



Alpha Kappa Chats...

President's Message

Greetings Sorors,

Not only is summer over for the students, it is finally over for us too. I hope everyone had a fabulous summer vacations, visiting relatives far and near, traveling to family reunions and making a stop at Vegas along the way. As we about to begin our Sorority year we have been planning since July. Here come Hurricane Harvey a catastrophic and extremely destructive Atlantic Hurricane which became the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Wilma in 2005. The meteorologist's said that Houston was just going to get the dirty side of it. Well, Houston the fourth largest city. In a four-day period many areas received from 40-49 inches of rain over Eastern Texas. The resulting floods inundated hundreds of thousands of homes, displaced more than 30,000 people and prompted more than 17, 000 rescues. Cars, creeks, bayou, freeway, parks, and properties. During the storm, more than 800 Houston area flights was cancel. Both airports eventually closed. Several tornadoes were spawned in the area, one which damage or destroyed the roof of dozens of homes in Sienna Plantation. Family of six who died when their van was swept off a flooded bridge. A police officer drowned while trying to escape rising waters. Several sorors had water damage, displaced, and a boat had to rescue some and there were others in our Sister's Chapters.

It was hard for me emotionally to tried to make sure all of our sorors was safe. Houston is resilient, and it will come roaring back. "WE ARE HOUSTON STRONG" We thank all of the chapters in the Southwestern Region, Our National President (Stephanie Dilworth), Our newly elected Southwestern Regional Director (Vahnita Loud), and all sorors across Iota land for your calls, your prayers for endurance, donations, and maybe you have thought of us that day. We are now on the road to recovery and in the aftermath, pray that our faith is strengthened. The 2016-2017 sorority year has been incredibly busy for us. We have weath-ered incredible events and odds. We have a lot to be thankful for .Congratulation Alpha Kappa Chapter! Recipients of the Doretha M. Hornbuckle Outstanding Business Month Award, Marcella Morrison Technology Award, and the Lillian F. Parker Entrepreneur Award @ Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. 80 Anniversary National Convention in Long Beach California. Alpha Kappa always "Show Up and Show Out! That how we do it! We look forward in working with the newly elected Southwestern Regional Director (Vahnita Loud) and also the new Assistant Regional Director (Rosetta Davis) keeping the peace and goodwill of this organization. Alpha Kappa is on the road to recovery...." In The Midst of It All" I am proud of my sorors (AK) who continue went out and volunteer in different shelters, church and their community to help others in need.

We love "IOTA" and especially Alpha Kappa Chapter and we are determined to succeed. It is our fervent prayer that this upcoming sorority year will be a tremendous year of continued growth and accomplishment for all of us.

Remember the words of ~Denis Waitley~ "It's not what you are that holds you back, it's what you think you are not."

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Special points of interest:

- *Sunny California*
- *Get Acquainted with our New Officers*
- *Informative President's Kickoff*
- *SWR Digital Planning Meeting*
- *Remembering the Harvey Victims*

88th Anniversary National Convention

SUNNY CALIFORNIA.....



ALPHA KAPPA'S IN THE HOUSE...



Community Outreach

Voter Registration Drive

Sorors Marion Godine and Bobbie Ammons attended voter registration training at Galilee Baptist Church at 7111 Calgary in Houston, Texas. Voter registration training will resume in October after the clean-up following Hurricane Harvey.



Community Leadership

Eighteenth national president, Lillian Parker is on the move as she is Director of Southeast Houston Seniors on the Move. Soror Parker is also President of her neighborhood Scott Terrace Association.



FIL in Action

"Empowering Girls in the Spirit of Excellence"
The Princess Within Foundation is a non-profit organization that works on a national level providing social and emotional mentoring programs, self-esteem & empowerment workshops, career development, STEM programs, team building and leadership development training. The programs are designed to cultivate self-esteem and promote youth development and volunteerism among young girls from all backgrounds. Dr. Bernada Baker, founder, brought this fantastic event to South Early College High School by hosting Girl's Magic Conference promoting inspiration, sisterhood and education. FIL Rhonda and Valerie Banks, along with Soror Linda Raye Taylor shared in this memorable occasion and were empowered and inspired by the events of the day!



Several FIL and ex-FIL assisted in the clean-up after the devastation from Hurricane Harvey. FILs Brandon Webb, David Crawford, Elijah Harris and Ex-FIL Wayne Webb Junior worked with the team of members from Second Baptist Church to completely empty and gut the home of Soror Annie Crockett and Man of Iota Lewis Crockett.



President's Workshop

Good Afternoon Sorors,

We had a great President's Workshop! I just want to thank everyone who attended on September 16, 2017. The turnout was great and I hope every soror was able to learn a lot more than they already knew. A lot of information was distributed to everyone. We had some powerful and engaging presentations where the presenters exuded energy and enthusiasm. The sorors' feedback and participation were magnificent. What a way to kick off the year!

Thank You!



Installation of Officers

THEY GOT ON BOARD!

Hats off to the 2017-2018 officers for Alpha Kappa Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Thanks for taking this train! Let the adventure begin, starting with the President's Workshop, then to Business Month and Founder's Day.



Alpha Kappa Chapter Officers for 2017-2018

- PresidentCarolyn Jones
- Vice President.....Connie Anglin
- Recording Secretary.....Ruth Taylor
- Correspondence Secretary.....Vida Herbert
- Financial Secretary.....Dr. Marion Godine
- Treasurer.....Rosetta Davis
- Journalist.....Annie Crockett
- Dean of Intake.....Lillian Parker
- Sargent-at-Arms.....Linda Taylor

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."
- John F. Kennedy

Founders Day 2017



Lola M. Parker
Founder of
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority



All five chapters in the Houston area celebrated our founder on June 1, 2017 at Brady's Landing-Alpha Kappa, Beta Delta, Beta Pi, Epsilon Sigma, Epsilon Phi, and Epsilon Chi.

Alpha Kappa Kicks Off the New Year

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

kicked off the new year at the new state of the art Alice Mckean Young Library!



ALPHA KAPPA'S IN THE HOUSE...



Getting on Board!! Let the Adventure Begin!!

Regional Planning Meeting

2017 Southwestern Regional Digital Planning meeting

The Houston area chapters of the Iota Phi Lambda SWR assembled at the new Young Library on Griggs road to participate in the first digital planning meeting on September 23, 2017. Sorors in the Houston area were hosted by Assistant Regional Director Rosetta Davis. In attendance were the White Rose Queen, Lillian Parker and immediate past Regional Director, Linda Cannon. Chapters attending were Alpha Kappa Chapter, Beta Delta Chapter, Beta Pi Chapter, and Epsilon Sigma Chapter.

Sorors from Gamma Phi in San Antonio, Beta Psi in Shreveport and Epsilon Chi chapter in Katy, Texas, along with our National President, Stephanie Dilworth and National President Elect, Dorothy White joined the Planning Meeting via video conference. All planning meeting business was handled efficiently and productively in about 2.5 hours. Success!

Participants interacted with the presenters on two large screens in the meeting area.



"Accept the Director's Conference Challenge -Each One Bring One!"



Save the Date!

You are Invited to

the 71st Southwestern Regional Conference

Sister-to-Sister

Sorors across the country showed their love and support to Iota Phi Lambda's sorors affected by the 2017 ravaging hurricanes. In Alpha Kappa Chapter Sorors Marion Godine and Elaine Bailey treated storm victims Annie Crockett and Willie Burton to lunch at Pappadeaux on September 28, 2017.



September Birthdays!

Willie Burton

Annie Crockett

Margaret Greeno

Pauletta Hooper



Seandra Naborne

Lillian Parker

What's Coming?- Local

Alpha Kappa Chapter Executive Committee Meeting: October 13, 2017

Alpha Kappa Chapter Monthly Sorority Meeting: October 28, 2017

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Kick-off: October 1, 2017

National Night Out: First Tuesday in October, 2017

National Make a Difference Day: Fourth Saturday in October, 2017

Juvenile Diabetes Awareness Month

A Cup of Comfort: Hope after Harvey, International House of Pancakes, October 20, 2017

Harvey Relief Benefit: Lasp Gala- Still I Rise, Sunday, October 22, 2017



Carolyn Jones
Chapter President

"Get on Board and join the adventure!"

What's Coming?- Regional

Regional Assessments Deadline: November 15, 2017

American Education Week

Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay Contest: November 30, 2017

"What Role Does Social Media Have in Today's Educational System."



Vahnita Loud
Southwestern Regional Director

"Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood and Committing to Business"

What's Coming?- National

Toys U Can't Return Symposium: October 13-15, 2017 @ Hamilton Crowne Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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Stephanie Dillworth
National President

"Business and Professional Women Furthering the Dream of Economic Independence"



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IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is the first African American Greek-lettered business sorority established by African American business women. There are now more than 100 chapters with membership numbering more than 5,000 in 85 cities and the US Virgin Islands. Iota Phi Lambda is not an NPHC sorority and dual membership within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and NPHC sororities is allowed.

Motto: "Upward and Onward in Efficient Service"

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was founded in Chicago, Illinois, June 1929 by Lola Mercedes Parker and six other ladies, all of whom were engaged in the field of business. Her vision was to establish an organization which would offset the result caused by the great depression.

PURPOSE

(1) unite a sisterhood qualified business and professional women, (2) promote increased interest in business education among young ladies high school and college through planned programs and scholarships, (3) encourage leadership development through educational opportunities, (4) establish and promote civil and social service activities for youth and adults.

AIM

To make worthwhile contributions to our increasingly global society, promote the pursuit of excellence in all worthy endeavors among youth and adults, and develop leadership expertise among business and professional women.

President's Message—Harvey's Havoc & Irma's Ire

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Many of our Sorors have been hit extremely hard by this hurricane season. The hurricanes just don't seem to want to stop coming...



Please continue to pray for our Sorors in the Houston area as they begin the difficult tasks of cleanup and restoration after Hurricane Harvey.

We can't forget our Sorors in Florida (Miami, Pompano Beach, Orlando and Tampa) as they have dealt with power outages, and other residual affects of Hurricane Irma.

Please pray special prayers for our Sorors in St. Thomas as they not only were hit very hard by Hurricane Irma, but now are getting hit again by Hurricane Ma-

ria. The devastation is tremendous.

We, in other parts of the United States cannot begin to understand the devastation these hurricanes have caused, but we stand with our Sorors in any way that we can.

While we cannot solve all our Sorors needs we can help in some way. One way is by donating gift cards in \$50.00 increments (VISA, TARGET, &/or WALMART) that could be distributed to our Sorors.

In order to expedite the process please collect your gift card(s) by chapter and then send them to me (ideally by the end of October) at:

Stephanie Dilworth
962 Fuller Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

I will make sure that they are sent to the Sorors with the most identified need.



Sisterly,
Stephanie Dilworth
National President

Alpha Kappa Chapter members with heavy losses from Hurricane Harvey are Sorors Willie Burton, Annie Crockett, Palueta Hooper, Seandra Naborne, and Ruth Taylor. Soror Willie Burton was featured on CNN.