

# Epsilon Phi Observer

Epsilon Phi Chapter

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## President's Message

*Soror Audrey Dutton Davis, NWOY*

Greetings Sorors.....Usually, I do not speak of being “Happy” because it sounds so unreal. However, being happy with yourself, with who you are and what you do, is tremendously important. Psychology research suggests that “happy people often contribute more to their communities, have better relationships with others and are more creative.” I’m happy to see that September is the month of new beginnings and rededication in Iota. This month we rededicate ourselves and renew our allegiance to all programs and projects. We ignite the privilege to begin anew or start off fresh each time we enter a new Sorority year. The members of Epsilon Phi pledge to become even stronger in commitment with sisterhood. We open this month with the focus on our future with youth growth and development. Members of the FILs auxiliary will travel with the President and our Pelati Treasurer, Tanya Perry, as chaperone to Chicago to attend the LMPA Gala for participation with the I3 Symposium. This trip is sponsored by a pledge from our “Iota National Business Woman of the Year”, parents and business sponsors. Our Pelati and Men of Iota will hold a joint meeting to induct new members to their auxiliaries on October 14, 2018. We continue our growth and look forward to our Regional participation in large numbers this year. The Men of Iota will recognize "Stop the Domestic Violence" with the distribution of “90” purple bracelets in the community during the month of October. Our Pelati will distribute “90” breast cancer pamphlets and “90” pink bracelets at the civic meeting, throughout the adopted community and at the entrance of the community to women and teens. The Pelati and Men of Iota will host “90” community kids with a Halloween Bash on October 31st and will distribute “90” Candy Pumpkins Buckets.



Epsilon Phi will hold it’s first of many reclamation activities on October 13, 2018, at the home of our 1st Vice President, Teresa Davis who just returned from Korea. Emphasis will be placed on the value of each member for proper representation this Sorority year. In addition, we look forward to rounding up new Sorors in the coming months. Retention and Growth is an important focus for this year.

As we focus on “The Power of Sisterhood” this year, we will remember the concept of Sisterhood is as varied as the women who comprise it. We can be different as individuals can be, but when it comes to who we are in Iota, how we govern ourselves and how we treat one another, we should strive to incorporate these facets into our daily lives.

As we enter into what is expected to be my final year of Presidency it is my hope that we all promise ourselves that we will be committed, that we will endure and that we will be caring sisters.

## Quote of the Month

**The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.**

**~ Vince Lombardi**



## Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Sorors, below is the information for the upcoming Regional Conference in 2019. Are you prepared for to celebrate? Let's get ready to show our E-Phi spirit in DeSoto, Texas.

*SWR Theme: "Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood and Committing to Business"*

### 72ND SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

MS. VAHNITA D. LOUD, REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
MARCH 28-31, 2019  
EPSILON TAU HOST CHAPTER



#### EPSILON TAU, HOSTS

Epsilon Tau is so excited to host its first Southwestern Regional Conference. We welcome you with open arms and hearts. We look forward to rolling out the green carpet for our sisters across the Southwestern Region and pray in advance for safe travels as you come to join us in Rockwall, TX by way of DeSoto. Make your plans today to come and experience Dallas-Ft. Worth area in ET-style.

#### DALLAS HILTON/LAKEFRONT

2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, Texas 75082  
USA TEL: +1-214-771-3700 FAX: +1-214-771-3701  
Room Rates: \$ 149.00. Deluxe -169.00 (lakefront)  
Group Code is LOT. Due: 2/28/19  
WEBLINK: COMING SOON

#### HOTEL ATTRACTIONS

Located 22 miles east of downtown Dallas, the Hilton Dallas/Rockwall Lakefront hotel is a beautiful waterfront destination in the exclusive lakeside community of Rockwall. This Lake Ray Hubbard hotel is set in The Harbor Rockwall, a stunning Mediterranean-style boardwalk development featuring excellent shopping, dining and entertainment.

#### THE HARBOR ROCKWALL

- Restaurants like Dodie's Seafood, Campisi's Pizza, and Gloria's Mexican
- Ice Cream, Nail Salons, etc.
- Movie Theater

#### PLAZAS AT ROCKWALL

- about 2 miles east of the hotel is shopping with Target, Belks, TJ Maxx, Best Buy, Ulta, J.C. Penney
- Restaurants
- Shenaniganz Entertainment Center



## President Workshop 2018



#### EPSILON PHI President's Workshop

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 18, 2018

#### THEME:

"The Foundation of a Successful Sisterhood is Structure, Understanding and Commitment"

#### LOCATION:

Clayton Library  
5300 Caroline St.  
Houston, TX 77004  
@ 10am



*Chapter Theme: "The Foundation of a Successful Sisterhood is structure, Understanding and Commitment"*

Our President's Workshop took place on Saturday, August 18, 2018, at Clayton Library. Our President allowed Sorors to express the direction that they want to see our chapter move forward in and develop ideas on how we can reclaim our Sorors. She also reminded to think about why we joined and why we want to serve our communities. This was a very collaborative meeting and Sorors were left with a task to reach out to at least one past Soror to invite to our reclamation gathering in October.

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### Iota Needs Your Support!

The Epsilon Phi Chapter in conjunction with Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National Executive Board would like for you to "support the Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation by purchasing through the Amazon Smiles program. Amazon donates .5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to the Lola Mercedes Parker Foundation."



## What's Happening with Epsilon Phi?

**Chapter Meeting - October 13, 2018**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

**Location: Soror Teresa Ward's home**



**Chapter "E-Phi Sisterly Connections"**

**Reclamation Activity - October 13, 2018**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Soror Teresa Ward's home**



**E-Phi Breast Cancer "Afternoon Stroll"**

**Date: October 21, 2018**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

**Location: Clinton Park**



*\*Our goal is to gather 90 or more Sorors, family, friends, or co-workers to walk for a loved one. All proceeds will be donated toward cancer research.*



## CHAPTER OFFICERS

**President - Audrey Dutton Davis**

**1st Vice-President - Teresa Ward**

**2nd Vice-President - Tamara Bayson**

**Corresponding Secretary - Lynnette Ross**

**Recording Secretary - Roxanne Grant-Lewis**

**Financial Secretary - Cynthia Brown**

**Treasurer - Amanda Dutton**

**Journalist- Naomi Sonnier Williams**

**Dean of Intake - Dr. Valencia Hall**



## It's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month!



Don't stay silent. It's time to speak up all month long. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, which first began in 1981, by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Day of Unity to connect battered women's advocates across the country.

Domestic violence affects millions, both women and men, of every race, religion, culture and status. Since the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994, we've come a long way. This landmark legislation, led by then Senator Joe Biden, combined new provisions that hold offenders accountable and provide programs and services for victims. State laws have reformed to address issues such as dating abuse in the workplace, stalking, employment discrimination and more.

**\*Domestic Violence Awareness Day wear your Purple is on October 18, 2018.**



## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a yearly campaign that is intended to educate people about the importance of early screening, test and more. This campaign starts October 1st and ends on October 31st every year.

Breast cancer is a disease characterized by cells in the breast that become abnormal and multiply uncontrollably, forming a tumor. If left untreated, malignant cells may eventually spread beyond the original tumor to other parts of the body, a process called metastasis.

**\*Breast Cancer Now's wear it Pink Day is October 19, 2018.**



# Auxiliary Page

New Members for August

## PELATIS



President  
Birdie Armstrong



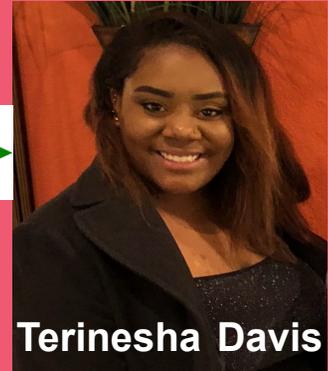
Shelia Hewett  
Vice President



NaSerea Brooks



Aliya Davis



Terinesha Davis



Trevella James



Karessa Ellis



Christine Jones

## Men Of Iota



Patrick Redd



## FILS



Ashley Armstrong



## October Birthdays



- Reva McCune - 4th
- Ashley Armstrong - 24th
- Patrick Redd - 28th

## Upcoming Events and Chapter Information

# I 3 Symposium

Sorors, it is time for the 2018 Symposium and Gala for Youth and Leadership Development. It will take place in Chicago, IL during the week of October 26-28, 2018. We will have Sorors, Pelatis and FILS in attendance. We wish them safe travels as they take flight to represent our chapter. Our chapter is ready to learn more and expose our youth to new places.



**IGNITE 2018**  
Celebrating Youth Leadership and Innovation

**OUR SPEAKERS**

-  **Sharon Newman**  
CEO / President  
The Right Choice Home Care Inc.
-  **Gloria Randolph**  
Keynote Speaker  
National Business Woman of the Year
-  **Jenesys Harris**  
Youth Entrepreneur  
Youth Author of the Year

**AREAS OF FOCUS**

- Youth Leadership and Engagement
- Youth Entrepreneurship
- Youth Health & Wellness
- Youth Technology and Innovation
- Combating Youth Violence

**OCTOBER 26-28, 2018**

Day One:  
Chicago Marriott Midway Hotel

Day Two:  
Microsoft Technology Center, Chicago

Visit Us At: [www.lmpfdn.org](http://www.lmpfdn.org)

**LMPF GALA/FUNDRAISER**  
Friday October 26th @ 7:00 pm  
Chicago Marriott Midway Hotel  
Cost - \$75 Adults / \$50 Youth  
<https://i3youthexplosion.brownpapertickets.com>

Premier Sponsor: 



**Ignite 2018**  
Inform, Inspire and Ignite

*Celebrating Youth Leadership and Innovation*

**Save the Date**

**October 26-28, 2018**

## From the Finance Committee Dates to Remember



**National and Regional Assessment**  
**Due November 15th**

**72nd Regional Conference Registration**  
**Deadline to our Chapter by February 17th**



**MEMBERSHIP**  
**RENEWAL**  
*Annual Dues*

## Upcoming Events and Chapter Information (Continued)

Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay Contest

Chapter Deadline: **November 18, 2018**

**Essay Topic:** "In recent years cyberbullying has become a national problem. What are some forms of cyberbullying that you are familiar with and how would you address the problem?"

\*Submission Details are on our chapter website ([iota-epsilonphi.org](http://iota-epsilonphi.org)) and will be posted on social media.

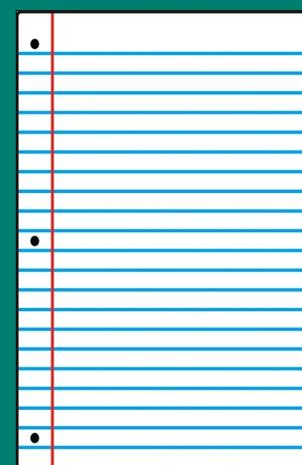


## American Education Week

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### **Cyberbullying**



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Please mark your calendars for this important week. This is a time to present all American educational supporters with a celebration for all they do in public education and honoring individuals that are making a difference in educating our children with quality education. Sorors, start planning for American Education Week. This is the time to scout out your youth and make things happen. The dates are fastly approaching and we are ready to get in gear.

# Chapter Highlights

## Soror Spotlight

### Seoul, Korea



Soror Teresa Ward had the opportunity to visit another country by traveling to Seoul, Korea this past month (*Photo on left*). We take our hats off to our sister who had the pleasure of being able to explore the world. She also visited Yeosu, South Korea. Soror Teresa met a nice round man there while out eating at one of the local eateries (*Photo on the right*). Soror Teresa had what we call "fun in the sun." Welcome back to the states and we are excited to hear your stories from this trip.



Yeosu, South Korea

## FILS Spotlight



Kayla Williams

These two young ladies were recognized as outstanding members in their church last month. They will also be honored at the Debutante ball hosted by their church. When we receive more details, we will share them with the chapter so we will be able to show our support. Way to go ladies!



Kenya Williams

## Pelati of the Month



Pelati Jovada Bazor was chosen as October Pelati of the month. We want to thank her for all the hard work she has done as a supporter of the organization. Thanks again!



## **Chapter Highlights Part 2**

### **Vote 2018 Houston**

Sorors, please get out and vote. Make your voice heard. October 9th was the last day to register. Not only do we want to make it to the polls to vote but we want to encourage others to vote. Voting day is November 6th this



#### **Want to Know More?**

You can learn more about Epsilon Phi via our:

Chapter Website: [www.iota-EpsilonPhi.org](http://www.iota-EpsilonPhi.org)

Chapter Email: [ephi2016ipl@gmail.com](mailto:ephi2016ipl@gmail.com)



<https://www.facebook.com/Ephi2016ipl>



[https://www.instagram.com/iotaphilambda\\_ephi](https://www.instagram.com/iotaphilambda_ephi)



[Ephi2016ipl](https://twitter.com/Ephi2016ipl)

**Sorority Website:**  
[www.iota1929.org](http://www.iota1929.org)

**Southwestern Region Website:**  
[www.iotaswr.org](http://www.iotaswr.org)

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### **“People ask why**

I am in a **sorority** and I try to explain all the things a sorority is that they cannot see. A sorority is more than letters on a sweatshirt, I say. More than traditional songs, a gold pin, rituals, an obligation, or a way of life. A **sorority** is learning about people, a sorority is giving without expecting a return. A sorority is earning respect from others, as well as for yourself. A sorority will not solve all your problems. But I have made good friends and found confidence there to help me take life one step at a time.”

**-Unknown**