

NEWSLETTER

# ALPHA KAPPA CHATS

## ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER HOUSTON, TEXAS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Sorors,

Welcome to the season of Thanksgiving. This will be unusual Thanksgiving since we are in a "Pandemic." Thanksgiving is a time to gather around loved ones, to be grateful for all the things for which we have so abundantly been blessed and to also reflect on those not so fortunate. It is a season of giving and a reason to share. This is the season to be thankful for the many blessings and lessons in our lives.

Last month and this month we have been diligently working within our community to assist and help others during this "Pandemic" (delivering food, food drive, distributing gloves and hand sanitizer). Kudos!! to those Sorors who participated registering voters, working the polls, help neighbors in Louisiana during hurricane Laura as part of our community service projects. I am pleased that the Outreach Committee is planning to participate for the 5th year in Mattress Mack Thanksgiving Feast of Sharing where we volunteer to help served over 2,000 Thanksgivings dinners in the Houston area. With several sorors, to participate, this was indeed a rich and rewarding experienced.

It is always good to help others. This Thanksgiving season I suggest that we each continue to lend a helping hand through our community's service projects and donations especially during this -"Pandemic" year. For those who has lost their jobs they need our assistance and for those whom we are unable to reach, let us assist them through our prayers. We can start by praying for our own Sorors, MOI, Pelati-Auxiliary and FILS, in addition to those in need.

I am so thankful for the FIL Group Committee "Back to School with COVID-19 virtual presentation held Sunday, October 11,2020 with participating youth from Alpha Kappa, Epsilon Phi and Epsilon Chi. Kudos!!! to IMAP Committee/Outreach Committee Kicking-Off Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Alpha Kappa Chapter Iota's Mother Assistance Program with a short video, collection of pampers, baby wipes and a donation as you help in "Making A Difference on the National Day of Giving across the world.

Sorors we are off to an excellent start for this Sorority year. We are "Turning the Page" I see us "Moving on Up" "Keep on Pushing"  
May you each have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving.

In the spirit of "Iota"  
Carolyn Jones  
Alpha Kappa Chapter President

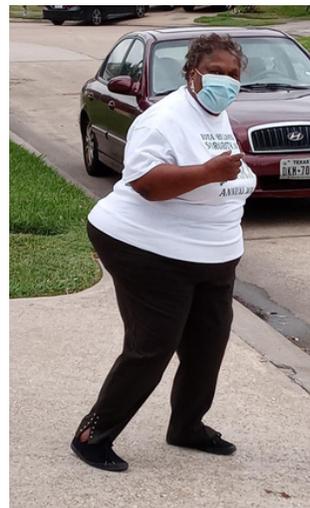




# Sister CONNECT!!!!

## NATIONAL MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY - OCTOBER 24, 2020

National Make a Difference Day is an annual community service event which is held on the fourth Saturday in October. Join many volunteers across the country on October 24, 2020 with a common mission to improve the lives of others through community service. Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Alpha Kappa Chapter participated with their annual Iota's Mothers' Assistance Program with a DIAPER DRIVE. Sorors dropped off pampers/wipes to Community Chairperson Sharon DeRouesselle while others donated funds through PayPal. A short TikTok video was prepared by videographer Gregory Joseph of The Joseph Consulting Firm, LLC. with participating Sorors arriving at their scheduled time. Thanks Epsilon Tau for sharing the video instructions!



### OUR SORORS VOTE !!!

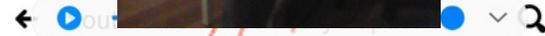
Sorors Davis and Naborne VOTED !!!



Celebrating Our :  
FUTURE IOTA LEADER, PELATI, AND MEN OF IOTA

**THE MEN OF IOTA**

STAR POWER MOI Mr. Crockett created special designed scarfs for the breast survivors of Alpha Kappa Chapter. They are beautiful. He also passed out awesome treats for Halloween.



1st Annual Virtual Read-Aloud with Pastor Michael V. Smith & First Lady Lucrecia Smith.



**FILS' IN ACTION:  
VIRTUAL READ-ALOUD**

It is true! Yes, pastor and wife take time out to read to the young FIL and other youth in his congregation. They were overwhelmed with excitement!

**FIL: BACK TO SCHOOL WITH COVID - VIRTUAL EVENT**

....and it HAPPENED! Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Alpha Kappa Chapter and Epsilon Chi held a "Back to School with COVID" for the FIL group on Sunday October 11,2020 with nineteen participating youth. Thanks to presenters Corinne Herbert-Copeland, Epsilon Chi Chapter and Connie Anglin, Alpha Kappa Chapter.



# SORORS IN ACTION: EACH ONE REACH ONE

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

AEW promotional material WAS RECEIVED for chapters to use in promoting the upcoming American Education Week 2020. Iota is observing by distributing applications for the National Essay Contest titled the Evelyn D. Wilkey National Essay Contest. Applications are to due to committee on Nov. 4, 2020.



 **IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC.**  
*"Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation of Generational Financial Wealth"*

 **NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

# A.E.W 2020

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK!**  
*Celebrate public education and honor individuals making a difference for every student; especially educating on business and professional principles.*

<b>16</b> MONDAY	APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NATIONAL EVELYN D. WILKEY ESSAY CONTEST. MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. <small>APPLICANTS MUST BE SPONSORED BY A IOTA PHI LAMBDA CHAPTER NEAR YOU. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER TODAY FOR AN APPLICATION. VISIT WWW.IOTA1929.ORG. DEADLINE: 11-30-20</small>
<b>17</b> TUESDAY	PARENTS DAY! <small>CELEBRATING OUR PARENTS SUPPORTING THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AT HOME WHILE ON COVID-19. POST A PICTURE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND SEND TO IOTA VIA FB, IG, TWITTER. #IOTA1929</small>
<b>18</b> WEDNESDAY	EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS DAY <small>IOTA MEMBERS ASKED TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALL SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE IOTA WOMEN. HAI, OR PLEASE, POST A PICTURE ON FB, IG, OR TWITTER. #IOTA1929</small>
<b>19</b> THURSDAY	EDUCATOR FOR A DAY <small>NORMALLY, COMMUNITY LEADERS WOULD BE INVITED TO EXPERIENCE THE DAY AS EDUCATORS AND EXPERIENCE THE CHALLENGES OF TEACHING AND THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS. WITH THE GUIDANCE OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, BUT THIS YEAR TRY VIRTUALLY MEETING WITH AN EDUCATOR AND READING TO YOUTH OR HAVE YOUTH DRESS UP FOR THE DAY IN THEIR FUTURE CAREER CHOICE.</small>
<b>20</b> FRIDAY	SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS DAY <small>ENCOURAGE INCREASED RESPECT AND SUPPORT FOR SUBSTITUTE EDUCATION EMPLOYEES. ARRANGE A SCHOOLWIDE RECOGNITION OF SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS IN THE READ-ALONG SCHOOL BULLETIN. DO ON THE INTERCOM ANNOUNCEMENTS. OR HIGHLIGHT SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES. #IOTA1929</small>

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**EVELYN D. WILKEY NATIONAL  
ESSAY CONTEST  
APPLICATIONS DUE  
NOV. 30, 2020**

Applications available through your local Iota chapter. Visit [iota1929.org](http://iota1929.org).



# SORORS IN ACTION : AK WALKING IN GREATNESS

## AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK - ALPHA KAPPA STYLE

Speakers, Candace Joseph, Jaden Taylor, Joseph Kay , J.K.Attire ( Black Own Business ,Clothing and Apparel) Sharon DeRouesselle, Scholarship and Outreach Chair, Lillian Parker , 18th Past National President , Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. and Chair, LFP Young Entrepreneur .

Time 3 -5 PM , November 22nd, 2020- VIRTUAL EVENT



# UPCOMING EVENTS - LOCAL NEWS

## **AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK IS COMING**

Stay tuned for an exciting American Education Week Program. Calling all FIL! Alpha Kappa is accepting applications for participants in our Essay Writing Contests for the American Education Week Program in November and Scholarship Applications are now available.

Voting Election Day (Nov. 3, 2020)

Executive Committee Meeting (Nov. 7,)

National & Regional Assessments (Nov.15)

Essayist Deadline to Committee (Nov.4)

American Education Week (Nov.15-21)

Newsletter Deadline (Nov. 10,)

Happy Thanksgiving November 26, 2020

Epsilon Chi Chapter Katy, TX – Virtual Induction Ceremony – November 8, 2020 - "Three Virtual Images of Iota"

## REGIONAL NEWS

October 18, 20IOTA TALKS- A webinar Presentation on "Building Capacity to Lead" series continues on the following dates : November 15 and December 8

Regional Assessment (November 15)

Background Check for (SWR) in December

74th SWRC March 26-28 (In person) Epsilon Phi, Host Chapter.

March 27-28, 2021 (Virtual)

## NATIONAL NEWS

Second Webinar...November 15, 2020 @ 5:00 p.m. Membership Data Base Presenter:

Soror Lillian Parker

National Assessment Nov. 15, 2020

## *Discover IOTA PHI LAMBDA*

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc., founded in 1929 in Chicago, Illinois, is a national business and professional women's organization which strives to: 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; Promote increased interest in the broad field of business education among high school and college young women through planned programs and scholarships; Encourage the development of personal goals and leadership potential; and Establish and promote civic and social service activities for youth and adults. The Sorority's national theme: Business and Professional Women: Furthering the Dream of Economic Independence seeks to focus on advancing the economic foundations of women through leadership, entrepreneurship, education and technology.

The Lola M. Parker Foundation for Economic Empowerment of Business and Professional Women further supports the mission of Iota. Our national youth auxiliary, Future Iota Leaders (FIL), are pre-teen and teenage young women and men age 10-20 who benefit from the guidance and inspiration of positive role models- Iota women, the Men of Iota and Pelatis auxiliaries, and the broader community. The FIL program is designed to develop potential, character, and personal development. Our signature program, TOYS U CAN'T RETURN™, helps local communities learn more about teenage pregnancy and develop effective action agendas for preventing children from having children.

The Iota Mothers Assistance Program is an outreach program to meet the needs of teen and disadvantaged mothers by providing resources and referrals for health, employment, scholarships and leadership development. Iota Phi Lambda Sorority proudly awards scholarships of more than \$75,000 annually to deserving youth at the national, regional and local levels. The Sorority's aims are to: Make worthwhile contributions to the changing socio-economic patterns of our time; Project the philosophy of the pursuit of excellence in all worthy endeavors among youth and adults; Develop leadership expertise among business and professional women.

Today, there are more than 50 chapters with an approximate membership of 900 Sorors stretching across the width and breadth of our country, including the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Iota mission is moreover supported by the Men of Iota and Pelatis auxiliaries, which are groups that help to enhance the overall program of Iota. Discover Iota

*Discover Alpha Kappa Chapter*

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