses and bags. A plethora of donations steadily flowed in afterwards.

We are able to donate to the South Suburbia Crisis Center domestic violence shelter as well as a South Suburban rehabilitation center (Ryze), and DCFS. We also plan to donate a few supplies/products to those who are incarcerated at Cook County jail in the smart/context program.

Sisterly Submitted,

Bridget Alderson (Candy)

Officer/Committee: Standards

The Standards Committee presented an Officers' and Chairmen's Workshop, "Soaring to Excellence: Our Final Flight" on January 10, 2026 at the Flossmoor Restaurant and Brewery in Flossmoor, IL. Topics included; how to run committee meetings, how to write minutes vs. reports, budget and finance issues, committee tasks based on events, effective use of technology, end of the year reporting and successful transitioning. Evaluations indicated that the participants thought the workshop was excellent.

Separate Topics

The Soror Code of Ethics will be read and signed by all sorors attending the January chapter meeting. We are required to have 100% participation.

Officers Transition Forms are due no later than January 31, 2026.

Sisterly Submitted,

Soror Gloria D. Pleasont

Officer/Committee Build our Economic Wealth

Updates:

- **TRO Business Spotlight**

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Sisterly Submitted, Soror Renita Craig, Chairman