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Message from the President

Greetings Sorors,

We entered our second month and "Wow!" What a way to begin, rounding up Sorors in a hurry.

Psi Pearls to Membership Chair Soror Linda Cole and her committee. The "2019 Fall Rush" was a wonderful way of displaying and showcasing who we are and what we are about, a total of nine potential guests attended.

The President's Workshop was unique and informative, with three excellent presenters. Psi Pearls to all Sorors who helped put this event together.

Many thanks to MOI Ronny Reeves, Sr. for supporting the workshop with lunch.

Congratulations to Soror Daphne Hornbuckle and Sorors who assisted with the "Sister to Sister Walk for Breast Cancer". And to all the Breast Cancer survivors. "TO GOD BE THE GLORY".

The Youth are on the move, Psi Pearls to FILS chair Soror Daniele Young and the FILS committee for hosting a successful workshop on how to write

an essay and how to apply for college scholarships with guest speaker Ms. Valerie Gill.

Sorors we have come a long way making great strides with our programs and projects. We can continue to look back at other activities and congratulate ourselves for all that we have achieved.

However, the truth of the matter is we have only just scratched the surface and much remains to be done. Let's continue:

"BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION, EMPOWERING AND STRENGTHENING SISTERHOOD IN BUSINESS".

Sisterly

*Soror Judy Reeves
Psi Chapter President*



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Community Involvement

Psi Chapter Soror Volunteering In The Community

BY SOROR BRENDA NAPIER

On October 21, 2019 Soror Brenda Napier Volunteered with Hamilton Park United Methodist Church, Pastor Sheron Patterson and others in the community of Hamilton Park, passing out pizzas, hundreds of snack items, Gatorade and water after 10 tornadoes hit Dallas and surrounding cities. Several Neighborhoods were left with severe

damage to homes, businesses and no electricity for several days.

“Soror Napier reported that she did not have electricity, but she knew of other surrounding neighborhoods that sustained severe damage and she had to help in some capacity”.



2019 MEMBERSHIP

2019 FALL RUSH

BY SOROR LINDA M. COLE

Psi Chapter held their 2019 Fall Rush on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Polk Wisdom -Branch Library located at 7151 Library Lane, Dallas, Texas 75232 at 3PM. There were nine guests, thirty-four Psi Chapter members, the National President-Elect, Soror Charlotte Berry, SWR Director, Soror Vahnita Loud and SWR Treasurer, Soror Wonda Traylor in attendance.

The guests received a warm welcome and learned about Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. and Psi Chapter’s history, purpose and civic

involvement presented by Sorors Collier, Jones, Sellers, Speed, and Traylor. Sorors Beverly Moore and Daphne Hornbuckle presented each guest with a beautiful white rose with green fern. Soror Linda Cole, Dean of Intake, explained the intake process and held a question and answer session with the guests.

Psi Chapter members and guests had a wonderful time fellowshiping and getting to know each other. The Membership Committee worked hard and did a spectacular job!



Psi Chapter Sorors & Guest

Guest

Community Involvement

Celebrating Life Foundation's 18th Annual Sister to Sister Fitness Festival

On a beautiful, crisp Saturday morning, October 5, 2019, Psi Chapter gathered to volunteer at the Celebrating Life Foundation's 18th Annual Sister to Sister Fitness Festival. This 5K Run/Walk, held at the Alan E. Sim Recreation Center in Cedar Hill, TX, brought corporations, businesses and the community together to raise awareness and address the risks of breast cancer. Psi Chapter managed the registration table for the nearly 500 participants. The day included great food, music and plenty of vendors. Sorors Lucille Tolliver (Survivor), Beverly Moore and Daphne Hornbuckle (Survivor) concluded the day by doing an impromptu breast cancer commercial for Channel 9 (CW33).



Sorors L to R: Tolliver, Hornbuckle & Moore



Soror Linda Cole

Happy Blessed Birthday to Soror Eddie Johnson!

On October 12, 2019 friends, family, church members, co-workers past and present, neighbors and sorors flowed through her hour starting with breakfast, then lunch and a early dinner...Yes it was an all day get in where time let you fit in affair!



Psi Chapter Sorors, family & Guest



Psi Chapter Sorors



L to R: Soror Eddie Johnson & MOI Berry

PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP

President's Workshop **2019**

The President's Workshop was a dynamic program with three excellent presenters, each sharing a wealth of information on October 12, 2019. Ms. DeShaundra Jones, owner of Best Choice Insurance Services LLC, presented information on Medicare advantage and Medical supplement. Soror Vivian Jordan, presented information on Preparing Content for Publication (newsletters, etc.) and Soror Mary Nickson, presented information on Chapter Winning Meeting Decorum. Each of the presenters were effective and professional. Their information was well received by Sorors.

Kudos to MOI Ronny Reeves, Sr. for furnishing lunch.



Sorors L to R: 1st VP Dr. Sellers, President Reeves and 2nd VP Traylor

Guest Speakers



NETWORKING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

TRI-CITIES NAACP NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE PRESENTS ITS INAUGURAL

Freedom Fund & Scholarship Banquet

On Saturday, October 19, 2019 Tri-Cities NAACP hosted their Inaugural Freedom Fund & Scholarship Banquet Gala. The Mistress of Ceremony was Cheryl Smith & keynote speaker, Dr. Shelia Samone Brown (Dr. Samone). Sorors: Vee Jordan, Daphne Hornbuckle & LeTitia Speed were in attendance as guest of Soror Beverly Moore

Congratulation to all of the Honorees.



Honorees



Sorors L to R: Jordan, Hornbuckle, Moore, Speed & Cheryl Smith Mistress of Ceremony

PSI CHAPTER FILS WORKSHOP

**FILS SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP
FUTURE IOTA LEADERS**



BY SOROR DANIELLE YOUNG

On October 20, 2019 PSI Chapter FILS had an opportunity to hear from Mrs. Valerie Gill, The Scholarship Lady about the importance of applying and preparing to attend college and universities at an early age. The Scholarship Lady also discussed with our youth on information from: college prep, educational resumes, college grid, applying to college, applying for scholarships, and completing the FAFSA. The FILS learned such valuable information from The Scholarship Lady and we are looking forward to our continued partnership providing them with the tools they need to achieve their college goals.

Soror Young provided the FILS with a recap on the Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay and its requirements. The FILS had a chance to share their definition of Cyberbullying and it was agreed that our youth will showcase their various talents at the November meeting about how cyberbullying impacts them. We closed our meeting with PSI Chapter Sorors providing the FILS with a wealth of knowledge and information on the importance of education and preparing for college.



Community Involvement

Miss Richardson Scholarship Pageant

BY SOROR WONDA TRAYLOR

The Miss Richardson Scholarship Pageant was held on Sunday evening, October 27, 2019, at the Granville Performance Center in Garland, Texas. This pageant is the preliminary to the Miss Texas Pageant, which is in association with the Miss America system. This year's Miss Richardson Scholarship Pageant commemorated over 15 years of commitment to the community.

Psi Chapter's 2018-2019 Business Month Community Service Honoree, Ms. Bobbie Scott Crowder and Soror Lucille Tolliver were co-Executive Directors for this amazing event. The young participants showcased their many talents for Miss Richardson or Miss Richardson's Outstanding Teen throughout the evening. Along with our 2018-2019 Community Service Honoree, the

pageant judges included our past Chapter President, Soror Daphne Hornbuckle.

Psi Chapter, looking stunning in their green jackets and white pants, greeted and registered guests as they enjoyed a talent-filled evening. The Community Service award was presented to Tim and Terrance Maiden for their work and contributions to Southern Dallas County.

Congratulations to the new Miss Richardson, Ms. Kendra Land and the new Miss Richardson's Outstanding Teen, Ms. Alison Grundelman!! Congratulations also to Ms. Bobbie Scott Crowder, Soror Lucille Tolliver and the entire Miss Richardson Scholarship Pageantry Team for an outstanding event!



L to R: Soror Tolliver, Contestants and Ms. Crowder



Sorors L R: Jones, Brown, Traylor, James Standing: Mass, Bauman, Tolliver, Moore & Speed



Judges L to R: Sherri Davis, Twana Collina, Daphne Hornbuckle & Deborah Jones

2019 MEMBERSHIP

2019 PINNING CEREMONY

By SOROR DAPHNE HORNBUCKLE

The Membership Committee hosted the 2019 Pinning Ceremony on Saturday, Nov 2, 2019 at the Hampton-Illinois Library. The program, filled with friendship and love, was perfect for the beautiful business and professional women seeking to begin their journey into Iotaland.

Our SWR Director, Soror Vahnita Loud, and Psi Chapter President, Soror Judy Reeves, brought warm greetings and invited them to share their time, talents and resources. Nearly 30 Sorors were present to receive and welcome our Fall 2019 line.

Thanks,

Soror Hornbuckle



Fall 2019 Lomepas Club Members



L TO R: LOMEPA PARKER, LOMEPA COVINGTON, LOMEPA PIPER, LOMEPA JONES, LOMEPA BANKS & LOMEPA MASON. DEAN OF INTAKE SOROR COLE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	NAME OF EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
SATURDAY, 11/8/19	2019 FEAST OF SHARING	1PM-6PM	Centennial Building, Fair Park
SATURDAY, 11/2/19	PINNING CEREMONY	2PM-6PM	Hampton-Illinois Library
SATURDAY, 11/15/19	REGIONAL & NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS DUE	11AM	HIGHLAND HILLS LIBRARY
SATURDAY, 11/16/19	BUSINESS MEETING	10PM	MEADOWS CONFERENCE CENTER
SATURDAY, 11/17/19	FIL MEETING	3PM	TBA
SATURDAY 11/18/19	AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK		
SATURDAY 11/30/19	EVELYN D. WILKEY NATIONAL YOUTH ESSAY		DUE TO REGIONAL CHAIR SOROR CARMEN CHARLES 11/30/19



Happy Birthday!



NOVEMBER Birthdays

SOROR HELEN HURD 11/9



SOROR VAHNITA LOUD 11/11



SOROR STEVETT BAUMAN 11/17



SOROR WONDA K. TRAYLOR 11/26



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

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.

BABY SHOWER

Madam President,

I would like to thank you and the dear sorors of Psi Chapter for the wonderful baby shower hosted in honor of my baby boy. The outpouring of kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. Cheers to Soror James and her committee for spearheading the event. It was lovely and the food was delicious!

Thank you all again so much for your display of sisterhood! I look forward to you all meeting Baby Griffin soon!

With sisterly thanks,

Soror Crystal A Lotterberry



Psi Chapter Sorors



Soror Lotterberry



2016 Fall Line Sisters & Dean
L to R: Jordan, Dean Moore & Cole



VETERANS DAY



THANK YOU,
VETERANS

**VETERANS
DAY**
NOVEMBER 11TH

PSI CHAPTER SALUTES YOU!!



Soror LeTitia Speed

United States Army

**Paratrooper AFC Rank E-3
1977-1979**



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK



From Psi Chapter



Thanksgiving Holiday Tips

Countdown to the Thanksgiving Holiday

BY SOROR RITA WHITE-ROSS

As Thanksgiving approaches, cooking the traditional turkey dinner gives rise to anxieties and questions. What kind of turkey should I buy? Should I buy a frozen turkey or a fresh one? How do I store my turkey?

A few simple steps will not only ease your holiday fears, but will ensure a delicious and a safe meal for you, your family, and your friends. The following information may help you prepare your special Thanksgiving meal and help you countdown to the holiday.

Plan Ahead

Plan your menu several weeks before the holiday. Shopping early will ease the countdown tension for your Thanksgiving meal. Ask these questions to help plan your meal. Do you want a fresh or frozen turkey? Do you have enough space to store a frozen bird if purchased in advance; if not, when should you purchase a turkey? What size bird do you need to buy?

Fresh or Frozen

If you choose to buy a frozen bird you may do so at any time, but make sure you have adequate storage space in your freezer. If you buy a fresh turkey, be sure you purchase it only 1-2 days before cooking. Do not buy a pre-stuffed fresh turkey.

Thawing

In the refrigerator

Place frozen bird in original wrapper in the refrigerator (40 °F or below). Allow approximately 24 hours per 4 to 5 pounds of turkey. A thawed turkey can remain in the refrigerator for 1-2 days.

Preparation

The day before Thanksgiving

Make sure you have all the ingredients you need to prepare your holiday meal. Check to make sure you have all the equipment you will need, including a roasting pan large enough to hold your turkey and a food thermometer. Wet and dry stuffing ingredients can be prepared ahead of time and refrigerated separately. This may also be done on Thanksgiving Day. Mix ingredients just before placing the stuffing inside the turkey cavity or into a casserole dish.



Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Southwestern Regional News

Reservation Link for 73rd Southwestern Regional Conference

By VAHNITA LOUD-SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Sorors, The time is **NOW!** THE LINK TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION FOR THE 73RD SWR CONFERENCE IS LISTED BELOW.

2019 CONFERENCE THEME:	“COMMITTING TO BUSINESS”
CONFERENCE FOCUS:	IOTA NUTS AND BOLTS (REVISED)
CONFERENCE CHALLENGE :	“EACH ONE, BRING ONE”
CONFERENCE THEME SONG :	(ALL ABOARD THE LOVE TRAIN)
CONFERENCE HOST CHAPTER :	EPSILON PHI

The SWR Executive Committee is Hoping to See You There!

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National HQ News



- National American Education Week - November 18-22, 2019. This year's Iota's essay concept for the Evelyn D. Wilkey National Youth Essay Contest is "**CYBER BULLYING**" . . . **its impact on today's youth**. DEADLINE SUBMISSION – NOVEMBER 30, 2019.

Sorors, American Education Week-November 18-22, 2019-will present to us an opportunity, as an organization, to celebrate the need for a great public-school system and the need to educate our community on financial empowerment through education. It also grants us an opportunity to celebrate and honor the many teachers and support staff personnel that is responsible for ensuring that every child, in every community, receive a great public-school education.

American Education Week began In 1921, when members of the American Legion, the U.S. Office of Education and the National Education Association joined together to create a plan to draw attention to the need to improve literacy and physical education, after it was found that a number of young people joining the armed services were either illiterate or unfit. Over time, the focus of American Education Week has evolved to incorporate new themes and goals.

This year, the American Education Week's theme, "**Reach. Educate. Inspire.**", gives us an opportunity to incorporate our vision of addressing financial literacy in our communities. The NEA's vision is to educate every child so they can grow and achieve in the 21st century. We agree with this vision, but wish to enlarge it to include building a foundation for financial empowerment.

We want to **REACH** the students and parents in our local community. We want to **EDUCATE** them with financial literacy programs and workshops. And we want to **INSPIRE** them to build for the future by establishing means of generating generational wealth.

At our 90th Anniversary Convention, we discussed ways of incorporating financial empowerment through education into our American Education Week celebrations. Many ideas were explored, including the ones listed below:

- **Sponsor writing workshops, using the national essay theme or a financial focus theme.**
- **Help to establish a school partnership with a local bank or credit union.**
- **Conduct an investment seminar for youth and parents focusing on establishing a saving plan.**
- **Continue the "Apple for the Teacher Program" focusing on Business Educators and/or Legacy Teachers.**
- **Highlight our Youth Entrepreneurship Program, honoring young local entrepreneurs.**

These are just a few of the suggestions offered that you may wish to incorporate into your planning. There are others listed in the convention report book, that you may also wish to explore. But, no matter what you plan, I encourage each chapter to meld together the importance of a quality education and financial literacy, staying focused on our national theme, "**Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment**"

Dorothy M. White
23rd National President



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

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

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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"