**Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.-Alpha Kappa Chapter** 

# **ALPHA KAPPA CHATS**



### President's Message









### Greetings, From The President's Desk

Greetings,

Sorors we have officially reached the end of the summer break and the start of the 2019-2020 Sorority year! I cannot express how excited I am about what's to come for our chapter (AK) as we work to build membership across the Houston area. Last Sorority year all of us came together and worked tirelessly to find better solutions that supported our programs and projects in every capacity outside of the chapter and yielded better results inside the chapter. I am happy to announce that we can finally bear witness to the fruits of our labor. We're making significant strides and gaining traction in closing achievements gaps for our Young Entrepreneurs and proving that our youth are more than capable when we all work collectively to support their academic outcomes for scholarships. Our President's Workshop was very informative, enlightening and prosperous as we focused on the charge that





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Chef Tarsha Gary gave to us "HOW BIG DO YOU WANT TO BE?" as we move forward to another successful year. We will continue to expand our visibility, community partnerships, and outreach as a gateway to build trust to connect our members: Additionally, to emphasize the importance of building a good financial foundation for future generations. We are "MOVING ON UP" sorors we are "Winners" just keep on pushing...Following these strategic priorities-maintaining and Increasing Membership, participating in all programs and projects, providing scholarships, establishing our Auxiliaries, we will expand and redefine how we serve our youth and members of the community to best achieve Alpha Kappa goals. "What you believe You can achieve." Like our Madam Regional Director says: "All Aboard" my song is.... Don't Miss that Party Train.

Best wishes for a great 2019-2020 sorority year! In the spirit of "Iota"

Tarolyn Lones

Carolyn Jones Alpha Kappa Chapter President





# Moving on Up!





### A Warm Welcome to Our New Journalist!



Sorors,

It is about that time again.....We WELCOME our new Journalist (Soror Linda Cannon-Past SWRD). We thank Soror Annie Crockett for stepping up last year as she was the back-up Journalist for Soror Denmon. Soror Crockett kept us going throughout the Sorority Year which landed us 3rd place at the 72nd SWR Conference.

Soror Cannon is waiting for your news, write-ups and pictures. Please, if you participate in any back to school drive and volunteer anywhere. Please submit your write-up along with a picture to Soror Linda Cannon. Her email is listed below.



President

#### New Journalist Response



Thank you Madam President for your introduction and your solicitation for Sorors to get Iota's News, Alpha Kappa's In and Out. I am humbled to be following in the footsteps of Soror Crockett a very renown Journalist who has carried the torch for more years than I can remember. A salute to her! I will be reaching out to her for her expertise. Thanks to Soror Pam Denmon as well. Sorors, please use the email address below when you are sending me info!

Together we can do this and I know it! Stay tuned for more on our salute to our favorite HBCU for our next meeting. Get those Tshirts, banners, pennants and any other paraphernalia ready! Your HBCU and U may be the winner!!!!!LINDA CANNON, JOURNALIST

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# **Outstanding Soror** Marlise Armstrong

Marlise Armstrong is a 12+ year strong member of Alpha Kappa Chapter. She has served as chairman of the joint Houston Chapters for Founder's Day, chapter Journalist, chapter delegate, Sergeant-at Arms, Regional Election Committee, and others. Marlise's support on the local, regional, and national level is strongly connected the golden links of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. Marlise celebrated her 85th birthday June 6th. Hats off to our "Soror of the Month Marlise Armstrong"

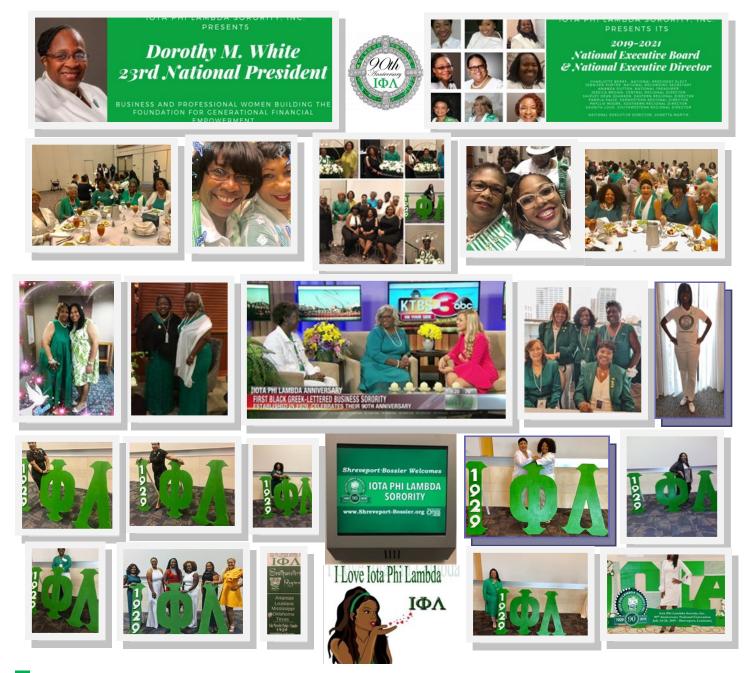




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### IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY, INC. 90TH ANNIVERSARY!

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. held its most highlighted 90th National Convention in the Southwestern Region hosted by Beta Psi Chapter, Shreveport, Louisiana. Sorors convened in Shreveport from all five regions, Eastern, Central, Far Western, Southern and Southwestern Region to take care of the business of Iota. The 90th National Convention was a success with Alpha Kappa being awarded the National Outstanding President, National Outstanding Business Month Program, National Outstanding Chapter along with many other awards.



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# FIL in Action

Former national FIL scholarship winner, Kourtney Raven, starred in an opera this summer at Lone Star College Kingwood. They performed Carmen Tenderland, Diaglogue of the Carmelites and Elisir d'more Christopher Columbus. Kourtney was the lead singer in Elisir d'more Christopher Columbus in Italian! It was a great production!

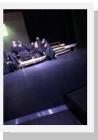














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# President's Workshop!

Despite the break from monthly meetings, the president is very busy over the summer. Planning for the upcoming sorority year takes many hours of contacting individuals who will be able to assist in setting venues, provide services relevant to the sorority year, setting committee chairs, creating excitement, increasing membership and just establishing plans for all programs and projects of Iota. This requires the entire chapter to provide input, thus the President's Workshop.

Soror Jones and her Executive Committee were responsible for setting the tone for 2019-2020. We were given "The Charge" by past Outstanding Business Entrepreneur Chef Tarsha.





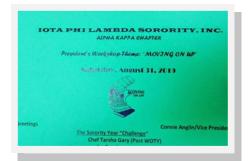






















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# Community Outreach

#### **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.















On August 10th Sorors from Alpha Kappa Chapter took part in a Community Outreach Service for youth at Sunlight Baptist Church. This event provided backpacks filled with an array of school supplies. Many social activities, games, water slides, trampolines and face painting along with refreshments was supervised by members of the sorority. Some creative faces were painted by Soror Alma Brown.

On July 20, 2019 Sorors Annie Crockett, and Madeline Crawford along with Man of Iota Lewis Crockett attended the East Harris County Empowerment Council's 2019 Anniversary Dinner and Awards Ceremony at Leon Grayson Center. FIL Kaylor Crawford and National FIL national scholarship winner Kourtney Raven volunteered to work the registration table.









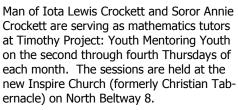


























# Planning Meeting



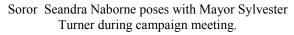
















# Alpha Kappa Birthdays

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Soror Rosetta Davis 9/29/2019 Soror Annie Crockett 9/22/2019 Soror Lillian Parker 9/16/2019 Soror Sharon Derouselle9/17/2019 Soror Renita Royal 9/2019



#### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



Soror Ruth Taylor 8/26/2019 Soror Willie Burton 8/31/2019 Soror Pamela Denmon 8/16/2019 Soror Fay Hudson 8/23/2019 Soror Joanna Lockridge 8/15/2019 Soror Hope Denmon 8/30/2019



#### JULY BIRTHDAYS



Soror Connie Anglin 7/30/2019 Soror Marion Godine 7/23/2019 Soror Bobbie Ammons 7/27/2019 Soror Elwanda Conway 7/24/2019



### What's Coming Locally?

 $\hfill\Box$  CHAPTER MEETING -September 28th, 10:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Alice McKean Young Library (THE NEW LIBRARY) 5107 Griggs Rd.

☐ CHAPTER DUES - Did you know you can start paying on your 2020 dues at this time? The financial team is ready to accept your payment.

□ GREEN PAL - Don't forget your Green Pal: September - Card....October - Favorite Food......November- E-mail or Thanksgiving Card.....December - Gift...

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"Moving On Up"

### What's Coming Regionally?



Affirming the Legacy, Bonding in Sisterhood, Committing to Business and Developing Leaders"

### What's Coming Nationally?



<sup>&</sup>quot;Business and Professional Women Building the Foundation for Generational Financial Empowerment"



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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 o 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

