

## NEWSLETTER

## ALPHA KAPPA CHATS



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**A YEAR FOR HEALING**

Thank You GOD, that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. Many were grateful to put 2020 in the rear-view mirror. A year defined by death and sickness, isolation and distance, business closures and economic hardship. Plans for personal finances, small business and even attending colleges have all been altered. All of us have had to adjust to living in a very different world. We've been faced with the realization that COVID will affect our lives for the foreseeable future.

Despite these unexpected life changes, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. As we say goodbye to 2020 we open the next chapter in Iota history. True, 2021 won't immediately relieve what we suffered but this year promises at least some changes for the better. TO 2020, We Say Good riddance!

Carolyn Jones, President  
Alpha Kappa Chapter

\*The previous year brought trials of many Kind...Be encouraged and know the testing of your faith produces perseverance. James 1 reminds us to count it

All JOY!

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# Membership Committee Alpha Kappa Chapter



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Alpha Kappa Chapter inducted *The Green Leaves* into our membership on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 @7p.m. via zoom. Many thanks to National President Dorothy White, National President- Elect Charlotte Berry, National Treasurer Amanda Dutton, SWRD Vahnita Loud, our Sister Chapters, and members of Aloha Kappa for making history with us with our first Virtual Line and two Legacy members. Congratulations Sorors Brittini Sparks, Kimberly Richardson(legacy), and Raegan Kay (legacy) for completing the Journey!!! ❤️❤️🗣️🗣️



# FILs in Action! Toys U Can't Return

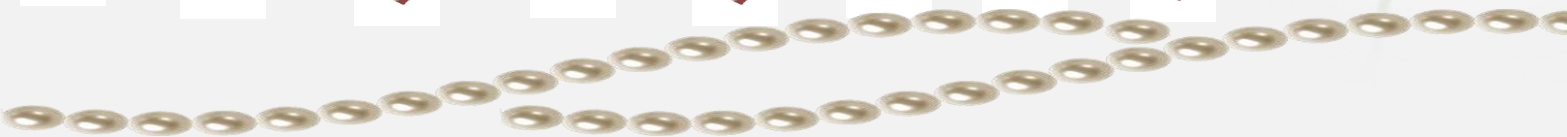
The Future Iota Leaders (FIL) of Alpha Kappa Chapter held its fall 2020 Toy's "U" Can't Return Workshop Program via ZOOM **December 13, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.** A signature program of the organization for youth ages 13 and up. The program focused on tapping the youth's strengths and potentials toward the attainment of "Excellence Without Compromise." The keynote speaker was Soror Juanda Wallace, of Psi Chapter in Dallas, Texas...A past Southwestern Regional Director (2001-2005) and the originator of Toys' "U" Can't Return (Teenage Pregnancy Prevention).

Topics for discussion and interaction were: Who Me Values (Respect and Responsibility).

Self-Esteem (Believing in Yourself); Communication and Decision Making; A program Survival Kit from Soror Juanda Wallace and a gift card (\$5.00-\$10.00) donated by Soror Connie Anglin (Alpha Kappa chair) in the name of the committee was mailed to each FIL in attendance.



In observance of AEW Week Alpha Kappa Youth Seminar presenters provided suggestions for 2020-2021 to Educate, Empower and Envision Entrepreneurial ship. This was our final Phase of AEW program. The final Phase was "Virtual" **November 22, 2020** on ZOOM! Attendance was 25 FILs. Cydney Fleeks welcomed Alpha Kappa-FIL Group and FIL Chase Godine shared his apprehension about his entrepreneurship. Sorors were decorated in their HBCU T-Shirts supporting historically black colleges attended. An array of awesome presenters gave tips on investment and entrepreneurship. Presenters: Soror Candace Joseph, CEO of Joseph Consulting Firm, FIL Jaden Taylor, 17 years of age, an investor and honor student and athlete at Dawson High School; Pearland TX and FIL Joseph Kay, also 17 years of age, owner of black business JK attire and a student at the University of Texas at Permian Basin. Others presenters included our 18th Past National President and the originator of the LFP Young Entrepreneur Award, Lillian F. Parker and Sharon DeRouesselle Scholarship (Chair). In the closing remarks FIL Gabrielle Davis and Youth Chair; Soror Connie Anglin thanked the audience for their attendance and encouraged the FIL group to "See It, Work It, Plan your Plan" and not to forget to "Give Back"!



# Youth Seminar

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You are cordially invited to join the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. as we celebrate American Education Week (AEW) with our virtual Youth Seminar on Sunday, November 22, 2020 3-5 pm

We will have several exciting speakers that you will not want to miss including:  
Candace Joseph – CEO of The Joseph Consulting Firm and The Business Knowledge Broker Hour  
Jaden Taylor – Student, Athlete, Young Investor  
Joseph Kay – CEO of JK Attire (A Black Owned Clothing and Apparel Business)  
Sharon DeRouesselle – Alpha Kappa Chapter Youth Scholarship Chair  
Lillian Parker – Past 18<sup>th</sup> National President of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. & Chair, LFP Young Entrepreneur



Join our Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89991720520>

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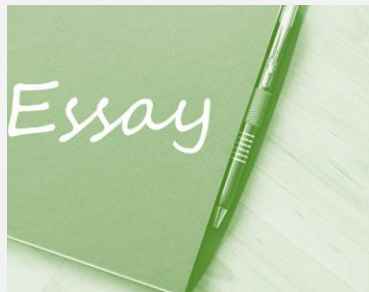
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## Evelyn D. Wilkey Contest

...and the winners are:

- 1st place Elementary Division-Caleb Curtis: Dulles Elementary
  - 1st place Middle School Division-Jayden Robins: Rodeo Palms Jr. High
  - 1st place High School Division-Zaria Richards: South Early College High School
  - 2nd place Chan Mawi-South Early College High School
  - 3rd place Isaiah Jackson: South Early College High School
- The Essayists at SECHS were presented monetary awards in form of checks by chair Dr. Ethel Bell and co-chair Soror Linda Taylor, others mailed with a certificate of participation.



# Sister Connect Secret Green Pals



Wear your favorite Christmas sweater, jewelry, headband, hat...just Glamour it up!!!

Let's Get Ready to Celebrate!  style

Immediately following Sorority Meeting Saturday, December 19, 2020  
We will celebrate!

- Inclusion 

Prepare your favorite cup to tea with your favorite snack and let's share Stress-relief methods.

- Name that "Tune" .....Listen to a slight part of a Christmas song and using your reaction button to raise your hand...name the title of the song or the artist
- Scavenger Hunt....Be in pursuit for the specific item !

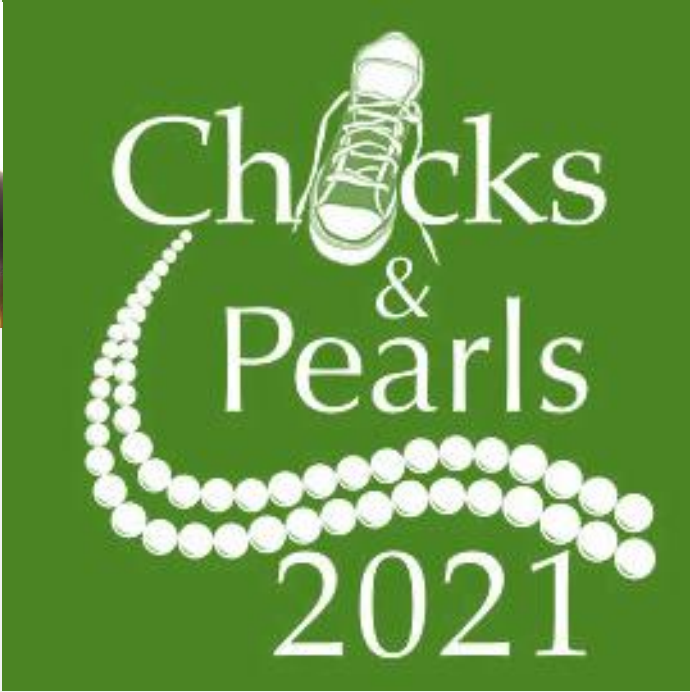
Reminder:  
\*\*\*Don't forget to mail, deliver your gift to your Secret Pal before or after the meeting!!!

Sorors shared in the Glitz & Glam Christmas AK Style, Saturday December 19, 2020 immediately following Sorority meeting. Green Pal Chair, Soror Linda Cannon had the sorors participating in fun and engaging activities that brought the celebration to an ALL TIME HIGH! We exchanged gifts/tokens with our Green Pals through postal and drop-offs.



CHUCKS & PEARLS – to commemorate and stand in solidarity with our First Black Woman and the First Woman of Asian descent, Vice-President of the United States, Kamala Harris. This has been her SIGNATURE APPAREL. Sorors and FILs showed their support by wearing their CHUCKS & PEARLS apparel January 20, 2021 during the inauguration.





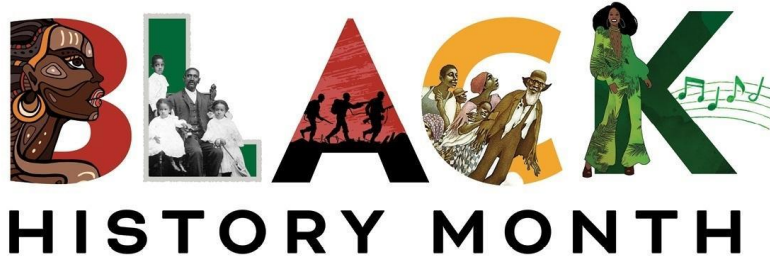
# Community Outreach

## Christmas donations:

AK's Adopted family Bobbie Brown: \$100  
Timothy Project: Youth Mentoring Youth -\$250.00

Virtual Bingo with Seniors on the Move of SE Houston sponsored with AARP. Gifts/door prizes were donated





Alpha Kappa Chapter kicked-off Black History Month with a YouTube Video of Alpha Kappa Chapter Sisterhood Family

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11th Zoom Black History Scavenger Hunt. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes awarded

February 19th Zoom Memorial Tribute

February 28th Zoom Panelists Discussion and FIL presentation

Scheduled times to be announced.

### REGIONAL NEWS

The 74<sup>th</sup> Virtual Southwestern Regional Conference is scheduled for March 26-28, 2021 host Chapter Epsilon Phi. Registration is now open. Details for the 74<sup>th</sup> SWR Conference registration have been sent to you by Chapter Presidents via e-mail.

Registration fee: \$50.00 on or before February 19, 2021

A late fee will be assessed after the deadline date of February 19, 2021.

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

Vahnita Loud -Southwestern Region Director  
website: [iota-swr.org](http://iota-swr.org)

### NATIONAL NEWS

WINTER WEBINAR SERIES:  
NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

#NEWYOU2021

DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

Speaker: *Dr. Sharoni Little*

REGISTER TODAY ON  @IOTALMPF

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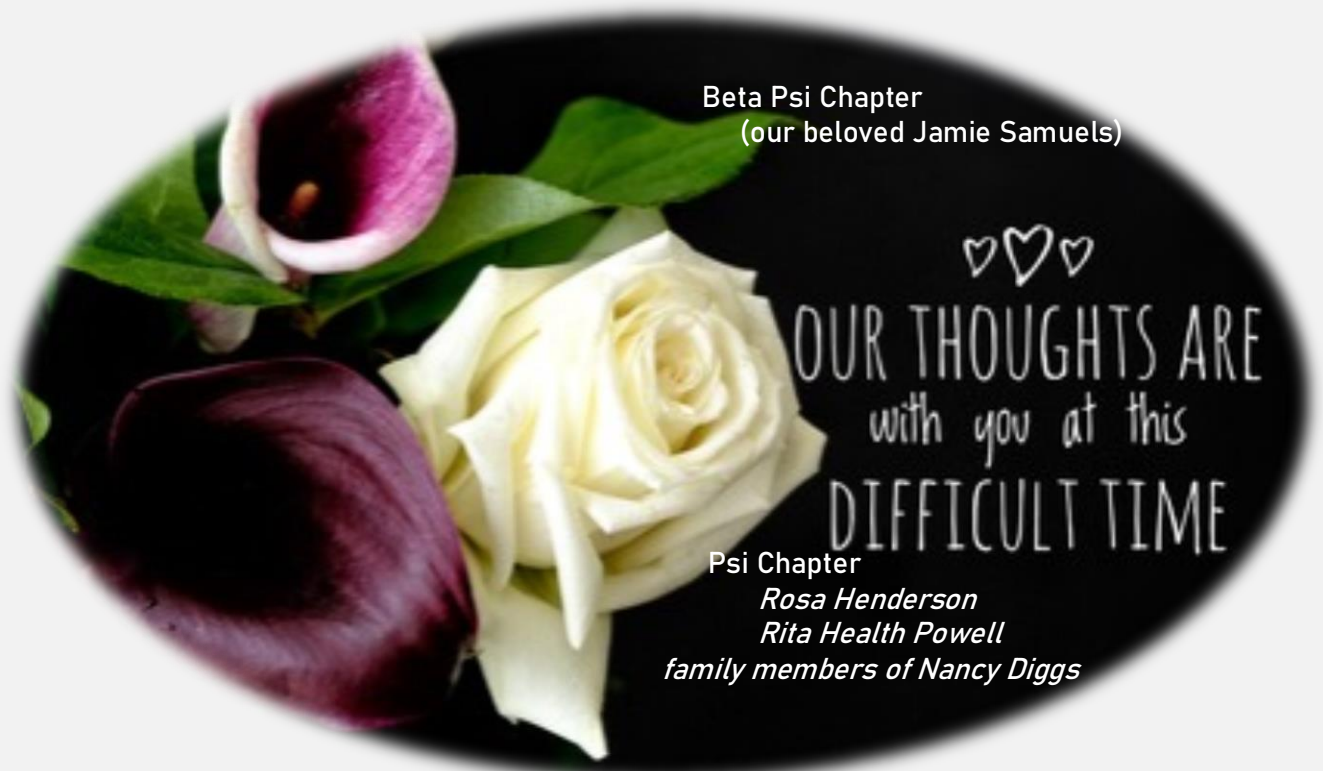
National Theme: *"Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation of Generational Financial Wealth"*

Dorothy White – 23<sup>rd</sup> National President  
website: [iota1929.org](http://iota1929.org)



# SICK & SHUT IN

*Carolyn Jones  
Pam Denmon  
Ruth Taylor  
Pelati Tanya Alfred  
MOI Raymond Crowe*



## January

Audrey Gassama January 3  
Sucelia Crowe January 9  
Pauletta Hooper January 22  
Rosie Wycoff January 25

## February

Linda Raye Taylor February 14

# BIRTHDAYS!

