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Inaugural Issue is Here!

Sorors,

Happy 2026! Welcome to the first edition of the Beta Xi Chapter monthly newsletter. Please provide news items, committee announcements, calendar events, reminders, photos, etc. that you would like to share with the section.

I need your information as an email (rebekahmcloud@yahoo.com) or text (407-970-6407) by the 10th of each month. A few things to remember:

- If you send a document, please make it a Word document, not a .pdf or Google Doc.
- Flyers, ads, etc. may be sent as a .pdf.
- If you send photos, please send as a .jpeg.

The newsletter will be distributed electronically by the end of each month. Again, items are due by the 10th of every month. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance.

Sorors, this is our newsletter. We appreciate your input and assistance to help make this a successful venture for our chapter!

Looking forward to serving you,
Soror Rebekah & Soror Lancaster

"Beta Xi On Fire as We Lead, Support, Strengthen and Celebrate Our Teachers, Our Community and Our Sisterhood"



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Kwanzaa Celebration 2025



By: Basileus Alice J. Gordon

The Kwanzaa celebration was held at the Heart of West Lakes on Tuesday, December, 30, 2025. It was a HUGE success. Thanks to Sorors Lynch-Booker and McCaskill and your committee for your vision, leadership, and execution. Thanks to everyone who helped us to have an outstanding meal and amazing attendance----(49 + Soror Monroe who stopped in).

The Kwanzaa Program included a Kwanzaa Greeting by Soror Carmen Lynch-Booker, Karuma Feast Prayer by Basileus Alice Gordon, Karuma Feast, Kwanzaa History by Soror Zelda Jones, poem "I Lift the Light" by Donique Rolle, Kwanzaa Read & Response/Seven Principles of Kwanzaa and Lighting of the Candles (Sorors Carmen Lynch-Booker, Nikita McCaskill, Shun Crockett-Carswell, Rebekah McCloud, Patti Moore, Tameka Cox, and Amozene Lambert), Kwanzaa Activity (Urban Trivia Game cards) and the closing of Kwanzaa Celebration by Soror Carmen Lynch-Booker.



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National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.,
Beta Xi Chapter Orlando, FL
presents

*Academic Issues
&
Current Trends in Education*

Please join us as a well known Guest Speaker share
information on how to help our youth succeed in school.
A delicious Lunch will be served immediately following
the program.

Guest Speaker



Dr. Joseph Webster
"National Known Speaker,"
Community Leader, Author, Educator and an
Experienced Top Rated Health Care Provider

JANUARY 24 AT 11:30 AM

LIFT ORLANDO, INC. HEART OF WEST LAKES
710 SOUTH TAMPA AVE, SUITE #209
ORLANDO, FL. 32805

NOREEN E. LITTLE: SUPREME BASILEUS
BONITA DURRAH: SOUTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR
ALICE GORDON: BETA XI CHAPTER PRESIDENT
PATTI MOORE: CHAIRPERSON



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Beta Xi Chapter 2026 Black History Month Celebration

By: Soror Rose Cooper

The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. Black History theme for year 2026 is “A Century of Black History Commemorations”. This theme honors the 100th anniversary of the Negro History Week, founded in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. We will explore the impact and meaning of a century of Black History celebrations, from 1926 to modern-day. The context is to emphasize the continued necessity of telling an accurate, inclusive history, particularly in the face of efforts to restrict Black History in education. The Beta Xi Chapter will celebrate the memory of Black History Week and the “Fishbowl Experience” of the 1960’s. The celebration will take place after the February Chapter Meeting, February 28, 2026, at the Heart of West Lakes, 710 S Tampa Ave., Orlando, FL 32805.



Thank you for ALLLLL of the support you will render for this National Program. WE should be reading and encouraging our families, students, churches, etc. all to join us. Please print a form and have your village of connections to sign. Please send all forms to Sorors Felicia Chambers and Erica Hooks as they are our chairs for Read Across NSPDK, INC. The report is due to the Regional Chair in February. Appreciative, Basileus Gordon.



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Southwest Region

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated
"To Foster a Spirit of Sisterhood Among Teachers and to Promote the Highest Ideals of the Teaching Profession"



BLACK HISTORY

Southwest Region
 Epsilon Delta Chapter - Lawton, OK **presents:**

TEACH-A-RAMA:

"ChatGPT, AI, and Black History"

Thursday, January 22, 2026
7:00 PM | ZOOM

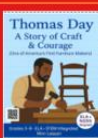
Soror Kimberly Jones, Facilitator - Epsilon Delta Chapter

Please visit
The Windowless Classroom
YouTube Channel
prior to the meeting!
Click the links below the picture!



Teach-a-Rama Meeting Link

ChatGPT, AI, and Black History Zoom Link



Windowless Classroom:
Thomas Day - YouTube



Elizabeth Keckley featured in the
"Windowless Classroom"

All Chapters are invited!



Dr. Cheryl Monts, Southwest Regional Director
Marian Wilson, Member-at-Large
Janet Hamilton, Basileus, Epsilon Delta Chapter
Noreen Little, Supreme Basileus

Plan to join the Southwest Region for its Teach-A-Rama.

[Link - Windowless Classroom Thomas Day - Youtube](#)

[Link - Elizabeth Keckley featured in the "Windowless Classroom"](#)

[Link - CLICK HERE TO JOIN - TEACH-A-RAMA](#)



Orlando Union Rescue Mission service is every second Wednesday (4:30-6:00). Contact Soror Rose Cooper for more information.

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Second Sunday Prayer is at 7:00pm. Check your email and the Beta Xi Chapter text chat for the link.

ΦΔΚ

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Support the Gift of Teaching Luncheon

By: Soror Lillian Lancaster

You are invited to show your support for education while advertising your business, organization, or giving a congratulatory message to an educator(s) in our souvenir booklet for the 2026 “Celebrating the Gift of Teaching” Luncheon. Celebrating the Gift of Teaching Luncheon is an annual event, sponsored by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Incorporated to celebrate and pay tribute to the many professionals who have dedicated themselves to educating America’s youth.

It is a time we recognize outstanding teachers, administrators and supporters of education in our community in order to promote the teaching profession and to inspire greatness in classrooms so “All children are learning and achieving.” The luncheon will be held April 25, 2026, 11:30am at Shiloh Baptist Church Life Center, 580 West Jackson Street, Orlando 32805. Tickets are \$60.00 per person. Proceeds benefit our scholarship program and literacy projects. Ads and patron prices are as follow:

Full Page.....\$115.00

½ Page..... \$65.00

¼ Page..... \$40.00

Business Card.....\$30.00

Patron-----\$20

Please email copy ready ad to lancasterlw@aol.com by February 1, 2026. Make check payable to NSPDK, Beta Xi Chapter.



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The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.
Beta Xi Chapter
Orlando, Florida
National Emphasis: "Pursuit of Excellence: A Challenge to Fulfill"



Meeting Schedule for Sororal Year 2025 - 2026

Basileus Alice J. Gordon

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING **	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2026	JANUARY 24, 2026
FEBRUARY 23	FEBRUARY 28
MARCH 23	MARCH 28
	GOT at Shiloh Baptist Church
APRIL 20	APRIL 25
MAY 18	MAY 23
JUNE 22	JUNE 27
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY	REFRESH, RELAX, REJUVENATE
SUMMER PLANNING MEETING	August 22, 2026 (Pending SER Summer Retreat)
MON. SEPTEMBER 21	SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
OCTOBER 19	OCTOBER 24

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Beta Xi Chapter Programming January-June 2026

JANUARY	ACADEMIC ISSUES & CURRENT TRENDS / VITAL POLITICAL ISSUES, MLK DAY OF SERVICE & ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE (3 - 5 Members)
FEBRUARY	WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH (1st WEEK), HIV/ AIDS AWARENESS, DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY PROGRAM & APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMITTEE
MARCH	YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK (last week in March), SLATE OF OFFICERS PRESENTED FOR VOTING, READ ACROSS AMERICA (READ ACROSS NSPDK) & RECRUIT XINOS / KUDOS
APRIL	SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN TENNESSEE / APRIL 9-12, 2026, NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, & GIFT OF TEACHING LUNCHEON
MAY	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 2-6), FOUNDER'S DAY & HYPERTENSION EDUC MTH/ NAT'L STROKE AWARENESS MTH
JUNE	NSPDK, INC. SOUTHEAST REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 11-14, 2026, INSTALLATION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS & YEAR END ACTIVITIES

Nominations & Elections Update

We will elect officers in 2026 for: Basileus, 2nd Anti, Grammateus, Tamias, Editor of the Krinon, and Member at Large. The Executive Advisor shall be the immediate past Basileus. Please let it be known that you would be willing to be on the slate. The elections committee will be appointed in February and the slate of officers will be presented for voting in March.

Next Chapter Meeting

Our next Beta Xi Chapter meeting is Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:00am at the Heart of West Lakes, 710 S Tampa Ave., Orlando, FL 32805.



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Beta Xi Chapter Serves Orlando Community

By Dr. Rebekah McCloud

Orlando—The Beta Xi Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK, Inc.) has been busy serving the Orlando Community. During American Education Week, the Beta Xi Chapter



supported its partners in education by donating school supplies to the NOBLE Knights book store at Ivey Lane Elementary School. The sorority also donated art supplies to Thomas Leadership Academy. Both schools were given bookmarks that the children could color. Dr. Cheryllynn Thomas, Founder/CEO of Thomas Leadership Academy, had this to say. “We are deeply grateful to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc. (NSPDK, Inc.) Beta Xi Chapter, for their generous support of Thomas

Leadership Academy. Through their commitment to education, youth development, and service, NSPDK, Inc.’s donation empowers our scholars to thrive academically, grow as leaders, and pursue their highest potential. Their partnership strengthens our mission to ignite purpose and cultivate tomorrow’s leaders. Their continued commitment is a testament to their unwavering dedication to education.”

The Beta Xi Chapter also donated hygiene supplies to Harbor House and more than 200 books and 400 pairs of socks to the Orlando Union Rescue Mission.

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The sorority volunteers monthly at the Mission. Additionally, the Beta Xi Chapter recently partnered with the Orange County

Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to provide books to the “unhoused community.” The Beta Xi Chapter will continue to serve the community in 2026! NSPDK, Inc. was founded in 1923. The purpose of the sorority is to stimulate personal growth

among teachers, to foster a true spirit of sisterhood, to promote the highest ideals of the teaching profession, and to encourage the development of the potential of our youth.

Business Spotlight Corner

By: Dr. Deborah Daniels



My business is ABIDE Consulting Services LLC. *A.B.I.D.E. Consulting Services* is the brainchild and project of passion founded by Dr. Deborah Daniels Calhoun. A.B.I.D.E. Consulting Services was launched in 2020 after a 35-year career of education, leadership, and educational coaching. The purpose of A.B.I.D.E.



is to empower leaders to realize, actualize, and embrace their potential as transformative educators, then launch them

into greater opportunities to lead and serve. Please click on the link below to go to our contact page: <https://www.abideconsultingservices.com/contact>. Scroll down, fill out, and submit the form, if you need a motivational speaker, Coach, Retreat Presenter, or Mentor. Thank you.

If you have a business you would like us to highlight, send the information to Soror Rebekah McCloud at rebekahmccloud@yahoo.com. We will put it in a future edition of the newsletter.



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Beta Xi Hospitality List

By: Soror Patti Moore

The January Hospitality Hostesses will provide a delicious lunch after our January Chapter Meeting and for the YES program we present at that time. On January 24th we will present the Academic Issues and Current Trends in Education Program and guests are invited to attend. We also celebrate and honor the Rev Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and legacy by serving "A Meal Fit for a King!"

January Hospitality List:

(January 24, 2026)

Patti Moore - Lead

Dr. Clara Walters - Lead

Mildred Wilkerson

Lillian Lancaster

Tanya Burns

Delores Morris

Hilda Adams

Mattie Johnson

Helen Green

Michelle Jones - Lead

Dr. Monica Gordon

Gorsha Galbraith

May Hospitality List

(May 24, 2026)

Hazel Brown

Carman Lamar-Canady

Rose Cooper- Lead

Deborah Daniels

Erica Hooks- Lead

Doris Jackson- Lead

Cherry Jones

Bertha McGraw

Valerie Peebles-Tomlinson

Sonya Poteat

Deshelia Rumph

Rita Rumph

Brittany Smith

Willie Woods-Means



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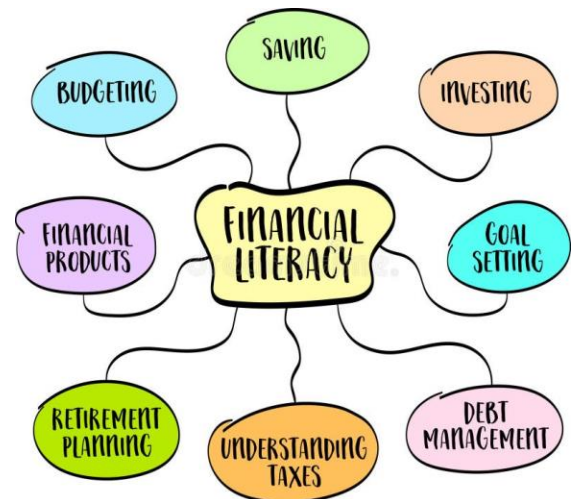
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Spotlight on Financial Literacy & Economic Empowerment

Effective financial literacy focuses on several core areas essential to manage money, build stability and wealth, and close the racial wealth gap. It is vital to have a solid basic understanding of your income, expenses, and management of both.

- Income and expenses
 - Earning
 - Consuming
 - Budgeting
 - Saving
 - Investing
 - Insuring
- Borrowing & Debt Management
 - How to use a bank account
 - Understanding your credit report
 - How to deal with a financial challenge
 - How to create and maintain an emergency fund



Learning as much as you can will build financial literacy which may lead to generational wealth. Here are a few books by Black Authors/Creators.

- ***Earn Your Leisure***: A popular podcast covering entrepreneurship, business strategy, and wealth-building.
- ***Get Good with Money* by Tiffany Aliche**: A practical guide to creating a personalized money management system.
- ***The Wealth Choice* by Dr. Dennis Kimbro**: Chronicles the success secrets and strategies of Black millionaires.
- ***The Black Tax* by Shawn Rochester**: Examines the financial cost of being Black in America.

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A poster for the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Incorporated Southeast Region 59th Conference. The top half features a night view of the Memphis skyline with the Pyramid of Giza and the AT&T Building. The text reads: 'NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED SOUTHEAST REGION 59TH CONFERENCE', 'The Crown of Knowledge:', and 'Cultivating Excellence in Education'. The bottom half is a red banner with white text listing the host, location, dates, and a list of officers. A small yellow triangle logo is in the top left corner. A vertical strip of five small images is on the right side.

NATIONAL SORORITY OF PHI DELTA KAPPA, INCORPORATED
SOUTHEAST REGION 59TH CONFERENCE
"The Crown of Knowledge:"
Cultivating Excellence in Education™

Host, Beta Eta Chapter - Memphis, Tennessee
Hilton Memphis Hotel
939 Ridge Lake Boulevard
Memphis, TN 38120
April 9-12, 2026

Bonita G. Durrah, Regional Director
Felicia Ingram, Member-at-Large
Mary Helen Sinclair, Chapter Basileus
Rose Anderson, Regional Coordinator
Yvonne B. Acey, Chapter Coordinator
Ruby Renfro, Chapter Coordinator
Doris McKinney, Chapter Coordinator
Noreen Little, Supreme Basileus

Please Note

Only registered Sorors may attend regional events.

Regular registration fee is \$350 and must be received by Saturday, February 28, 2026.

Late registration fee is \$375 and must be received by Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Only chapter checks and money orders will be accepted.

