

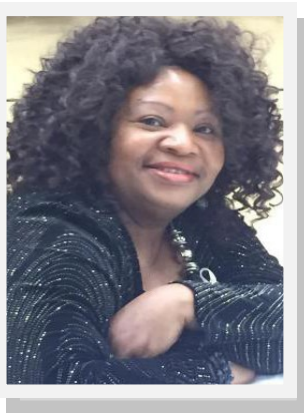
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.-Alpha Kappa Chapter

ALPHA KAPPA CHATS

President's Message



March is Women's History Month



President Carolyn Jones

Greetings,
Through the month of March, the U.S. will celebrate and honor the achievements of women throughout history for Women History Month. Congress declared March as Women's History Month in 1987, according to the National Women's History Alliance. There is a Presidential Proclamation every year to announce the month and to honor women who have made a notable impact in History. The theme for 2019 is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence." This year we honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to

change society. These Honorees embraced the fact that the means determine the ends and so developed nonviolent methods to ensure just and peaceful results.

For generations, women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools, and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice, and reduced the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good.



In the spirit of "IOTA"
Carolyn Jones-Alpha Kappa Chapter
President

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Special points of interest:

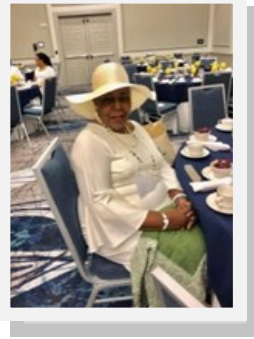
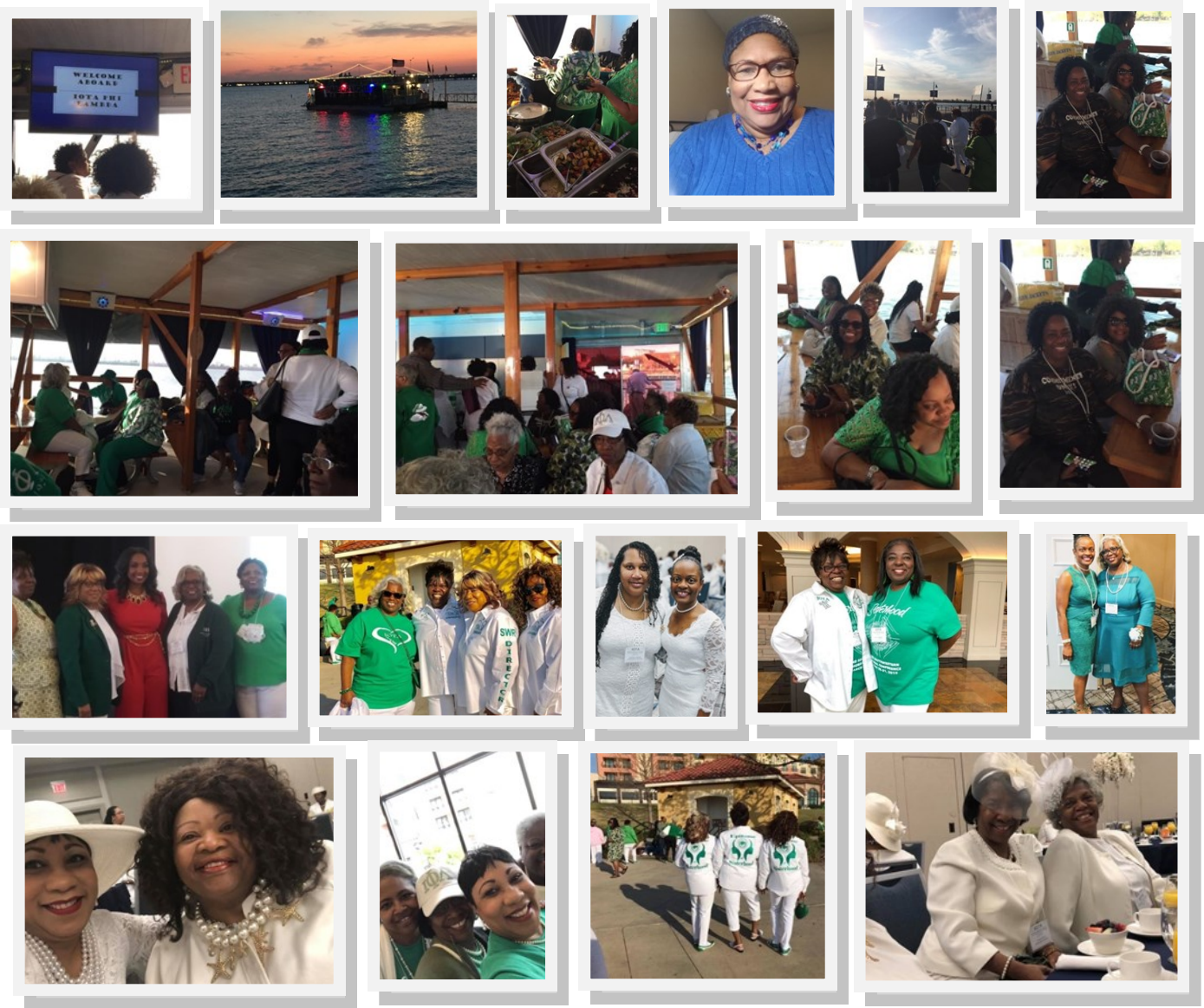
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- What's Next?



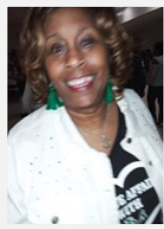
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ALPHA KAPPA AT THE 72ND SOUTHWESTERN REGIONALS 2019!



ALPHA KAPPA WINS BIG AT THE 72ND SOUTHWESTERN REGIONALS!



Alpha Kappa Chapter was in the house representing the 72nd Southwestern Regional Conference with the following 12 awards!

Soror Carolyn Jones wins Outstanding Chapter President!

Alpha Kappa wins Outstanding Chapter!

Alpha Kappa wins 1st Place for Business Month!

Alpha Kappa wins 1st Place for Community Outreach!

Alpha Kappa wins 1st Place for Scrapbook!

Alpha Kappa wins 2nd Place for Mileage!

Alpha Kappa wins 3rd Place for FIL!

Alpha Kappa wins 3rd Place for Chapter Growth!

Alpha Kappa wins 3rd Place for Pelati!

Alpha Kappa wins 3rd Place for Newsletter!

Alpha Kappa wins 3rd Place for Attendance!

Certificate of Recognition for Soror Reinstatements!



Congratulations



72ND SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019



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72ND SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2019 APPLAUDING SISTERHOOD!



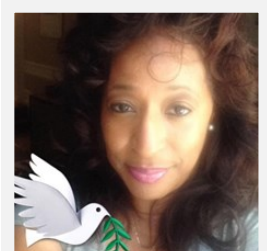
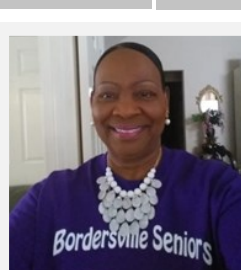
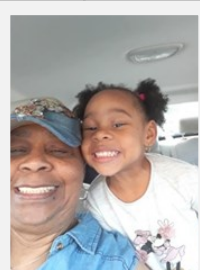
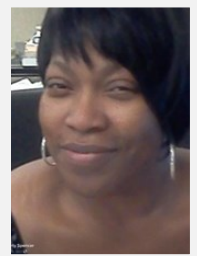
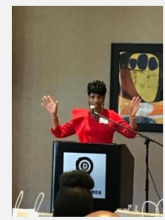
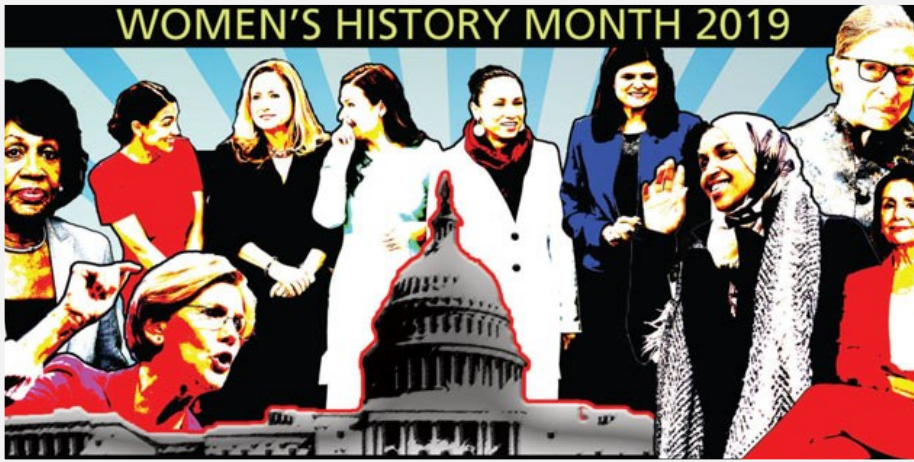
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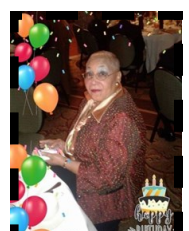
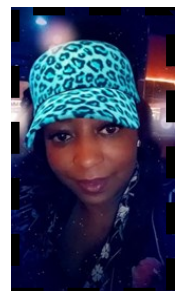
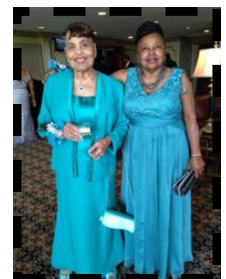
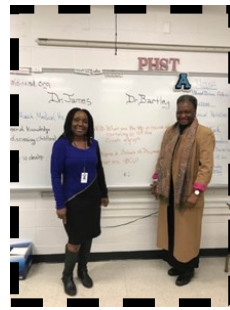
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ALPHA KAPPA CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



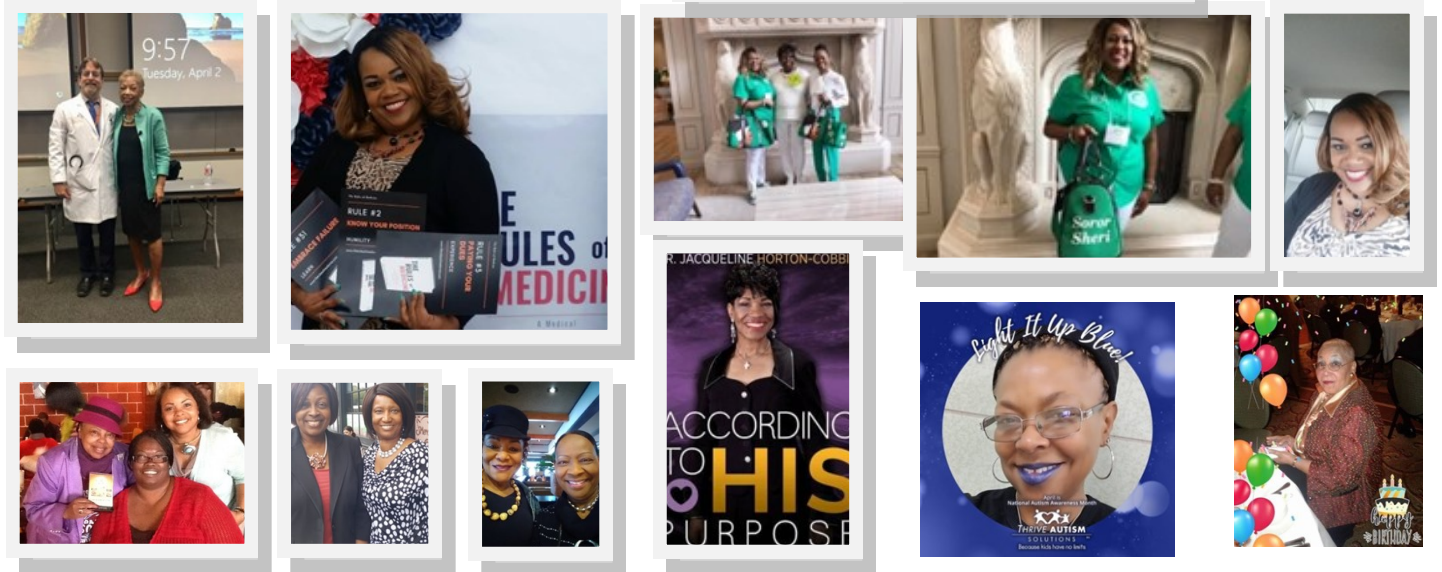
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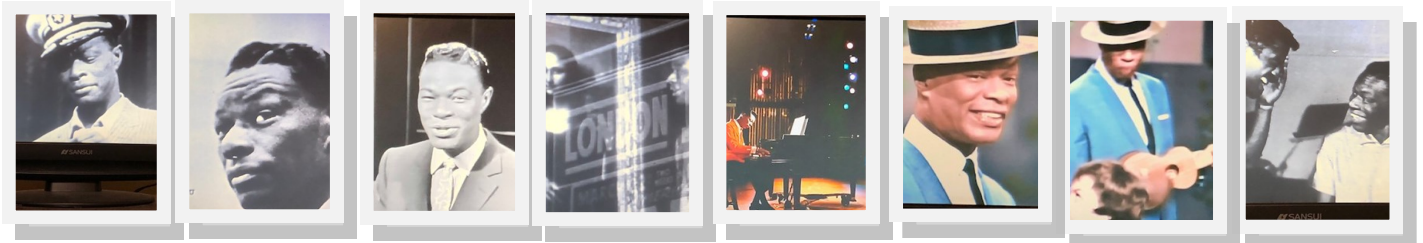
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HOUSTON



MARCH IS ALSO NAT KING COLE'S BIRTH MONTH!



Nat King Cole was born ON March 17, 1919 as Nathaniel Adams Coles at Montgomery, Alabama. He received music lessons from his mother and his family moved to Chicago when he was only five, where his father Edward James Coles was a minister at the True Light Baptist Church and later Pastor of the First Baptist Church. Famous songs include The Christmas Song, Unforgettable, When I Fall in Love, Mona Lisa...etc.!

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OUTSTANDING LADY NKEIRUKA OBI



After working in banking and social-sector management for more than 16 years, Nkeiruka (NK) Obi decided to use her considerable skill set to help children and joined Smile Train as the Program Director for West and Central Africa in 2011.



West Africa is a vast region with diverse cultures and countries, hundreds of spoken languages, civil wars, terrorist activities, harsh cleft stigma, a shortage of trained surgeons, and a lack of local health infrastructure. After a short time on the job, NK realized that the status quo wouldn't help her reach the estimated 12,000+ children born with clefts in West Africa each year, a number compounded by the many adults who had waited years for cleft surgery. She needed to be strategic.



NK's first move was simple math. To reach more children, she and her staff would need to expand, forge new partnerships, and increase Smile Train's footprint. She explained, "With no doubt, these are very difficult terrains, given the cultural differences, the costs, and the security risks, but in nearly every region we went to, we'd find local surgeons and hospitals passionate about helping children born with clefts."



One lesson NK learned early was that gaining the trust of local leaders was the key to expansion. She'd once witnessed an international organization providing free polio vaccinations in a completely empty tent because of a rumor that they were being used to control the local population. When the organization went to the local leaders, convinced them that the shots would save lives, and those leaders took to the radio to give their approval, lines formed around the block. NK starts every cleft campaign by visiting local mosques, churches, and government and cultural leaders to get their buy-in.

As local partner surgeons and hospitals expanded, NK's next move was to get them the resources and equipment they needed to improve the standard of care. NK and her team, through a grant process, helped to provide cleft instruments, anesthesia machines, and pulse oximeters.



As NK and her team spent more time with cleft awareness campaigns, they recognized that women often suffered the "blame" for the birth of a child with a cleft and would often have to raise children alone or otherwise be marginalized. NK started the First Lady's Initiative to involve the wives of governors, presidents, and community leaders as ambassadors to share at every opportunity that women are not the cause of a cleft birth and that Smile Train-supported cleft surgery is available to those who need it.

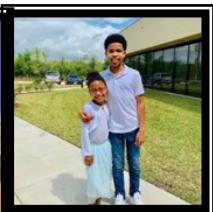
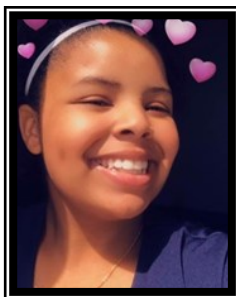


After nearly 10 years of NK's traversing all of West Africa, creating partnerships and a better understanding of cleft, Smile Train's cleft-surgery numbers have improved by 500% under her leadership, and she has helped to start essential comprehensive cleft care programs in several countries. True to form, she attributes the success to others: "Our increased impact is mostly due to my skilled team, our dedicated local medical partners, hospital management, and local leaders who all want the same thing as I do — to change children's lives forever. And a special thanks to all of Smile Train's supporters who allow us to do that."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH!

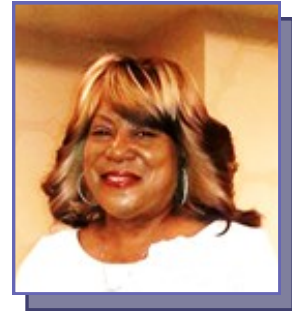


ALPHA KAPPA FIL



SPRINGBREAK!

REGIONAL DIRECTOR MESSAGE



Greetings to all!

Please share this message with your members!

On behalf of the Southwestern Region Executive Committee , we want to say "THANK YOU" for attending the 72nd SWR Conference!

I hope you enjoyed the fellowship with your sister sorors, felt more informed and enlightened about the business of IOTA and had a safe trip home.

To those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes , whomever you are , whatever you did, I say "THANK YOU!" If you served as a committee chair or committee member, I sincerely appreciate your service. It is not something I take lightly.

The SWR is better for your doing so and because you said , "yes!"

To the host chapter, Epsilon Tau, Conference Chair and National Soror of the Year, Wendy B Jacques, Co-Chair, Shelia Fisher and chapter president, Michelle Peace, "THANK YOU " again. Your hospitality, from the Harbor Cruise to the Youth Summit to the Reception and acts of sisterhood exceeded our expectations!

To our National President, President Elect, National Parliamentarian and every Soror, Pelati, MOI, and FIL, I hope to see you at the 73rd SWR Conference hosted by Epsilon Phi Chapter of Humble, TX where the National Lola M Parker Business Woman of the Year, 2019 SWR Mahala S Evans Soror of the Year and current chapter president, Soror Audrey Davis resides.

Mark your calendars now for March 26-29, 2020 for the 73rd SWR Conference!



Wishing God's BLESSINGS and FAVOR on you all and your families!
Serving Iota.

Sisterly,
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What's Coming Locally?

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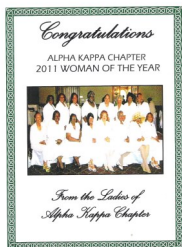
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Lola Mercedes Parker, Founder



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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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22nd National President

