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President's Message

Sorors, Business Month is upon us and we must move forward doing the much needed work of Iota. Although this is our busiest month in our sorority year, lest not grow too weary because Career Exploration and Founder's Day is vastly approaching. This month has been filled with sharing, caring, giving, and grieving. Throughout Iotaland, we've held workshops, participated in community projects, networked and supported our sisters in their time of bereavement. Beta Psi Chapter, as well as the Southwestern Region mourns the loss of our dear devoted member, Soror Mamie "Love" Wallace who crossed over to Iota Omega Chapter, April 21, 2018. Beta Psi dedicates this Newsletter in honor of Soror Mamie "Love" Wallace, our charter member. She was a beacon in her community, Beta Psi Chapter and Iota. Included in this edition are Soror Wallace's obituary and resolutions from our National Headquarters and Southwestern Region. Soror Wallace touched several hearts with her charm, provided a lot of safety pins to cover cleavages, crossed many ankles for pictures and will be remembered for the way she said "smile" when taking pictures. As we continue to carry out the works of Beta Psi Chapter, our goal is to keep Soror Wallace's legacy and dream alive.

Sisterly,
Evelyn S. Mosley, Ph.D.



"She was loyal to the ideas of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and she preserved the golden links of friendship and love which binds us all together".



Thank you Sisters for supporting Sorors Barnes and Batiste during their time of bereavement. Your presence meant the world to the family and Beta Psi Chapter.

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Remembering Our Charter Member..

Mamie Stewart Love Wallace

December 5, 1921 - April 21, 2018

Mamie Wallace, a strong civil rights activist was the 11th of 12 children born to the Late Rev. Robert and Lula Stewart in the Calvary Community on Seven Pines Road in Benton, Louisiana. After graduating from Bossier Training School in Benton, Louisiana, she moved to Shreveport where she worked as a Cosmetologist. Mamie along with her good friend Ann Brewster (a civil rights activist) opened and co-owned Modern Beauty Shop. Bernice Smith, a good friend and cosmetologist also worked in the beauty shop. These three women were instrumental in changing the course of black Americans civil rights in Shreveport, Louisiana.

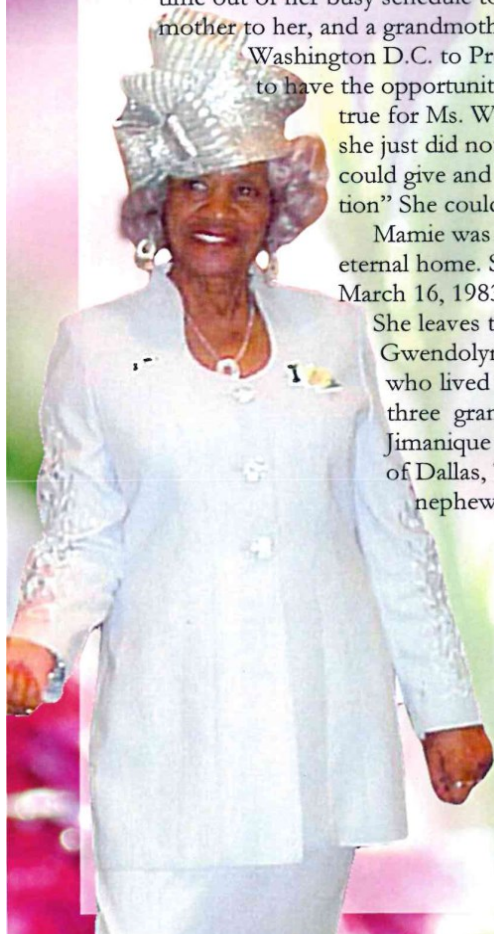
Mamie was a faithful member of Sunrise Baptist Church until her health failed. Mamie joined the NAACP and worked vigorously to help fulfill the organization's mission. In 1962, she met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Ralph Abernathy in New Orleans, Louisiana. This meeting was the beginning of a long-term friendship with Dr. King. She often had tea with Dr. King and Ann Brewster whenever he and Dr. Abernathy visited Shreveport. It was during their first visit that she asked if they would come to Shreveport to speak and motivate the people to take a stand against the injustices and unfair practices in the city. Dr. King came to Shreveport and spoke at Galilee Baptist Church where Mamie's brother, Rev. Jessie Stewart was Pastor. Following the services, every car that was parked outside of the church was ticketed with a large fine.

Mamie was troubled that African Americans could not dine at most restaurants, drink at certain water fountains, or try on clothing in department stores. She was not only disturbed but took action. She picketed Stan's Record Shop, sat in the bus station when the "Freedom Riders" came through and provided food and drinks for them. She also participated in a march down Milam Street to protest the 1963 church bombing in Birmingham, Alabama.

Having no biological children of her own, Mamie reared three children, Anne Stewart, Natonya Cooper, and Gwendolyn Barnes. Gwen, Mamie's daughter expresses her admiration to Mamie for taking the time out of her busy schedule to raise a neighborhood child. She was a strong role model, mentor, and mother to her, and a grandmother to her children. Gwendolyn was responsible for Mamie's travel to Washington D.C. to President Barack Obama's Inauguration. Gwen expressed that she felt grateful to have the opportunity to assist or aide in such a momentous occasion. This was a dream come true for Ms. Wallace. Mamie stated she knew having a Black President would come to pass; she just did not believe she would live to see the day. Gwen states, "There is no gift she could give and there are no monetary measures she could make to express her appreciation" She could only say, "To God be the Glory, for the things she has done."

Mamie was married to Clemmie Love in 1942 in Dallas, TX until he was called to his eternal home. She later married Jack Rucker Wallace December 3, 1976 until his demise on March 16, 1983.

She leaves to cherish her memory one sister: Hilyard Banks, her children: Gwendolyn (Jimmy) Barnes Sr., Anne Stewart and Natonya (known as Cherri) Cooper, who lived with Mamie and nourished, loved and cared for her until Mamie's final rest; three grandchildren: Jimmy (Crystal) Barnes, Jr., Jimmeka (Jeffrey) Batiste Sr., Jimanique Barnes, seven great grandchildren; sister-in-law Vernon McKenzie of Dallas, Texas; other daughter Mary Autrey and a hosts of nieces and nephews.



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated



April 26, 2018



R E S O L U T I O N

We the members of the National Executive Board and the Sorors of IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, mourn the loss of our beloved Soror Mamie Love Wallace.

***WHEREAS**, it has pleased Almighty God to take our beloved Soror, Mamie Love Wallace, on to her reward where she will join that great cloud of witnesses and Sorors in the Omega Chapter; we the Officers of the National Executive Board and the Sorors of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated, bow our heads in humble submission. "There is now a hush in our hearts as we come together to pay our respects to the memory of one who was called to join that innumerable heavenly caravan."*

***WHEREAS**, the passing of our beloved member has left us with a broken heart, we acknowledge and accept the will of God. We are comforted by knowing God will not put more on us than we can bear. We believe the words of Jesus in John 14 that encourages us to; "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."*

***AND WHEREAS** Soror Wallace worked faithfully and tirelessly in Iota Phi Lambda Sorority for sixty-five years; building a family legacy, and encouraging the Sorors of Beta Psi Chapter and the Southwestern Region to always do their best.*

***AND WHEREAS** Soror Wallace was a trailblazer in the civil rights movement in Shreveport, LA and believed in taking a stand against racial injustices, and is noted for saying "trust the heart of a person, don't go by the color of their skin, but the content of their character".*

***BE IT RESOLVED**, that we embrace the Wallace and Barnes family because all of us have a common bond that will connect us for the rest of our lives. We cannot replace Soror Wallace, but will uphold the values of Iota that were so dear to her.*

***THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution be given to the family of Soror Wallace.*

***SUBMITTED** this twenty-sixth Day of April Two Thousand and Eighteen by the National Executive Board and the Sorors of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated.*

*Stephanie Dilworth,
22nd National President*

*Erma Brathwaite LaMotta
National Recording Secretary*



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.
Southwestern Region

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT
Soror Mamie Love Wallace

*Life is but a stopping place, a pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road, to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys, different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things, but never meant to stay.*

*Our destination is a place far greater than we know.
For some the journey is quicker, for some the journey is slow.
And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.*

WHEREAS, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. has lost a faithful member, Mamie Love Wallace, as she was moved from labor to reward on Saturday, April 21, 2018, to be with our Heavenly Father; and

WHEREAS, our beloved Soror was a charter member of Beta Psi Chapter since March 14, 1953, along with seven other women, and was committed to the aims and ideals of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, during her 65 years as a member of Beta Psi, she served on various committees at our National Conventions and Regional Conferences, and

WHEREAS, our Soror demonstrated the attributes of friendship, love and loyalty as she served numerous times as chapter President and Vice President, and also chaired several chapter committees; and

WHEREAS, Soror Wallace introduced Beta Psi to countless civic and social organizations including the YMCA, NAACP, Black White Communication Task Force of Shreveport, and the life of Martin L. King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, our dear Soror, a renaissance of wonder and a fighter for Civil Rights of all mankind, lived each day with a passion and renewed in her heart her dreams, and refused to let those dreams die.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, members of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Southwestern Region First, stand in humble submission as we accept the infallible wisdom of God's will, for we believe that she has found rest and peace eternally with our Heavenly Father, and Second, extend our sisterly love and deepest sympathy to the family of Mamie Wallace.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Southwestern Region presents this Resolution of Respect to the family on this 26th day of April, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted by
The Southwestern Region Executive Committee
Ms. Vahnita Loud, Southwestern Regional Director

Business 2018

April 1–30, 2018
Beta Psi Activities

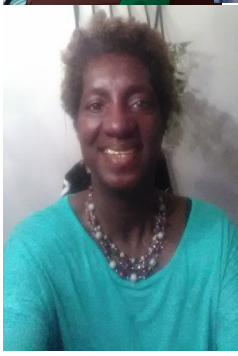
Month



Beta Psi Chapter kicked off Business month with our regular monthly meeting following by an informative Social Media Workshop. Ms. Cashela Mosley presented the work shop.

30 Days of Green

Sorors wore green or Iota gear/ colors everyday for the entire month of April.



Beta Psi partnered with the Cedar Grove Community Development Center in the Cedar Grove Garden of Love Beautification Project. Featured below are Sorors E. Mosley and Connie Seets-Reynolds. The organization planted cleaned the garden and planted flowers. About 40 volunteers participated in this annual project.





Birthday Correction:

In last month's Issue we spotlighted Soror Gwendolyn Barnes for her birthday which should have been spotlighted in this month's issue for April 9th.

Happy Birthday to all Sorors born in the month of April!



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Regional Theme

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

April—Alcohol Awareness Month

Sponsor: National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc.

HOW CAN ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We can use this month to raise awareness about alcohol abuse and take action to prevent it, both at home and in the community.

Here are just a few ideas:

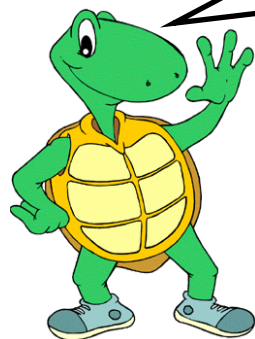
- Encourage friends or family members to make small changes, like keeping track of their drinking and setting drinking limits.
- Share tips with parents to help them talk with their kids about the risk of alcohol use.

Ask doctors and nurses to talk to their patients about the benefits of drinking less or quitting.



May 5, 2018—Sorority Meeting
May 30, 2018—Try It On for Size Fundraiser

**Don't Forget Iota THURSDAYS!
Wear your Iota colors and/or paraphernalia.**



National Theme

Business & Professional Women furthering the Dream of Economic Independence.