

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.-Alpha Kappa Chapter

# ALPHA KAPPA CHATS



## President's Message



### President Jones Speaks... Greetings,

Happy Founder's Day Sorors,  
90 Years of Service!

The month of June is our time to pay tribute to our founder, Soror Lola Mercedes Parker. It is because of her vision and foresight that we are able to celebrate many years later. This Founder's Day (*servicing for 90 years*) as we came together in harmony to celebrate our founders, our trailblazers, as well as to rededicate ourselves to the ideals of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. I am excited and rejuvenated to continue to build upon this legacy by serving as a business and professional mentor and to continue building up the projects and programs that are vital to our organization. **Kudos!! to Beta Delta** Founder's Day Host, **Soror Vera Flurnoy**, Founder's Day Chair, and the Founder's Day committee for an excellent tribute and reflection on our history.

**Kudos!! to Soror Lillian Parker** who gave a powerful challenge using the George Jefferson theme song "*We're Moving On Up*" to the Houston chapters.

**Kudos!!!** to our Executive committee, and to all of the chairperson's and co-chairs for your commitment, dedication and the hard work each of you has put forth. Many of our Youth from our FIL, Affiliates Timothy Project,



President Carolyn Jones



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(Partnership), South Early College High School (Partnership), ECOTONE, Sorors and others marched across the stage in 2019!! Our Men of Iota (Mr. Ervin Taylor II) presents awards to youth! Thanks to the dynamite **Principal Gourrier (SECHS/Partnership)** for allowing us to occupy the space in the building at South Early College High School for the last five years plus... **Kudos!!** to Alpha Kappa Outreach Committee, continue to support our past Young Entrepreneur Hailey Field @ Hailey's Sickle Cell Awareness Fun Day and her first book '**JOURNEY Through Sickle Cell**' written by Hailey A. Fields, **Kudos!!** to our Young Entrepreneur **Alijah Hernandez (7 year old barber)** and we must not forget **Gabrielle Davis** top in track and field... **Gabby went for the GOLD!** As we start to wind-down our Sorority year, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for the continued support and elevation of our chapter and our projects and programs. We have accomplished so much this year and it is all due to your commitment, dedication and the hard work each of you has put forth. Thank you for unselfishly giving your time and talents, which have afforded us great success throughout this sorority year. At the beginning of sorority year, the theme "**Get On Board: Standing 4 Iota**" I can honestly say that we have. I am so very proud of what we have accomplished.... **Alpha Kappa It's been a GOOD YEAR...and we THANK YOU!**

**All the best...See you at the National Convention**

**Soror Carolyn Jones,  
Alpha Kappa Chapter President**



# June is the Month to Honor our Founders, Fathers, and have Fun!

**JUNE 1, 2019 MARKS THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.!**

**HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA, INC.—1**

**FROM A SMALL ACORN**

Early in 1929, Mrs. Lola M. Parker of Chicago, Illinois, was stimulated by the need for and the great vision of an organization that would offset the results of the Great Depression. She saw many African-Americans who were left without employment. In particular, African-American women who were working at comparatively new skills in white-collar jobs in the business field were doubly penalized by race and sex. Mrs. Parker called together the following women for the purpose of organizing a business sorority: **Ethel T. Edwards, Mildred G. Hardin, Harriett M. Robinson, Ophelia Harrison, Burdetta Trigg, and Marjorie Tyndall.**



Mrs. Parker believed that through such a sorority the status of business women could be elevated; they could be encouraged to seek higher formal training which would result in greater prestige to women in business and to women who chose business as a career. Thus, Iota Phi Lambda was born.



*White Roses to the Houston Founder's Day Committee...*



ALPHA KAPPA

BETA DELTA

BETA PI

EPSILON SIGMA

EPSILON PHI

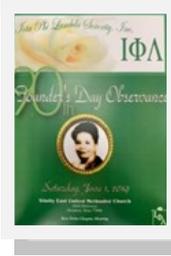
EPSILON CHI

Houston chapters Alpha Kappa, Beta Delta, Beta Pi, Epsilon Sigma, Epsilon Phi, and Epsilon Chi celebrate the 90th Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's Founder's Day! White roses to the Houston Chapters' Founders Day Committee for a job well done!



# June 1 is Founders Day!

Beta Delta Chapter and the Founders Day Committee kudos on a wonderful program! Our 18th. Past National President, Lillian Parker delivered a powerful message and Soror Casey us to church! Yes, "we're moving on up!"



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## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA, INC.—2

### PURPOSE

Today, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., is a national business and professional sorority, which seeks to (1) unite in sisterhood qualified business and professional women in order to enhance and improve the status of women in our highly complex, competitive business and professional world; (2) promote increased interest in the broad field of business education among high school and college young women through planned programs and scholarships; (3) encourage the development of personal goals and leadership potential through the provision of educational opportunities; and (4) establish and promote civic and social service activities for youth and adults.

### Installation of officers! Beta Delta, Beta Pi, and Financial Secretary of Epsilon



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## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA, INC. –3

### AIM

The Sorority's aims are to (1) make worthwhile contributions to the changing socio-economic patterns of our time; (2) project the philosophy of the pursuit of excellence in all worthy endeavors among youth and adults; and (3) develop leadership expertise among business and professional women.

### *Six chapters continue the Founder's Day celebration!*





# *June is the Month to Thank our Members, Leaders, and Supporters!*

## **HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA, INC.-4**

### **STATUS**

Today, there are more than eighty-five chapters with an approximate membership of over two thousand stretching across the width and breath of our country representing thirty-one states, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands.

The Sorority is recognized as (1) an important national organization which stimulates young women to qualify for the many challenges offered by increased employment opportunities; (2) an organization of competent women holding prominent positions in, or operating businesses that are satisfying and invaluable to community progress; and (3) an organization whose members have a major interest in the total economic and cultural progress of all women and youth.

## **ALPHA KAPPA JUNE CHAPTER MEETING**

It's been an awesome year and thank you Alpha Kappa!



## **ALPHA KAPPA BIRTHDAYS!**



***HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!***

**SOROR ALMA BANKS**

**June 1, 2019**

**SOROR MARLISE ARMSTRONG**

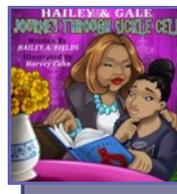
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# June is FUN

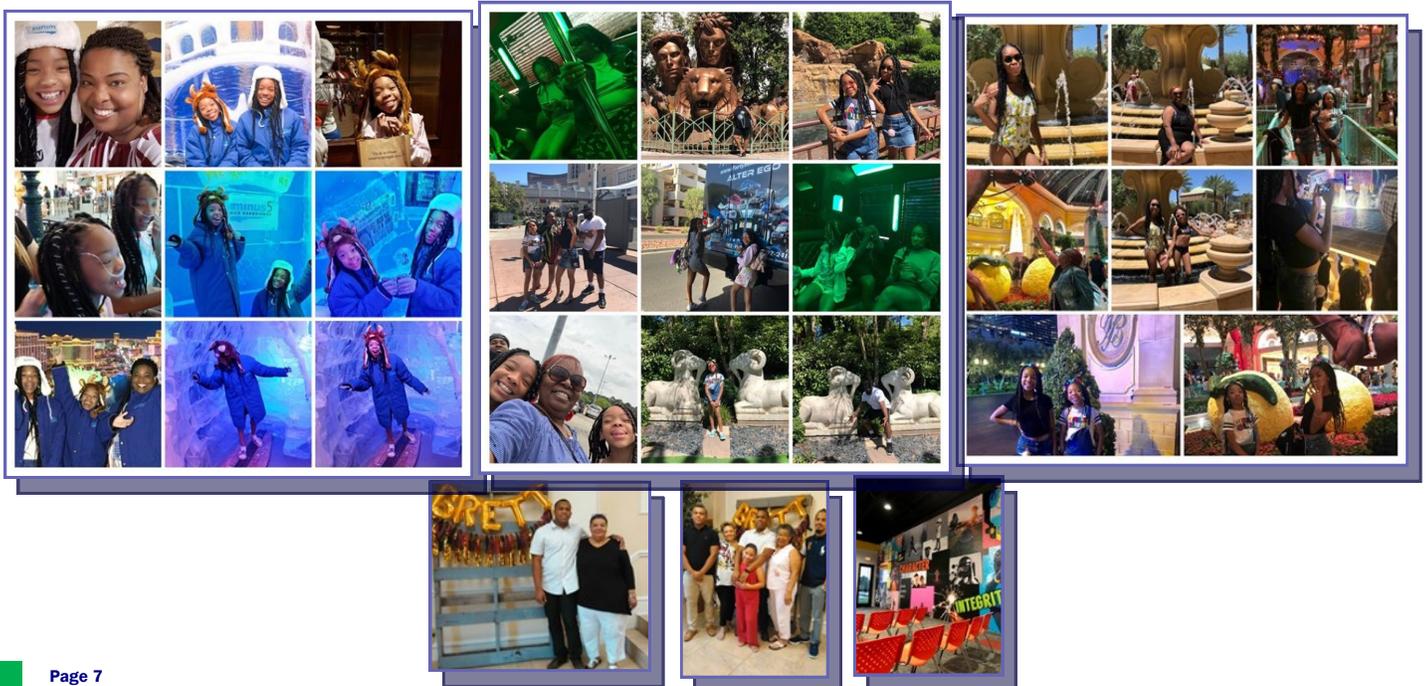
## ALPHA KAPPA FIL and YOUTH ENTREPRENEURS enjoying THE SUMMER!

### Entrepreneurs

Hailey's Sickle Cell Awareness Fun Day at Duessen Park! The Alpha Kappa Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Outreach Committee supported her for this event. Hailey is the recipient of the Lillian F. Parker Young Entrepreneur Award at the 88th Anniversary National Convention. There were three kickball teams, representing and trophies were awarded. We saw Hailey in action. Also, free food, games and gifts were given to everyone! There were vendors and food trucks. This was indeed an epic event! Great job Hailey's Kisses!!!



### FIL FUN !!!!



# June Sister-to-Sister

## OUTSTANDING SOROR Soror Rosetta Davis



Our soror of the month for June is our lovely valuable member **Soror Rosetta Davis. (Alpha Kappa Treasurer)**. Soror Davis became a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter twenty-two years ago. In this time, she displayed her love for Iota in many ways such as serving in the capacity of every office in the chapter. She served as a chairperson, co-chair and work as a committee member on Iota Programs and Projects. She served as Chapter President twice. Soror Davis believes in the aims and ideals of Iota. If she starts a project, she works tirelessly and gives her best to make it successful.

## IN MEMORIAM Dr. Alease Elaine Bailey



Soror Alease Bailey was a member of Beta Pi Chapter and transferred to Alpha Kappa Chapter. She was a legacy member, Her daughter, Nikki Bailey, her daughter, is a member of Alpha Kappa Chapter. Dr. Bailey was a phenomenal woman who touched the lives of thousands through HAABSE, TABSE, NABSE, AKA, and IPL. Our sincere condolences to the Bailey Family and other family members.

SUNRISE-August 11, 1948 SUNSET-June 1, 2019





# *June is Honoring Founders !*

## **A BRIEF HISTORY OF IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.-5**

### **BUSINESS**

From the birth of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., "Business" has been the focus of all activities. Now is the time to move forward – a time when daily economic changes and challenges are part of the operation of every enterprise; a time when a clearer understanding of business and management is important to all. One can choose from a vast number of business fields: Accounting, Business Law, Construction, Entertainment, Information Technology, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Human Resources Development, and Risk Management, to name a few. There are hundreds of activities that fall into this category and may be helpful when considering the educational background and careers of prospective members.

**IOTA'S NATIONAL WEB SITE:** <http://www.iota1929.org>

Soror Marcella L. Morrison, National President of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. appointed a Special Technology Committee to design, develop, and maintain the official Iota Web Site 1997 – 1999. The President's vision was to have a Web Site that was informative and dynamic.

Under Soror Charlotte M. Maull, National President 2003 – 2007, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. purchased a National Website service, which was done by Dixon Technology Group. Potential applications for Iota's Website include: Frequently Asked Questions, Symbols and Insignia, Conference Photo Gallery, Online Dues Payments, Online Convention Registration, Secure Online Message Board, Secure Forms Repository and Secure Officers Area.

Our present Website offers worldwide visibility of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. and the dynamic programs and projects that we offer. It also allows the Iota Family to communicate with each other and those outside the family. The one major advantage of E-mail is the inexpensiveness relative to long distance phone communication.

## **NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**90th Anniversary Convention, July 24-28, 2019  
Shreveport, Louisiana**

## What's Coming Locally?

- 90th Anniversary National Convention: July 24-28, 2019  
Hilton Convention Center



## What's Coming Regionally?

- 90th Anniversary National Convention: July 24-28, 2019  
Hilton Convention Center



## What's Coming Nationally?

- 90th Anniversary National Convention: July 24-28, 2019  
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Lola Mercedes Parker, Founder



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### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. is the first African American Greek-lettered business sorority established by African American business women. There are now more than 100 chapters with membership numbering more than 5,000 in 85 cities and the US Virgin Islands Iota Phi Lambda is not an NPHC sorority and dual membership within Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and NPHC sororities is allowed.

Motto: "Upward and Onward in Efficient Service"

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. was founded in Chicago, Illinois, June 1929 by Lola Mercedes Parker and six other ladies, all of whom were engaged in the field of business. Her vision was to establish an organization which would offset the result caused by the great depression.

#### PURPOSE

(1) unite a sisterhood qualified business and professional women, (2) promote increased interest in business education among young ladies high school and college through planned programs and scholarships, (3) encourage leadership development through educational opportunities, (4) establish and promote civil and social service activities for youth and adults.

#### AIM

To make worthwhile contributions to our increasingly global society, promote the pursuit of excellence in all worthy endeavors among youth and adults, and develop leadership expertise among business and professional women.

## THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPEAKS

### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. LEADERSHIP DISCUSSES MEMBERS IMPACTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

WASHINGTON, D.C.- January 31, 2019- The National Executive Board of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. stands with its members impacted by the United States Federal Government shutdown and applaud the reopening of the government offices. However, we acknowledge the tenuousness of the situation as only a temporary solution has been found and the possibility of another shut-

down is looming. This is not a good situation for anyone.

As our elected officials work towards a reasonable solution to the border security issue(s) we ask all members of IOTA to contact your Congressmen and Senators to express support for our Federal Government Workers and to remind them of the devastation a shutdown can cause to all Americans.

Warmest regards,

*Stephanie Dilworth*

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**22<sup>nd</sup> National President**

