

# PSI PEARLS



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## Message from the President

**G**reetings Sorors!

We have entered the season of giving, let's be grateful for the things we have and not concern ourselves with things we don't have. Giving thanks is an attitude that shows maturity even during a crisis: be thankful.

Psi Pearls to Sorors Pleasant, Speed and Napier for remembering and paying tribute to all the teachers of Psi Chapter and our adopted school during American Education Week.

I am excited and thankful to welcome our six new Sorors into our vast family of sisterhood.

Thanks to all the Sorors and Pelatis who volunteered for The Feast of Sharing. This was an exciting day to help feed 7,500 people. Also, thanks to those who helped in the 25 years Celebration of Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry.

Sorors, we have made great strides with our community projects, let's continue to meet the

needs of our community through our services and volunteering.

Psi Pearls to Soror Deloris James and Sorors for participating in the Band of Hope Gala. As we come to the close of this year, I hope you enjoy the holidays with family and friends and be blessed. And remember

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endured for ever." (Psalm 107:1)

**"Building on a Solid Foundation, Empowering and Strengthening Sisterhood in Business".**



*Sisterly*  
Soror Judy Reeves, Psi Chapter



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Community Service

*Central Market*  
**FEAST OF SHARING**

BY PRESIDENT JUDY REEVES

One of Psi Chapters' favorite times of the year is volunteering for the Central Market Feast of Sharing food give away, which was Friday November 8, 2019. Not only is it the beginning of the holiday season, but also a time where Sorors and Pelatis come together to help serve over 7,500 less fortunate people in the community.

The Feast of Sharing dinner is a free holiday celebration and is open to people of all ages. This celebration includes a Family and Social Services Area, Kid's Zone, face painting and live music.

What makes this event unique each year is Psi Chapter is on hand to help serve a complete Thanksgiving Dinner.



NETWORKING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Cedar Hill Senior Senate**  
*Diamonds & Pearls Gala*



By Soror Wonda K. Traylor

On November 2, 2019 Members of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Psi Chapter enjoyed an evening out on the town with music and dancing Motown style at the Cedar Hill Senior Senate inaugural Diamonds & Pearls Gala, with Senate officer Secretary, Beverly Moore. Congratulations on a job well done!

Front: Soror Beverly Moore Senate officer, Left to Right Sorors: Richmond, Jordan, Hodges and Traylor



Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson



Community Service

Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry  
*Celebrating 25 Years*

By Soror Nona Fisher

On Sunday, November 3, 2019 the Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a service held at the Beth Eden Baptist Church in Dallas. This Ministry was founded by the late Rev. Isaac Johnson and his wife, Mrs. Floristene Johnson who currently serves as its Assistant Director. Mrs. Johnson is a past Psi Chapter Outstanding Woman of the Year. The Ministry, through volunteers from its member churches, conducts worship services and revivals in Texas prisons and state jails. Currently it serves three units, **George Beto, Mark Michael in Tennessee Colony, Texas and the William Boyd Unit in Teague, Texas.** Its Gift of Light Christmas outreach

ministry provides gifts of hygiene products, fruit and candy to approximately 10,000 residents in those units each year. The Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry is an annual Community Service Project of Psi Chapter. Sorors make monetary donations to the Gift of Light Christmas initiative and Sorors, Men of Iota and members of the Pelatis Auxiliary volunteer to stuff the bags for the prison residents. Those Psi Chapter members who attended the celebratory event included President Judy Reeves, MOI Ronny Reeves and Sorors LeTitia Speed, Eddie Johnson, Annelda Crawford, Juanda Wallace and Nona Fisher.



Pictured (l to r.) Sorors LeTitia Speed, Eddie Johnson, Annelda Crawford, Mrs. Floristene Johnson, \*COCIPM Assistant Director, President Judy Reeves, MOI Ronny Reeves, Sorors Juanda Wallace and Nona Fisher

\*COCIPM-Coalition of Churches in Prison Ministry

2019 MEMBERSHIP

2019 Lomepas Workshop  
Lomepas – “Working Not Shirking”

BY SOROR LINDA M. COLE

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, Psi Chapter held a workshop to help the Lomepas learn more about Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. The workshop was attended by Lomepa Theresa Banks, Lomepa Kandre Covington, Lomepa Lalanii Jones, and Lomepa LaJuna Piper along with 8 Big Sisters. The Big Sisters went through each lesson with the

Lomepas which covered many topics such as the Historical Facts, the National, Regional, and Local Organization, National Programs & Projects, Auxiliaries, the Sorority Shield & Pin, Sorority Facts, the Greek Alphabet and the Lomepa Club song while utilizing various techniques with a Q&A review session.



**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

*Psi Chapter Honors Educators*

BY SHIRLEY PLEASANT

November 16, 2019 members of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Psi Chapter celebrated American Education week by honoring members who are Public School Educators, Sunday School Teachers, and Professional Educators in their chosen field that required continuing education to master higher pay grades and job security.

Education was the key word while honoring these sorors because of their commitment to teach children or educate others to move higher in their professional pursuits. Their valor, attendance and

commitment to education was honored because they are, amazing, perfect, talented, super, awesome, terrific and strong women who are braving the rain, sunshine, sleet or snow, while standing tall in the classroom to prepare our children and other professionals to assure the future of America will remain strong and Number One.

In addition to honoring our sorors multiple public schools in the area were visited by Soror Speed to just say "Thank You" for all you do to educate our children and those in quest of higher education.



**NETWORKING & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Bands Of Hope*  
**8th Annual Charity Gala**



By Soror Wonda Traylor

On Saturday November 16, 2019, members of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Inc., Psi Chapter volunteered for the 8th Annual Bands of Hope Charity Gala as a part of their continued service to the community.

This years charity gala was held at the Hilton Double Tree hotel in Richardson, Texas and benefited the New Friends New Life Foundation. Psi chapter volunteers served as hostesses, registrants and escorted special guests to their tables.

Congratulations to Bands of Hope board member Soror Delores James for coordinating the volunteers for this annual event. Psi chapter volunteers included: Sorors Wonda Traylor, Beverly Moore, Letitia Speed, Danielle Daniels-Young, Shelia Fadipe, Lucille Tolliver, Tann Gardner, Collette Jones, Joyce Hodges, Martha Richmond and MOI James.

PSI CHAPTER SORORS AND MEN OF IOTA JAMES



SOROR TRAYLOR REGISTRATION



SOROR FADIPE RAFFLE TICKETS



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Design Your World STEM Conference

BY SOROR DAPHNE HORNBUCKLE

The Design Your World STEM Conference for Girls is the award-winning signature outreach event presented by the Dallas Society of Women Engineers (SWE). This year the Engineering conference was held at the Woodrow Wilson Engineering High School on Saturday, Nov 2, 2019.

Young girls from the greater Dallas area experienced a day of fun and learning through STEM activities. Psi Chapter Sorors Dwala Brown, Nona Fisher, and Daphne Hornbuckle were on hand to offer guidance and support to over 100 young girls in a variety of STEM activities.



Sorors Dwala Brown, Nona Fisher, and Daphne Hornbuckle pose for a photo at the Design Your World STEM Conference.



Soror Brown works with other volunteers in the plans for a STEM activity.



Soror Fisher demonstrates flying her aerodynamic plane.



Soror Hornbuckle demonstrating how to build an aircraft as others look on in the Aviation session

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Information

The Scholarship Committee has been working diligently to continue bringing awareness of IOTA Scholarships, to local and surrounding schools in the communities! We are proud to be working and collaborating with Psi Chapter's FIL's, and will be honoring the Winners of "Psi Chapters Evelyn D. Wilkey Youth Essay Contest" at the FILs Christmas Party, on Sunday, December 15, 2019.

cerely thank those for all inquiries thus far. However, please be mindful, of all candidates documented materials which must be sent by email and/or given to the Scholarship Co-Chairs, by January 17, 2020.

You are urged to contact Sorors Shirley Pleasant or LeTitia Speed should you have questions.

An additional note, a reminder of our deadline for the First National Scholarship - **The Fredda Witherspoon Scholastic Scholarship**, is way underway and we sin-

Rev/Soror LeTitia Speed, MBA Email: [letitiaspd@yahoo.com](mailto:letitiaspd@yahoo.com)

Soror Shirley Pleasant  
Scholarship Co-Chairs

**PSI CHAPTER FIL**

**FUTURE IOTA LEADERS**



BY SOROR DANIELLE YOUNG

The month of November for Psi Chapter FIL jam-packed with lots of activities. The FIL had a chance to celebrate National Education week by performing Cyberbullying Expressions. Each youth had an opportunity to express what cyberbullying meant to them by presenting poems, skits, and oral presentations.

Gardner, Denim Jones, and Ethan Young for a job well done on the pumpkin contest.

Soror Young inducted new officers into Psi Chapter's FIL auxiliary on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Our new youth leaders are ecstatic to perform their new roles and responsibilities. Congratulations and hats off to our new officers!

In preparation for Thanksgiving, the FILs participated in a Thankful Art project, where they painted pumpkins and discussed what they were thankful for. Kudos to Kelson



**2019-2020 FIL Officers**



**PSI CHAPTER FIL  
IN THE SPOTLIGHT**



**INTERNATIONAL  
THESPIAN SOCIETY**



BY SOROR DANIELLE YOUNG

The International Thespian Society is an honor society for high school and middle school theatre students. It is a division of the Educational Theatre Association. Thespian troupes serve students in grades 9-12; Junior Thespian troupes serve students in grades 6 through 8th grade.

**THE NIGHT OF THESPIAN**  
Red Oak High School

On November 12, 2019 FIL Daniel Young received the Certificate of Induction into the Thespian Troupe 7637 for meritorious participation in theatre arts, by the authority of the Education Theatre Association Board of Directors, as certified by the Thespian director.

*Congratulations* **FIL Daniel Young!**



2019 MEMBERSHIP

*Church Service Et President's Luncheon  
with the Lomepas*

Psi Chapter's 2019 Lomepa Club, invited the Chapter to attend worship service with them on Sunday December, 1 at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church, 108 West Camp Wisdom Road, Dallas, TX 75232 at 10:30 am. The message was powerful and the music was fantastic!

Immediately following the service Sorors met the Lomepas at Gloria's Latin Cuisine, 600 North Bishop Avenue, Dallas, TX 75205, for a delicious President's Luncheon. The event was supported by Psi Sorors and Soror Vahmita Loud, Southwestern Regional Director. A great time of food and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

Church Service with Lomepas at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church



Sorors enjoying lunch with the Lomepas, the President and Southwestern Regional Director at Gloria's Latin Cuisine.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, 12/7/19	2019 FALL INDUCTION CEREMONY	2PM-5PM	Bill J. Priest Institute
SATURDAY, 12/21/19	BUSINESS MEETING	10AM	TBD
SUNDAY, 12/15/19	FIL MEETING	3PM	TBD



*From Psi Chapter*



*Happy Birthday!*



## SORORS DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**DWALA BROWN 12/16**



**RITA HEATH POWELL 12/17**



**RITA WHITE ROSS 12/26**



**RHONDA JONES 12/26**



**DIANA JORDAN 12/31**



**ROSA HENDERSON 12/31**







FROM THE

*Journalist*



All news articles are due the **25th of each month** or before. Email all written news articles and pictures to: [journalist@iota-psi.org](mailto:journalist@iota-psi.org)

Please enjoy this edition of **PSI Pearls** and many more 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.

**SORORS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

*A. Maceo Smith Reception*

On October 28, 2019 a Reception honoring A. Maceo Smith Community Service Award Brunch Past Inductees and Awardees was held at the African American Museum. Two of Psi Chapter's current members, Soror Nona Fisher and Soror Juanda Wallace, are Past Inductees and attended the Reception.



Pictured (l. to r.) Soror Juanda Wallace, Dr. Harry Robinson, Founder and Executive Director of the African American Museum and Soror Nona Fisher.

**HONORARY SOROR IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

*Honorary Soror Dorothy Jones 80th Birthday*

Dorothy Jones, Honorary Soror of Psi Chapter Celebrated her 80th Birthday at her business establishment Black Jack Pizza in Dallas, Texas on November 17, 2019. Family, friends, community, customers, church members and members of Psi Chapter were in attendance.



Sorors Pictured L to R: LeTitia Speed, Rhonda Jones, Dwala Brown, Psi Honorary Soror, Dorothy Jones, President Judy Reeves, Helen Hurd, and 1st Vice President Dr. Vicki Sellers.





# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Southwestern Regional News

## 73rd Southwestern Regional Conference

### "Committing To Business"

### Host Chapter: *Epsilon Phi*

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

**JANUARY 31, 2020**

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00**

**ROOM RATE:**

**SINGLE OR DOUBLE  
ROOMS \$159.00  
(PER NIGHT)**

**Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.**  
73rd Southwestern Regional Conference

**Houston CityPlace Marriott**  
at Springwoods Village  
1200 Lake Plaza Drive  
Spring, Texas 77389  
Host Chapter: Epsilon Phi

CONFERENCE THEME: "COMMITTING TO BUSINESS"  
CONFERENCE CHALLENGE: "EACH ONE BRING ONE"

Conference Focus  
*"Nota Nuts Et Bolts"*

<b>REGISTRATION DUE DATE</b> JANUARY 31, 2020 <b>REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00</b>	<b>HOTEL RESERVATIONS DEADLINE DATE</b> Thursday, March 5, 2020 (Subject to availability)
<b>ROOM RATE</b> Single or Double Rooms \$159.00 (Per Night)	<b>24-HOUR ACCESS RESERVATIONS</b> 281 350-4000 (HOTEL)

**HOTEL RESERVATION DEADLINE:**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020  
(SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY)**

**24-HOUR ACCESS RESERVATIONS**

**1-281-350-4000 (HOTEL)**

**SORORS, THE TIME IS NOW! THE LINK TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION FOR THE 73RD SWR CONFERENCE IS LISTED BELOW.**

**The SWR Executive Committee is Hoping to See You There!**

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# Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. National HQ News



## Calendar Dates and Reminders from the National President-Elect

### Iota Scholarship Programs

I want to encourage each chapter to participate in our national scholarship programs: **Chapters may submit only one applicant for each scholarship except the FIL scholarship, where you may submit multiple entries.** The same applicant may apply for more than one scholarship if they meet the qualifications. **Do not include the acceptance form with the applications, only the winners need to sign this form and it will be sent to them with their notification letter.** Please adhere to the deadlines and the guideline clarifications listed below

#### **ALL NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SENT DIRECTLY TO THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT ELECT:**

**The Fredda Witherspoon National Scholastic Achievement Scholarship** - The applicant must be a female H.S. Senior. **Postmarked by: 1/31**

**National FIL Scholarship** - The applicant must be a H.S. Senior and can be either female or male. The chapter must have a **FIL** group to participate in this scholarship. **Postmarked by: 2/28** .

**Alice P. Allen Scholarship** - The applicant must be a H.S. Senior who is a teen mother. **Postmarked by: 4/1** .

**Dorethea N. Hornbuckle Memorial Scholarship** - The applicant can be either a female or male H.S. Senior or undergraduate interested in business, business administration, science, or engineering. **Postmarked by 3/15**

*In Sisterly Service,*

*Charlotte D. Berry , M.Ed.*

National President Elect



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[Vahnita Loud](#), Southwestern Regional Director

Southwestern Region Website, <http://www.iotaswr.org>

Southwestern Region Theme: "Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood, Committing to Business and Developing Leaders"

### National Information

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National Theme:

"BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR GENERATIONAL FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT"



Founder: Mrs. Lola M. Parker

"Upward and Onward in Efficient Service"