NEWSLETTER

# **ALPHA KAPPA CHATS**

ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

HOUSTON, TEXAS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,



Autumn is here...it is a great time of year to head outside and see what things you can find, start exploring...The leaves of deciduous trees which are trees that lose all of their leaves for part of the year start to change color from green, to various shades of orange, red, yellow and brown, and they fall off the trees. October is a very busy month for Alpha Kappa Chapter.

October brings National Night Out In Texas, National Night Out is celebrated in October, which is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police -community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Night Out Committee strongly recommends that Texas postpones all inperson activities until the first Tuesday, In October until further notice. Celebrate on social media by using hashtags #National Night Out#NNO2020.

October also brings National Make A Difference Day (AK) celebrate the fourth Saturday in October..National Make A Difference Day brings community service to a whole new level each year. Alpha Kappa Chapter join forces on the fourth Saturday in October to make a difference, big or small. Alpha Kappa Chapter have taken up the banner to help their communities in ways that best fit their needs: For example our SWARD (Rosetta Davis) planning a Virtual Kick-Off the DIAPER Drive with a paper walk with donations, physical pampers donations, and Toys "U" Can't Return workshop. Others Sorors made donations to several organizations: National MS Society, Autism Speaks, and the Smile Train, (children's born. with clefts lips).

The expression of love for the members through support to help their families, neighbors, and friends thru this Pandemic and Hurricane Laura. Donations of food, water, cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers...We all have opportunities every day to change the world. In the conclusion of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month...Making Strides has always been more than just a Walk, it's a movement. Because of the Pandemic, how we unite and fight back this fall will look different but our passion to end breast cancer is the same. Whether it's fueling breast cancer research or helping patients get to treatments....Saving lives one step at a time.

"Get Into Good Trouble" Go Vote!!! In the spirit of Iota Carolyn Jones - AKC/President

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something, And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do."Edward Everett Hale



### Sister CONNECT!!!!



#### WHO'S YOUR GREEN PAL?

To embrace sisterly relations, and to provide an atmosphere of excitement and sharing, Alpha Kappa Chapter highlight a special theme and suggested wearing apparel to our virtual meeting each month of the Sorority year. Continue to keep in touch with your Green Pal often!

# A SORORS' LOVE IS STRONGER THAN HURRICANE LAURA

The devastating Hurricane, Laura brought a great deal of grief to the Lake Charles, Louisiana area and took the lives of four relatives of our very own Soror Brenda Sanders, Beta Pi Chapter. In an effort to comfort Soror Sanders, Alpha Kappa reached out to let her know we were there to support her during this period of bereavement. Continuous prayers are being extended to the Sanders Family. We shared turtley love and heartfelt condolences as a dedication to our creed... I will aid my sisters..."We Love You, Sister!".



Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Friday, Oct. 17: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 19 – Saturday, Oct. 24: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25: 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 26: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Thursday, Oct. 29: 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29: 24-hour voting at seven locations

Friday, Oct. 30: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

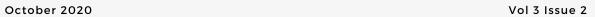
ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, Nov. 3: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.



HarrisVotes.com

## REGISTERING VOTERS ONE DOOR KNOCK AT A TIME

STAR POWER let's give it up for Soror Candace Joseph. Soror Joseph set out to register voters and her trips were not in vain. She finished her trek on Monday, October 5th and her efforts to get more than thirty new voters was phenomenal!



#### Celebrating Our:

#### FUTURE IOTA LEADER, PELATI, AND MEN OF IOTA

#### POLITICS AND THE MEN OF IOTA

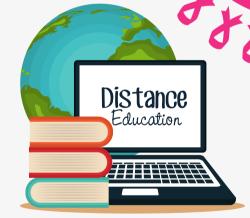
STAR POWER MOI Taylor. Soror Shondra Taylor's husband Joseph, is busily getting prepared for the most discussed Presidential Election in history. There is nothing usual about this 2020 incongruous election.

VOTE

PLEASE VOTE!!



MOI Lewis Crockett is A GUY OF MANY TALENTS! Mr. Crockett and the ladies of Alpha Kappa conducts virtual tutorials every 2nd and 4th Thursday and daily upon request.



#### SUPPORT AMAZONSMILE

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### <u>SORORS IN ACTION :</u>

#### EACH ONE REACH ONE

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH IS KEY!**

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Alpha Kappa Chapter Outreach Committee chaired by Sharon DeRouesselle came up with an ingenious plan with the Donation drop-off to Pelati Joyce Beal for the Team Gardens Early Voting sites. Each Soror had specific items to purchase and a specific drop-off time to adhere to the social distancing guidelines and keeping everyone safe.

From 3:00 p.m to4:30 p.m the three Sorors Sharon DeRouesselle Chair, Carolyn Jones Chapter President, and Linda Cannon Committee Member had 30 minutes to deliver their items on the front lawn and capture a photo before leaving. THEY CAME on time, THEY DELIVERED, and THEY LEFT!! Way to Go Team!

#### REACTIVATION: THE AK VIRTUAL WAY

Alpha Kappa Chapter hosted it's First Virtual Reactivation Event and the results were outstanding!



#### lota AK 2020 REACTIVATION

Monday, September 21 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM CT

> AK Membership Committee 713-398-8347

iotaAK75@gmail.com zoom

#### PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP PRESENTATION - SOROR ROSETTA DAVIS

ASWRD Rosetta Davis was well received with her assistance at Epsilon Sigma Chapter President's Workshop which was held via zoom Thursday September 24,2020. This is one of her three assigned chapters for mentoring. It was indeed a pleasure and honor to be invited and to serve.



# SORORS IN ACTION : <u>AK WALKING IN GREATNESS</u>

#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AT WORK FOR AK

AK Membership Committee hit the ground running after the President's Workshop "Turning the Page" with its 2nd zoom meeting with potential candidates on Tuesday September 15,2020. Step 1 of the Intake Process was to explain and share the Background Check form with the appropriate fee. The potential candidates took notice of Step 1 to move forward and the AK Membership Committee took notice that the potential candidates are willing and ready!

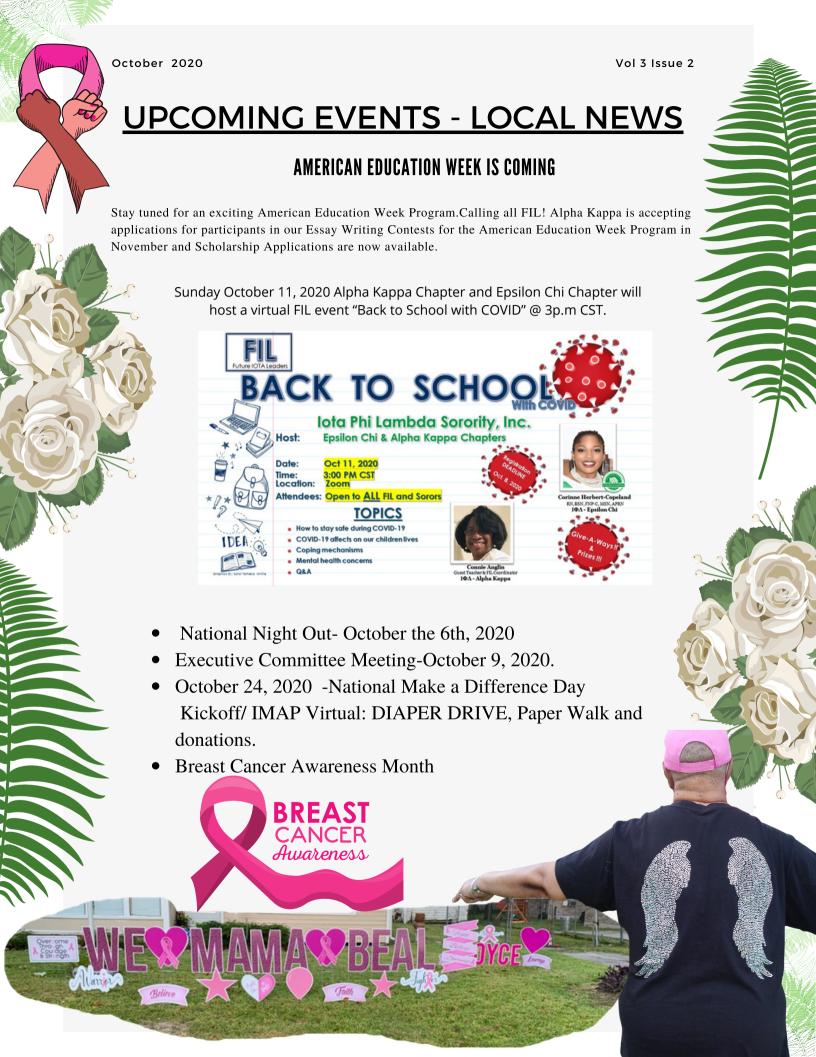


#### CATCHING UP: REACTIVATION IGNITED!!!

MEMBERSHIP: 2020 Reactivation-"Ignite Your Membership" Alpha Kappa Chapter held its first virtual meeting with a group of invited inactive Sorors on Monday September 21,2020.

Electronic evites were sent prior to the zoom invitation. Greetings by our Chapter President Carolyn Jones, Vice-President Connie Anglin and Immediate Past SWRD Linda Cannon followed by introductions and sharing of "Catching Up." Afterwards the Reactivation and Background Check forms were reviewed as well as the financial obligations. Our Dean of Intake Lillian Parker and the Membership Committee is committed in Turning the Page on Membership.





#### **REGIONAL NEWS**

October 18, 2020 - IOTA TALKS- A webinar Presentation on "Building Capacity to Lead" series continues on the following dates: November 15 and December 8

74th SWR Conference, March 26-28th, Virtual March 26-28th

#### **NATIONAL NEWS**

National Make a Difference Day Kickoff/ IMAP, Virtual Diaper Drive, Paper Walk.

Donations are accepted- October 24th

Background checks are now required. They are at a cost of \$18.00. LMPF - MASK UP Fundraiser with mask available fot \$10.00 per mask

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY & LMPF ANNOUNCES MONTH LONG FUNDRAISER - HTTPS://MAILCHI.MP/8A92C69EF65B/IOTA-PHI-LAMBDA-SORORITY-INC-LABOR-DAY-GREETINGS-4687725 MASK-UP FOR FASHION & PROTECTION

#### Evelyn D. Wilkey National Essay Application. Important Dates:

- 10/09/2020 Emailed Evelyn D. Wilkey National Essay applications to Soror for distribution to FIL's, students, family, and friends.
- 11/04/2020 Deadline date for the scholarship application to be returned to the Scholarship committee.
- 11/06/2020 Winners are selected by the Committee.
- 11/08/2020 Winners are notified.
- 11/21/2020 America Education Week Program, winners are announced.

#### 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

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