

June 1, 2019

Today is indeed a very special day for IOTA, the celebration of 90 years of service to our communities!

Sorors, as we come together on this day, at this hour, as one sisterhood, I am reminded of the words of our Sisterhood Pledge: *Courage, Honesty, Work, Truth and Loyalty*...to these do I pledge myself. I am reminded that we are "DOERS", not shirkers. I am reminded of the attributes in our Creed: *Courtesy, Kindness, Generosity and Good Cheer*.

Above all I am reminded that we are phenomenal business and professional women striving to make a difference in our communities. Today, we are fortunate to be the receivers of a powerful legacy, founded by Lola Mercedes Parker and her six closest friends: Ethel T. Edwards, Mildred G. Hardin, Harriet M. Robinson, Ophelia Harrison, Burdette Trigg and Marjorie Tyndall. It is up to us to look to the future, to the next 90 years, and imagine the great possibilities this great organization can accomplish. This year has truly been one for the record books!

The commitment, the energy, and the excitement shown throughout IOTA land has been incredible. We continue to grow and our programming and projects have been phenomenal! I am extremely proud of all that YOU have done in the name of IOTA. Each of you are to be congratulated for the part you played in all that we have accomplished over the year.

However, our work is far from completed. There is still much that we as an organization can do. The youth and women of our communities continue to need the support and knowledge we can provide. That support can be financial support of youth as they strive for higher education opportunities, the support of entrepreneurs and career professionals as they make their mark on the business and professional landscape of our communities, or the delivery of workshops and seminars that build our collective knowledge of technology, financial literacy and investments and community partnerships. Our continued work in these critical areas will not only help to fortify the economic base of our communities but strengthen our sisterhood across the country. There is still much we can do!

Sorors, today, celebrate our great sisterhood, looking back at 90 years of service, looking forward to what is to come and imaging the very best for Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Incorporated and the communities we serve!

Sisterly,
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22nd National President