# SI PEARLS



**November 2018** 

## President Napier Speaks

reetings Sorors,

The weather is changing, and it is that time of year where we are preparing for the holiday season. This is the time we give thanks for our families and friends and show our gratitude through giving.

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Psi Chapter I openly thank you for your support in sending me to the 2018 Ignite Symposium. You are the *Wind Beneath My Wings*. The summit was informing, inspiring and it ignited something within me; not only to come back and motivate Psi Chapter, but the businesses and community at large. We need to do all we can to help the children and youth in our communities. Help them to excel in education, tap into the force within and never loose site of their passion. I want every young person to know, "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you", a quote by Ralph Emerson.

lota Roses to Soror Linda Cole, Dean of Intake for a phenomenal Pinning Ceremony. Four professional and business women were pinned for the 2018 LOMEPA Line on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The Lomepas are excited and eager to start their intake period.

Turtle Hugs to you, Psi Chapter! Thank you for taking the time to vote and for encouraging others to vote in this very important election.

Psi chapter has hit the ground running and is moving full speed ahead! One of my goals was to promote and encourage involvement in our community through volunteering collectively and/or independently. Psi Chapter with their attitude of gratitude volunteered at Central Market's Feast of Sharing. This free holiday celebration and dinner was open to people of all ages.

The celebration included a free Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey and all the trimmings. Sorors, Pelati Auxiliary, MOI and FIL served approximately 20,000 people during the 5-hour event. In addition, the celebration included a Family and Social Services Area; and Kid's Zone with bounce houses; face painters; and photos with Santa Claus. A full lineup of live music added to the festive atmosphere. Sorors, I thank you for volunteering in the community.

Thanksgiving, with its many traditions, is quickly approachingl Family and friends will gather to give thanks and gratitude for their many blessings along with many traditional meals served throughout the day.

Sorors, take time to enjoy and reflect on all of the old traditions left behind by the elders and make new traditions with the young; but most of all take time to reflect on the things in your life for which you are thankful.

Happy Thanksgiving Sorors,

## President ......Brenda Napier 1st Vice President .....Judy Reeves

**PSI CHAPTER OFFICERS** 

2nd Vice President........Vicki Sellers

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Dean of Intake.....Linda Cole

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## Pinning Ceremony

#### By Soror Beverly Moore

The Pinning Ceremony was held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Polk Wisdom Library at 3:30 PM. It was a wonderful and creative program. The well attended event was supported by Psi Chapter Sorors, Soror Vahnita Loud, SWR Director; Soror Wonda Traylor, SWR Treasurer; Soror Daphne Hornbuckle, Psi's Soror of the Year; and many other Psi Chapter Sorors.

Each candidate received a white rose and baby turtle to care for over the next 30 days. President Brenda Napier entertained all of us with an inspiring story of Lola and the Turtle. The Membership Committee and Social Committee did an excellent Job as well.

The following candidates were pinned by their Big Sisters and became the 2018 Lomepa Fall Line:

Danielle Daniels-Young (Big Sister Vicki Sellers), Suzanne Cole-Lyons (Big Sister Wonda Traylor), Vicky Brown-Johnson (Big Sister Newtonia Hemphill) and Tangulon Guillory-Gardner (Big Sister Beverly Moore).

The first meeting was held immediately following the ceremony and Lomepa officers were elected. The Lomepa's workbook, green pens and other tools were given to each Lomepa by the Dean of Intake, Soror Linda Cole. The required activities, guidelines and expectations were also reviewed.

The Lomepa Club is off to a great start. A workshop is being scheduled to help them learn their lessons and prepare them for their journey into lota Land. They will truly be busy the next thirty days.



Seated Lomepa's L to R: Tangulon Gardner, Danielle Young, Vicky Johnson, and Suzanne Lyons

Standing Sorors: Psi's Soror of the Year Daphne Hornbuckle, SWR Treasurer Wonda Traylor, SWR Director Vahnita Loud, President Brenda Napier, 1st VP Judy Reeves,

and VP Dr. Vicki Sellers, and Dean of Intake Linda Cole



Standing Sorors: Big Sister Beverly Moore, Big Sister Dr. Vicki Sellers, Big Sister Newtonia Hemphill, and Big Sister Wonda Traylor



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#### Community Involvement

## Central Market 12th Annual IFEASTOF SHLARING

#### By Soror Wonda Traylor

"What a way to usher in the Holiday Season by volunteering for the Dallas Central Market Annual Feast of Sharing"!

As the Holiday Season approaches, members of lota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Psi Chapter and their Auxiliaries MOI, Pelati and FIL's ushered in the holiday season by volunteering for the Annual Feast of Sharing that is held annually in the Centennial Building at Fair Park.

The "Ladies in Green" as they are called, prepared meals, worked with the youth on arts and crafts, greeted visitors and bussed tables as guest enjoyed a wonderful meal served cafeteria style by over 1,200 volunteers. As in past years, this year was no different, the members of Psi Chapter continue to set the standard in service to the community.

A special thanks to the members of Psi Chapter for their commitment and contributions to the success of this event.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy the Holidays!

Sorors, Pelati, MOI, and FIL

Join together to volunteer at Central Market 12th Annual Feast of Sharing







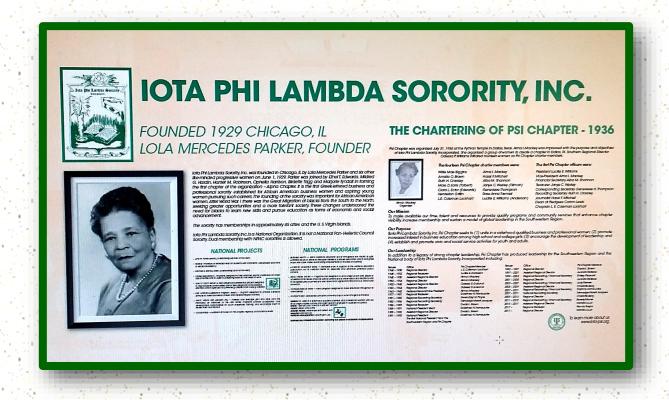
#### AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM HOST PSI CHAPTER EXHIBIT

By Soror Dwala Brown

ecstatic to announce the opening of the sorority's first museum exhibit. Starting September 28, the exhibit will be hosted at the African American Museum, 3536 Grand Avenue Dallas, Texas, in Fair Park.

The exhibit reveals an impressive history of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. in 1929 and

he members of Psi Chapter are excitedly illuminates the chartering of Psi Chapter in 1936. The story of the chapter is revealed chronologically and is filled with fascinating historical facts and pictures. Psi Chapter Exhibit will be displayed through December 31, 2018.



"Opward and Onward in Efficient Service"







#### WEDDING BELLS



#### By Soror Tonya Cooper

On September 22, 2018, Soror Marilyn Kendrick married Gian Figaro at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor Isiah Joshua Jr. officiated the ceremony and witnessed by family, friends, and sorority sisters LeTitia Speed, Linda Cole, and Tonya

Cooper. Soror Marilyn and Gian's ceremony was blessed by the powerful words and demonstration of tying the knot and signing the marriage certificate on Gian's back was a sacred moment in the wedding. Many blessing to the happy couple.



Mr.& Mrs. Figaro







Sorors L to R: Linda Cole, Tonya Cooper, LeTitia Speed

Signing the marriage certificate on the grooms back.

#### Community Involvement



#### DALLAS LIONS CLUB BLUES MASQUERADE BALL



Psi Chapter supports Dallas South Lions Club by attending its Blues Masquerade Ball.



Seated: Soror Judy Reeves and MOI Ronny Reeves

Standing (l. to. r.) Sorors Joyce Hodges, Dorothy Glover, Nona Fisher, Mary Ann Collier, Ann Allen, Martha Richmond and Beverly Moore.





### PSI CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, 11.3.18	PINNING CEREMONY	3:30 PM	POLK-WISDOM LIBRARY
THURSDAY, 11.818	FEAST OF SHARING	2PM-7 PM	MARKET CENTER
NOVEMBER, 12-16, 2018	AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK		
THURSDAY, 11.15.18	BUSINESS MONTH COMMITTEE	6:30 PM	PAUL L. DUNBAR LIBRARY
SATURDAY, 11.17.18	PSI BUSINESS MEETING	10AM	MC CENTER, 2900 LIVE OAK
SUNDAY, 11.18.18	FIL	3 PM	POLK-WISDOM LIBRARY





November Sorors



SOROR VAHNITA LOUD 11/11

SOROR HELEN HURD

11/9





SOROR STEVETTE BAUMAN

11/17



SOROR WONDA TRAYLOR 11/26





Did You Know

IN MARCH 1978, SEVEN

LOMEPAS WERE PINNED BY THE

NATIONAL PRESIDENT DR. FREDDA WITHERSPOON. THESE SEVEN

PROMISING, YOUNG WOMEN

PLEDGED AND WERE INITIATED

UNDER DEAN OF PLEDGEES

GWENDOLYN PAYNE. THE WOMEN WERE TOMMYE LYDIA, **DWALA BROWN, JUANDA WALLACE,**THELMA FULLER, BRENDA FISHER,
ROBBIE CHATMAN, AND RENEE
[ONES.











All news articles are due the **25th of each month** or before. Email all written news articles and pictures to: <a href="mailto:journalist@iota-psi.org">journalist@iota-psi.org</a>

Please enjoy this edition of **PSI Pearls** and many to come, and know it has ultimately been our pleasure to serve you.

Sisterly,

SOROR VEE M. JORDAN

PSI CHAPTER JOURNALIST/PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.



Soror, Cynthia Lister



### RECLAIM



#### **PSI CHAPTER DALLAS, TEXAS**

Psi Chapter of lota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., shining the spotlight on our Soror who have reactivated this sorority year 2018...

Yes! We are so proud to WELCOME back Soror Cynthia Lister!

Soror Cynthia Lister was inducted into Psi Chapter in 2002. Soror Lister *LOMEPA* line was the *Five Ladies of Distinction*.





We welcome Soror Cynthia Listen with sisterly Love to







## THANK YOU MESSAGE TO PSI CHAPTER SORORS

from Soror Shirley Pleasant

Your fervent prayers and words of inspiration were both healing to my body and restoration to my soul as I focused on the words in each card I received from you.

Your intercession to God in my behalf I do believe is the reason I'm living today as a miracle to the goodness of God's mercy & grace. You too are the Wind Beneath My Wings. I Thank God for you.

Bless You,



#### AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

REMINDER

American Education Week **2018 November 12-16** 

#aew2018



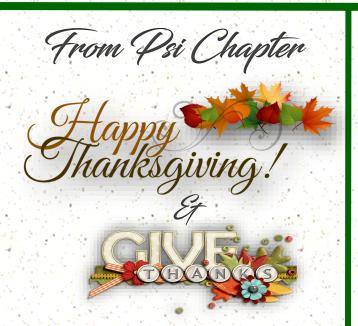




## Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay Contest

This is an annual essay writing contest for youth. The theme for the essay is "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"?

Regional Deadline: Friday, November 30, 2018



#### NEIGHBORNOOD GANDY DRIVE

On October 30th members of Psi Chapter participated in an neighborhood candy drive for the Thurgood Marshall recreation center with:

Sorors Ernestine Cherry, Joyce Hodges, Dwala Brown and Martha Richmond.





## F2nd Southwestern Regional Conference Host Chapter: Epsilon Tau

## "The Power of Sisterhood"

#### REGIONAL ASSESSMENT DEADLINE:

THURSDAY, 11-15-2018
(DUE TO REGIONAL SECRETARY)

#### **EVELYN D. WILKEY NATIONAL YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST**

(REGIONAL DEADLINE FRIDAY, 11-30-2018)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: SOROR CARMEN CHARLES

#### **24-HOUR ACCESS RESERVATIONS**

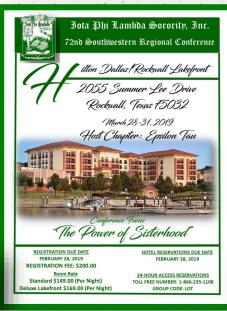
**TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-866-235-1108** 

**GROUP CODE: LOT** 

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

FEBRUARY 28, 2018

REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00



#### ROOM RATE:

STANDARD \$149.00 (PER NIGHT)

**DELUXE LAKEFRONT** 

HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:

**FEBRUARY 28, 2018** 











## ECNITE 2018 Celebrating Youth Leadership and Innovation

The 2018 Ignite Symposium was held October 26-28, 2018 at the Chicago Marriott Midway, 6520 South Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL. It was truly an amazing symposium.

The Lola M. Parker Foundation for the Economic Empowerment of Business and Professional Women (LMPF) is committed to the professional development of youth and women within our communities. The theme this year for the symposium was Inform, Inspire and Ignite.

#### Friday, October 26, 2018, Inform

Friday's opening session keynote speaker was Ms. Sharon Newman, Entrepreneur, Home Care Services Professional and the founder of Improving Minds Inc. a nonprofit organization. Ms. Newman discussed how fear can hold you back and that FEAR to her was "False Evidence Appearing Real". She also expressed to the youth "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail", a quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson. After the keynote speaker there were two workshop sessions. Each session had three workshops running simultaneously. One workshop I attended was "Youth Engagement for this Generation: How to Capture the Attention of Today's Youth". The speaker was Ms. Morrison. The workshop was informative and fun with great takeaways. Ms. Morrison reported that adolescence is a journey and those that protected us was our airbags, everybody need support in life. Jesus needed support as, he had 12 disciples. We are to encourage our youth to take on the conviction of excellence. I also attended Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Grant program: presenter Cory Milam. Friday night was a night to remember, The Keynote speakers were Rev. Gloria Randolph and Moziah Bridges, 17-year-old entrepreneur, Mo's Bows.

Saturday, October 27, 2018, Inspire

Saturday was truly an inspiring day at the Microsoft Technology Center. The mistress of ceremony for the day was LANISE PRO-JECT, a music artist, MC, Voiceover Talent and DJ. There were several workshops throughout the day with adult and youth presenters. Microsoft held two workshops. The first workshop was "Technology Innovation-The Next Frontier" which introduced us to new technology that Microsoft has in production and others in the planning stage. The youth were told that an invisible revolution is coming and to be ready. The second workshop was "3-D Derby" this workshop was hands on and gave the youth an opportunity to create their own 3-D Derby vehicle. The Youth Entrepreneur Expo was the highlight of the day with six youth entrepreneurs, ages seven to seventeen years old, displaying and selling their business line. A networking reception capped off the evening.

Sunday, October 28, 2018, Ignite

On, Sunday morning, we were treated to delicious breakfast. The keynote speaker for the closing session was Mettha Ross, a retired administrator with over 30 years of experience in higher education. Ms. Ross had 5 points: 1)Know your gift and develop it, 2)Do not neglect in asking questions, 3) Never stop learning, 4) Learn about you, you were created with a purpose, 5) Always take what you have in you and keep investing in yourself. She ended with these words of wisdom, "Reach for the top there is plenty of room at the top, it is the bottom that is crowed".





## Tota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National HQ News

### lota Scholarship Programs

The Fredda Witherspoon

National Scholastic Achievement Scholarship

Eligibility- Female H.S. Seniors.

Postmarked by: 1/31.

Alice P. Allen Scholarship

Eligibility- H.S. Seniors who are a teen mother.

Postmarked by: 4/1

Dorethea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship

Eligibility- H.S. Senior or under

-grad interested in business, business administration, science, or engineering.

Postmarked by 3/15

National FIL Scholarship

Eligibility- Female or Male H.S. Seniors. The chapter must have a FIL group to participate in this school scholarship.

Postmarked by: 2/28.

Be Proud! lota Celebrates 90 in 2019

Nota Phi Lambda Sovority, Anc.





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EMPOWERED, ENGAGED, EQUIPPED, To Enable The Power Of Women And Youth In Entrepreneurship



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National Theme: "Business and Professional Women: Furthering the Dream of Economic and Independence"



Founder: Mrs. Lola M. Parker

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