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#### **ABSTRACT**

This history reflects the timeless service and commitment of the members of Alpha Omega Chapter compiled during three distinct periods in the life of the chapter from 1917 to the present day. The first formally written history of Alpha Omega Chapter was published in 1957 to reflect, as identified in the preface as "the indispensable factors in the perpetuation of the ideals of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, to provide for the demands of those members who wish to review its significant history." The History Committee which authored that history compiled information from personal recollections and memoranda of members, some of whom where affiliated with the chapter from its inception as well as documentary evidence from published media accounts, and chapter, regional and national sorority records.

The 1998 Heritage Committee decided to write the continuing story of Alpha Omega's legacy of timeless service from 1958-1998. Using similar research methods the Committee members read official Chapter reports, membership rosters and newsletters found in the chapter archives and reviewed other documentary evidence such as scrapbooks, photographs, and newspaper clippings. They reviewed programs of Boules, Leadership conferences, Regionals, Cluster meetings and special events. The Committee interviewed former basilei to gather pertinent information about their respective administrations. They also had the benefit of the videotaped oral histories of Alpha Omega's Golden members and former basilei. All available issues of the *Ivy Leaf* were re-read.

This portion of the history was not formally published, but the data was formatted and augmented through 2006 as a labor of love by Member Ebraska Ceasor a former basileus and chapter historian. The drive to publish a formal history of the chapter was revived as the chapter looked towards celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. The Timeless History initiative has provided a framework for completion of our history. The committee created a template to gather additional data from former Chapter Basilei about the highpoints of their administrations through 2013 and reviewed similar documentary evidence as had previous committees to bring this project to closure.

We hope this history reflects the love and committed service of the members of Alpha Omega Chapter to the ideals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The Committee appreciates the labor of love of each generation of historians who have contributed to this history. Special thanks go to the members of Alpha Omega who loaned photos, personal files, and memorabilia that aided in the completion of this task. We are also grateful to those members at each stage of the process for typing, proofreading and assisting in the compilation of the manuscript.

1. The History of Alpha Omega Chapter Of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, 1957 page 4.

# ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER TIMELESS HISTORY AD HOC COMMITTEE

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# The Founding

The Graduate Chapter, Eta Chapter, began with five young ladies. All but one attended Western Reserve University. They were, Mrs. Blanche Johnson, Miss Ruth Dean Lee, Mrs. Lucretia Grant Shumake, Dr. Clemence Green, Dr. Edwardina Grant and Mrs. Inez Fairfax. Eta Chapter was the first Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. These young ladies organized Eta Chapter so efficiently that soon the chapter began to be recognized. Initially called the Women's College Club, it received its charter of membership into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority on December 1, 1917 from Member Nellie Quander. Eta Chapter was invited to attend the Boule in Chicago, in which they accepted. The Boule was held December 27- 29, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois. At the Boule they learned the Sorority had not been that active and so the Boule was a very informal meeting and there was no program. Eta Chapter members soon discovered they were the only Chapter to have power within the Boule, since only Powers of Boule is given. Annual dues were \$5.00. The next Boule was scheduled to be in Cleveland, Ohio.

# **Growth and Development**

Eta Chapter grew and the members were very active, with unity and sisterly love. They adopted a Constitution and their motto was, "Not For Ourselves but For Others". Eta Chapter became Alpha Omega Chapter in 1922. The name was changed because most of the Greek alphabet had been used because there was an increase in Graduate Chapters. Also, the 1921 Boule stipulated that Graduate Chapters had to have "Omega" combined with the other alphabets in their regular order. So, as a result Eta Chapter became Alpha Omega Chapter.

Omega Chapter was formed after the Graduate Chapter. A group of thirteen young ladies came together and were initiated by Alpha Omega with the assistance of the National President, Member Pauline Simms-Puryear, in December 1925. These young ladies were then presented to society with a debutante ball to over 300 guests on February 13, 1926 at Criterion Hall. These young ladies were from Western Reserve University, Oberlin College and Cleveland College. Initially, the chapter meetings were being held from house to house. As the membership grew, the meetings were moved to Mt. Zion Congregational Church.

Alpha Omega became very active in the community and recognizable and the membership grew and Mt. Zion Congregational Church was no longer able to hold the growing numbers. The meetings were then moved to the YMCA on Cedar Road.

#### **Vocational Guidance**

Vocational guidance became one of the most important signature programs of Alpha Omega. Members recognized that the schools and young girls' families could not provide all of the guidance necessary to help young girls be productive citizens of their community. Members were paired with young girls and they spent time with them and visited their homes to encourage parental support. The problems of these young ladies were enormous so the chapter sought help from the Urban League and the Future Outlook League. Alpha Omega began working earnestly to get names of every African-American young lady in schools and helped them develop vocational goals for post high school. Alpha Omega sought Scholarship programs and sought to give scholarship money to the young girls.

#### **Civic Consciousness**

Alpha Omega members were involved in supplying WWII soldiers with comfort bags. Each member contributed monetarily to supply soldiers with comfort bags at a cost of \$0.16 per member. Alpha Omega chapter members understood the importance of giving leadership in the community. Alpha Omega began to seek new avenues of service to all Mankind. The following are some of the activities:

Fundraising for Clarence Darrow Sweet Case – to help Clarence Darrow in his defense

Interracial Committee of Women's International League for Peace; Great Depression Food Drive; The School Milk Drive Project; NAACP; Phyllis Wheatley – Camperships for Youth; YWCA; Future Outlook League – Funds were donated; Infantile Paralysis Fund at Tuskegee University; Cancer Fund; Negro College Fund; Arthritic – Rheumatism Fund.

A record was set for raising funds for the NAACP by Members L. Pearl Mitchell and Marjorie W. Turner. They obtained 780 memberships and raised \$2, 425.00 from Alpha Omega members. The chapter understood the importance of supporting the NAACP at this time and committed to paying for a Lifetime Membership over a 5 year period. Alpha Omega members recognized the importance in helping out in the World War II effort that was happening across the country. Alpha Omega members went overseas to Europe and Korea to serve in the war effort. Health became an Alpha Kappa Alpha initiative that members took a major leading role. They conducted health seminars of various disciplines and held screenings in communities throughout the nation.

# **High Points of Cleveland Boules**

The city of Cleveland has played host to many of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Boules in the past. Eta Chapter hosted the 1920 Boule. Member L. Pearl Mitchell was Basileus when Cleveland hosted the 1927 Boule. This Boule's primary concern was revising our Constitution. At this Boule, the first Foreign Fellowship was granted and the recipient was Member Ethel Harris

Grubbs. Alpha Omega Chapter actively participated in the Boule by submitting recommendations to be considered. Alpha Omega Chapter was featured in the next publication of the *Ivy Leaf* as having hosted a Boule to remember. The 1947 Boule was hosted in Cleveland, Ohio with Supreme Basileus Winona Reynolds presiding. At this Boule, Alpha Omega made a historic recommendation that Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, the wife of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States of America and Mme.Vijaya Lakshmi Pandidt, former Indian Ambassador to the United States and the sister of India's Prime Minister Nehru be made Honorary Members. During this Boule, the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. mingled with the fraternities of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. At the 1950 Boule, it was determined that the next Boule would be held in Cleveland, Ohio to the chagrin of Alpha Omega members. This presented a financial problem for the members of Alpha Omega Chapter, but taking a leadership position, Alpha Omega came through to give one of the most memorable Boules, once again with the help of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. The Boule pledged to aid financially with a generous \$1,000.00 advance. At this Boule, Alpha Omega Chapter also celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

with special guest performer, internationally recognized Member Lois Towles, concert pianist and Parisian model.

# **Great Lakes Regional Conferences**

The Sixth Great Lakes Regional Conference was held in Cleveland under the direction of Supreme Basileus Beulah T. Whitby. In attendance was 90 Members visiting from 18 of the 23 Chapters in the Region. There were many events from luncheons to interpretive dancing by The Ivyettes. There was an agreement to support the Bank-Head-Jones Bill, to support the educational plans of the NAACP and the Scottsboro Boys' Defense Fund. Two memorable features of this boule was the Memorial Service for departed Members during the year and the Reconsecration of Vows for service to the ideas and principles of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The Twenty-Sixth Great Lakes Regional Conference was held from April 26-28, 1957. Approximately 300 Members participated at this Conference. Joint affairs were held with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Member Louise Jones, *Ivy Leaf* Reporter of Alpha Omega, described the Conference as follows: The Honorable Perry B. Jackson, Municipal Court Judge and President of the Cleveland Church Federation spoke on Voluntary and Involuntary Segregated Churches. Following the morning session, Member L. Pearl Mitchell led an Ivy Beyond The Wall Ceremony. There was an invitation from Toledo, Ohio to host the 1958 Great Lakes Regional Conference and was accepted. At the Banquet, a climaxing moment came when former Great Lakes Regional Directors were awarded cups. Members L. Pearl Mitchell and Laura T. Lovelace presented their own cups. The L. Pearl Mitchell Cup went to the Undergraduate Chapter that exemplified scholarship and service and was won by Beta Xi, Central State College, and Zeta, Wilberforce, Ohio. The Laura T. Lovelace Cup went to an individual Member in the Great Lakes Region whose achievements had been most outstanding. Member Zelma George was awarded the cup. The Beulah T. Whitby Cup was awarded to the Graduate Chapter having performed the greatest of service. It was awarded to Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter of Toledo, Ohio.

# **AKA International Historical Perspective for Timeless Histories**

# ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED A Legacy of Sisterhood and Timeless Service

Confined to what she called "a small circumscribed life" in the segregated and male-dominated milieu that characterized the early 1900s, Howard University co-ed Ethel Hedgeman dreamed of creating a support network for women with like minds coming together for mutual uplift, and coalescing their talents and strengths for the benefit of others. In 1908, her vision crystallized as Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first Negro Greek-letter sorority. Five years later (1913), lead incorporator Nellie Quander ensured Alpha Kappa Alpha's perpetuity through incorporation in the District of Columbia.

Together with eight other coeds at the mecca for Negro education, Hedgeman crafted a design that not only fostered interaction, stimulation, and ethical growth among members; but also provided hope for the masses. From the core group of nine at Howard, AKA has grown into a force of more than 265,000 collegiate members and alumnae, constituting 972 chapters in 42 states, the District of Columbia, the US Virgin Islands, the Bahamas, Germany, South Korea, Japan, Liberia, and Canada.

Because they believed that Negro college women represented "the highest—more education, more enlightenment, and more of almost everything that the great mass of Negroes never had— Hedgeman and her cohorts worked to honor what she called "an everlasting debt to raise them (Negroes) up and to make them better." For more than a century, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sisterhood has fulfilled that obligation by becoming an indomitable force for good in their communities, state, nation, and the world.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha program today still reflects the communal consciousness steeped in the AKA tradition and embodied in AKA's credo, "To be supreme in service to all mankind." Cultural awareness and social advocacy marked Alpha Kappa Alpha's infancy, but within one year (1914) of acquiring corporate status, AKA had also made its mark on education, establishing a scholarship award. The programming was a prelude to the thousands of pioneering and enduring initiatives that eventually defined the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand.

Through the years, Alpha Kappa Alpha has used the Sisterhood as a grand lever to raise the status of African-Americans, particularly girls and women. AKA has enriched minds and encouraged life-long learning; provided aid for the poor, the sick, and underserved; initiated social action to advance human and civil rights; worked collaboratively with other groups to maximize outreach on progressive endeavors; and continually produced leaders to continue its credo of service.

Guided by twenty-eight international presidents from Nellie M. Quander (1913-1919) to Carolyn House Stewart (2010-2014), with reinforcement from a professional headquarters staff since 1949; AKA's corps of volunteers has instituted groundbreaking social action initiatives and social service programs that have timelessly transformed communities for the better—continually emitting progress in cities, states, the nation, and the world.

#### **Signature Program Initiatives**

2000s—Launched Emerging Young Leaders, a bold move to prepare 10,000 girls in grades 6-8 to excel as young leaders equipped to respond to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century; initiated homage for civil rights milestones by honoring the Little Rock Nine's 1957 desegregation of Central High (Little Rock, Ar.) following the Supreme Court's 1954 decision declaring segregated schools unconstitutional; donated \$1 million to Howard University to fund scholarships and preserve Black culture (2008); strengthened the reading skills of 16,000 children through a \$1.5 million after school demonstration project in low-performing, economically deprived, inner city schools (2002); and improved the quality of life for people of African descent through continuation of aid to African countries.

**1990s**—Built 10 schools in South Africa (1998); added the largest number of minorities to the National Bone Marrow Registry (1996); Became first civilian organization to create memorial to World War II unsung hero Dorie Miller (1991).

1980s—Adopted more than 27 African villages, earning Africare's 1986 Distinguished Service Award; encouraged awareness of and participation in the nation's affairs, registering more than 350, 000 new voters; and established the Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation (1981), a multi-million dollar entity that annually awards more than \$100,000 in scholarships, grants, and fellowships.

1970's—Was only sorority to be named an inaugural member of Operation Big Vote (1979); completed pledge of one-half million to the United Negro College Fund (1976); and purchased Dr. Martin Luther King's boyhood home for the MLK Center for Social Change (1972).

1960s—Sponsored inaugural Domestic Travel Tour, a one-week cultural excursion for 30 high school students (1969); launched a "Heritage Series" on African-American achievers (1965); and emerged as the first women's group to win a grant to operate a federal job corps center (1965), preparing youth 16-21 to function in a highly competitive economy.

1950s—Promoted investing in Black businesses by depositing initial \$38,000 for AKA

Investment Fund with the first and only Negro firm on Wall Street (1958). Spurred Sickle Cell

Disease research and education with grants to Howard Hospital and publication of *The Sickle Cell Story* (1958).

**1940s**—Invited other Greek-letter organizations to come together to establish the American Council on Human Rights to empower racial uplift and economic development (1948); Acquired observer status from the United Nations (1946); and challenged the absence of people of color from pictorial images used by the government to portray Americans (1944).

1930s—Became first organization to take out NAACP life membership (1939); Created nation's first Congressional lobby that impacted legislation on issues ranging from decent living conditions and jobs to lynching (1938); and established the nation's first mobile health clinic, providing relief to 15,000 Negroes plagued by famine and disease in the Mississippi Delta (1935).

1920s—Worked to dispel notions that Negroes were unfit for certain professions, and guided Negroes in avoiding career mistakes (1923); pushed anti-lynching legislation (1921).

**1900s**—Promoted Negro culture and encouraged social action through presentation of Negro artists and social justice advocates, including elocutionist Nathaniel Guy, Hull House founder Jane Addams, and U. S. Congressman Martin Madden (1908-1915). Established the first organizational scholarship at Howard University (1914).

Earnestine Green McNealey, Ph.D., AKA HistorianAugust 2013

# **Great Lakes Region Historical Perspective for Timeless Histories**

**Great Lakes Region** 

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Superior Waters, Timeless Service: A History of the Great Lakes Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

I was leaving the South

To fling myself into the unknown....

I was taking a part of the South

To transplant in alien soil,

To see if it could grow differently.

If it could drink of new and cool rains,

Bend in strange winds,

Respond to the warmth of other suns

And, perhaps, to bloom.

Richard Wright, Black Boy (New York: HarperCollins, 1993)

A Haitian Proverb states "Dèyè mòn gen mòn", Beyond mountains there are mountains. This fitting phrase depicts the "Great" Great Lakes Region and its relationship to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Beyond a great institution is a great region composed of great chapters. Set against the backdrop of the Great Migration, Alpha Kappa Alpha and its Great Lakes Region are products of the hopes and dreams of millions of African Americans who changed the course of history, transforming every community in which it put down roots.

The chapters of the Great Lakes Region have been exemplars of "service to all mankind" from the sorority's inception in 1908 to the chartering of the first chapter in the region, Zeta Chapter, to the latest chapter's chartering, Psi Kappa Omega. The wealth of benevolence, philanthropy, good-will, professionalism and leadership are highlighted in the history of each chapter over the last eighty-nine (89) years.

The Great Lakes is notable for strides in civil rights, equality and justice for all Americans, but especially African-Americans. It was one the northern most destinations for the Underground Railroad and later the seat of prosperity during the Great Migration following the Civil War. For Alpha Kappa Alpha, it was the home of Rosa Parks, mother of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's, and the Cleveland Job Corp for over 30 years. Many African-Americans attribute their job training and advancement to the skills learned at the Cleveland Job Corp. We are blessed with political leaders, at all levels, who are AKAs

making a difference in our states and regional government.

Chapters of the Great Lakes serve their communities through such activities as Read-in for African-American children, IVY Academy, Young Authors programs, On-Track, and Emerging Young Leaders. The Partnership in Math and Science (PIMS) is an exemplary program designed to prepare our youth to be technologically competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our many non-profit 501©3 foundations monitor the pulse of our communities and award thousands of dollars in assistance to the neediest among us as well as the most talented. Internationally, the Great Lakes Region was among the firsts to embrace the Africare (adopt a village) Project, African Peanut Butter Project, Heifer International and Shoeboxes for Africa Project as well as responding to international disaster relief.

Further, we address the needs of adults in our communities through clothing and food drives for women's shelters, coats for homeless, money management workshops, computer literacy workshops, health fairs and "food for the soul." Thousands of miles have been walked to raise money for kidney disease, breast cancer, Alzheimer's, juvenile asthma, and diabetes research.

There are ninety-seven Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapters located in Michigan, Western New York, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia comprising the AKA Great Lakes Region. The Region's first Undergraduate Chapter was Zeta, chartered in 1916 at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Alpha Omega, the Sorority's first graduate Chapter was chartered as Eta Chapter in 1917 on the campus of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. The name was changed in 1922. Psi Kappa Omega, Battle Creek, Michigan, chartered February 7, 2009 is the Region's newest chapter.

Known as the "cradle of National Leadership" for the sorority, the Great Lakes Region has hosted eleven (11) National Boules since 1920: Cleveland, Ohio -1920, 1927, 1947, 1952, Columbus, Ohio -1926, Cincinnati, Ohio - 1931, 1959 and Detroit, Michigan - 1938, 1962, 1986, and 2006. The region has 27 Regional Directors, six of whom served Alpha Kappa Alpha as National Presidents.

The region began in 1924, initially as the North Central Region comprised of Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Today, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania, and Western New York make up the Great Lakes Region. The First Regional Director, L. Pearl Mitchell held the First Regional Conference in 1931. In 1976, the Cluster Concept, which is now a sorority-wide event, was formed in Lansing, Michigan. It began as a Tri-Community Founders' Day Celebration. The official recognition of the contributions of 50 years of membership and service, "the golden crown", was also born in the Great Lakes Region.

Our region's story mirrors the struggles and gains of women and Blacks in our country evidenced by the move of our conferences from community housing to mainstream hotels. The intrepid women who have led the Great Lakes Region as Regional Directors also made their mark as pioneers in their careers and communities while serving Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

Since 2010, led by Regional Director Charlene Truitt Nelson, the Great Lakes Region has distinguished itself in implementing the *Global Leadership through Timeless Service Program Initiatives*. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive years, the Great Lakes Region was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place for medium sized regions for

contributions to the Educational Advancement Foundation, totaling more than \$50,000. In January 2013, the marker dedication for Founders Sara Merriweather Nutter and Lavina Norman was held in West Virginia. This reflects the Region's dedication to preserving Alpha Kappa Alpha history and assuring it will be available for generations to come.

Great Lakes Members, through the years, have rendered unwavering support of Alpha Kappa Alpha programs. The proud history of the Great Lakes Region is built on the celebrated work ethic of members in the region and their intense love for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority --- the pride, the tenacity, the sisterliness, the leadership, the firsts among firsts, and the love. "Great" only begins to scratch the surface of what the Great Lakes Region really is!

--Octavia Walters Cabey, Great Lakes Region Editor

August 2013

# **Alpha Omega Chapter Perspective for Timeless Histories**

Alpha Omega Chapter
Great Lakes Region
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

First Among Many: A Legacy of Timeless Service

Over ninety-seven years have passed since the founding of Alpha Omega Chapter by a group of college women residing in Cleveland, Ohio. During these years, the ideals and aspirations of the women of Alphas Omega Chapter have built a legacy of timeless service to our local community, our region and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority as a whole.

Since its inception considerable ground has been gained. Building upon the initiative of Alpha Omega Chapter hundreds of graduate chapters have been planted nationally and internationally resulting in the significant growth of Alpha Kappa Alpha as an international leader in service to all mankind. Paralleling the growth in structure and stature internationally has been a growth in membership and diversity of service initiatives in Alpha Omega. In 1917, there were 7 members; thirty years later the membership had risen to 88 active members. As the chapter approaches its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary membership exceeds 360 making it one of the largest chapters in Alpha Kappa Sorority.

Prior to 1942, most members seem to have entered the educational and social work fields, but increasingly our membership reflects the diversity of employment opportunities in business and professional careers open to women in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This shift in the nature and structure of Chapter life reflects, rather well, the change which has taken place in the African American community as a whole.

During the earlier days Alpha Omega's emphasis tended towards literary and scholastic attainments, as well as social gatherings. In fact, Alpha Omega was the first graduate chapter to establish a scholarship fund in 1921. In the 1940's and 1950's Alpha Omega focused on health and human services issues with members volunteering in the Mississippi Health project; becoming the first African American group to be accepted as members of the Mental Health Council of Cleveland and was among the first organizations contacted in Cuyahoga County to assist with the 1951 opening of the USO Lounge in Terminal Tower.

Founded in 1965, The Cleveland Job Corps, was one of over 100 job-training programs created by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and it produced the first program graduates in the country. In two decades, the Cleveland Job Corps trained over 12,000, mostly African American women from out of state. The Job Corps recruited high school dropouts ages 16-21 and sent them to a residential center to obtain a high school equivalency degree and work skills. Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, Incorporated, sponsored and operated the Cleveland program under contract from the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Alpha Omega Chapter member, Zelma Watson George served as the Executive Director of the Cleveland Job

Corps from 1966-1974. Cleveland Job Corps trained participants for business, clerical, and service occupations. 1 (*Encyclopedia of Cleveland History: Cleveland Job Corps- Last modified- 14, Jul 1997*)

As early as 1928, the chapter had a desire for housing and with the return of funds from AKA's National Office, following the 1947 Boule, a fund was established to support the purchase of permanent housing. In the 90's, the focus turned to housing in earnest. That early fund, along with additional contributions made in ensuing years, served as seed money when the chapter established Ivy Plaza Housing Corporation, which successfully sought a \$3.5 million grant from HUD to build a 55 unit senior housing facility. Ivy Plaza Apartments opened in 1996 and continues as a centerpiece of our service to senior adults in the Greater Cleveland community. The chapter also funded and contributed service in construction of a home through Habitat for Humanity.

From our early focus on providing vocational guidance to students, the chapter has continued to expand its service to the youth of our community. From the Carver Connection an innovative collaboration with the National Council of Jewish Women to provide enrichment programming to the students of Carver elementary school to the numerous personal and leadership development programs including Bachelor Boys and the Leadership AKAdemy which was established in celebration of the chapter's Diamond Jubilee in 1992.

The past of Alpha Omega Chapter has been a most interesting one and every member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has ample reason to be proud of its legacy of service. Literary exercises and debates have given way to programs of service that address the pressing concerns of our community from housing to human trafficking and programming to encourage and support the development of youth in our community. Yet nothing that was essential in 1917 is missing in 2014. Today Alpha Omega is on a sound basis financially and governmentally. Its past has been glorious; it's worth proven in the crucibles of two world wars, numerous military conflicts and the countless social, cultural and technological movements that have reshaped our nation. Only the future can tell what heights of service to its associates and to the nation it may be permitted to rise. The seed planted by those college women in 1917 continues to bear fruit as the women of Alpha Omega Chapter extend their legacy of timeless service to our local community, our region and the sorority as a whole.

# LEADERSHIP BEYOND COMPARE

#### **Basileus: Dorothea Brown**

Election Year: 1957 - 1959

Vision of Basileus: The Basileus carried out the National Program of the Sorority. She creatively involved Members in the Alpha Omega activities which highlighted her administration.

#### Key Initiatives:

- \* Fashionetta March 25<sup>th,</sup> Skit, "Have Dress...Will Travel". A funds generated scholarship at Western Reserve University for AKA's attending college.
- \* Career Day April 12th Phyllis Wheatley theme, "Know Yourself"
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, June 13, Halle Bros. Lounge: Guest Speaker: Supreme Basileus, Dr. Marjorie Parker
- \* New officers installed
- \* Attended 38<sup>th</sup> Boule in Cincinnati, OH, December 26-30

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

✓ L. Pearl Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, led the Ivy Beyond The Wall Service

# Key Accomplishments:

- Dinner Dance
- Mid-Day club
- Spring Dance/Socialization

# Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ Dinner, Spring 1959 Research Hematologist told full story of Sickle Cell Anemia with study, movies, diagrams and chalk talk for Members and Guests.
- ✓ *Ivy Leaf* coverage September 1959, Zelma George returned from six month tour of Africa, Europe and Far East as a representative of the U.S. State Department
- ✓ Alpha Omega Sickle Cell Lecture
- ✓ Fellowship Luncheon
- ✓ Neophytes and Dinner Dance

#### Impact on Chapter and Community At Large:

The Alpha Omega Chapter made great strides in the establishment and implementation of programs.

# **Basileus: Myrtle Wiggins - IBW**

Election Years: 1960-1961

**Vision of Basileus**: Myrtle Wiggins carried out the national and local programs for Alpha Omega Chapter. Myrtle Wiggins continued the creative activities established by the chapter.

Remembered for: Youth incentives Workshop on October 17th, Reactivation kick-off, November 13th, at Karamu House, Sickle Cell Anemia Lecture on November 30th at Cleveland Clinic, Christmas Dance on December 15th at Sahara Hotel.

#### Key Initiatives:

\* Fellowship Luncheon, June 17th – Mt. Zion Congregational Church, AKA Ensemble performance and interpretive dance by Rhonda Kelley

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Founder's Day, January 24th Liberty Hall Building
- 29<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional. May 13-15th Columbus, Ohio Alpha Omega Chapter is the largest chapter in the region with 113 members
- Fashionetta, November 20th WHK Studio I, "Visions of Loneliness"
- Joint activity with Omega Chapter on February 11<sup>th</sup>
- 30<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference April 22-23rd, Youngstown, Ohio at the Prick Ohio Hotel, theme was "Our Affairs and New Frontiers"
- 26 Omega Members in attendance

#### **Basileus: Juanita Shorter - IBW**

Election Year: 1962-1963

Vision of Basileus: The Basileus continued the established programs of Alpha Omega chapter and national and local programs.

#### **Key Initiatives:**

\* Reactivation Kick-Off, November 12th-Skit, "Remember When"

- 40<sup>th</sup> Boule, December 26-30th Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, Alpha Omega Chapter has 140 members
- Founder's Day, February 12th Lancer Steak House, former Basilei honored

#### Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ Founder's Day, June 14th At Lane Metro. Church
- √ 31<sup>st</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, May 4-6th At Hotel Pricks-Durant in Flint, Michigan, 37

  Members attended
- ✓ Fellowship Luncheon, June 16th At Call & Post Building Event held in connection with Youth Incentives Weekend, with Youth Tournament/ Liberation Careers Meeting, including participants from Eta Beta Omega chapter of Liberia, West Africa and members of the Liberation Delegation to the United Nations; Advisor on Political and Legal Affairs for the United Nations; Illinois native and lecturer, singer and author, all were AKA's.
- ✓ Fashionetta, February 24th At WHK Studio I
- ✓ 32<sup>nd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 26-28<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, West Virginia
- ✓ Ivy Ball, June 8th
- ✓ Fellowship Luncheon, June 15th

Impact on Chapter and Community At Large: Alpha Omega Chapter made an impact on membership due to its activities. The membership was increased from the previous years.

# **Basileus: Margaret Prewitt - IBW**

Election Years: 1964-1965

Vision of the Basileus: Basileus Margaret Prewitt and her administration carried out a full assortment of activities and events. Alpha Omega Chapter enhanced the goals of the Great Lakes Region and National.

Remembered for: Member Margaret Prewitt will be remembered for her views of local and national initiatives and encouragement of Alpha Omega Chapter to become a significant partner in support of such initiatives.

#### **Key Initiatives:**

- \* Prince Edward County Schools of Farmersville, VA. Benefit held on May 31st, At Cory Methodist Church. Schools were closed to prevent desegregation.
- \* Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 24-26th at Statler-Hilton Hotel, Buffalo, NY.
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, June 13, 19?? At Hotel Mayer
- \* Founder's Day weekend celebration, Program and Tea at Karamu House on Saturday and Sunday
- \* Public Hall Concert by Marian Anderson, Honorary Member
- \* Fashionetta held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, At John Hay High School, Theme: "Family Fun and Fashion", music provided by AKA Ensemble

- 41<sup>st</sup> Boule, August 9-15th Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Martin Luther King received the Eleanor Roosevelt Medallion for Human Relations, Whitney Young spoke at a Wednesday afternoon session. Fifty-five Members attended and the Cleveland Chorale sang.
- Career Day, September 26<sup>th</sup>, At St. James AME Church
- Hamest Ball on November 20<sup>th</sup>, At Manger Hotel
- 34<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference held from May 6-9<sup>th</sup>, In Pittsburgh, PA.
- Fellowship Luncheon held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, At Hotel Manger, Guest Speaker was Mary Chambers, First Anti-Basileus and Director of Cleveland Job Corps.
- Maritime Ball held on November 27th at the Seven Seas Room of the Yankee Clipper, IMS
- Zelma George leaves for twenty five day tour of Capital and eight European countries; Serves as Speaker Founder's Day in Alexandria, LA., Zeta Lambda Omega Chapter

Impact on Chapter and Community At Large: It was an historic year with significant programs reflecting the times and the community. Recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King and Whitney Young were the highlights of Member Margaret Prewitt's Administration.

# Basileus: Elvie M. Perdue - IBW

Election Year: 1966 - 1967

Vision of the Basileus: The Basileus had a great influence upon service to all mankind. Celebrations of Job Corps show her great outreach to the community.

#### **Key Initiatives:**

- \* 36<sup>th</sup> Great lakes Regional Conference, March 31- April 2nd in Rochester, NY. Thirty three Soros attended, Zelma George was the Keynote Speaker at the Banquet.
- \* 6<sup>th</sup> Career Day, November 4<sup>th</sup>, At Cleveland State University with over 200 students in attendance

- Founder's Day ,February 14<sup>th</sup>, at Karamu House Guest Speaker was Jenmetta Welch Brown,
   Community Relations Coordinator of Job Corps
- 35<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference held thru April 22- 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Sheraton Hotel in Akron,
   Ohio
- Community Night, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Cory Methodist Church celebrating the first Anniversary of the Cleveland Job Corps for Women
- Fellowship Luncheon on July 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel
- 5<sup>th</sup> Career Day, October 22, 1966 at Triedstone Baptist Church, Theme: "Preparing For the Soaring Seventies"
- Job Corps Christmas Party, December 17<sup>th</sup>,

- Cleveland Job Corps celebrates First Anniversary, April 24-30th, proclaimed "Cleveland Job Corps
  Week" by Mayor of Cleveland; U.S. Vice President Hubert Humphrey congratulates Job Corps at
  Mayor Conference at Cleveland Sheraton Hotel
- Founder's Day, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Fellowship Lutheran Church, Theme: "Fifty Years of Sisterhood", coffee hour hosted by Alpha Omega for the entire congregation
- Fellowship Luncheon, September 30<sup>th</sup>, at Cleveland Sheraton Hotel, Supreme Basileus, Larzette hale, Guest Speaker
- Golden Anniversary Ball, December 3th, at Antioch Baptist Church
- Two Hundred and ten Members Active Members

Impact on Chapter and Community At Large: The chapter's wide and varied activities uplifted the name of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Not only making the organization aware of progress, but also spreading the word of the chapter's great accomplishments.

# **Basileus: Margaret Bullard**

Election Year: 1968 - 1969

Vision of Basileus: The Basileus had a strong chapter and political viewpoint. She planned activities to carry out her beliefs.

#### Key Initiatives:

- \* 37<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, May 3-5<sup>th</sup>, at Jack Tar Hotel in Lansing Michigan; Registration was \$15.00 for graduates, \$10.00 for undergraduates, fifty seven Members from Alpha Omega attended; Zelma George was Speaker at the Public Meeting
- \* 43<sup>rd</sup> Boule, August 11-16th, Sheraton- Drake Hotel, Dallas, TX., Honorable Richard G. Hutcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana was the guest speaker at the Public Meeting; Sunday, August 11, 1968 Members were transported in limousines to the site of the assassination of John F. Kennedy where the Supreme Basileus, Larzette Hale placed a wreath at the site during an impressive and moving experience.
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, September 28, 1968, Sheraton- Cleveland Hotel
- \* Ivy Ball, November 20th, Riviera Country Club, Seven hundred in attendance
- Founder's Day, January, Cleveland Job Corps; Judge Lillian Burke, Guest Speaker Job Corps Chair
- \* 38<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 25-27th, Sheraton- Dayton Hotel, Dayton, Ohio, Theme: "Effective Service to Mankind Alpha Kappa Alpha's Continuing Commitment"; Forty three Members in attendance
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, September 27th, Cleveland Sheraton Hotel, Theme: "The Emerging Role of the Black Woman"
- \* Great Lakes Regional Conference, October 18, Sheraton Columbus Hotel, Columbus, Ohio

- Scholarships in the amount of \$850.00 were presented and \$2,000.00 was donated to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Action Fund
- During the 38<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference Alpha Omega Chapter was recognized and received awards for "Outstanding Graduate Scrapbook" and "Largest Chapter in the region with 162 members

#### Signature Accomplishments:

✓ Banquet honoring The Honorable Carl B. Stokes, Mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at Sheraton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio for being the first African-American Mayor of a U.S. city; program featured AKA Ensemble and Youth from Cleveland High Schools

Impact on chapter and Community At Large: Basileus Margaret Bullard embraced the chapter and community with her significant programs. She embraced political leadership and established Alpha Omega firmly within the group.

# **Basileus: Sallie Trigg Blackwell**

Election Year: 1970

Vision of Basileus: The Basileus envisioned effective service to mankind and the Alpha Kappa Alpha programs by directing the chapter to chairperson its precepts. Extensive participation by numerous Members was evident in the chapter. She perceived the chapter serving in all aspects of the sorority.

### Key Initiatives:

- \* 39<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, May 1-3rd, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, MI. Members lead the undergraduate Admissions Breakfast Meeting; Meditation Workshops; Members served on numerous committees; Member A. Myrtle Johnson was nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee and Member Margaret Prewitt was nominated for the Office of Supreme Grammateus. Forty-seven Members attended.
- \* 44<sup>th</sup> Boule, August 9-15th, Hotel Muehlsbach, Kansas City, Missouri Dr. Zelma George reported on status of Job Corps

# Key Accomplishment:

At Fellowship Luncheon Alpha Omega Chapter presented Recipients with Scholarships

# **Basileus: Emily Johnson**

Election Year: 1971- 1972

Vision of Basileus: Great Mission and Great Service.

# Key Initiatives:

- \* 40thGreat Lakes Regional Conference, April 23-25th, Hotel Sheraton, Columbus, Ohio
- Fellowship Luncheon, December 16th, Karamu House Alpha Omega and Omega Officers installation, a songfest was also held

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Founder's Day, Tri-C Metro Campus Frances Franklin told the story of Sojourner Truth. Ruth Collins directed several music selections sung by her elementary school choir.
- Tribute to L. Pearl Mitchell Luncheon, June 17th, Midday Club
- 45<sup>th</sup> Boule, August 13-18th. Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, CO. Yvonne Braithwaite Burke candidate for U.S. Congress and Democratic National Co-Chair spoke; Jesse Jackson's Operation PUSH; Vernon Jordan Executive Director of the Urban League; R. Sargeant Shriver, Candidate for Vice President of the U.S.
- A \$20,000.00 donation was given to Coretta Scott King to purchase and renovate Dr. Martin Luther King's boyhood home, which will still be a part of the MLK Center for Social Change.

#### Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ Fellowship Luncheon, June with Omega Chapter with songs, skit and dance. Elizabeth Clark gave highlight of the tour of Africa as Martha Holding Jennings Scholarship Recipient.
- ✓ 41<sup>st</sup> Great lakes Regional Conference, April 7-9th, Statler Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio Alpha Omega and Omega Chapters were host chapters; Great participation by numerous Members; The Regional was a success. Chapter members were assessed \$5.00 a year (4 years) and profits were used to award mini-grants to committees for several years following the conference.
- ✓ Officer's Workshop, December 10th National Program targets discussed as well as functions of committees, chapter financial structure and the duties of Officers.

Impact on Chapter and Community At Large: There were significant programs.

# **Basileus: Dorothy Thorne**

Election Year: 1973-1974

Vision of Basileus: The Basileus showed a broad vision of programs and activities for the chapter. The activities showed great variety and were numerous in design. Members were especially warm and welcoming on behalf of one another.

# Key Initiatives:

- \* Founder's Day, February 25th, Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus. Theme: "Fine Arts in Afro-American Culture"
- \* 42<sup>nd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, March 30-April 1st, Commodore Perry Inn, Toledo, Ohio. Theme: "Greater Involvement Alpha Kappa Alpha Responsibility" Alpha Omega Chapter participated as Guest Speaker at the Public Meeting, provided Meditation for Business Session, responded to Welcome, Presentation of the Minutes, Workshop discussion, leading and serving
  - As committee chairs.
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, Nov. 10th, Holiday Inn, Northfield Rd. Basileus Dorothy Thorne appointed L. Pearl Mitchell as "Honorary Executive Board Member". This was bestowed on a past Basileus of Alpha Omega Chapter, appointed for Life by the sitting Basileus. The former Basileus is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
- \* Founder's Day, June 27th, Tri-C metro Campus Theme: "I am Black. I am Woman. I am Alpha Kappa Alpha" entertainment included Lafayette Elementary School Choir, Woodbury Jr. High School Modern Dance Group and Shaw High School Choir
- \* Program and activities for Senior Citizens, March 19th, at Inner City Nursing Home- Health Committee sponsored event
- \* 43<sup>rd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 26-28th, Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio
- \* Fund Drive for African Relief and Friendly Town Medical Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* Dinner Card Party, June 28<sup>th</sup>, Park Plaza Hotel, Benefit Banquet was a first for husband's and escorts to attend, 64 Members were in attendance
- \* Luncheon and Fashion Show, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Masonic Temple Auditorium, 350 Members and friends enjoyed the Luncheon and Fashion Show
- \* Get Acquainted Tea
- \* Annual Formal Dance, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Host House, "Swing and Sway the AKAway" included thirteen other Directorate members of the Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council Affiliates. The Directorate was in Cleveland for a meeting at Job Corps
- \* Initiation of New Members December 13th

- Job Corps students received scholarships from Alpha Omega Chapter
- Cleveland State University Commencement, June9th, Public Hall, Zelma George received Honorary Degree
- Retirement Reception for Zelma George, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland Job Corps Center
- L. pearl Mitchell became an Ivy Beyond The Wall, September 6<sup>th</sup>,
- Ivy Beyond The Wall Services for L. Pearl Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Director and 6<sup>th</sup> Alpha Omega Basileus, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Tributes given by Bernice I. Sumlin, 19<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus and 13<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director and Cynthia Holloway, 15<sup>th</sup> Alpha Omega Basileus

Impact on chapter and Community At Large: Great Service

# **Basileus: Iris Gayle Williams**

Election Year: 1975-1976

Vision of Basileus: The Basileus provides a broad scope of activities and events for the chapter and community. National and Regional activities were embraced heartily.

#### **Key Initiatives:**

- \* 44<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 11-13, Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA. Bernice Sumlin, Supreme Basileus, Alpha Omega served as Workshop Conveners, Workshop Resource Persons, Resource Person, Recorder and Committee Persons.
- \* Nutrition Seminar
- \* Job Corps Charm Seminar, May 17<sup>th</sup>
- \* AKA Day at the Races, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland Plaza Hotel honoring Member Coretta Scott King, Keynote Speaker
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Celebrity Room, Eastgate Shopping. Theme, "Salute to Black Women", Madelyn Hairston, Great Lakes Regional Directors was the Speaker. Alpha Omega Ensemble provided music for the occasion.
- \* National Leadership Seminar, July 24-25<sup>th</sup>, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, NY. Bernice I. Sumlin, Supreme Basileus. Seminar focused on opportunities for involvement for all Members and designed to serve as members
- \* AKA Kapers, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Clarkwood Recreation Center Social Affair for Inactive Members who only attended one meeting; Reactivated and transferred Members and Neophytes implemented by the Membership Committee
- \* Annual Dance, November1st, Quail hollow Inn- Vivian Craddock, attired as the Statue of Liberty, and won the award for the "Most Creative and Unique Outfit."
- \* Christmas Music, December 21<sup>st</sup>, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Forest City Hospital, Polyclinic Hospital, and Women's Hospital. The AKA Ensemble performed at the listed locations.

- \* Founder's Day, January 17<sup>th</sup>, Shaker Heights Community Church. Theme, "Members Together In A New Day and a New Way"
- \* 45<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference May 7-9<sup>th</sup>, Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, WVA. Theme, "AKA Women: the Spirit of "76".
- Leadership Training Workshops for New Officers and Committee Chairmen, November 20<sup>th</sup>,
   Coach Light Room
- \* Formal Dance, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Quail Hollow Inn
- \* Christmas Caroling, December 19<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Forest City, Women's and Polyclinic Hospitals.

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Founder's Day, January 19<sup>th</sup>, Antioch Baptist Church. Theme, "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Commitment Service to All Mankind" Program participants included Nolan Ellison, President Tri-C; James Stallings, Executive Director, NAACP; William Wolfe, Executive Director, Urban League; and the united Negro College Fund Representative. Shaw High School Rhythm Team entertained.
- Awards received at 44<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Outstanding Chapter, 1str Place for National Program Targets, 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Exhibits
- NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, April 2oth, Cleveland Sheraton Hotel
- Greek Recognition Day, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion Congregational Church sponsored by Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council. Almeta Johnson, Chief Prosecutor, City of Cleveland was Keynote Speaker. Member Dorothy Thorne received the award for Outstanding Service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the Community.
- Phyllis Wheatley Luncheon, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland Plaza Hotel, Honoring Member Coretta Scott King, Keynote Speaker
- Initiation, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, 21 new members initiated. Candidates completed program for a group of Golden Age Members. Candidates entertained and distributed gifts.
- Tribute to Berthina Palmer, Sept4ember 12<sup>th</sup>, A Fundraiser for re-election to the Cleveland School Board. The Honorable Julian Bond was the Keynote speaker and \$14,000.00 was raised. The A. Philip Randolph Institution co-sponsored the program.

# Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ Civic Recognition dinner, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, In Honor of Zelma George who received the Distinguished Daughters of Ohio Award
- ✓ An Evening with Zelma George at Tri-C Metro Campus
- ✓ Nutrition Seminar, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hough Multi Purpose Center, Wade Park Hunger Center. Received four cases of food donated by Members
- ✓ "A Reading Experience", December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tri-C Metro Campus. Theme, "Reading: A Right, A Responsibility", Dr. Nolan Ellison, President, Tri-C College was Keynote Speaker. Numerous college representatives were available.
- ✓ Phyllis Wheatley Association, January 17<sup>th</sup>, honored Members in "Tribute to the Board"

- ✓ At the 45<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference the following awards were given: "Outstanding Basileus- Iris Gayle Williams; "Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor LaCresia Smith; 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Outstanding Chapter, Outstanding Graduate-Undergraduate Relations, Program Targets and Exhibit
- ✓ Omega Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, North Randall

# **Basileus: Gwendolyn Fleming Gist**

Election Year: 1977-1978 - IBW

Vision of Basileus: This Basileus had a broad interpretation of the National Program. She provided many significant programs for the chapter and the community, serving all Mankind.

#### **Key Initiatives:**

- \* Founder's Day Champagne Brunch, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Mayfield Village. Theme, " Strengthening The Bonds Of Sisterhood"
- \* Discotheque and Raffle, February, sponsored by Ways and Means
- \* Career Day, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at Job Corps
- \* 46<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 22-24<sup>th</sup>, Kellogg Conference, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI. Alpha Omega participated with Geneva Maiden as Regional Cluster Coordinator and Sarah W. Smith as Regional Grammateus. Alpha Omega received the Exhibition Award.
- \* Career Orientation for high school students, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Tri-C Metro Campus
- \* Greek Recognition Day, May, Mt. Zion Congregational Church Mildred Gouman was named Alpha Omega's Outstanding Volunteer in the chapter and in the community.
- \* Initiation, June 11 28<sup>th</sup>, 28 new Members
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Plaza Hotel
- \* AKA Day at the Races
- \* Leadership Seminar, July 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, Sheraton Center, Toronto, Canada
- \* Retreat, September 16-18<sup>th</sup>, Punderson State Park sponsored by the Membership Committee
- \* Annual Dance, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Town & Country Party Center, Strongsville, OH. Over 500 Members and their Guests were in attendance
- \* Sister AKAdemics, November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, Sheraton Hopkins, Seven Seminars held, sponsored by the National Program Committee. Seminars were also held in Washington D.C., New Orleans, LA, and San Diego, CA
- \* Christmas Carols: AKA Ensemble performed at area hospitals.
- \* Founder's Day, January 8, 1978, Job Corps, a skit was presented.
- \* "The Wiz" Fundraiser event, March 19<sup>th</sup>, Alpha Omega's profit was \$7,000.00 and was donated to NAACP and UNCF.
- \* Inner City Nursing Home Party, April 28<sup>th</sup>

- \* 47<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, Holiday Inn, Rochester, NY, May 5-7<sup>th</sup>- Madelyn Hairston, Regional Director, Bernice I. Sumlin, Supreme Basileus, and Alpha Omega participated at workshops, elections, committees and as Delegates. Emily Johnson was a candidate for Regional Director and Iris Gayle Williams was a candidate for Supreme Tamiouchos.
- \* Job Corps Seminar, May 20<sup>th</sup> Featured Fashion Design, Interior Decorating, Skin Care, Podiatry and Cosmetology.
- \* Greek Recognition Day, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Member Ardelia Dixon was chosen as Outstanding Greek from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, Holiday Inn, June 17<sup>th</sup> in Boston Heights, OH, Scholarship Recipients was presented.
- \* AKA Days At The Races, July 1<sup>st,</sup> sponsored by the Hospitality Committee
- \* 48<sup>th</sup> Boule 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, July 16-20<sup>th</sup>, 1978, Music Hall, Albert Thomas Convention Center, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Houston ,TX, Bernice Sumlin, Supreme Basileus, Theme," Supreme In Service To All Mankind: A Call To Action".
- \* Leadership Workshop, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Kenneth Clement Health Center. Program for Officers, Committee Chairs and Former Officers.
- \* Job Corps Boutique, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Job Corps Christmas Party
- \* Annual Formal Dance, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Michaud's Town "n" Country Party Center. Theme, " A Sparkling Night of Splendor"

#### Key Accomplishments:

- Dedication of the Founder's Window at Howard University and Commemoration of the 70<sup>th</sup>
   Birthday of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., January 13 -15<sup>th</sup>, Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington
   D.C.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Vision and Reading Conference, February 24-25<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland Plaza Hotel
- Kick-Off Luncheon for UNCF, April 28<sup>th</sup>, Speaker was Azie Taylor Morton, Treasurer of the U.S. and an AKA Woman.
- Sisterhood Seminar Set up for Omega Chapter to teach Parliamentary Procedures, Program Planning and Implementation and Internal Evaluations.

#### Signature Accomplishments:

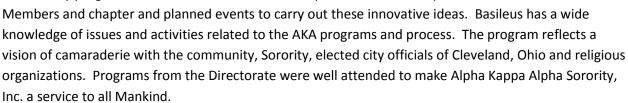
- ✓ *Ivy Leaf* Coverage Significant Coverage in *Ivy Leaf* Magazine
- ✓ Lambda Phi Omega Chapter of alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. receives its charter, November 18<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Greek Recognition Day, May 7<sup>th</sup> Member Ardelia Dixon receives Outstanding Greek from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- ✓ The Sorority made a final payment of \$331,000.00 to the UNCF pledge of one half million dollars and a \$20,000.00 contribution to the NAACP. U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes was recognized for his support for the Cleveland Job Corps Program. The Cleveland Job Corps Committee featured Corps members in a musical presentation.

- ✓ Job Corps Director, Jeanne Walker was presented a check for \$30,000.00. Alpha Omega participated beautifully including giving reports, being hostesses at the Fellowship Breakfast.
- ✓ Member Loanne King was elected Supreme Tamiouchos, Member Gloria S. Smith was elected Regional Director and Member Doris Boles was elected Great Lakes Regional Representative of Nominating Committee.
- ✓ Appreciation Luncheon for Judge Lillian Burkes, September 9th at the Cleveland Plaza Hotel.

#### Basileus: Ebraska D. Ceasor

Election Years: 1979-1982

Vision of Basileus: Basileus was innovative and futuristic in her planning for the chapter as noted by programs. She was concerned with interpersonal relationships with



#### **Key Initiatives:**

- \* Joint Founders' Day Celebration, January 27
- \* Parliamentary Procedures Workshop, February 10<sup>th</sup>, Theme, "How Action Takes Place At a Meeting" was open the public at a cost of \$15.00 at Tri-C Metro Campus
- Founder's Day, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Theme, "Alpha Kappa Alpha –
   Roots and Predictions For the Future"
- \* Job Corps 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Directorate Reception, March 7
- \* 48<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, March 30 April 1<sup>st</sup>, Dayton, OH, Dayton Convention Center. Theme, "Supreme in Service: A Call to Action", Member Gloria S. Smith, Great Lakes Regional Director, Barbara K. Phillips, Supreme Basileus. Alpha Omega participated as officers, committee members, chairmen of committees, conveners and recorders for workshops.
- \* 49<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 18-20, Cascade Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Akron, OH, Alpha Omega members participated: Grammateus, pianist for Regional Choir, convenor, committee members, and committee chairs
- \* Cultural Arts Program, April 27, Chapter meeting; Dinner and Theatre Party
- Job Corps Charm Seminar, May 3
- \* Luncheon, Fashion Show and Card Party, May 3, Host House; Profit: \$1463.00

- \* Greek Recognition Day, May 4
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, Landerhaven Country Club, held jointly with Omega Chapter. Theme: "The Power of Sisterhood".
- \* Salute to Excellence, May 18, Planned by Scholarship Committee
- \* Job Corps Seminar sponsored by Joint Committee with Lambda Phi Omega
- \* Fellowship Luncheon held jointly with Omega Chapter at Landerhaven Country Club, Theme, "
   We Pledge Our Hearts"
- \* Membership Intake, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 20 new members initiated
- \* AKA Day at the Races, July 5
- \* 49<sup>th</sup> Boule, July 19-25, World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. Theme, "Influencing Decisions: A Design for Action in the Eighties". Barbara K. Phillips, Supreme Basileus, Gloria S. Smith, Great Lakes Regional Director. Alpha Omega members served on several committees
- \* Family Picnic, August 3, Horseshoe Lakes, Shaker Hts., OH, planned by the Hospitality Committee
- \* Basilei and Graduate Advisors Council Meeting, September 13, Lansing, MI
- \* Retreat, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. 5 p.m. at Virginia Kendall Park. Plans implemented by the Membership committee
- \* Northern Ohio Area Cluster Retreat, October 4, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH. Member Gloria S. Smith, Great Lakes Regional Director, was the guest speaker; Topic: "Hazing". Alpha Omega members served as Workshop Presenters and Workshop Facilitators
- \* Fall Dinner Dance, October 11
- \* Chapter Meeting, October 19. George Forbes, President of Cleveland City Council was guest speaker
- \* Job Corps Boutique, October 27<sup>th</sup>
- \* Fall Formal, November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Job Corps Christmas Party, December 13, held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega Chapter
- \* Founders' Day, February 21, 1981, Mt. Zion Congregational Church, held jointly with Omega Chapter. Theme: "Enduring the Present, Utilizing for the Future". Program included role-playing, presentation given by Omega Chapter, "Tribute", sung by Member Virginia Williams and Rededication Ceremony. A hospitality hour concluded the event
- \* Stationery and Birthday calendar created by Ways & Means Committee

- Work-A-Rama, American Apartments Party, January 13<sup>th</sup>, workshop was held for outgoing and incoming officers and committee chairs.
- Child Neglect and Abuse Seminar, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Career Education Project, June 23 and 28, Tri-C Metro Campus Joint activity with Lambda Phi Omega Chapter

- Career Development Project, July and August Joint activity with Lambda Phi Omega Chapter
- Teen pregnancy Seminar, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Meeting held with former Supreme Basileus, Arnetta Wallace and Representatives from the National Council of Negro Women to discuss Teen Pregnancy issue
- Black History Books donated to several libraries
- CPR Demonstration and Hypertension Screening at Chapter meeting. Ongoing Tutorial Program at Harvard Community Center. Viewing party for UNCF and Voter Blitz
- Dedication of African-American Book Section, Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Member Zelma George presided, Job Corps Choir performed in the ceremony.
- Voter Education Workshop, East Cleveland Library; planned by AKA Connection
- Outstanding 10<sup>th</sup> grade students from area high schools honored and scholarships presented to recipients – Salute to Excellence program(s)
- Job Corps Seminar, held with focus on Health Care
- Friendly Town Benefit Concert, Antioch Baptist Church featured: The Singing Angels.
   Sponsored by the Inner City Renewal Society (several members sit on the Board)
- Salute to African-American Women, October 9 Event held at Karamu House. Sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Council. Featured: Carol Joy, Soprano, Lucinda Ransom Dancers, both from New York City.
- Skating Party, October 30, planned by the Community Concerns Committee to benefit the NAACP. \$275.00 was donated to the NAACP Youth Division

# Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ Joint Executive Board meeting June 9<sup>th</sup> with Lambda Phi Omega Chapter Executive Board and Regional Director Gloria S. Smith to discuss Inter-Chapter Relations
- ✓ First Northern Ohio Cluster Meeting, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Commodore Perry Motor Inn, Toledo, OH, Theme, "Communicate, Understand, React and Reactivate" Sisterly Relations Workshop
- ✓ First Great Lakes Basilei and Graduate Advisors Council Meeting, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI Alpha Omega Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus and Omega Chapter Basileus were in attendance
- ✓ At 48<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference the following awards were given to Alpha Omega Chapter: "Outstanding Chapter and Outstanding Exhibit"
- ✓ At 49<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, Alpha Omega received award for Outstanding Chapter and a certificate for Chapter Exhibit
- ✓ Second Leadership Fellows Program, June 23-27
- ✓ Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the new National Headquarters, February 6, Chicago, IL
- ✓ Phyllis Wheatley Annual Luncheon, April 3, Alpha Omega contributed \$750.00 for the center's Membership Drive
- ✓ During the 50<sup>th</sup> Boule, Alpha Omega members served on several Boule committees
- ✓ Membership Committee compiled a "Getting to Know You" Directory, listing Alpha Omega members' biographic information, skills, occupations, etc.

- ✓ 49<sup>th</sup> Boule, July 19-25<sup>th</sup>, World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA. Theme, "Influencing Decisions: A Design for Action In The Eighties". Barbara K. Phillips, Supreme Basileus, Gloria S. Smith, Regional Director. Alpha Omega Members served on committees during the Boule
- ✓ Basilei and Graduate Advisors Council Meeting, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Lansing, MI
- ✓ Northern Ohio Area Cluster Retreat, October 4<sup>th</sup>, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH,
   Member Gloria S. Stephens, Great Lakes Regional Director was the Guest Speaker, Topic: "
   Hazing" Alpha Omega Members served as Workshop Presenters and Workshop Facilitators
- ✓ Chapter Meeting, October 19<sup>th</sup> Speaker was George Forbes, President, Cleveland City Council
- ✓ Founder's Day, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 1981 at Mt. Zion Congregational Church, held jointly with Omega Chapter. Theme, "Enduring The Present, Uniting For The Future". Program included role playing, presentation given by Omega Chapter, "Tribute" sung by Virginia Williams and the Rededication Ceremony. A hospitality hour concluded the event
- ✓ All Year Birthday Party, March 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by Community Concerns Committee for residents of Madonna Hall Nursing Home
- ✓ Initiation, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Host House, 32 new members were initiated
- ✓ Health Fair, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Bahin Center hosted by Community Concerns Committee
- ✓ Spring Luncheon, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Host House. Theme, "Sisterhood Moving Forward", selections, solos, recognition and awards
- ✓ Northern Ohio Cluster Meeting, November 13-14<sup>th</sup> at Cleveland Job Corps Center, Cleveland,
   OH. Theme, "Influencing Members Through Communication and Motivation" Alpha Omega participated as Committee Chairs, Workshop Presenters and Committee Service
- ✓ Founder's Day, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Stouffer's Somerset Inn. Theme, "Hold High The Torch, Hold Fast The Dream". Held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Members worshipped at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, Sunday, February 28, 1982
- ✓ 51<sup>st</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 23-25, 1982, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, MI Dr. Gloria S. Smith, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme, "Influencing Decisions: Design For The Eighties" Wide and varied participation by Alpha Omega as Conveners, Consultants, Committee Chairs and Committee Consultants
- ✓ Salute To Excellence, May 22<sup>nd</sup> The program focused on health care, held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega. Theme, "What It Takes To Succeed"
- ✓ Job Corps Seminar, May 22<sup>nd</sup> held with focus on healthcare
- ✓ Fellowship Luncheon, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at Host House. Theme, 'Who's That Lady"- The AKA Ensemble was featured and directed by Elvie Perdue
- ✓ 50<sup>th</sup> Boule, July 18-23<sup>rd</sup>, Hynes Auditorium, Boston, MA Barbara K. Phillips, Supreme Basileus-Alpha Omega participated on Boule Committees
- ✓ Fourth Annual Basilei and Graduate Advisors Leadership Council, September 24-25<sup>th</sup>, Akron, OH
   Reception hosted by Akron Convention and Visitors Bureau in honor of New Great Lakes
   Regional Director, Bella G. Clinkscale
- ✓ Retreat, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Punderson State Park, planned by Membership Committee
- ✓ Fourth Annual Northern Ohio Cluster Meeting, October 8-9<sup>th</sup>, Hilton Inn-West, Akron, OH Ebraska Ceasor, Cluster Coordinator, Bella Clinkscale, Regional Director

- ✓ Fifth Annual Great Lakes Undergraduate Roundup, Columbus, OH Topics included Goal Setting and Essentials For program Implementation; Chapter Financial Procedures; Leadership Skills Development
- ✓ Job Corps Christmas Party, December 14<sup>th</sup> for residents at Job Corps

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Career Development Project, July and August Joint activity with Lambda Phi Omega at Tri-C Metro Campus
- CPR Demonstration and Hypertension Screening at Chapter Meeting. Ongoing Tutorial Program at Harvard Community Center, Viewing party for UNCF and Voter Blitz
- Dedication of African-American Book Section, Martin Luther King Jr. Library, and January 10<sup>th</sup> –
   Zelma George presided. Job Corps Choir performed in ceremony
- Voter Education Workshop, May 1<sup>st</sup>, East Cleveland Library, planned by AKA Connection
- Outstanding tenth graders from area high schools were honored and scholarship recipients presented
- Job Corps Seminar, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Held with focus on Healthcare
- Friendly town Benefit Concert, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Antioch Baptist Church Featured were the Singing angels and sponsored by the Inner City Renewal Society (Several Members sit on the Board)
- Salute to African-American Women, October 9<sup>th</sup> Event held at Karamu House. Sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Council. Featured Carol Joy, Soprano and Lucinda Ransom, Dancers, both from New York, NY
- Skating Party, October 30<sup>th</sup>, planned by the Community Concerns Committee to benefit the NAACP and \$275.00 was donated to the NAACP Youth Division

#### Signature Accomplishments (cont'd):

- ✓ At 49<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 18-20<sup>th</sup> Alpha Omega Chapter received award for "Outstanding Chapter" and a Certificate for Chapter Exhibit
- ✓ Second Leadership Fellows Program, June 23-27<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the new National Headquarters, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Chicago, IL
- ✓ Phyllis Wheatley Annual Luncheon, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Alpha Omega contributed \$750.00 for the Membership Drive
- ✓ During the 50<sup>th</sup> Boule Alpha Omega participated on Boule Committees
- ✓ The Membership Committee compiled a "Getting To Know You" Directory listing Biographic information, Skills, Occupations, etc. of Alpha Omega Members
- ✓ First Great Lakes Basilei and Graduate Advisors Council Meeting, September 29, Michigan
- ✓ State University, Lansing, MI Alpha Omega Basileus, Second Anti-Basileus and Omega Chaoter Basilei were in attendance
- ✓ At the 48<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, Alpha Omega Chapter received Outstanding Graduate Chapter and Outstanding Exhibit

#### **Basileus: Annette Hamilton**

Election Year: 1983-1984

#### **Key Initiatives:**

\* Founder's Day, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Cleveland Job Corps Center, Zelma George Auditorium – a salute to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Worshipped at Emmanuel Episcopal church on Sunday, January 30, 1983

- \* 52<sup>nd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 21-24<sup>th</sup>, Syracuse, NY, Iris Gayle Williams, Cluster Coordinator, Dr. Bella Clinkscales, Regional Director Alpha Omega participants included Sarah Smith, Grammateus, Workshop Consultants, Workshop Conveners, and on committees.
- \* Initiation May 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 new members
- Fellowship Luncheon, June 11<sup>th</sup>
- \* AKA Day At The Races, July 16<sup>th</sup>
- \* Leadership Conference, July 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, McCormick Inn, Chicago, IL
- \* Basilei Council, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Akron, OH Dr. Bella Clinkscales, Regional Director
- Retreat, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Punderson State Park
- \* Northern Ohio Cluster Meeting, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Inn, Elyria, OH
- \* Annual Dinner Dance, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Statler Hotel
- \* "Getting To Know You", December 18<sup>th</sup>- Fun event at Chapter Meeting, planned by the Membership Committee
- \* Job Corps Christmas Boutique, December 20<sup>th</sup>
- \* Founder's Day, January 29<sup>th</sup>, Cory Methodist Church
- \* Reception, February 17<sup>th</sup> Reception honoring Berthina Palmer
- \* Economic Development Seminar, February 27<sup>th</sup> on Budgeting at Tri-C, Metro Campus
- \* Economic Development Seminar, March 24<sup>th</sup> on Investment for Non-Profit at Tri-C Metro Campus
- \* 53<sup>rd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 26-29<sup>th</sup>, Kalamazoo, MI Dr. Bella Clinkscales, Regional Director, Faye B. Bryant, supreme Basileus- Alpha omega participated as officers, Workshop Presenters, Workshop Consultants and served on Committees
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, June 16<sup>th</sup>, Liberty Hill Baptist Church
- Pearl Day, May 31<sup>st</sup> Started by Lambda Phi Omega Chapter
- \* 51<sup>st</sup> Boule, July 21-27<sup>th</sup>, Washington D.C.- Faye B. Bryant, Supreme Basileus Alpha Omega was on the Resolutions and Decisions Making Committee
- \* Basilei and Undergraduate Advisors Council Meeting, Bella Clinkscales, Great Lakes Regional Director alpha Omega presented, "The Black Woman Speaks On Womanhood"
- \* Retreat, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Punderson State Park Hosted by the Membership Committee
- \* Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Meeting, October 27<sup>th</sup>, Pittsburgh, PA Bella Clinkscales, Regional Director
- Undergraduate Roundup, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Art Lecture/Seminar/Reception, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at Tri-C Metro Campus Featuring Ed Dwight, Sculptor. A Reception and Exhibit of Mr. Dwight's works were held at the Malcolm Brown Gallery
- Legislative Tour To Columbus, OH, April 16<sup>th</sup>, planned by the AKA Connection Committee
- Luncheon Card Party Party raised \$115.00 for Scholarships
- Phyllis Wheatley Workshop for ninth grade girls hosted by Community Concerns Committee
- "An Autumn Fantasy Cruise", September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Mather Mansion, Cleveland State University, planned by the Ways and Means Committee, raised \$4100.00
- Community Concerns Committee distributed a "Help" booklet compiled by the Committee of Cleveland's Churches and Civic Organizations
- During the Year, Alpha Omega Members collaborated with Black Women's Political Action, May
   15<sup>th</sup> Committee with a Voter Registration Drive

#### Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ During 52<sup>nd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference Alpha Omega Chapter received the award for "Outstanding Chapter", "Outstanding Program Targets" and the Humanitarian and Caring award was given to Vivian Craddock
- ✓ Salute To Excellence, May 15<sup>th</sup> Scholarships presented by Dr. Clarence Mixon, Cleveland Scholarship, Executive Director
- ✓ Luncheon, June 22<sup>nd</sup> Scholarship Committee for High School and College Graduates
- ✓ Fashionetta, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Tri-C Metro Campus Fundraising event jointly planned with Lambda Phi Omega
- ✓ Salute to Excellence, May 20<sup>th</sup> Panelists: Law Students, Carlton Hoyde, CWRU; Dr. Clarence Mixon, Cleveland Scholarships
- ✓ Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council Award Luncheon, December 1<sup>st</sup>, University Club Mary Ann Harris Outstanding Greek Award
- ✓ Alpha Omega obtained its 501(c)3 Status

# **Basileus: Alvernice Blandon**

Election Year: 1985-1986

#### **Key Initiatives:**

- \* Leadership Workshop, January 5<sup>th</sup>, St. James A.M.E Church Workshop for out- going and incoming Officers and Committee Chairs
- \* Founder's Day, January 27<sup>th</sup>, Mt. Zion Congregational Church Theme, "Emerging For The 21<sup>st</sup> Century" hosted jointly with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapter

- \* 54<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 11-14<sup>th</sup>, Pittsburgh, PA Bella Clinkscales, Great Lakes Regional Director. Alpha Omega participated as Workshop Consultants, Committee Chairs, and Philacter. Awards Mary Burks received the Humanitarian and Caring Member Award
- Initiation of 24 new members, May 18<sup>th</sup>
- \* Fellowship Luncheon, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Normandy Party Center. Theme, "Emerging Our Sisterhood"
- \* Basilei and Graduate Advisor Great Lakes Leadership Conference, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Akron, OH Bella Clinkscales, Regional Director
- \* Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Meeting, November 9<sup>th</sup>, Erie, PA Bella Clinkscales Alpha Omega participated with workshop panelists
- \* Alpha Omega's Annual Formal Dance, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Statler Hotel
- \* Founder's Day, Jan 11<sup>th</sup> Jointly with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapter Bella Clinkscales, Great Lakes Regional Director led Rededication Service
- \* Lambda Phi Omega's Pearl Day, March 15<sup>th</sup> at Executive Club- Eva L. Evans, Great Lakes Regional Director was the Keynote Speaker
- \* 55<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 17-20<sup>th</sup>, Charleston, WVA Bella Clinkscales,
   Regional Director. Alpha Omega participation Workshop Presenters, Workshop Conveners,
   Philacter, and National Committee Membership

# **Key Accomplishments:**

- First Very Important Cooks (V.I.C.) November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mather mansion, Cleveland State University, planned by the Ways and Means Committee. Special Guest was the Directorate of Job Corps. Over \$9,000.00 was raised
- Urban League Luncheon, April 5<sup>th</sup>, Stouffer's Inn On The Square. Iris Gayle Williams, Guest Speaker

#### Signature Accomplishments:

- ✓ Salute To Excellence, June 16<sup>th</sup> Bella Clinkscales, Great Lakes Regional Director, was the Guest Speaker. Outstanding tenth graders were recognized and scholarship recipients honored
- ✓ 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Job Corps, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cleveland Job Corps Center. Jeanne Walker, Director, past and present staff members and graduates were honored.
- ✓ Phyllis Wheatley Luncheon, march 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bond court- Alpha Omega was recognized for Outstanding Financial Contributions in 1985
- ✓ Service to All mankind "Hands Across America", 60 Members stood in hands on Northfield Road

#### **Basileus: Jeanne Freels**

Term of Office: 1987-1988

# Accomplishments:

- 1. Conducting business one-half hour prior to the beginning of Chapter meeting (i.e. purchasing tickets, paying dues, etc.)
- 2. Chapter Yearbook: small, 3-ring binder for members that contained Chapter roster, Committees: Chairmen, Asst. Chairmen, members; Chapter Bylaws and Manual of Standard Procedure; name of Lambda Phi Omega Basileus and Omega Basileus; address of AKA National Office, current Supreme Basileus and Great Lakes Regional Director
- 3. Won Outstanding Basileus at 1988 Great Lakes Regional Conference
- 4. Held MIP that initiated the "Fabulous 40" many of whom have remained active.

#### **Basileus: Carol S. Franklin**

Election Year 1989 – 1990 and 1991 – 1992

Chapter Alpha Omega



#### Vision of Basileus

- 1989 1990 -- Building on our Traditions, a Vision for the Future
- 1991 1992 ----Our Diamond Jubilee 75 Years of Service

# Remembered for

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration recognized at both regional conference and the 1992 Boule in New Orleans, LA
- Leadership AKAdemy's first class of 75 ninth through twelfth graders
- Wrote lyrics along with Members Tillie Colter and ? for our Diamond Jubilee Hymn
- Chapter grew to more than 315 for the first time in its history

# **Key Initiatives**

- Strengthening the Black Family Through Education with a focus on
- Enhancing traditional programs of service
- Mentoring and tutorial projects at the Cleveland Job Corps Center
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention
- Chapter housing/housing for the elderly 202 HUD housing proposal
- Enhance scholarship giving

- Programs to address the concerns of women and children
- Enhance public perception of Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Omega

# **Key Accomplishments**

- Diamond Jubilee Service Pledge with each member pledging to provide 75 hours of service to the community through chapter programs. The chapter provided more than 5,000 hours of service.
- Regularized conduct of business of the chapter's charitable arm including initiating a name change from Alpha Omega Chapter, Inc. to Alpha Omega Foundation, Inc.

# Signature Accomplishments

- Carver Connection Committee established a multi-cultural whole language project
   Entitled "From the Setting and Noon Sun to the Rising Sun to enhance development of writing skills
- Leadership AKAdemy established in 1992
- Secured \$3.5 million dollar grant from HUD to build a 55 unit elderly apartment building
- Celebration of Chapter's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary

# Impact on Chapter and Community At Large

Highly visible public celebration weekend for our Diamond Jubilee featured the final program of the Leadership AKAdemy in conversation with Miss America 1991; a public program on June 19, 1992 incorporating our Salute to Excellence program featuring Member Marjorie Judith Vincent, Miss America 1991, who performed Chopin's Fantasy Impromptu. With members of the Directorate in attendance and Member Lillian Green the second Supreme Basileus; a press conference at the Cleveland Job Corps Center followed by a program for the students of the center featuring Member Vincent as the speaker; and our Diamond Jubilee Fellowship Luncheon on June 20, 1992 featuring our 23<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, Member Mary Shy Scott as the guest speaker

We also developed a brochure outlining chapter history and programs

Collaborated with the City of Cleveland's Healthy Family/Healthy Start program to address the infant mortality crisis.

Chapter became founding member of the Zelma George Shelter Advisory Committee and Member Janet Burney was elected its first president.

In response to the removal of an African American male as evening news anchor as well as the lack of African American images in local advertising the Chapter established a media watch campaign

Collaborated with Case Western Reserve University to produce a Black History Month presentation featuring Member Patricia Russell-McCloud

Collaborate with the Women's Comprehensive Program of Cleveland State University and other organizations to fund a lecture by Susan Taylor, editor of Essence Magazine

#### Basileus: Pamela L. Redden

Election Year: 1994-1995; 1995-1996

# Accomplishments:

- 1. Initiated Alpha Omega Chapter's "A Milestone in the History of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Oral History (Golden members and former Basilei were interviewed via videotape Member Ebraska Ceasor was the Chapter's Historian.
- 2. Served as the 25<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director (2002 to 2006).
- 3. Created an atmosphere that members were just as important as the person sitting next to them or the members sitting at the front table.
- 4. In-depth information sharing via the Chapter Newsletter-reminding members that information is power.
- 5. The completion and dedication of Ivy Plaza 55 unit apartment for seniors

**Basileus: Frances J. Tyus** 

Election: Year: 1999

Chapter: Alpha Omega

Vision of Basileus: Improve Communication to chapter members

- Increase the involvement of members on committees.
- Decrease the length of Sorority meeting.

Remembered for



- An informational newsletter
- Timely conclusion of Chapter meetings
- Well organized
- Increasing the chapter size to 385 members

# **Key Initiatives**

- Initiation of a phone tree system to call members with timely announcements
- All Executive Board Recommendations were placed in the newsletter so Chapter members knew what was going to be voted on in Chapter meetings.
- Committee meeting summaries were included in the newsletter so that members were kept abreast of all activities.
- Initiated a plan for long term chapter planning. Held a meeting to develop long term Chapter initiatives chaired by the Second Anti-Basileus, Joyce Thornton

# **Key Accomplishments**

- Completed the construction of the Habitat for Humanity Home that the chapter donated \$40 thousand to the family and volunteered to work on the construction of the home and held the dedication ceremony. An initiative from the Pamela Redden administration
- Contributed \$10 thousand to IFESH to build a school in Africa a national initiative
- Created an ad Hoc Committee to create an Endowment to raise funds for the future of Alpha Omega Chapter

# Signature Accomplishments

- Held a Tribute to Black Men with Tavis Smiley (nationally known Commentator) was the key note speaker
- Initiated a "New members Gala" to assist new members with intro into the chapter to get all the documents they needed for full participation in the chapter
- Held a meeting with newly initiated members to discuss long term participation in Alpha
   Kappa Alpha and to assist with assimilation into chapter activities
- Initiated a Technology Committee to build a chapter data base and develop a website.
- Initiated the first Cotillion for Alpha Omega
- Revised the Community Brochure that was given to Community Organizations and others who were not familiar with the Chapter or Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Created, via the membership committee, a new member's brochure which told new members all the current initiatives in Alpha Omega, how to get and who to get information from

- Continued Member Speak on the agenda to allow members an opportunity to bring to the floor issues and concerns so they could be addressed by the body
- Initiated a pictorial Directory to familiarize members with the faces of Alpha Omega

Impact on Chapter and Community At Large

- Members contributed and worked at the Cleveland Food Bank
- Participated in the Giving Tree Project
- Supported other programs like Coats for Kids and African school project ie books for Africa.

# **Basileus: Tillie Taylor Colter**

Election Year: 2003 - 2006

Alpha Omega Chapter

Vision of Basileus:

Alpha Omega Chapter should have 100% visibility in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; on the National scene; in Northeast Ohio and most certain Cleveland, Ohio. Touching the young child and Teen, celebrating the senior citizen. Collaborating with the Cleveland Community.

# Remembered for

**Proctor & Gamble OHIO Classic**, September 18-21, 2003: including College Fair, Alpha Omega Chapter Pre-Classic JAM - Friday; Sections 101 & 102 Classic Football Game - Saturday- Cleveland Browns Stadium, Boat Ride in conjunction with **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc**. - Saturday evening on Goodtime II.

Parent AKAdemy in two Cleveland Schools: Robert Fulton and Joseph F. Landis

#### **Key Initiatives**

- First Alpha Omega Chapter Newsletter with color pictures.
- 500 + Active Members 2005-2006
- Cleveland Browns Grant: "Pretty Pearls Drill Team" participating in Cleveland Browns Community
  Drive, Sept 2003; 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional Labor Day Parade- Sept.1,2003; and Grandparents/Residents of
  Ivy Plaza, October-May.
- Alpha Omega planned and funded "Leadership 2005 Pool Party" in support of Member Pamela Redden, candidate for Supreme Basileus at Atlantas Resort, Bahamas

# **Key Accomplishments**

• Ivy Academy - High School Program "World Changers"

# **International Programs:**

- 2003-2006 K-3 Reading Collaboration with *Friendly Inn Tutoring one-to-one*
- U. S. Department of Education Collaborating with NCNW \$15,000.00 Pre-K 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
- National Endowment for Financial Education 2003 Class 20 Area High School Students Friendly Inn - Goal Setting, Budgeting, Credit and Savings
- Alpha Omega hosted: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. National Founders' Day Jan.
- National M.L.K. Day 2003-2004 "Day-On" HS Semila. January 16, 2004. Cuyahoga Community College main campus.

# **Signature Accomplishments**

- SIDS Program Distribution at Cleveland Classic Campaign 2003
- SIDS Summit Detroit, Mich. Alpha Omega Chapter Bus
- \$1,000.00 to Huron Road Hospital
- Alpha Omega places Grave Marker Lakeview Cemetery -L. Pearl Mitchell, Third Supreme Basileus, "Miss A. K. A."

First Great Lakes Regional Director

Ceremony and Reception

# **Impact on Chapter and Community At Large**

Alpha Omega supported <u>The Katrina Project</u> spearheaded by then *Great Lakes Regional Director*, *Member Pamela Redden*. Members filled a Rental-truck with gifts and household items that were taken via motorcade to victims housed in Baton Rouge, La.

2003-2004 Presidential Freedom Scholarship for student Danielle Pettus

# AKA SERVICE TO YOU Transituries by disease The Beloved Community



Omega chapter President Ashley Torain, Alpha Omega chapter President Tillie Colter, International President Linda Marie White, Great Lakes Regional Director Dr. Pamela Redden and Reba Denmark, president of Lambda Phi Omega chapter.

# Grant helps Alpha Kappa Alpha chapters' MLK activities

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sororily Inc., Alpha Omega Foundation, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega chapters, whose presidents are Ms. Tillic Colter, Reba Denmark and Ashley Torain, respectively, received a grant from the National Corporation and Community Service Foundation to plan and imple-

National Corporation and Community Service Foundation to plan and implement a Day of Service in the Cleveland area.

On Friday, Jan. 16, area schools were invited to a seminar on nonviolence at CCC Metro Campus. The morning heran with a program and began with a program and greetings from International President Linda M. White and Cleveland's own Dr. Pamela L. Redden, Great Lakes Regional

Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director.

The Rev., Dr. Marvin McMickle was the keynote speaker. He emphasized the importance of Dr. King's dream and how to use the "SIx Principles" and steps to make one's life better.

Studente from the area.

Students from the area, including B.R.I.C.K. (Brotherhood, Inte ligence, Character, Inte ligence, Character, Knowledge) were invited to participate in workshops emphasizing "The Three Evils\*: war, poverty and vio-

Evils\*: war, poverty and vio-lence.

Approximately 160 stu-dems were in attendance.
Students were rotated to ensure participation in at least two of the three subjects. The Non-Violent Commitment Sheat was reviewed and each student made a decision to sign. Each month, a special activity will focus on an ele-ment of one of the "Six Principles" of Dr. Martin Luther King.

King. Friday afternoon, students from Audubon and Nathan Hale middle schools, who par-

scene of a service day for the residents. Sorority members volunteered to help with any project residents had planned for the day from shopping to ironing, writing letters or being read to. It was a very successful day, with requests by residents to return and visit again. A reception at the end of the

day was enjoyed by all.

The culminating activity for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Day On Service" (as opposed to the MLK Holiday being a "day off") will be held on Thursday, May 13, at which time other nonviolent discussion groups will come together behave how their nonviolent to share how their nonviolent

activities have worked.

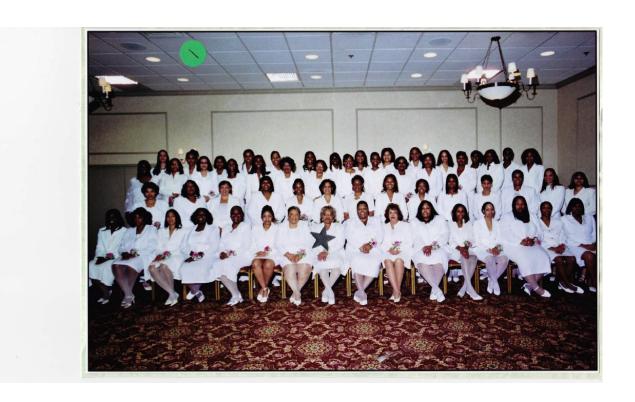
All of the events and activities planned for this special Martin Luther King Day Project have served to increase awareness and knowledge of the nonviolent movement, the "Six Principles" to make life better and Dr. King's dream.

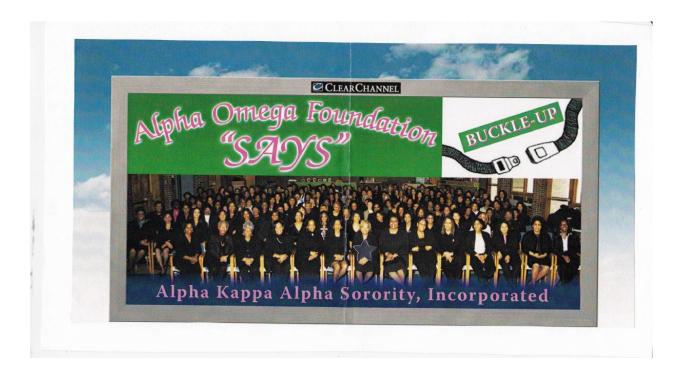


Sorority members hosted a skating party for students from Audubon and Nathan Hale die schools. The party was held at the Zelma George Recreation Center.









# **Basileus: Jacquelyn A. Comeaux**

Election Year: 2007-2008 – (AKA Centennial year)

Chapter: Alpha Omega

Vision of Basileus:

Working to become viable, valuable and visible within our chapter and in our communities through Extraordinary Service Programs (E.S.P.)

# Remembered for: The "Yes We Can" Campaign

- Viable Strengthened our commitment to Education and Economic Growth through increased scholarship giving and greater fiscal understanding.
- Valuable Promoted strong presence and awareness in our community of the importance of exercising civic responsibilities and promoting a healthy self and environment.
- Visible Increased our outreach and service efforts across Northeastern Ohio through enhanced community collaboration and extraordinary giving to those in need.

# **Key Initiatives**

- Commitment to Education and Economic Growth
  - Distributed \$62,000 in Scholarship and recognized the outstanding educational accomplishments of over 300 students during our 2007 and 2008 "Salute to Excellence" Program. In 2008, we featured a salute to the "Class of 2020"; the leaders of tomorrow in recognition of our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration.
  - Donated over 300 books to promote our K-3 Reading initiatives and adopted 4 elementary schools (Robert Fulton, Joseph Landis, Memorial and Nathan Hale).
     Monthly we worked with 25-30 students from these schools to promote an increase in reading interest and skills.
  - Provided over 400 chapter members with financial information (budgeting, retirement planning, saving for college, etc.). Encouraged all to participate in healthy self and environment activities in our "Alpha Omega Goes Green" project.
- Increased Community Collaboration Efforts
  - Collected and distributed 2100 can goods for the Cleveland Food Bank which provided meals for more than 300 families.
  - Donated over \$1500 to the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland to support the purchase or dental and vision supplies/services for 10-15 families
  - Created a life skills and educational after school program entitled "Bachelor Boys" that provided workshops twice a month on grooming, health, nutrition, shopping, cooperative learning, etiquette, attitude, responsibility and encouragement; all presented by men in our collaborative community partner circle (Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, 100 Black Men, Kappa Alpha Psi, the ELKS

- Lodge) and a partnership with Kids' Health 20/20, a county social service organization. This project won the chapter Best Practice and Outstanding Youth Program recognition at the 2008 Regional Conference and continues to win awards in this category.
- Canvassed 1250 homes, and put in over 250 volunteer hours registering more than 200 new voters and distributing voter registration information during our "Get Out The Vote" project with the help of the Cleveland Board of Elections, the NAACP of Greater Cleveland, the URBAN League of Greater Cleveland and our sister chapters Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters.
- Over 50 chapter members along with our sister chapters participated in the Hunger Walk and Multiple Sclerosis Walk to support the fight to eliminate hunger and debilitating diseases.

# Enhanced technology footprint

- Introduced and distributed our chapter newsletter in email format; which enabled us to incorporate color, photos and graphics to better highlight our service efforts
- o Created and introduced our new chapter website and membership data base.

# **Key Accomplishments**

- Building Stronger Community Partnerships The establishment of key community partnerships have enabled us to network across a broader spectrum of Northeast Ohio to provide enhanced service and support to our communities.
   This enhancement has made it possible for us to continue our outreach efforts and sustain the vision of working to be more viable, valuable and visible.
- Creating Greater Community Outreach Working collectively within the chapter provided an avenue of giving that was exceptional! We used cross chapter committee collaboration to accomplish goals and create an easy, efficient and effective way to provide service to those in need.

# Signature Accomplishments

- "Yes We Can" Campaign actively promoting outreach and service to those in need.
- "Bachelor Boys" assisting at risk young Black males to encourage life skills and academic growth.
- "Excellence in Education" increasing scholarship giving and strengthening academic and leadership performance.

# Impact on Chapter and Community At Large

As a chapter, we created an "environment of giving, social action and strength in sisterhood and service". It was through our efforts during our chapter evaluation that we became stronger in our understanding of chapter operations and the importance of knowing our documents.

We built an awareness of the importance of voting during our "Get Out The Vote" campaign where we helped change the face of a nation with the election of the country's first African American president. We blazed new trails with our collection and outreach efforts to eliminate hunger, homelessness and suffering and we did it through the creation of a collaborative network of community partnerships. We will continue to embrace our technology enhancements as they are the connection we have with each other. And finally, we gave the gift of knowledge that reminded us of the importance of strengthening ourselves, our finances and our sisterhood. Service is the heart of AKA!

# **Basileus: Gwendolyn Kirtley**

Election Year 2009- 2010

**Chapter** Alpha Omega

# **Vision of Basileus**

- 1) To have more community involvement and exposure
- 2) Grow Alpha Omega Chapter by reactivating inactive members
- 3) Educate the chapter on policies, procedures and issues that affect us as women -by conducting ongoing training and workshops (providing speakers to discuss issues)
- 4) BE Transparent and engage members
- 5) Adapt openness for members to feel empowered, encourage and engaged.

#### Remembered for

Slogans that were used: "We're all in this together." "This is just as you're your chapter as it is mine," "No sister can be a sister to or by herself," and from the words of Member Angelou, "Nothing will work unless you do."

My ability to create cohesiveness that engaged members to work together through critical times in our sorority's history.

# **Key Initiatives:**

Platform I – The Non-Traditional Entrepreneur

Platform II-Economic Keys to Success

Platform III- The Economic Growth of the Black Family

Platform IV- Educational Advancement Through Technology (undergraduate signature)

# Platform V-Health Resource Management and Economics

# **Key Accomplishments**

- Partnership with the Karamu
- Partnership with the Ohio Census Bureau, "Stand up and be Counted,"
- Partnership with the City of Cleveland- The Mayor's Holiday Baskets "Feeding the Community
- Partnership with Burton Bell Carr, Inc. to build playground for youth, KaBoom
- We were recognized by Senator Armond Budish during a legislative session for our outstanding contribution to the community.
- Participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> International Solidarity Walk
- Regional Awards:
  - The 4 Heart Beats Awards Membership
  - Focus on Youth Award- Bachelor Boys
  - Preserving Our History –Archives
  - EAF Recognition- Platinum Level
  - Outstanding Health Resource Award
  - The Regional Directory's Exemplary Chapter Award

#### Boule

- Outstanding Recognition for Preserving Our History- Archives
- ❖ Focus on Youth- Bachelor Boys
- Cluster
  - Diva Award for having the most members in attendance

# **Signature Accomplishments**

- Great Lakes Region, Outstanding Basileus
- Developed Leadership Passports for Chapter Members seeking Leadership opportunities
- The Birth of Denim & Pearls-Celebrity Auction
- The First New Year's Gala
- Recognized as Citizen of the Year-Omega Psi Pi Fraternity Inc.
- Completed the 1<sup>st</sup> passing evaluation for Alpha Omega
- Provided responses for the Chapter Audit
- Provided Scholarship totaling more than \$25,000.00
- Developing the Strategic Plan

# Impact on Chapter and Community At Large

- Alpha Omega provided Scholarship totaling more than \$25,000.00
- Canvas the Community in a get out to vote campaign-voters registrations
- Partnership with US Bank, for programs of Service with young men in the community-Bachelor Boys
- Developed a relationship with Fatima Center which lead to a partnership
- We partnered with "Project Act," providing hats and gloves to women and children in shelters within the greater Cleveland Community















# **Basileus Name: Joyce S. Thornton**

Term of Office: 2011-2012

Vision/Goal: In-depth Communication: Motto: "Communication is Key.

Knowledge is Power.

Service is the Ultimate!"

- 1. All members informed, via e-mails, newsletters, and Phone Chain regarding information on the chapter, regional and international levels.
- 2. All members become familiar with and know our documents (Chapter and International).
- 3. Encouraged all members to attend conferences (Boule, Leadership Seminar, Cluster meetings and share what we learn with each other.
- 4. Encouraged members to support/participate in all chapter/foundation activities and join/work on committees

# Remembered for/Accomplished

- Expressing my appreciation to members for the dedication, hard work and commitment of our goals (Chapter, Region, International) via newsletters and at Chapter/Foundation meetings
- 2. Launching of Alpha Omega's Spirit Award at Fellowship Luncheons
- 3. Great Lakes Region Site Coordinator, MLK Day Service for Peace Project (launched in 2013)
- 4. Recognition of members extraordinary accomplishments (Sorority, chapter, community)
- 5. Appointed Great Lakes Region Historian, 2012-2014, by our Great Lakes Regional Director, Member Charlene Truitt Nelson
- 6. Appointed members of the Alpha Omega Chapter's 2017 Centennial Committee. In December, 2011, at the Membership Retreat, Members signed pledge cards to participate fully in the 2017 Centennial Celebration. This idea came from the Membership Committee, chaired by Member Jessica Price Smith.

# Impact on Chapter/Community

- 1. Serving hot meals at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- 2. Collaboration with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at George Washington Carver School to plant and harvest our urban garden
- 3. Collaboration with Continue Life, Inc. Women's Shelter
- 4. Collaboration with our sister chapter, Lambda Phi Omega Get Out the Vote



- Served as Chairman of Alpha Omega Foundation, Incorporated, re: 2011 and 2013
   Symphony of Pink and Green Cotillions
- 6. Serving hot meals at Calvary Presbyterian Church
- 7. Current Alpha Omega Bylaws and adopted by the Chapter (2011)

#### Basileus: Terri B. Eason

Election Year: 2013

Chapter: Alpha Omega

# **Vision of Basileus:**

Strengthen the bonds of *Sisterhood* through *Servant Leadership* and *Purpose-driven Service*. Plan, Coordinate, facilitate, and execute programs, activities and events so Alpha Omega Chapter is *Present and Accounted For*. The priority is to make a significant impact within our community and to amplify the mission and vision of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

#### Remembered for:

Theme- "The Best is Yet to Come."

Developed and launched the Alpha Omega B.L.E.S.S.E.D. Award ~ Alpha Omega Chapter members are recognized during monthly chapter meetings for demonstrating the following attributes: Brilliance, Leadership, Excellence, Service, Sisterhood, Exemplary, and Dedication. Introduced multiple leadership development programs and activities.

# **Key Initiatives**

- Emerging Young Leaders (EYL)- Retained 90% of EYL participants. Improved recruitment efforts resulting in increasing no. of EYL participants by 110%
- Health Initiatives —Hosted Pink Goes Red Event participated in a variety of Walk-a-thons including Multiple Sclerosis, March of Dimes, Rite Aid Marathon, and Fox 8 Fox Trot.
- Health Initiative-Cultivated existing Urban Garden in partnership with St. Andrews Church and George Washington Carver school, while creating an additional Urban Community Garden to engage the residents of Ivy Plaza and the community at large.
- Global Poverty Chapter made annual donations, as well as encouraged sorority members to actively contribute to Heifer International year around.
- Economic Security- launched the first series of Financial Planning Workshops titled- "Budgeting, Saving and Investing."
- Social Justice and Human Rights- Hosted educational workshops and shared videos during
   Executive Board and Chapter meetings to disseminate information and increase awareness of
   Human Trafficking throughout the community.

• Internal Leadership Training for External Service- Planned and executed quarterly leadership training sessions focused on standards, protocol, parliamentary procedures, programs, and other pertinent subject matters related to the International Program initiatives.

# **Key Accomplishments**

- Chapter was appointed as one of the Great Lakes Region's representatives and received a \$500 grant to launch the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and 40 Days of Peace initiative. The workshop and panel discussions engaged a magnitude of veterans and community partner, as well as Youth Groups such as Emerging Young Leaders (EYL), Bachelor Boys and Leadership AKAdemy and sorority members illustrated in the Summer 2013 Ivy Leaf (Page 24).
- Developed a partnership with the American Heart Association for "Pink Goes Red " Day resulting in significant charitable donation to the organization and recognition in the Summer 2013 Ivy Leaf (Page 19)
- Successfully hosted the 2013 Northern Ohio/ Western PA Cluster in collaboration with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega chapters.
- Obtained certification to serve as Human Traffic Unit Volunteers for Destiny Rescue to increase awareness and fight against Human Trafficking.

# **Signature Accomplishments**

- Launched "Pink Fridays" a quarterly networking event scheduled on the first or second Friday
  of the month designed to engage the community and showcase our various chapter and
  international programs and activities.
- Successfully hosted the "Salute to Excellence" achievement program to recognize the outstanding scholastic achievements of students and awarded over \$19,000.00 in scholarships.
- Adopted and developed a relationship with Continued Life, Incorporated Homeless Shelter and planned a baby shower providing gifts to benefit the residents.
- Actively participated in the Angel Tree Initiative and the Giving Tree Campaign resulting in a multitude of holiday gifts being donated to children who are in foster care and parents are incarcerated.

# Impact on Chapter and Community At Large

- Alpha Omega Chapter members planned, organized, facilitated and executed 108 programs, activities and events in 2013. Our efforts resulted in touching over 250,000 people and volunteering more than 50,000 hours within our community.
- Alpha Omega collaborated with the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission and served on the Planning Committee for the Greater Cleveland Classic Football Game hosted on September 21, 2013. Our community partnership led to Alpha Omega Chapter being recognized as one of the primary advocates and leading partners and supporters for ticket sales.

- Received the "Status of Women" award from the Top Ladies of Distinction of Greater Cleveland
   Chapter for outstanding community service.
- Recognized as the "Citizen of the Year" by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for outstanding contributions to the community.









# Alpha Omega Chapter Chronology (1958-2006)

# **Acknowledgements**

The 1998 Heritage Committee members read reports of officers, Committee Chairmen, and delegates. They looked at scrapbooks, photographs, and newspaper clippings. Newsletters and rosters were studied. The oral history videotape of Alpha Omega's golden members and former basilei was reviewed. The former basilei were interviewed, and provided to the committee pertinent information from their respective administrations. The committee looked at programs of Boules, Leadership Conferences, Regional Conferences, Cluster meetings, and special events. All available issues of the *Ivy Leaf* were reread. This edition of chapter history was compiled by using all of these resources.

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The 1998 Heritage Committee

Joi Alston Beverly Shepherd Murphy

Pauline C. Barnes Jacqueline Porter

Yolanda Eiland-Davis Danita Rucker

Jeri-Elayne Goosby Thelma Townsend

Monee C. Kidd Frances Tyus

Daisy Love Marian B. Wallace

Vivian Melton

Ebraska D. Ceasor, Chairman

Janie C. Rollins, Assistant Chairman

Pamela L. Redden, Basileus

#### 1958 Officers

Basileus - Dorothea Brown

First Anti-Basileus - Doris Webster

Second Anti-Basileus - Barbara Gunn

Grammateus - Susie Rice

Anti-Grammateus - Lorraine Drake

Tamiouchos – DeLorna Williams

Epistoleus – Gloria Chochran

Parliamentarian - Shirley Lofton

Undergraduate Advisors - Ruth Collins and Juanita Traylor

Historian – Jacqueline Dorsey

Chaplain – Marie Jamison

Chaplain Emeritus – Lucretia Schumake

Philacter - Carrie Davis

# **Nominating Committee**

Parthenia Blake, Chairman

Christine Branche Dorothy O'Bryant

Mary Burks Josephine Perry

Ylonne Charlton Pauline Twyne

Sylvia Lawrence Maryon Womack

# 1958 Activities and Events

Fashionetta, March 25, WHK Studio One. Doris Webster, Chairman, Josephine Perry, Co-Chairman. A skit, "Have Dress...Will Travel", was presented. Western Reserve University was the recipient of funds from this event to help finance the Alpha Omega Scholarship Fund for AKAs attending the college. June Gilliam wrote the skit and was the "star" performer.

# First Career Day, April 12, Phillis Wheatley Association.

Theme: "Know Yourself". Speakers were Miss Evelyn Barbour, Director of Religious Education, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and Mr. J. Edward Dickerson, United States Employment Services. Copies of the Children's Bill of Rights and Children's Bill of Responsibilities were distributed.

**27**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 18-20, Secor Hotel Toledo, Ohio.** Host Chapters: Zeta Alpha Omega and Alpha Lambda. Gwendolyn Goldston, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "The Role of Alpha Kappa Alpha in Times of Transition".

# Alpha Omega Participation

Barbara Gunn, Workshop Presenter

L. Pearl Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, led Ivies Beyond the Wall Service.

**50**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Boule, August 16-23, Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.** Host Chapters: Xi Omega, Alpha Beta and Beta Lambda. Arnetta Wallace, Supreme Basileus.

Ivy Leaf Coverage, June 1958

L. Pearl Mitchell, 3rd Supreme Basileus (photo – pages 11 and 13)

Endowment Fund Honor Roll List (pages 26-28): Gertrude Gorman, Mildred Gorman,

L. Pearl Mitchell, Minerva Haywood

1959 Officers

Basileus - Dorothea Brown

First Anti-Basileus – Doris Webster

Second Anti-Basileus - Barbara Gunn

Grammateus - Susie Rice

Anti-Grammateus - Mary Nichols

Tamiouchos - Odessa Fellows

Epistoleus - Shirley Brown

Parliamentarian - Shirley Lofton

Undergraduate Advisors – Fannette Duncan & L. Pearl Mitchell

Chaplain - Minvera Haywood

Historian - Elizabeth DeLoache

Ivy Leaf Reporter - Christine Branche

Sergeant-at-Arms – Juanita Traylor

#### 1959 Activities and Events

**Dinner Lecture, Spring 1959, Metro General Hospital.** A research hematologist told the full story of sickle-cell anemia with slides, movies, diagrams, and a chalk talk for members and guests.

**28**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 24-26, Hotel Miami, Dayton, Ohio.** Host Chapter: Beta Eta Omega. LaRue Frederick, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Forward to a New Era of Service".

Alpha Omega Participation

L. Pearl Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, conducted the Rededication Ceremony, following the Banquet.

# 1959 Regional Committees

Dorothea Brown - Recommendations

Berthina Palmer - Resolutions

**Doris Webster - Education** 

**Dinner Dance, Spring 1959, Mid-Day Club.** Rena Elliot and Vivian Foster, Co-Chairman. Members and their guests enjoyed dancing and socializing throughout the evening.

**Fellowship Luncheon, June 13, Halle Brothers Lounge.** Guest Speaker was Supreme Basileus, Dr. Marjorie Parker. New officers were installed by L. Pearl Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus. Earlier that day, Member Parker made a guest appearance on WABQ radio station for Women's World. She discussed Alpha Kappa Alpha's program.

**38**<sup>th</sup> **Boule, December 26-30, Cincinnati, Ohio.** Host Chapters: Sigma Omega and Omicron. Dr. Marjorie Parker, Supreme Basileus. Theme: "New Directions for the Second Half Century". Many Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

# Ivy Leaf Coverage, September 1959

Zelma George, Newsmaker, returns from a six-month tour of Africa, Central Europe, and the Far East as a representative of the United States State Department. (photo, pg.44).

Alpha Omega's Sickle Cell Dinner Lecture; Fellowship Luncheon; Neophytes; Dinner Dance (photo, pg. 29)

Ivies Beyond the Wall

Mamie Goode

Lucretia Shumake

#### 1960-1961 Officers

Basileus - Myrtle Wiggins

First Anti-Basileus – Susie Rice

Second Anti-Basileus – Ann Henry

Grammateus - Zelma Curtis

Anti-Grammateus – Mary Nichols

Tamiouchos – Marguerite Holmes

Epistoleus – Rubye Crawford

Parliamentarian – Margaret Bullard

Undergraduate Advisor – Lorraine Drake

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Jean Lee

Historian - Elizabeth DeLoache

Chaplain – Louise Jones

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Edna Rich

Sergeant-at-Arms - Anne Cunningham

#### 1960 Activities and Events

**Founder's Day, January 24, Liberty Hill Baptist Church. Zelma Curtis, Chairman**. Guest Speaker, Supreme Basileus, Dr. Marjorie Parker. The AKA Ensemble, directed by Ruth Collins performed at the event.

**29**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, May 13-15, Columbus Ohio, Columbus Deshlew-Hilton Hotel.** Host Chapters: Alpha Sigma Omega and Theta. LaRue Frederick, Great Lakes Regional Director. Supreme Basileus, Dr. Marjorie Parker was the Banquet Speaker. Theme: "New Directions for the Second Half Century".

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

# **Regional Committees**

Ardelia Dixon, Chairman, Time and Place

Elizabeth DeLoache, Time and Place

Berthina Palmer, Chairman, Resolutions

Myrtle Wiggins, Basilei Breakfast

Seventeen Alpha Omega members attended. Alpha Omega is the largest chapter in the region with one hundred thirteen members, Alpha Rho Omega is the second largest with one hundred one members.

Alpha Omega won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for the Outstanding Chapter Award.

**Fashionetta, November 20, WHK Studio One.** Theme: "Visions of Loveliness". A skit was written by Rhoza Simmons. The AKA Ensemble, directed by Ruth Collins, was the featured entertainment. Juanita Shorter, Chairman, Ylonne Charlton and Susie Rice, Co-Chairmen.

#### **1961 Activities and Events**

**Joint Activity with Omega Chapter, February 11.** Joan Baker, Bertha Dixson, Rhonda Kelly, and Ester Lester were initiated into Omega Chapter. Evelyn Evans, Emily Johnson and Eunice Johnson transferred into Alpha Omega Chapter. Lorraine Drake and Jean Lee

were Undergraduate Advisors.

**30**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 21-23, Youngstown, Ohio, Pick-Ohio Hotel.** Host Chapters: Epsilon Mu Omega and Delta Delta. LaRue Frederick, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Our Affairs and New Frontiers". Twenty-six Alpha Omega Members attended.

# Alpha Omega Participation

# **1961 Regional Committees**

Elizabeth DeLoache - Resolutions; Time and Place

Lorraine Drake - Recommendations

Cynthia Holloway – Courtesy

L. Pearl Mitchell - Basilei Breakfast; Nominating

Susie Rice – Publicity

Myrtle Wiggins - Awards; Basilei Breakfast

Fellowship Luncheon, June 17, Mt. Zion Congregational Church.

**Mildred Gorman and Helyn Payne, Chairmen**. The AKA Ensemble, directed by Ruth Collins, performed. Rhonda Kelly, interpretative dancer, was also featured.

**39**<sup>th</sup> **Boule, August 14-19, Chicago, Illinois**. Dr. Marjorie Parker, Supreme Basileus.

Alpha Omega Participation

#### **Boule Committees**

Gertrude Gorman – Tellers

L. Pearl Mitchell - Constitution; NAACP

Myrtle Wiggins - Music; Recommendations

Youth Incentives Workshop, October 7, John Carroll University.

**Genevieve Blackshear and Zelma George Chairmen** 

**Reactivation Kick-Off, November 13, Karamu House.** Sponsored by the Membership Committee in collaboration with the Social Committee. Activities included: A skit, "The Case of Alpha Omega", written by Lois Wise; Reactivation/Rededication, led by Julia Baum-Shaw; Alpha Omega Ensemble sang "Reactivation", composed and directed by Ruth Collins; and a Social Hour with refreshments and fellowship.

Film and Lecture on Sickle Cell Anemia, November 30, Cleveland Clinic

Closed Christmas Dance, December 15, Sahara Hotel. Dorothy Adams, Chairman

Ivy Leaf Coverage, April 1961

Three Omega members transfer to Alpha Omega. Omega Chapter welcomes four new members. (photo, pg. 20)

1962-1963 Officers

Basileus – Juanita Shorter

First Anti-Basileus - Margaret Bullard

Second Anti-Basileus - Mary Nichols

Grammateus – Anne Cunningham

Anti-Grammateus – Katherine Nunley

Tamiouchos – Marguerite Holmes

Epistoleus – Julia Baum-Shaw

Anti-Epistoleus – Dorthula Withers

Parliamentarian – Berthina Palmer

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Dorothy Johnson

# Undergraduate Advisor – Susie Rice

# Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Ezekiel Seabrook

#### Historian – Leota Hardin Mullen

# Chaplain - Della Mae Ector

# Sergeant-at-Arms – Margaret Prewitt

# Committee Leadership

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman/Representative</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

American Counsel on Human Rights Carriebelle Cook

Community Relations Naomi Adams

Early Bird Mary Nichols

Fashionetta Ruth Collins Ylonne Charlton

Founders' Day Helen Armstead

Health Evelyn Hollis

Inter-Greek Council Alice Jones Mary Nichols

Investment Cynthia Holloway

June Dance Emily Johnson

Membership Ebraska Nimmons

National Council of Negro Women Marie Jamison

Nominating Blanche Kirven

Program Arlene Berry

Regional Director Odessa Sumpter

Remembrance Myrtle Wiggins

Scholarship Marjorie Turner

Social Anna Kenny

Youth Incentive Dorothea Brown

#### 1962 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, January 14, Lane Metropolitan CME Church.** Susie Rice, Mary Nichols and Odessa Sumpter, Chairmen. 14<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus, Arnetta Wallace was the guest speaker.

**31**<sup>st</sup> **Great Lakes\_Regional Conference, May 4-6, Hotel Pick-Durant, Flint, Michigan.** Host Chapters: Zeta Beta Omega and Eta Upsilon Omega. LaRue Frederick, Great Lakes Regional Director. Thirty-seven Alpha Omega members attended.

# **Alpha Omega Participation**

#### **1962 Regional Committees**

Margaret Bullard – Recommendations

Ylonne Charlton - Laura Lovelace Award

Cynthia Holloway - Time and Place

Eunice Johnson – Evaluation

L. Pearl Mitchell – Constitution and NAACP Chairman

Juanita Shorter – Health, Chairman

Myrtle Wiggins - Music, Co-Chairman

**Fellowship Luncheon, June 16, Call and Post Building.** Helen Nunn and Ezekiel Seabrook, Chairmen. This event was held in connection with the Youth Incentives Weekend, which was a YouthTown meeting/Career Day. Participants in the program included Angie Brooks, Basileus of Eta Beta Omega Chapter in Liberia, West Africa and member of the Liberation Delegation to the United Nations; Advisor on Political and Legal Affairs, United Nations, Caramel Carrington Marr, native of Brooklyn, New York; and Chicago, Illinois native, Etta Moton Barnett, lecturer, singer, and actress; all Alpha Kappa Alpha women. Zelma George chaired the Youth Incentive Project. Dorothea Brown and Christine Branche Co-Chairman, Career Day.

Reactivation Kick-Off, November 12, A skit, "Remember When",

written by Ebraska Nimmons, Membership Chairman, was presented. It covered Alpha Omega events from 1952-1962.

40<sup>th</sup> Boule, December 26-30, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit,

Michigan. Host Chapters: Alpha Rho Omega and Beta Mu. Dr. Marjorie Parker, Supreme Basileus.

# **Alpha Omega Participation**

L. Pearl Mitchell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, reported on the NAACP Life Membership Project.

Ylonne Charlton was a candidate for Great Lakes Regional Director. Bernice Sumlin was elected.

As of December 31, Alpha Omega had one hundred forty active members.

#### 1962 Ivy Leaf Coverage

**June -** Alpha Omega celebrates Founders' Day. Former Supreme Basileus Arnetta Wallace was the guest speaker. (pg. 14)

**September-October** - When L. Pearl Mitchell attended the NAACP Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, she was a guest in Margaret Davis Bowen's home. (photo, pg. 15)

# **1963 Activities and Events**

**Founders' Day, February 12, Lancer Steak House.** Former Basilei were honored at this closed dinner event. Helen Armstead performed a choral reading, written by Ebraska Nimmons, "Changing with the

Changing Times... Moving Forward With Our Youth". Members worshipped together on the following day at Calvary Presbyterian Church.

**Fashionetta, February 24, WHK Studio One.** Theme: One Hundred Years of Negro Progress", script written by Ylonne Charlton, Ruth Collins, and June Gilliam. Estelle Holmes, commentator; Dorothy Adams, soloist; and Juanita Shorter, the "Star".

**32**<sup>nd</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 26-28, Daniel Boone Hotel, Charleston, West Virginia.** Host Chapters: Alpha Omicron Omega, Beta Beta Omega, and Nu. Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

3<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Basileus, L. Pearl Mitchell gave Response to Greetings

Juanita Shorter, Workshop Presenter

Katherine P. Williamson, Panelist and Discussion Leader

## **1963 Regional Committees**

Julia Baum - ACHR

Dorothea Brown, Community Service

Margaret Bullard - Resolutions

Ylonne Charlton – Evaluation

Lorraine Drake – Community Service

Della Ector – Health

Marguerite Holmes – Resolutions

Marie Jamison - Time and Place

L. Pearl Mitchell – Chairman, NAACP

Elvie Perdue - Chairman, Laura Lovelace Award

Susie Rice - Undergraduate Activities; L. Pearl Mitchell Award

Miriam Rivers – Health

Naomi Rose - Scholarship

Juanita Shorter – Chairman, Health

Marjorie Turner – Scholarship

Myrtle Wiggins - Music

Katherine Williams - Evaluation

Ivy Ball, June 8, Vagabond Room. Music was provided by Jimmie Lunceford and his band.

**Fellowship Luncheon, June 15, Vagabond Room.** Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director, was guest speaker.

**Get Acquainted Tea for Reactivating Members, October 6, Karamu House.** A skit, "A Visit to Greekdom – A Fantasy", written by Ebraska Nimmons, was performed for the audience.

## 1964 Officers

Basileus – Margaret Prewitt

First Anti-Basileus - Margaret Bullard

Second Anti-Basileus – Mary Nichols

Grammateus - Joan Baker

Anti-Grammateus – Jeanne Freels

Tamiouchos - Mildred Stith

Epistoleus – Julia Baum

Assistant Epistoleus – Dorthula Withers

#### Parliamentarian – Wenona Burton

# Advisor to Undergraduates – Ebraska Nimmons

## Assistant Advisor to Undergraduates – Ezekiel Seabrook

Historian - Marie Swayze

Chaplain – Minerva Haywood

Ivy Leaf Reporter – L. Pearl Mitchell

Assistant Ivy Leaf Reporter – Ardelia Dixon

Sergeant-at-Arms - Alma Tanner

# **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Mildred Stith

Career Day Louise Brown

Community Relations Coordinator Juanita Patterson

Projects:

Blossom Hill Julia Baum

NAACP Naomi Adams

NCNW Juanita Shorter

Phillis Wheatly Maggie Carden

Constitution Revision Ardelia Dixon

Dance Dorothy Adams

Early Bird Olivia Flanagan

Fashionetta Katherine Nunley Ebraska Nimmons

Fellowship Luncheon Mary Burks Clavenda Williams

Founders' Day Pauline Twyne

Guide to Procedures Ardelia Dixon

Health Evelyn Hollis

Investment Cynthia Holloway Frances Francis

Membership Alma Tanner

Music Leota Hardin Mullen

Nominating Dorothy Adams

Program Margaret Bullard

Remembrance Betty Daniels

Scholarship Elizabeth DeLoache

Social Allene Davis

Telephone Chain Carrie Davis Mildred Brady

Ways and Means Eunice Johnson

## **1964 Activities and Events**

**Initiation, January 4**. Ebraska Nimmons, Chairman. Thirteen new members were initiated. All of the new members were teachers, with interests ranging from home-making to concert pianist.

**33**<sup>rd</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 24-26, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Buffalo, New, York.** Host Chapters: Gamma Phi Omega and Gamma Iota. Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Changing Times...Moving Forward With Our Youth".

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

L. Pearl Mitchell, Rededication Leader

Wenona Reynolds Burton, Workshop Presenter – "Constitutional Changes"

#### **1964 Regional Committees**

Margaret Bullard – Time and Place

Wenona Reynolds Burton – L. Pearl Mitchell Award

L. Pearl Mitchell - Chairman, NAACP

Ebraska Nimmons – Laura Lovelace Award

Elvie Perdue – Chairman, Beaulah T. Whitby Award

Margaret Prewitt – Chairman, Resolution

Benefit for Prince Edward County Schools, Farmville, Virginia, May 31, Cory United Methodist Church. Juanita Patterson, Chairman. The schools were closed to avoid desegregation. \$675.00 was raised.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, **June 13**, **Hotel Manger.** Julia Purnell, Supreme Basileus, was the guest speaker. Regional Director, Bernice I. Sumlin, gave remarks. The AKA Ensemble, directed by Leota Hardin Mullen, accompanied by Maggie Carden, sang. A skit, "A Year in Restrospect", written by Ebraska Nimmons, was narrated by Clavenda Williams.

**41**<sup>st</sup> **Boule, August 9-15, Sheriden Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** Host Chapters: Omega Omega, Gamma Epsilon and Delta Mu. Julia Purnell, Supreme Basileus. Theme: "Advancement Through Knowledge and Action". At the Public Meeting, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. received the Sorority's first Eleanor Roosevelt Medallion for Human Relations. Whitney Young, Jr. spoke at the Wednesday afternoon session. Fifty-five members attended.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

The Cleveland Chorale, Myrtle Wiggins, Director, Maggie Carden, accompanist, sang at the Thursday morning session.

Elvie Purdue read the narrative, written by Ardelia Dixon.

The Chorale also sang at the Great Lakes Regional Luncheon.

#### 1964 Boule Committees

Genevie Blackshear - Resolutions

L. Pearl Mitchell – Chairman, NAACP

Ebraska Nimmons – Chairman, Undergraduate Evaluation

Margaret Prewitt – Chairman, Resolutions

## Career Day, September 26, St. James AME Church. The following

workshops were given: Banking, Building Trades, Civil Service, Cosmetology, Hospital Services, Industry, International Business Machines and Utilities.

Harvest Ball, November 20, Manger Hotel.

## 1964 Ivy Leaf Coverage

March – Alpha Omega Initiation (photo pg. 40)

November – Alpha Omega has the largest out-of-state members at Boule. (photo, pg. 29)

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

Edwina Branch

Henrietta Wright

**Betty Victory** 

#### 1965 Officers

Basileus – Margaret Prewitt

First Anti-Basileus - Elvie Perdue

Second Anti-Basileus – Mildred Brady

Grammateus - Joan Baker

Anti-Grammateus – Jeanne Freels

Tamiouchos - Mildred Stith

Epistoleus – A. Myrtle Johnson

Assistant Epistoleus – Sarah W. Smith

Parliamentarian – Winona Burton

Chaplain – Ella Maye James

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Ardelia Dixon

Historian - Marie Swayze

Advisor to Undergraduates – Ebraska Nimmons

Assistant Advisor to Undergraduates – Ezekiel Seabrook

Philacter – Alma Tanner

Nominating Committee - Chairman, Juanita Shorter

Genevie Blackshear Elizabeth DeLoache

Ylonne Charlton Marguerite Holmes

Anne Cunningham Eunice Johnson

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Mildred Stith

Career Day Louise D. Brown

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Dance Carrie Davis Velma Buckner

Early Bird Olivia F. Williams

Fashionetta Katherine Nunley Ebraska Nimmons

Fellowship Luncheon Mary Burks Clarenda Williams

Founders' Day Pauline Twyne

Health Lorraine Crenshaw Lucille Edwards

Membership Alma Tanner

Music Myrtle Wiggins

Program Elvie Perdue

Reactivation Mary Nichols

Remembrance Betty Daniels

Scholarship Elizabeth DeLoache

Social Allene Daniels

Telephone Chain Naomi Rose

Ways and Means Eunice Johnson

## 1965 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, weekend celebration in January. Saturday Program and Tea, Karamu House.** A skit, "Contrast on Movement", depicting a brief history of Alpha Kappa Alpha, written by Wyllene Gaines and Ebraska Nimmons was presented. L. Pearl Mitchell led the Rededication. **Sunday, Public Hall:** Concert by Marian Anderson, Honorary Member.

March. Opening of Cleveland Job Corps for Women, 1588 Ansel Road.

## Fashionetta, April 25, John Hay High School. Theme: "Family Fun

and Fashions". Production Staff: Ylonne Charlton, Director; Juanita Shorter, Assistant Director; Marjorie Witt Johnson, Choreographer; Marie Swayze, Chairman; Script Writers, Joan Baker, Wyllene Gaines, Dorothy Newman, Ebraska Nimmons, Katherine Nunley. Music by AKA Ensemble, Myrtle Wiggins, Director, Maggie Carden, Accompanist. Featured actors: Elvie Perdue and family.

34<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, May 6-9, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Host Chapters: Alpha Alpha Omega, Alpha Sigma and Iota. Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

L. Pearl Mitchell responded to Greetings by the Regional Chairman and presented National Officers and visitors.

Alpha Omega's Ensemble, directed by Myrtle Wiggins, sang at the Third Business Session.

## **1965 Regional Committees**

Margaret Bullard – Evaluation

Ardelia Dixon – Exhibit Award

L. Pearl Mitchell – Chairman, NAACP

Ebraska Nimmons – LaRue Frederick Award

Elvie Perdue – Chairman, Awards Steering Committee

Margaret Prewitt – Chairman, Recommendations

Juanita Shorter - Nominating

**Fellowship Luncheon, June 19, Hotel Manger.** Guest Speaker was Mary Chambers, First Supreme Anti-Basileus and Director of Cleveland Job Corps. A skit, "Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Great Society", written by Ardelia Dixon and Ebraska Nimmons was presented. Closing remarks were given by Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director.

Maritime Ball, November 27, held in the Seven Seas Room of the Yankee Clipper Inn.

## 1965 Ivy Leaf Coverage

**February-March** – Announcement – working on proposal for Job Corps, Mary Chambers, Chairman, Carriebelle Cook, committee member. (pg. 15)

June – Cleveland Job Corps for Women, L. Pearl Mitchell and Julia Purnell, Former Supreme Basilei, admiring flowers sent from Alpha Omega. (12 photos, pgs. 12-13) AKA – NAACP Freedom Project Report by L. Pearl Mitchell. (pg. 15) Zelma George – guest at Founders' Day – Zeta Lambda Omega, Alexandria, Louisiana. (photo, pg. 36) Zelma George leaves on a 25-day tour of capitals and eight European countries. (pg. 44)

September – Job Corps. (13 photos, pgs. 16-17)

**December** – Fellowship Luncheon -Alpha Omega and Omega Chapters. (pg. 24-25)

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

Willa P. Shook

Katherine P. Williamson

### 1966 Officers

Basileus - Elvie M. Perdue

First Anti-Basileus - Naomi W. Rose

Second Anti-Basileus - Anne Cunningham

Grammateus – Olivia Williams

Tamiouchos – Lorraine Drake

Epistoleus – A. Myrtle Johnson

Assistant Epistoleus – Sarah W. Smith

Parliamentarian – Winona Reynolds Burton

Chaplain – Maggie L. Carden

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Emily G. Johnson

## Historian – Ella Maye James

## Undergraduate Advisor – Ebraska Watts

## Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Eunice Johnson

## Philacter - Betty Daniels

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Lorraine Drake

Career Day Geneva Maiden Minvera Haywood

Community Relations Myrtle Blakely Louise Jones

Constitution Revision Ella Mae Johnson

Dance Joan Baker

Fellowship Luncheon Mildred Smith Marie Swayze

Founders' Day Della Ector

Health Lorraine Crenshaw L. Pearl Mitchell

Hospitality Gladys Lightner

Housing Marie Swayze

Job Corps Sallie Trigg Lucille Edwards

Membership Mary Nichols

Music Ruth Collins

Nominating Juanita Shorter

Program Naomi Rose

Remembrance Ardelia Dixon Marie Swayze

Scholarship Elizabeth DeLoache Marinda Harpole

Telephone Chain Louia Dickerson

Ways and Means Mecie Johnson Willard Chambers

## 1966 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, February 14, Karamu House.** Our speaker was Member Jennetta Welch Brown, Community Relations Coordinator of Job Corps.

**35**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 22-24, Sheraton Hotel, Akron, Ohio.** Host Chapters: Zeta Theta Omega and Delta Pi. Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Christine Branche, Blanche Kirvan, and Alma Tanner – Headstart Workshop Panelists

## **Regional Committees**

L. Pearl Mitchell – Chairman, NAACP, reported that Alpha Omega has the most NAACP Life Memberships in the Region.

Elvie Perdue - Chairman, Awards

Margaret Prewitt – Chairman, Recommendations

**Community Night, April 29, Cory United Methodist Church.** Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Cleveland Job Corps for Women. Sallie Trigg and Lucille Edwards Co-Chairman.

**Fellowship Luncheon, July 23, Statler Hilton Hotel.** Bernice I. Sumlin, Great Lakes Regional Director, was the guest speaker.

**42**<sup>nd</sup> **Boule, August 16-19, Statler Hilton Hotel, Los Angeles, California.** Host Chapters: Alpha Gamma Omega, Alpha Gamma, and Sigma. Theme: "Alpha Kappa Alpha Embraces the Challenges of the 60's". Julia B. Purnell, Supreme Basileus. There was a total of fifteen hundred registered Members in attendance.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Myrtle Wiggins - Hodegos

## **1966 Boule Committees**

Lorraine Drake – Recommendations

Gertrude Gorman - Resolutions

Geneva Maiden - Recommendations

Elvie Perdue – Chairman, Rules

Margaret Prewitt – Standards

Naomi Rose – Rules

## 1966 Boule Delegates

Izora Bagley Geneva Maiden

Elizabeth DeLoache Elvie Perdue

Lorraine Drake Margaret Prewitt

Mildred Gorman Naomi Rose

Marjorie Hamilton Marie Swayze

Ella Mae Johnson Myrtle Wiggins

**5**<sup>th</sup> **Career Day, October 22, Triedstone Baptist Church.** Theme: "Preparing for the Soaring Seventies". Thelma Hollis, Great Lakes Regional Director, brought greetings to the capacity crowd. Carrie-belle Cook coordinated the program and chaired the Evaluation Committee.

Job Corps Christmas Party, December 17.

## 1966 Ivy Leaf Coverage

February-March – Letter from L. Pearl Mitchell about NAACP Membership. (pg. 6)

Eartha Kitt visits Job Corps. (3 photos, pg. 7)

**June-July** – Cleveland Job Corps, First Anniversary, Mary Chambers, Executive Director. April 24-30 was proclaimed "Cleveland Job Corps Week" by Mayor Ralph S. Locher. Alpha Omega sponsored a Community Night Program at Cory United Methodist Church.

Vice President, Hubert Humphrey congratulates Cleveland Job Corps at Mayors Conference at Cleveland Sheraton Hotel. (3 photos, pg. 14).

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

**Dorothy Cloud** 

Mabel Ann Hill

Lois Kenny Upton

Clarenda B. Williams

## 1967 Officers

Basileus – Elvie M. Perdue

First Anti-Basileus - Naomi Rose

Second Anti-Basileus – Anne Cunningham

Grammateus – Olivia Williams

Anti-Grammateus – Alma Tanner

Tamiouchos – Lorraine Drake

Epistoleus – Thelma M. Dockens

Assistant Epistoleus – Dorothy F. Richardson

Parliamentarian – Izora Bagley

Chaplain – Maggie Carden

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Ebraska Watts

Historian – Ella Maye James

Undergraduate Advisor – Marjorie Hamilton

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Eunice Johnson

Philacter – Williard Chambers

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Basilei Council Myrtle Wiggins

Budget Lorraine Drake

Bylaws Ella Mae Johnson

Career Day Minerva Haywood Geneva Maiden

Community Relations Sarah Livingston

Dance Joan Baker Jeanne Freels & Gloria Cochran

Early Bird Octavia Thompson

Fellowship Luncheon Mildred Smith Zenobia Casmire

Founders' Day Della Ector

Health Lorraine Crenshaw L. Pearl Mitchell

Hospitality Gladys Lightner

Housing Marie Swayze

Job Corps Sallie Trigg Lucille Edwards

Membership Alma Tanner

Music Ruth Collins

Nominating Margaret Prewitt

Program Naomi W. Rose

Publicity Ebraska Watts

Remembrance Catherine Bullock

Scholarship Elizabeth DeLoache

Scrapbook Ella Maye James

Telephone Chain Louia Dickerson

Ways and Means Wyllene Harris

## **1967 Activities and Events**

**Founders' Day, January 22, Worship at Fellowship Lutheran Church.** Theme: "Fifty Years of Sisterhood". After the service, Alpha Omega hosted the Coffee Hour for the entire congregation.

**36**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, March 31-April 2, Manger Hotel, Rochester, New York.** Host Chapter: Delta Nu Omega. Thelma Hollis, Great Lakes Regional Director. Thirty-three Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Zelma George, Job Corps Director, Banquet Speaker

## **1967 Regional Committees**

Lorraine Drake - Nominating; Workshops

Elvie Perdue – Chairman, Awards

Margaret Prewitt – National Program; Resolutions

Sallie Trigg – Recommendations

Ebraska Watts – Chairman, Public Relations

## 1967 Regional Awards Received

First Place - Outstanding Chapter

Minerva Haywood – Outstanding Graduate Member

## **1967 Regional Delegates**

Myrtle Bell Elvie Perdue

Lorraine Drake Naomi Rose

Jeanne Freels Mildred Smith

Marjorie Hamilton Marie Swayze

A. Myrtle Johnson Sallie Trigg

Emily Johnson Ebraska Watts

#### Fellowship Luncheon, September 30, Cleveland Sheraton Hotel.

Larzette Hale, Supreme Basileus was the guest speaker. Closing remarks were given by Thelma Hollis, Great Lakes Regional Director.

**6**<sup>th</sup> **Career Day, November 4, Cleveland State University.** Keynote address was given by Dr. Harold Enarson, President of Cleveland State University. Over two hundred junior and senior high school students were in attendance. Students and parents participated in various workshops.

**Golden Anniversary Ball, November 25.** Over 800 invited guests attended.

**Public Program and Reception, in Celebration of our Golden Anniversary, December 3, Antioch Baptist Church.** Christine Branche was the Speaker; Myrtle Bell gave the chapter history and Minerva Haywood paid tribute to our Founders and first initiates. The Ensemble, directed by Ruth Collins, sang the "Anniversary Song", written by Ardelia Dixon. The program was planned by the Community Relations Committee.

We ended the year with two hundred ten active members.

# 1967 Ivy Leaf Coverage

February - Alpha Omega celebrates the holiday season. (pg. 23)

Summer - Poem, "Ivies Beyond the Wall" written by Ebraska Watts. (pg. 46)

#### 1968 Officers

Basileus - Margaret Bullard

First Anti-Basileus – Anne Cunningham

Second Anti-Basileus – Sallie Trigg

Grammateus – Mildred Haynes

Anti-Grammateus – Emily Johnson

Tamiouchos – Octavia Thompson

Epistoleus - Gloria S. Smith

Parliamentarian – Izora Bagley

Chaplain – Myrtle Bell

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Ebraska Watts

Historian - Lillie Lewis

Undergraduate Advisor - Dorothy Thorne

Philacter – Williard Chambers

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Basilei Council Myrtle Wiggins

Budget Octavia Thompson

Bylaws Lorraine Drake

Campaign Ylonne Charlaton

Career Day-Follow-up Julia Baum Carribelle Cook

Community Relations Mildred Gorman

Dance Olivia Williams

Early Bird Mary Beatty

Fellowship Luncheon Doris Webster Berthina Palmer

Founders' Day Ruth Collins

Health Evelyn Hollins

Hospitality Betty Claytor

Housing Aleen Daniels

Job Corps Ella Mae Johnson Myrtle Snyder

Membership Katherine Nunley]

Music Ruth Collins

Negro Heritage Program Margaret Prewitt Dorothy Adams & Anne

Cunningham

Publicity Ebraska Watts

Remembrance Mary Nichols

Scholarship Myrtle Bell

Scrapbook Lillie Lewis

Social Action Susie Rice

Telephone Chain Lucetta Pinkston

Undergraduate Advisor Dorothy Thorne

Ways and Means Juanita Shorter Ezekiel Seabrook

### 1968 Activities and Events

**37**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lake Regional Conference, May 3-5, Lansing, Michigan, Jack Tar Hotel.** Host Chapters: Delta Tau Omega and Delta Zeta. Thelma Hollis, Great Lakes Regional Director. Registration fee was \$15.00 for Graduates, \$10.00 for Undergraduates. Fifty-seven Alpha Omega members attended.

# **Alpha Omega Participation**

Zelma George – Speaker, Public Meeting

## 1968 Regional Committees

Margaret Bullard – Chairman, Resolutions

Mildred Haynes – Time and Place

Emily Johnson – Rules

Lillie Lewis – Exhibits

Geneva Maiden - Awards

Elvie Perdue - Nominating

Margaret Prewitt – Evaluation and National Program

Sallie Trigg – Resolutions

Ebraska Watts – Chairman, Public Relations

## 1968 Regional Awards Received

Outstanding Chapter - Alpha Omega

Outstanding Graduate Member – Margaret Prewitt

L. Pearl Mitchell reported that Alpha Omega had \$2025.00 of Life memberships in the NAACP, the second highest in the region. Eta Omega Omega, Bronx, New York was the highest with \$2500.00.

### **1968 Regional Delegates**

Margaret Bullard Emily Johnson Elvie Perdue

Ylonne Charlton Lillie Lewis Margaret Prewitt

Lorraine Drake Sarah Livingston Dorothy Thorne

Mildred Haynes Geneva Maiden Sallie Trigg

Banquet Honoring Carl B. Stokes, Mayor of Cleveland, June 28, Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland. Carl B. Stokes was the first black mayor of a major United States city. The Program featured the AKA Ensemble, Ruth Collins, Director, and young people from Collinwood, East High, John Hay, and Lincoln West High schools. Miss Delia Davis and Miss Henrietta Goolsby received scholarships in honor of Mayor Stokes. Tickets were \$7.50 each. Besides the \$850.00 for the scholarships, we donated over \$2000.00 to the National Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Action Fund, an independent foundation dedicated to furthering the civil rights movement, which was highly endorsed by Mayor Stokes.

Steering Committee members for this event were:

Margaret Bullard - Basileus

Ebraska Watts - Chairman

Julia Baum – Program

Myrtle Bell – Scholarship

Carriebelle Cook – Public Relations

Lorraine Drake - Tickets

Juanita Shorter - Hostesses

Marie Swayze – Publicity

Doris Webster – Flowers and Table Decorations

43<sup>rd</sup> Boule, August 11-16, Sheraton-Drake Hotel, Dallas, Texas. Host Chapters: Xi Omega and Kelta Kappa. Larzette Hale, Supreme Basileus. Thelma Hollis, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Effective Service to Humanity: AKA's Continuing Commitment". Former Supreme Basileus, Marjore Parker, was the Banquet speaker. The Honorable Richard G. Hatcher, Mayor of Gary, Indiana, was the Public Meeting speaker. On Sunday morning, August 11, members and guests were driven, in limousines, on a pilgrimage to the site of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. After a brief program, Supreme Basileus, Larzette Hale, placed a wreath at the site.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Margaret Bullard – Hodegos

#### **1968 Boule Committees**

Julia Baum - Resolutions

Myrtle Wiggins – Tellers

## 1968 Boule Delegates

Dorothy Adams Mary Nichols

Julia Baum Margaret Prewitt

Margaret Bullard Dorothy Thorne

Ella Maye James Ebraska Watts

Lillie Lewis Myrtle Wiggins

Geneva Maiden Olivia Williams

## Fellowship Luncheon, September 28, Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel.

Guest speaker, newly elected Great Lakes Regional Director, Altha

Brown. A skit, "A Charming Tale", written by Berthina Palmer, entertained those in attendance.

**Ivy Ball, November 30, Riviera Country Club.** Buddy Welch and his band from Dayton, Ohio, provided the music in the Grand Ballroom. The Tony Hayes Trio kept it lively in the Empress Room. Over seven hundred members and guests attended.

## 1968 Ivy Leaf Coverage

February - Alpha Omega celebrates 50 years of Sisterhood. (photo pgs. 30-31)

September - October - Alpha Omega honors Mayor Carl B. Stokes. (3 photos pgs. 30-31)

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

Elma Banks

Marinda Harpole

**Nell Hackney Hendricks** 

Mary Thompson

## 1969 Officers

Basileus - Margaret Bullard

First Anti-Basileus – Jeanne Freels

Second Anti-Basileus – Sallie Trigg

Grammateus – Mildred Haynes

Anti-Grammateus - Emily Johnson

Tamiouchos – Sarah Livingston

Epistoleus – Dorris Jackson

Parliamentarian – Marie Swayze

Chaplain - Betty Daniels

## *Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Wyllene Harris

## Historian – Doris Webster

## Undergraduate Advisor – Dorothy Thorne

## Philacter – Bernice Thompson

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Sarah Livingston

Bylaws Berthina Palmer

Career Day Lillie Lewis

Community Relations Mildred Gorman

Dance Olivia Williams

Early Bird Mary Beatty

Fellowship Luncheon Geneva Maiden Marie Swayze

Founders' Day Ruth Collins

Health Evelyn Hollins

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Job Corps Ella Mae Johnson

Membership Katherine Nunley

Negro Heritage Margaret Prewitt Dorothy Adams

Program Jeanne Freels

Publicity Wyllene Harris

Remembrance Mary Nichols

Scholarship Myrtle Bell

Scrapbook Doris Webster

Social Action Susie Rice

Telephone Chain Iris Gayle Williams Mamie Sims

Undergraduate Dorothy Thorne

Ways and Means Juanita Shorter Ezekiel Seabrook

## **1969 Activities and Events**

**Founders' Day, January, Cleveland Job Corps.** Guest speaker, Judge Lillian Burke. Music was provided by the Women's Job Corps Choir. A skit was presented by Ylonne Charlton and Berthina Palmer, depicting the Sorority's history. The public was invited to attend this event.

**38**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 25-27, Sheraton-Dayton Hotel.** Host Chapter: Beta Eta Omega. Altha C. Brown, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Effective Service to Mankind – Alpha Kappa Alpha's Continuing Commitment". Forty-three Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Workshop – "Implementing Effective Service"

Margaret Bullard, Moderator

Margaret Prewitt, Resource (member of National Program Committee)

## **1969 Regional Committees**

Margaret Bullard - Workshops

Jeanne Freels - Ivies Beyond the Wall

Elvie Perdue – Awards

Marie Swayze – Resolutions

## Alpha Omega Recommendations to the Regional Conference:

 That an annual, detailed financial report of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. be sent to each financial member.

2. That the official national roster of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

not be used for promotional or advertising purposes.

3. That no Friday meetings be scheduled at the Regional; and that

Sunday morning be utilized to complete Regional business.

## 1969 Regional Awards/Recognition Alpha Omega Received:

**Outstanding Graduate Scrapbook** 

Largest Chapter in the Region with one hundred sixty-two active members. Alpha Rho Omega was second with one hundred twenty-seven active members.

## 1969 Regional Delegates

Myrtle Bell L. Pearl Mitchell

Margaret Bullard Margaret Prewitt

Jeanne Freels Juanita Shorter

Dorris Jackson Marie Swayze

Emily Johnson Dorothy Thorne

Geneva Maiden Iris Gayle Williams

**Fellowship Luncheon, September 27, Cleveland Sheraton Hotel.** Theme: "The Emerging Role of the Black Woman". Speakers were Barbara Hodo, Omega Chapter, and Dr. Wanda P. Green. Iris Gayle Williams was soloist.

**Great Lakes Region Leadership Conference, October 18, Sheraton-Columbus Hotel.** Host Chapters: Alpha Sigma Omega and Theta. Altha C. Brown, Great Lakes Regional Director. Jeanetta W.Brown, Job Corps Public Relations Chair, was a panelist on the discussion, "Alumnae – Undergraduate Relationships".

### 1969 Leaf Coverage

**September-October** – Zelma George honored and presented with the Edwina Dahlberg Peace Award by the General Council of the American Baptist Convention. (photo pg. 23)

**November** – Cleveland Job Corps Center sponsors a Piano Recital by Armenta Adams. (photo pg. 6) Alpha Omega and Omega celebrate Founders' Day. Judge Lillian Burke, speaker. (photo pgs. 22-23) Judge Lillian Burke – "Member in the News". (photo pg. 4)

#### 1970 Officers

Basileus - Sallie Trigg

First Anti-Basileus – Emily Johnson

Second Anti-Basileus – Marie Swayze

Grammateus – Gladys Ligthner

Anti-Grammateus – A. Myrtle Johnson

Tamiouchos – Sarah Livingston

Epistoleus – Dorris Jackson

Parliamentarian – Geneva Maiden

Chaplain – Betty Daniels

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Sarah W. Smith

Historian – Sadie Bryant

Undergraduate Advisor – Dorothy Thorne

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Arlene Render

Philacter – Bernice Thompson

# **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Sarah Livingston

Bylaws Ardelia Dixon Berthina Palmer

Career Day Lillie Lewis Dorothea Brown

Community Relations Mildred Gorman Mary Bradford

Alma Tanner

**Doris Webster** 

Dance Ruth Collins

Fellowship Luncheon Ezekiel Seabrook Juanita Shorter

Founders' Day Margaret Prewitt

Health Eunice Johnson Evelyn Hollins

Hospitality Myrtle Blakely

Job Corps Ella Mae Johnson Marjorie Turner

Membership Katherine Nunley

Negro Heritage Margaret Prewitt Dorothy Adams

Program Emily Johnson

Publicity Sarah W. Smith

Remembrance Mary Bradford Helen Armstead

Scholarship Lorraine Drake

Scrapbook Sadie Bryant

Social Action Susie Rice

Telephone Chain Mamie Sims

Ways and Means Ebraska Watts

#### 1970 Activities and Events

**39**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, May 1-3, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.** Host Chapters: Alpha Rho Omega and Beta Mu. Altha C. Brown, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Effective Service to Mankind, Alpha Kappa Alpha's Continuing Commitment".

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Undergraduate Advisors Breakfast Meeting – Dorothy Thorne, Leader.

Second Business Session – Meditation by L. Pearl Mitchell.

Workshop – "Interpreting the Programs of Alpha Kappa Alpha" – Margaret Prewitt, Resource and member of the National Program Committee.

A. Myrtle Johnson was nominated to serve on the National Nominating Committee.

Margaret Prewitt was nominated for the office of Supreme Grammateus.

## **1970 Regional Committees**

Margaret Bullard – Awards; Exhibits, Chairman; Tellers

Geneva Maiden – Chairman, Tellers

Emily Johnson – Chairman, Time and Place

Marie Swayze - Chairman, LaRue Frederick Award

Sallie Trigg – Workshops

Ebraska Watts - Gwendolyn Goldston Award

Iris Gayle Williams – Tellers

Late fees from the Regional were donated to the Ardella Preston Fund. She was a member of Alpha Omega, who was murdered.

Forty-seven Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

**Fellowship Luncheon, June.** Scholarship recipients were presented.

**44**<sup>th</sup> **Boule, Augsut 9-15, Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Missouri.** Larzette Hale, Supreme Basileus.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Dr. Zelma George, Job Corps Director, reported on the status of Job Corps.

Dorris Jackson was recognized for working in the Job Corps Finance Office.

Margaret Prewitt received two hundred twenty votes as a candidate for Supreme

Grammateus. Lauren N. Banks was elected with three hundred eighty votes.

## **1970 Boule Committees**

Margaret Bullard – Tellers

Margaret Prewitt – National Program

## **1970 Boule Delegates**

Margaret Bullard Margaret Prewitt

Mildred Gorman Susie Rice

Emily Johnson Bettye Richardson

Eunice Johnson Dorothy Thorne

Geneva Maiden Sallie Trigg

# Ivies Beyond the Wall

Lillian Alexander

Ruth Carey

Florence B. Fairfax

**Nell Guinn** 

Helen Hicks Moore

**Dorothy Newman** 

Ursula Weaks Page

Ardella B. Preston

Laurette Conner White

#### 1971 Officers

Basileus – Emily Johnson

First Anti-Basileus – Marie D. Swayze

Second Anti-Basileus - Iris Gayle Williams

Grammateus – Bernice Thompson

Anti-Grammateus – A. Myrtle Johnson

Tamiouchos – Sarah Livingston

Epistoleus – Myrtle Blakely

Assistant Epistoleus – Jessie Jones

Parliamentarian – Lorraine Drake

Chaplain – Lucetta Pinkston

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Lillie Lewis

#### Historian – Carrie Davis

## Undergraduate Advisor – Sadie Bryant

## Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Bettye Richardson

Philacter – Helen Washington

## **Nominating Committee**

Elizabeth DeLoache, Chairman

Katherine Nunley, Co-Chairman

Mary Bradford Juanita Shorter

Margaret Bullard Dorothy Thorne

Geneva Maiden

**Alternates** 

Mary Burks Eunice Johnson

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Sarah Livingston

Bylaws Mary Bradford

Career Lillie Lewis

Community Relations Katherine Nunley

Dance Winifred Watts

Early Bird Carol Simmons

Fellowship Luncheon Mildred Gorman

Founders' Day Geneva Maiden

Health Evelyn Robinson

Hospitality Gladys Dickerson

Job Corps Marjorie Turner

Membership Matilda Brown

Music Ruth Collins

Negro Heritage Margaret Prewitt

Nominating Elizabeth DeLoache

Program Marie D. Swayze

Publicity Lillie Lewis

Regional Planning Margaret Bullard Dorothy Thorne

Remembrance Helen Armstead

Scholarship Helen Washington

Scrapbook Carrie Davis

Social Action Lillioise Talley

Telephone Patty Kendricks

Undergraduate Advisory Sadie Bryant Bettye

Richardson

Ways and Means E braska Watts Betty Daniels

## 1971 Activities and Events

**40**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 23-25, Sheraton Hotel, Columbus, Ohio.** Host Chapters: Alpha Sigma Omega and Theta. Altha C. Brown, Great Lakes Regional Director.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Dorothy Thorne, Jeanne Freels – Discussion Group Leaders.

#### **1971 Regional Committees**

Margaret Bullard - Time and Place

Emily Johnson - Chairman, Awards

**Fellowship Luncheon, June.** Elizabeth Clarke gave highlights of her tour of Africa as Martha Holden Jennings Fellowship recipient. Omega Chapter provided entertainment with skits, songs, and dance.

**Tribute to Zelma George, October 24, Sheraton Cleveland Hotel.** Supreme Basileus, Mattelia Grays and former Supreme Basileus, Larzette Hale were in attendance. Honorary Chairman of the event was Mayor Carl B. Stokes. Ella Mae Johnson and Johnetta Bustamante, Co-Chairman.

## Ivy Leaf Coverage 1971

**March** – Alpha Omega's Founders' Day. (photo pg. 22) "This is Your Life" – Marjorie Turner honored by Alexander Hamilton Jr. High School PTA. (photo pg. 10)

September – Alpha Omega and Omega Chapter and friends honor Zelma George. (pg. 6)

**November** – Alpha Omega's Fellowship Luncheon. (photo pg. 12; 4) Zelma George, speaker at Founders' Day in Washington, D.C. (photo pg. 20)

#### 1972 Officers

Basileus – Emily G. Johnson

First Anti-Basileus – Marie D. Swayze

Second Anti-Basileus – Iris Gayle Williams

Grammateus – Lucetta Pinkston

Anti-Grammateus – A. Myrtle Johnson

Tamiouchos – Dorris Jackson

Epistoleus – Helen Washington

Parliamentarian – Lorraine Drake

Chaplain – Octavia Thompson

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Geneva Maiden

Historian - Gwendolyn Fleming

Undergraduate Advisor – Sadie Bryant

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Bettye Richardson Brown

Philacter – Matilda Brown

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Basilei Council Margaret Prewitt

Budget Dorris Jackson

Bylaws Mary Bradford

Career Betty Claytor

Community Relations Helen Armstead

Fellowship Luncheon Alma Tanner

Founders' Day Gwendolyn Fleming

Fund-Raising Project Bernice Thompson

Health Evelyn Robinson

Hospitality Gladys Dickerson

Housing Sarah Livingston

Job Corps Iris Gayle Williams

Membership G. Jeanne Jones Matilda Brown

Music Ruth Collins

Negro Heritage Izora Bagley

Nominating Elizabeth DeLoache

Program Marie D. Swayze

Publicity Geneva Maiden

Regional Planning Margaret Bullard Dorothy Thorne

Remembrance Geneva Turner

Scholarship Juanita Shorter

Scrapbook Gwendolyn Fleming

Social Action Charlene Smith Thelma Pruitt

Telephone Marian Crawford

Undergraduate Advisory Bettye Richardson Brown

Ways and Means Alice Burton Susie Rice

#### 1972 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, Tri-C Metro Campus.** Frances Franklin told the story of Sojourner Truth and recited, "Aint I a Woman". Ruth Collins directed several selections performed by her elementary school choir.

**41**<sup>st</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 7-9, Statler Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio.** Host Chapters: Alpha Omega and Omega. Altha C. Brown, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Greater Involvement – AKA's Responsibility". Mattelia B. Grays, Supreme Basileus, was Saturday's Luncheon Speaker.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Margaret Bullard presided at the First Business Session.

Emily Johnson gave the Welcome.

Dorothy Thorne presented the Great Lakes Regional Director.

Zelma George gave Job Corps Preview.

L. Pearl Mitchell introduced the Keynote Speaker at the Second Business Session.

Iris Gayle Williams coordinated local arrangements for the Nominating Committee.

Elizabeth Clarke played the Prelude.

Henrietta Watkins gave the Invocation.

Marie Swayze presided and introduced platform guests at the Saturday Luncheon; Izora Bagley introduced the speaker.

Tillie Taylor played the Postlude.

## **1972 Regional Committees**

Shirley LeCompte - Bernice I. Sumlin Award

Alma Tanner - Beulah T. Whitby Award

## 1972 Regional Planning Committee Leadership

Margaret Bullard – Chairman

Dorothy Thorne – Co-Chairman

Mary Bradford – Financial Secretary

L. Pearl Mitchell, Myrtle Wiggins - Resource

Sub-Committee Chairmen:

Juanita Shorter, Ella Mae Johnson – Banquet

Emily Johnson - Basilei Dinner

Bernice Thompson, Odessa Sumpter – Children's Activities

Wyllene Harris, Norma Saffold – Dance

Olive Vidal, Louise Pope – Escorts

Gwendolyn Fleming - Exhibits

Katherine Nunley, Karen Townsend – Friday Entertainment Sadie Bryant, Bettye R. Brown – Graduate Advisors Breakfast Jeanne Freels, Gwendolyn Jones – Hospitality Margaret Meacham, Henrietta Watkins – Husbands' Activities Lucetta Pinkston – Ivies Beyond the Wall Marjorie Turner, Ella Mae Johnson – Job Corps Ebraska Watts, Florence Moon - Kits Marie Swayze, Henrietta Watkins – Luncheon Ruth Collins - Music Margaret Prewitt - Program Geneva Maiden - Publicity Elvie Perdue, Mildred Gorman - Registration Ardelia Dixon, A. Myrtle Johnson – Secretaries Iris Gayle Williams - Voting This Regional was very successful, financially. Chapter members were assessed \$5.00 a year for four years preceding the Conference. Profits were used to award mini-grants to Chapter committees for several years following the Conference. Tribute to L. Pearl Mitchell Luncheon, June 17, Midday Club. Sallie Trigg Blackwell, the event Chairman. 45<sup>th</sup> Boule, August 13-18, Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado. Host Chapters: Epsilon Nu Omega and Alpha Kappa. Mattelia B. Grays, Supreme Basileus. Theme: "Greater Involvement Alpha Kappa Alpha's Reponsibility".

**Boule Highlights:** 

**Guest Speakers** 

Yvonne Braithwaite-Burks – candidate for Congress and former Co-Chair of the Democratic National Convention

Rev. Jesse Jackson – President of Operation PUSH

Vernon Jordan – Executive Director of the Urban League

R. Sergeant Shriver – candidate for Vice President of the United States

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. gave \$20,000.00 to Coretta Scott King to purchase and continue to renovate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s boyhood home – which will be a part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Dr. Zelma George, Executive Director of Job Corps for Women, presented a review of the Center's activities.

### **1972 Boule Committees**

Ardelia Dixon - Tellers

Jeanne Freels – Tellers

Margaret Prewitt – Resolutions

# 1972 Boule Delegates

Sadie Bryant Geneva Maiden

Elizabeth DeLoache Lucetta Pinkston

Lorraine Drake Margaret Prewitt

Mildred Gorman Alice Rush

Emily Johnson Ebraska Watts

Jean Lee Iris Gayle Williams

## 1972 Ivy Leaf Coverage

**Fall** – Boule Highlights – L. Pearl Mitchell (photo pg. 6), Cleveland Job Corps Center Display (photo pg. 7), L. Pearl Mitchell (photo pg. 8), Resolutions Committee report, Margaret Prewitt, Committee Member (pg. 13).

**Officers Workshop, December 10, home of Emily Johnson.** Margaret Prewitt discussed the National Program Targets. Elizabeth DeLoache discussed the function of committees. Lorraine Drake explained the Chapter's financial structure.

Sadie Bryant King, Emily Johnson and Lorraine Drake explained the duties of officers.

**Fellowship Luncheon, December 16, Karamu House.** Alpha Omega and Omega officers were installed. Elvie Perdue and Ruth Collins led a Song Fest, accompanied by Tillie Taylor.

### 1973 Officers

Basileus - Dorothy Thorne

First Anti-Basileus – Iris Gayle Williams

Second Anti-Basileus – Gwendolyn Fleming

Grammateus – Lucetta Pinkston

Anti-Grammateus – Octavia Thompson

Tamiouchos - Dorris Jackson

Epistoleus – Daisy Perkins

Parliamentarian – Lorraine Drake

Chaplain – Carmen Wildgoose

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – SharyIn T. Blakney

Historian - Mecie Johnson

# Undergraduate Advisor – Emily Johnson

# Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – Bonnetta Bostic

#### Philacter – Lurline Shelton

## Honorary Executive Committee Member – L. Pearl Mitchell

# **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Co-Chairman</u>

Budget Dorris Jackson

Bylaws Myrtle Blakely

Career Elizabeth DeLoache

Community Relations Katherine Nunley Louise Jones

Dance Pauline Talley Bobbye Dunn

Fellowship Luncheon Alma Tanner

Founders' Day Carolyn Bridges

Health Charlene Smith

Hospitality Shirley LeCompte Gloria Burrows

Housing Sarah Livingston

Job Corps Mildred Gorman

Membership Jeanne Freels

Music Ruth Collins

Negro Heritage Izora Bagley

Nominating Sarah Livingston

Program Iris Gayle Williams Gwendolyn Fleming

Publicity Sharlyn Blakney

Remembrance Geneva Turner Carmen Wildgoose

Scholarship Juanita Shorter

Social Action Gwendolyn Jones

Telephone Marion Crawford

Undergraduate Advisory Emily Johnson Bonnetta Bostic

Ways and Means Inez Powell

### 1973 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, February 25, Cuyahoga Community College – Metro Campus.** Theme: "Fine Arts in Afro-American Culture". Music was provided by the Lafayette Elementary School Choir, directed by Ruth Collins and the East High School Choir. Frances Franklin gave a Reading, "Aint I a Woman". Sadie King gave the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

**42**<sup>nd</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, March 30-April 1, Commodore Perry Motor Inn, Toledo, Ohio**. Host Chapters: Zeta Alpha Omega and Alpha Lambda. Eva L. Evans, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Greater Involvement – Alpha Kappa Alpha's Responsibility".

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Zelma George, Job Corps Director – Guest Speaker at the Public Meeting.

Geneva Maiden gave the Meditation at the First Business Session.

Elvie Perdue gave the Response to the Welcome.

Dorothy Thorne gave the Presentation of the Minutes.

Emily Johnson – Workshop Discussion Leader

Lucetta Pinkston – Chairman, Special Projects Committee

## 1973 Regional Delegates

Sharyl Blakney Sadie King

Bonnetta Bostic Geneva Maiden

Lorraine Drake Daisy Perkins

Gwendolyn Fleming Lucetta Pinkston

Dorris Jackson Juanita Shorter

Emily Johnson Dorothy Thorne

Whist and Bridge Card Party, May 13, Karamu House, planned by the Hospitality Committee.

AKA Day at the Races, June 19, Thistledown Race Track, planned by the Hospitality Committee.

**Fellowship Luncheon, November 10, Holiday Inn, Northfield Rd.** Theme: "Greater Involvement- Alpha Kappa Alpha's Responsibility". Basileus Dorothy Thorne appointed L. Pearl Mitchell "Honorary Executive Committee Member". This honor will be bestowed on a Past Basileus of Alpha Omega Chapter, appointed for life, by the sitting Basileus. The intent is to always have a former Basileus serving as a voice of experience on the Executive Committee. She is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

### 1973 Ivy Leaf Coverage

**Summer** – News from Cleveland Job Corps Center. Zelma George, Director; Jeanne Walker, Assistant Director. (pg. 9-10)

Fall – Zelma George pictured with the Great Lakes Regional Conference Chairs. (pg. 5)

Fellowship Luncheon (12/16/72) and Installation of Officers. (photo pg. 17-18; 5) Job Corps students receive scholarships from Alpha Omega (pg. 30)

### 1974 Officers

Basileus - Dorothy Thorne

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Anti-Grammateus – Octavia Thompson

Tamiouchos – Mary L. Wilson

Epistoleus – Daisy Perkins

Parliamentarian – Susie Rice

Chaplain - Carmen Wildgoose

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Sharyl Blakney

Historian - Carolyn Bridges

Undergraduate Advisor – Rose Marie McBride

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – LaCresia Smith

Philacter – Lurline Shelton

Honorary Executive Committee Member – L. Pearl Mitchell

## **Committee Leadership**

CommitteeChairmanCo-ChairmanBudgetMary L. Wilson

Bylaws Myrtle Blakely

Career Alice D. Carter

Community Action Carmen Wildgoose Wanda Johnson

Dance Bobbye Dunn

Fellowship Luncheon Alma Tanner

Founders' Day Carolyn Bridges

Health Charlene Smith Gwendolyn Harrison

Hospitality Eva Anderson

Housing Sarah Livingston Lurline Shelton

Initiation (Ad Hoc) Sadie King Betty Daniels

Job Corps Mildred Gorman Myrtle Wiggins

Membership Jeanne Freels

Music Ruth Collins

Negro Heritage Ardelia Dixon

Program Iris Gayle Williams Gwendolyn Fleming

Publicity Sharyl Bakney

Remembrance Margaret Bullard

Scholarship Juanita Shorter

Scrapbook Carolyn Bridges

Telephone Helen Washington

Undergraduate Advisor Rose Marie McBride LaCresia Smith

Ways and Means Gwendolyn Fleming Bertha L. Pope

# **Nominating Committee**

A Myrtle Johnson – Chairman

Alice Burton Inez Powell

Mildred Gorman Margaret Prewitt

Eunice Johnson Thelma Pruitt

Elvie Perdue Charlene Smith

## 1974 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, January 27, Cuyahoga Community College – Metro Campus.** Theme: "I Am Black – I Am Woman – I Am Alpha Kappa Alpha". Entertainment was provided by Layfayette Elementary School Choir, Ruth Collins, Director, Woodbury Jr. High School. Modern Dance Group, Edna Johnson, Director and Shaw High School Choir, Ruth Richey, Director.

Dinner, March 2, hosted by the East Cleveland Teacher's Association, in honor of Ebraska Watts, 1974 Ohio Teacher of the Year, Diamond's Restaurant. Several Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

**Program and Activities for Senior Citizens, March 19, Inner City Nursing Home,** sponsored by the Health Committee.

**43**<sup>rd</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 26-28, Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.** Host Chapters: Sigma Omega and Omicron. Eva L. Evans, Great Lakes Regional Director.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Dorris Jackson – Workshop Resource – "Successful Fund-Raising Ideas"

## 1974 Regional Awards Received

Outstanding Program Targets – First Place

Outstanding Graduate Member – Ebraska Watts

Fifty-two Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

**Fund Drive for African Relief and Friendly Town Medical Day, May 11,** sponsored by the Community Action Committee.

AKA at the Races, June 8, Thistledown Race Track, sponsored by the Hospitality Committee.

**Cleveland State University Commencement, June 9, Public Hall.** Zelma George received an Honorary Degree in Humane Letters.

Fellowship Luncheon, June 15, Park Plaza Hotel. Alpha Omega Scholarship recipients were presented.

**Dinner Card Party, June 28, Park Plaza Hotel,** sponsored by Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council. This was a benefit affair for Central State and Wilberforce Universities.

**46**<sup>th</sup> **Boule, July 28-August 2, Fountainbleu Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida.** Host Chapters: Gamma Zeta Omega and Delta Zeta. Mattelia B. Grays, Supreme Basileus. Eva L. Evans, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme: "Black Economic Development...Alpha Kappa Alpha's Commitment". This Boule was the first time that husbands and escorts could attend the banquet, which was a dinner dance.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Dorothy Thorne - Hodegos

Zelma George gave the Job Corps report at the Thursday morning Business Session.

Sixty four Alpha Omega members attended.

L. Pearl Mitchell, Third Supreme Basileus, became an Ivy Beyond the Wall on September 6, 1974. Dorothy Thorne, Alpha Omega Basileus, appointed Myrtle Wiggins Honorary Executive Committee Member.

Ivy Beyond the Wall Service for L. Pearl Mitchell, Third Supreme Basileus, First Great Lakes Regional Director, and Sixth Alpha Omega Basileus, September 9, Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Tributes were given by Bernice I. Sumlin, 19<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus and 13<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director; and Cynthia Holloway, 15<sup>th</sup> Alpha Omega Basileus.

**Card Party, October 5, Masonic Temple Auditorium.** Three hundred fifty members and friends enjoyed the luncheon and fashion show. Special guest was Mary Chambers, former Job Corps Director. The event Chairman was Gwendolyn Fleming.

**Get Acquainted Tea, October 12.** Event Co-Chairman, Sadie King and Betty Daniels, Initiation Committee.

Retirement Reception for Zelma George, November 11, Cleveland Job Corps Center. Marjorie Turner, Committee Chairman.

**Annual Formal Dance, November 15, Host House.** Theme: "Swing and Sway the AKA Way". Guest included Supreme Basileus, Mattelia B. Grays and thirteen other Directorate members and representatives of the Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council affiliates. The Directorate was in Cleveland for a meeting at Job Corps.

Initiation of New Members, December 13.

## 1974 Ivy Leaf Coverage

Summer – 44<sup>th</sup> Achievement Ceremony of the Cleveland Job Corps Center. (photo pg. 6; 3)

Winter – Tribute to L. Pearl Mitchell. (photo pg. 37-38)

# Ivies Beyond the Wall

L. Pearl Mitchell

**Dorothy Newman** 

Hazel Quander

### 1975 Officers

Basileus – Iris Gayle Williams

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Second Anti-Basileus – Geneva Maiden

Garmmateus – Ebraska Watts

Anti-Grammateus – Alvernice Blandon

Tamiouchos – Mary L. Wilson

Epistoleus - Sarah W. Smith

Assistant Epistoleus – Modjeska Williams

Parliamentarian – Susie Rice

Chaplain – Eva Anderson

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Joan Baker

Historian – Mary Ann Harris

Undergraduate Advisor – Rose Marie McBride

Assistant Undergraduate Advisor – LaCresia Smith

Philacter - Marie Parms

Honorary Executive Committee Member – Myrtle Wiggins

## **Committee Leadership**

<u>Committee</u> <u>Chairman</u> <u>Assistant Chairman</u>

Basilei Council Myrtle Wiggins

Budget Mary L. Wilson

Bylaws Susie Rice Myrtle Blakely

Career Alice Carter

Community Action Carmen Wildgoose Geneva Maiden

Dance Yvonne Allen

Fellowship Luncheon Winifred Watts

Founders' Day Dorothy Bassett

Health Eunice Johnson Charlene Smith

Hospitality Gloria Burrows Carolyn Bridges

Housing Sarah Livingston Geneva Maiden

Job Corps Carolyn Bridges Geneva Maiden

Membership Carol Simmons

Music Ruth Collins

Negro Heritage Lucetta Pinkston Geneva Maiden

Nominating Inez Powell

Program Gwendolyn Fleming Geneva Maiden

Publicity Joan Baker

Remembrance Elvie Perdue

Scholarship Juanita Shorter Geneva Maiden

Scrapbook Mary Ann Harris Vivian Craddock

Telephone Daisy Perkins Shirley LeCompte

Undergraduate Advisory Rose Marie McBride LaCresia Smith

Ways and Means Lurline Shelton Lenore Floyd

Ad Hoc – 1975 Roster Sarah Smith Modjeska Williams

Ad Hoc – Initiation Sadie King Betty Daniels

Ad Hoc – Tribute to

Berthina Palmer Alice Burton Geneva Maiden

# **Nominating Committee**

Inez Powell, Chairman

Ardelia Dixon Thelma Pruitt

**Eunice Johnson Carol Simmons** 

Sadie King Charlene Smith

# **National Committee Appointments**

Emily Johnson – Constitution

Dororthy Thorne - NAACP

Marjorie Turner – Job Corps

# **Consumer Trade Show Committee**

Inez Boone

**Gwendolyn Fleming** 

Sadie King

**Inez Powell** 

Marjorie Turner

### 1975 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, January 19, Antioch Baptist Church.** Theme: "Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Commitment – Service to All Mankind". Program participants included:

Nolan Ellison, President, Cuyahoga Community College; Kenneth Snipes, Director, Karamu House; James Stallings, Executive Director, NAACP; William K. Wolfe, Executive Director, Urban League; United Negro College Fund Representative; The Shaw High School Rhythm Team, directed by Alvin Fulton.

**Civic Recognition Dinner, March 23, in honor of Zelma George.** She received the Distinguished Daughter of Ohio Award. Marjorie Turner represented Alpha Omega on the Community Planning Committee.

**44**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 11-13, Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** Host Chapters: Alpha Alpha Omega, Alpha Sigma, and Iota. Madelyn Hairston, Great Lakes Regional Director. Bernice I. Sumlin, Supreme Basielus.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

At the Third Business Session, "Reassessing Constitutional Changes",

Emily Johnson, National Constitution Committee member, served as the Resource. Dorothy Thorne served as Recorder.

Iris Gayle Williams was the Workshop Convener for "New Directions in

Program", for all Members. Sarah Smith was the Recorder.

Jeanne Walker served as the Resource for a workshop entitled, "Impact AKA".

### **1975 Regional Committees**

Leota Hardin – Music, Gwendolyn Goldston Award

Sadie King – Fannette B. Norris Award

Geneva Maiden, Chairman – Resolutions

Elvie Perdue - Resolutions

Daisy Perkins – Time and Place

Susie Rice - Recommendations

LaCresia Smith - Graduate-Undergraduate Relations Award

Ebraska Watts, Co-Chairman – Ivies Beyond the Wall

# 1975 Regional Awards Received

First Place – Outstanding Chapter

First Place – National Program Targets

First Place – Exhibit

Seventy-five Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

# **1975 Regional Delegates**

Joan Baker Susie Rice Carolyn Bridges

LaCresia Smith Vivian Craddock Sarah W. Smith

Gwendolyn Fleming Dorothy Thorne

Alternates

Mary Ann Harris Ebraska Watts Emily Johnson

Geneva Maiden Mary Wilson Marie Parms

**NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner, April 20, Cleveland Sheraton Hotel.** Member Margaret Bush Wilson was the Keynote Speaker. Maryon Thornton presented a gift from Alpha Omega.

**An Evening with Zelma, May 3, Tri-C Metro Campus**. The event was sponsored by Friends of Zelma and Tri-C's Department of Black Affairs. Theme: "Music as History".

**Nutrition Seminar, May 3, Hough Multi-Purpose Center.** Sponsored by the Community Action Committee. The Wade Park Hunger Center was the recipient of four boxes of food donated by members.

**Greek Recognition Day, May 4, Mt. Zion Congregational Church,** sponsored by Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council. Almeta Johnson, Chief Prosecutor, City of Cleveland, was the Keynote Speaker. Dorothy Thorne received the Award for Outstanding Service to the Sorority and the Community.

Job Corps Charm Seminar, May 17.

**AKA Day at the Races, June 7, Thistledown Racetrack.** One hundred twenty-five members attended. The event was sponsored by the Hospitality Committee.

**Phillis Wheatley Luncheon, June 7, Cleveland Plaza Hotel.** Honorary Member Coretta Scott King was the Keynote Speaker.

**Initiation, June 12, Holiday Inn.** Twenty-one new members initiated. One of several projects the candidates completed during their probationary period was a program for a group of golden-agers. The candidates entertained them and distributed gifts.

### Fellowship Luncheon, June 14, Celebrity Room, Eastgate

**Shopping Center.** Theme: "Salute to Black Women". Madelyn Hairston, Great Lakes Regional Director was the speaker. Neophytes entertained the audience with original songs and light verse. Alpha Omega Ensemble, directed by Ruth Collins, provided music for the occasion.

National Leadership Seminar, July 24-25, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York, New York. Member Bernice I. Sumlin, Supreme Basileus. Focus of the Seminar: opportunities for involvement of all members with special emphasis on the roles played by Graduate Advisors, Deans of Pledges, Undergraduate Basilei, Undergraduate Members and Alumna Members. Sessions were designed to serve as a means of developing awareness, knowledge, and skills for applying the techniques which would make the organization more viable and members more competent. Alpha Omega members in attendance: Odessa Gray, Vernilla Holt, Emily Johnson, Geneva Maiden, Carol Simmons, LaCresia Smith, Alma Tanner, Marsha Taylor, and Iris Gayle Williams.

Tribute to Berthina Palmer, September 12, a fund raising event for Member Palmer's re-election to the Cleveland School Board. The Honorable Julian Bond was speaker. \$4,000.00 was raised. A. Phillip Randolph Institution co-sponsored the effort. Alice Burton, Chairman.

"AKA Kapers", October 18, Clarkwood Recreation Center. This social affair was for inactive members who had attended at least one Chapter meeting during the year; reactivated and transferred members and Neophytes. The event was planned and implemented by the Membership Committee.

Career Motivational Fair, October 25, Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus. The Fair was for Junior High School students. One hundred sixty students, forty-eight Alpha Omega members and thirty-three Resource Specialists were in attendance. The event was sponsored by the Career Committee. A. Myrtle Johnson, Cleveland Public School's Career Coordinator was a special guest on the WCLV Radio program discussing career education. She took the opportunity to announce The Reading Experience Project, scheduled for December 6, 1975.

**Annual Dance, November 1, Quail Hollow Inn.** Theme: "Alpha Kappa Alpha Internationale". Vivian Craddock, attired as the Statue of Liberty, won the award for the most creative and unique outfit.

A Reading Experience, December 6, Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus. Theme: "Reading: A Right, A Responsibility". Dr. Nolan Ellison, President of Tri-C, was Keynote Speaker.

**Group Session Leaders were:** 

Tamao Denniston – Boston State College

Constance Batty – State University of New York

Dr. Thomas Allison – John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH

#### 1987 Officers

Basileus – Jeanne Freels

First Anti-Basileus – Versie Black

Second Anti-Basileus – Daisy Perkins

Grammateus – Betty Daniels

Anti-Grammateus – Shelly L. Smith

Pecunious Grammateus - Margaret Barron

Anti - Pecunious Grammateus – Mildred Thomas-Nicholson

Epistoleus – Pamela Blackwell

Anti-Epistoleus - Barbara Patterson

Tamiouchos – Jacqueline Gholson

Graduate Advisor – Janice Eatman

Assistant Graduate Advisor – Ethel Taylor

Parliamentarian - Carol S. Franklin

Historian - Mary Grinage

Chaplain – Bernice Thompson

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Virginia Williams

# Philacter – Martha Meekins

# Hodegos – Geneva M. Brown

# Honorary Executive Board Member – Myrtle Wiggins

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Claire Powell	Mecie Johnson
Basilei Council	Iris Gayle Williams	Dorothy Thorne
Budget	Jacqueline Gholson	Margaret Barron
By-laws	Carol S. Franklin	Frances Tyus
Carver Connection	Katherine Nunley	
Community Concerns	Anna Hooks	Rachel Carter
Correspondence	Pamela Blackwell	Barbara Patterson
Dance	Lorene France	Bertha Dixson
Economic Development	Byrdie C. Lee	Diane Harris
Education	Claudette Woodard	Alean Stewart
Ensemble	Tillie Colter	Inez Browne
Fellowship Luncheon	Mildred Gorman	Alice Hamilton
Founders' Day	Alvernice Blandon	Freddie McKinney
Graduate Advisory	Janice Eatman	Ethel Taylor
Heritage	Mary Grinage	Rhoza Simmons
Hospitality	Beatrice Davis	Gladys Shepherd
Housing	Juanita Shorter	Mary Spann
Inter-Chapter Relations	Carol Simmon	Giesele Greene

Job Corps Ulillah Davis Dorothy Lyons

Membership Pamela L Redden Margaret Ismalia-Mitchell

Proposal Writing Mary Ann Harris Shelley Smith

Public Relations Virginia Williams A. Ernestine Mapp

Remembrance Sarah Smith Geneva Brown

Scholarship Nona Burney Octavia Thompson

Standards Margaret Bullard Robin Balthrope

Telephone Ebraska Ceasor Mary Bradford

Transportation Martha Meekins Beverly S. Murphy

Ways and Means Annette Hamilton Hollie Bush

Nominating Committee Sarah Livingston Naomi Rose

Carol S. Franklin

J. Lanette Harris

Pauline Goode

Pamela L. Redden

Annette Hamilton

Juanita Shorter

Frances J. Tyus

Ad Hoc

Initiation Margaret Bullard Peggy Parker

Jacqueline Avery

### 1987 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day February 15, 1987.** "A Galaxy of Stars" Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Skit Written by Carol Franklin; Slide Presentation, Vivian Melton; Music directed by Tillie Colter.

**Standards Committee Workshop – January 20, 1987.** Small group discussion included: Chapter operations, collaboration, communication, finance, service and sisterhood.

**Lambda Phi Omega Founders Day, February 22, 1987.** Mt Zion Congregational Church – open to the public.

56<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference – April 23 – 26, 1987. Columbus, Ohio

Janet Jones Ballard – Supreme Basileus, Ann Colbert Battles, Regional Director

Host Chapter – Alpha Sigma Omega, Theta, Delta Phi

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Workshop Presenters: Jeanne Freels, Jeanne Walker

Workshop Conveners: Alvernice Blandon, Versie Black, Ebraska Ceasor

Workshop Recorder: Ulillah Davis, Freddie McKinney

### **Special Guests**

Zelma George – Former Executive Director, Job Corps

Versie Black - National Job Corps Committee

### **1987 Regional Committee**

Margaret Barron – Co-Chairman and Resource, AKA Connection

Lorene France - Philacter

Ebraska Ceasor – Regional History Co-Chairman

Carol Franklin - Resolutions Co-Chairman

Annette Hamilton - Rules Chairman

Jeanne Freels - Identifying with People All Over the World

Pamela Redden - Transitional – Undergrads to Alumnae Chapters

Pamela Redden - Search Committee for Executive Director

# **Regional Awards**

Outstanding Graduate Chapter – First Place

National Program Target – Third Place

Humanitarian and Caring Member – Ardelia Dixon – Third Place

Outstanding Basileus – Alverniece Blandon – Second Place

# **Regional Delegates**

Marcia Alexander Lorene France

Alverniece Blandon Jeanne Freels

Fbraska Ceasor Annette Hamilton

Tillie Colter Estelle Holmes

Beatrice Davis Emily Johnson

Janice Eatman

**Fellowship Luncheon – June 13, 1987.** Sherwin Party Center, "Sail Away with AKA", Script writers, DorisWebster and Shirley Mischal.

Salute To Excellence – June 21, 1987. Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Speaker, Dr. Giesele Greene.

**Basilei – Graduate Adviser's Cluster Coordinator meeting – September 11-12, 1987**, University of Toledo – Ann Battles, Regional Director.

"The Dessert Song", May 3, 1987, East Cleveland Community Theatre. Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

Basileus, Nan Johnson, Executive Director.

Alpha Omega Members in Attendance

Pamela Blackwell

Janice Eatman

Carol Franklin

Jeanne Freels

Dorris Jackson

Jean Lee

Hazel Redden

Mildred Stith

Virginia Williams

Noreen Wilson

International Leadership Conference, July 19-26, 1987, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Janet Ballard, Supreme

**Retreat, September 25, 1987,** at Holiday Inn, Wickcliff, Ohio, Sponsored by the Membership Committee. A fashion show, nail care, massages, spiritual and body renewal were among the activities.

Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster meeting, October 24, 1987, Youngstown, Ohio. Hostess Chapters: Epsilon Mu Omega and Delta Delta. Students from Warren Western Reserve High School entertained the fifty members present with music, song and dance. Belinda Hinton, Zeta Theta Omega, elected Coordinator for Northern Ohio. Beverly Plaza, Mu Nu Omega, re-elected Coordinator for Western Pennsylvania.

**Black Women's Political Action Forum, October 30, - November 1, 1987, Atlanta, Georgia**. Jeanne Freels attended.

**Luncheon Seminar, November 6, 1987 at Mather Mansion, Cleveland State University for High School Counselors.** Featured were representation from Historically Black Colleges and Mr. Stefan Holmes, District Director of United Negro College Fund, Anna Hooks and Rachel Carter Chanel. Sponsored by the Community Concerns Committee.

Retirement Party for Jeanne Walker, November 7, 1987 at Job Corps. Job Corps Executive Director.

Third Annual Winter Rose Ball, December 5, 1987. Held at Vel's Party Center on Fairhill.

During 1987, Alpha Omega Chapter achieved some administrative innovative program accomplishments and community service successes. Such as establishment of a "Business Time" to take care of business matters before Chapter meeting; new hard cover binding for roster, revision of Remembrance Committee Guidelines; a Job Corps Scholarship in honor of Jeane Walker, expansion of volunteer services at George Washington Carver Elementary School, and establishment of a 501 (3c) Incorporation.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

**Spring '87** - Profile of Vivian Craddock, Visual Artist. (photo pg 70) Very Important Cook, Alpha Omega Scholarship Benefit – (pg 32)

Fall '87 - Alpha Omega's Salute to Excellence – Dr. Giesele Greene speaker. (photo pg 32)

Winter '87 - Jeanne Walker retires as Director of Job Corps. (pgs 7, 8)

# Ivies Beyond the Wall

Virginia Blackwell

Loura Brownrigg

Louia Dickerson

Juanita Gregory

Marguerite Holmes

Sue Grant Johnson

Lucretta Pinkston

**Rosalie Spencer** 

### **1988 Activities and Events**

**Founders Day – January 30, 1988,** Vel's Party Center, Special Guest – Ann Battles, Great Lakes Regional Director. Members were spotlighted for their work in the Arts. Chairman, Alverniece Blandon, Alpha Omega, Thelma Dockens, Lambda Phi Omega.

**Homecoming – February 13, 1988,** African American History Museum. For inactive members, sponsored by Membership Committee.

Retirement Party for Staff members at Job Corps, March 20, 1988

**Daisy Perkins** 

**57**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference – April 14 -17, 1988, Grand Rapids, Michigan.** Member Ann Battles, Great Lakes Regional Director. Host Chapters – Theta Chi Omega and Nu Phi Omega.

Alpha Omega Participation
Emily Johnson – Presenter, Sisterly Relations Workshop
Alice Rush – Recorder, Sisterly Relations Workshop
Carol Franklin – Chairman, Rules Committee
Annette Hamilton – Meditation at Second Business Session
Tillie Colter – Music at Second Business Session
1988 Regional Delegates
Versie Black
Pamela Blackwell
Alvernice Blandon
Janice Eatman
Natalie France
Jeanne Freels
Jacqueline Gholson
Mary Grinage
Lanette Harris
Martha Meekins
Barbara Patterson

### **Regional Awards**

Outstanding Graduate Chapter - Second Place

National Program Targets - Second Place

Outstanding Graduate Member – Carol Franklin – First Place

Outstanding Basileus – Jeanne Freels – First Place

**Sunday, January 31, 1988 at Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.** Members from Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters worshipped together,

**Dedication of a Room at Zelma George Women's Shelter**, February 27, 1988. The room was furnished by members through the Community Concerns Committee. Members also donated clothing items, toiletries and paper products.

Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Council Dinner Dance, April 29, 1988 at Swingos at the Statler. Forty-year members of all affiliates were honored. The Pan Hellenic Choir, Directed by Tillie Colter, performed.

**Salute to Excellence**, **May 22, 1988 at Mt. Zion Congregational Church**. Co-sponsored by the Scholarship, Community Concerns and Hospitality Committees. Outstanding area tenth graders and Scholarship recipients honored.

**Lunch at Playhouse Club**, **June 4, 1988**. Initiation luncheon of the Fabulous Forty, Chairman, Margaret Bullard, Jacqueline Avery and Peggy Parker.

**Black Women's Political Action Forum, June 11-16, 1988, Holiday Inn, Lakeside.** Pan-Hellenic Sororities discussed several issues of concern to black women, such as education, childcare, unemployment, political empowerment, and global human rights.

Fellowship Luncheon, June 18, 1988, Vel's Party Center. Doris Webster, Chairman.

**53**<sup>rd</sup> **Boule, July 9-17, 1988, Los Angeles California**, Janet Jones Ballard – Supreme Basileus, Nan Johnson – Executive Director. Boule Chairman, Helen Williams, Alpha Gamma Omega and Jacqueline Broussard, Theta Mu Omega. Cleveland's Julian Earls was the Public Meeting guest speaker. Dr. Mae Jemison, the first black female astronaut was among the Honorary members inducted at the Boule.

### **Alpha Omega Delegates**

Willie Atwater Freddie McKinney

Versie Black Vivian Melton

Janice Eatman Peggy Parker

Carol Franklin Pamela Redden

Jeanne Freels Dorothy Thorne

Mary Ann Harris Frances J. Tyus

**Family Picnic – August 20, 1988, Punderson State Parker**. Over one hundred members attended. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.

**Job Corps Recruitment at 21**<sup>st</sup> **District Caucus Labor Day Picnic at Luke Easter Park**. Chairman, Versie Black, members of the National Job Corps Committee.

Great Lakes Leadership Seminar, September 9, 1988, Emma Lily Henderson, Regional Director.

**Aids Seminar, September 17, 1988, Job Corps Center**. Conducted by Victoria Cargill, sponsored by Community Concerns Committee.

Western Jamboree, October 1, 1988 at Academy Party Center. Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster meeting, October 8, 1988, Akron, Ohio. Belinda Hinton and Beverly Plaza, Cluster Coordinators, Emma Lily Henderson, Great Lakes Regional Director.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela Redden - Workshop Presenter

Janice Eatman - Workshop Recorder

Carol Franklin - Workshop Recorder

**Retreat, October 14-15, 1988, Hilton Inn South.** Vendors, games, food, massages and other services offered. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Job Corps Charm Seminar, October 22, 1988.

African Heritage Movement and Dance Program, December 3, 1988, at St. Henry's Catholic Church. Sponsored by the Education Committee.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, December 3, 1988 at the Statler Hotel.

Job Corps Christmas Party, December 10, 1988. Mary Grinage, Chairman.

In the fall of the year, the Community Concerns Committee, sponsored an Outstanding Luncheon for High School Guidance Counselors in the Greater Cleveland area at Mather Mansion, Cleveland State University. Graduates of HBCU's were present to talk about their various schools.

### 1989 Officers

Basileus - Carol Franklin

First Anti-Basileus - Barbara Patterson

Second Anti-Basileus – Peggy Parker

Grammateus – Barthelme Morgan

Anti-Grammateus – Freeda Saleem

Pecunious Grammateus - Pamela Blackwell

Anti - Pecunious Grammateus – Faye Smith Jones

Epistoleus - Bertha Dixson

Anti-Epistoleus – Karen Hicks

Tamiouchos – Versie Black

Graduate Advisor - Margaret Bullard

Assistant Graduate Advisor – Michelle Branche

Parliamentarian - Nona Burney

Historian – Frances Tyus

Chaplain – Claudia I Jackson

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Leslie Hewlett-Myrick

Philacter - Vivian Melton

Hodegos – J. Lanette Harris

Honorary Executive Board Member - Myrtle Wiggins

## **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Margaret Barrron	Martha Meekins
Budget	Versie Black	Pamela Blackwell
Bylaws	Nona Burney	Heather Graham-Oliver
Carver Connection	Earlean Bergman	Hattie Hamlet
Community Concerns	Beverly Shepherd Murphy	Caseal Medley
Correspondence	Bernard Dixon	Karen Hicks
Dance	Bertha Dixson	Marian Rookard
Economic Development	Mary Ann Harris	Daisy Perkins
Education	Peggy James	Marjorie Connally-Campbell
Ensemble	Tillie Colter	Inez Browne
Fellowship Luncheon	Alice Hamilton	E. Carol Ford
Founders' Day	Joyce Thornton	Fannie Cockfield
Graduate Advisory	Margaret Bullard	Michelle Branche
Heritage	Frances Tyus	Natalie France
Hospitality	Claudia I Jackson	Laura Brooks
Housing	Mary Spann	Delores Thompson
Inter-Chapter Relations	Dorothy Thorne	Dorris Jackson
Job Corps	Ulillah Davis	Dorothy Lyons
Membership	Alvernice Blandon	Barbara Holland
Proposal Writing	Sarah Livingston	Miriam Rivers
Public Relations	Leslie Hewlett Myrick	Martha Meekins
Remembrance	Beatrice Davis	Jackie Avery
Scholarship	Pamela Redden	Hazel Redden

Standards Annette Hamilton Byrdie C. Lee

Teen Pregnancy Ruth Fore Jeanne Freels

Telephone Bernard Richardson Juanita Shorter

Transportation Dianne Harris Juanita Childress Johnson

Ways and Means Ebraska Ceasor Pauline Goode

Nominating Committee Jacqueline Gholson Carol Simmons

Margaret Barron

Alvernice Blandon

**Betty Claytor** 

Beverly S. Murphy

**Daisy Perkins** 

Miriam Rivers

Barbara Williams

# 1994 Regional Steering Committee

Pamela L Redden – Chairman

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## **Nominating Committee**

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Carol Simmons Barbara Williams

### 1989 Activities and Events

**Founders Day – January 28 – 29, 1989. Mediterranean Party Center.** Theme: "To Our Founders – The Honor and the Glory". Sponsored with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Chairman, Alvernice Blandon, Alpha Omega and Vanessa Scott Lambda Phi Omega. Great Lakes Regional Director, Emma Lily Henderson, gave a tribute to Golden Members. Sunday worship was at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

**58**<sup>th</sup> **Regional Conference – April 27-30, 1989, Toledo, Ohio.** Host Chapter Zeta Alpha Omega and Alpha Lambda. Emma Lily Henderson, Great Lakes Regional Director, Janet Jones Ballard, Supreme Basileus.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Versie Black – National Job Corps Committee

Carol S. Franklin - Rules

Mary Ann Harris - Recommendations

Ulillah Davis – Workshop

Alpha Omega's and Lambda Phi Omegas's choirs sang at the second Business session, the Basilei Graduate Advisors Luncheon and the Sunday morning Worship Service, Tillie Colter, Director

## **Regional Committees**

Versie Black - Outstanding Graduate Chapter

Jackie Gholson – Outstanding Scholarship

Barbara Patterson – Graduate Scrapbook

Pamela Redden – Outstanding Graduate Member

Frances J. Tyus - National Program Targets

### Workshops

Pamela L Redden - Consultant "Maintaining Traditional Pregnancy Service"

Carol Franklin – Recorder "Identifying with People All Over the World"

Versie Black – Convener "Cleveland Job Corps"

## 1989 Regional Awards

Exhibit - First Place

Outstanding Graduate Chapter – Second Place

One hundred twelve Alpha Omega Members attended the conference.

**Project Love Activity, May 13, 1989 at St. James AME Church.** Children nine to twelve and their parents. Linda Thomas and the Imani Dancers entertained. Games, prizes and refreshments were included. Alpha Omega co-sponsored the event with St. James Church. "Project Love" was funded by Cuyahoga County Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program.

**Salute to Excellence**, **following May Chapter meeting**. The 1988 Scholarship recipient discussed college experience. Outstanding Tenth graders from area high schools honored. \$5,200 present in scholarships.

Carver Connection Volunteer Recognition Program, June 2, 1989 at Carver Elementary School.

**Fellowship Luncheon – June 17, 1989 at Marriott Hotel East.** The theme: "Visions for the Future", Peggy James directed the dramatic presentation, a take-off on the "Wizard of Oz". Supreme Basileus, Barbara K Phillips and Regional Director, Emma Lily Henderson were present.

White Elephant Sale, June 23-24, 1989. At the home of Delores Thompson, Housing Chariman, proceeds benefit the Housing Fund.

First International Regional Conference, July 12 – 13, 1989 and the International Leadership Seminar, July 13-15, 1989 at the Bahamas Princess Resort and Casino, Freeport Bahamas. Janet Jones Ballard, Supreme Basileus. Alison Harris, Executive Director.

**Family Picnic, August 19, 1989, South Chagrin Reservation Metropolitan Park,** sponsored by Membership Committee.

**Bill and Camille Cosby Football Classic, September 15, 1989 at Cleveland Stadium.** Alpha Omega and Lambda Phi Omega chapter entered a float in the parade that preceded the game between Central State and Tennessee State University. The Cleveland Chapters' float won first prize.

Basilei/Graduate Advisors Cluster Coordinators Council, September 15-16 1989, Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Alpha Sigma Omega, Delta Phi, Theta and Nu Upsilon Chapters. Emma Lily Henderson, Regional Director.

Retreat, September 30, 1989. Holiday Inn, Richfield. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Job Corps Personal Development Seminar, October 28, 1989. Joint activity with Lambda Phi Omega.

**VIC -Very Important Cooks, November 4, 1989.** Celebrity cooks served their "dishes" to over 400 guests. Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

Fifth Annual Winter Rose Ball, December 2, 1989, at Brookridge Party Center.

**Job Corps Christmas Party**, **December 9, 1989.** "Festival of Trees", each floor decorated a tree. Trees were donated by area by area banks. Joint activity with Lambda Phio Omega. Alpha Omega Chairman, Ulillah Davis and Dorothy Lyons.

Eleventh Annual Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Meeting, December 9, 1989.

Cleveland, Ohio, hosted by Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Present were Regional Director, Emma Lily Henderson, Regional Cluster Coordinator, Urcelle Willis; Northern Ohio Coordinator, Belinda Hinton and Western Pennsylvania Coordinator Beverly Plaza. Sarah Livingston,

one of the Luncheon speakers. Frances Tyus, workshop presenter. Barbara Patterson elected Northern Ohio Cluster Coordinator.

The Education Committee had many interesting displays at Chapter meeting, such as "Memorable Black Women of Cleveland"," Creative expressions of Members" crocheting, photos, rugs, books, needlework, calligraphy. Additionally, displays on wellness issues and entrepreneurship.

The Ways and Means Committee made Chapter Birthday Calendars and sold them for \$3 each.

Under the leadership of Mayme Bugg, a Library was developed at the Cleveland Job Corps Center.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

Winter '89 Alpha Omega Holds Salute to Excellence. (photo pg 20, 21) Alpha Omega's Fellowship Luncheon promoting Sisterhood. (photo pg. 20,21)

### Ivies Beyond the Wall

**Lorraine Crenshaw** 

**Beatrice Davis** 

Mae Garrett

Ella Mae Smith

## 1990 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day, January 27, 1990, at Job Corps Center, A Brunch**. Theme: "A Founders Day Celebration in Song". Golden Members honored, Alpha Omega's Ensemble and Lambda Phi Omega Pearls participated. Chairman, Joyce Thornton, Alpha Omega.

**Homecoming**, **February 10, 1990, at the African American Museum**, sponsored by Membership Committee.

**Job Corps 25**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary, March 3, 1990, at Sheraton City Centre Hotel**. Special guests included Janet Ballard, Supreme Basileus; Bella Parker, International Job Corps Committee member. The Cleveland Chorale sang on the program. Joint venture, Alpha Omega and Lambda Phi Omega.

**59**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 19-22, 1990, Flint Michigan.** Host Chapters, Zeta Beta Omega and Xi. Emma Lily Henderson, Regional Director

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Margaret Barron, "Black Women's Agenda: Moving Our Country Through the Nineties"

Versie Black, Undergraduate Roundup Workshop Recorder

Barbara Patterson, AKA International Program Convener

Carol Franklin, EAF Workshop

Versie Black, Job Corps Workshop

Pamela Redden - Co-presented with Phyllis Robinson "Preparing for Leadership"

The Cleveland Chorale sang at the Second Business Session, Directed by Tillie Colter.

### **Committees**

Earlean Bergman - Evaluation

Emily Johnson - Resolutions

Daisy Perkins - Time and Place

Frances Tyus – Recommendations

Carol Franklin – Rules

Joyce Thornton - Philacters

Lorene France – Timekeeper

Alpha Omega was spotlighted for collaboration with Jewish Women on the Carver Connection Project.

## **Regional Delegates**

Earlean Bergman Pamela Blackwell Alvernice Blandon Margaret Bullard

Carol Franklin Kimberly Jones-Turner Fannie Layne Rita Lewis

Caseal Medley Pamela L Redden Beverly Murphy Frances Tyus

Salute to Excellence – May 20, 1990, at Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Outstanding Cleveland tenth graders honored, and Alpha Omega Scholarship recipients presented. Sponsored by the Scholarship Committee.

**Fellowship Luncheon, June 23, 1990, at Landerhaven.** A dramatization "A Legacy for the Future", directed by Peggy James, was the featured entertainment. It was written by Lauren Moore Siggers.

**54**<sup>th</sup> **Boule**, **July 14- 21- 1990**, **in Richmond**, **Virginia**. Janet Jones Ballard, Supreme Basileus, Alison Harris, Executive Director. Host Chapters Rho Eta Omega, Pi Rho Omega, Upsilon Omega, Delta Omega, Theta Rho, Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Eta. Eva Evans elected First Supreme Anti-Basileus.

## **Boule Delegates**

Willie Atwater	Margaret Bullard	Rachelle Carter	Carol Franklin

Mary Grinage Claudia Jackson Dorris Jackson Emily Johnson

Eunice Johnson Carolyn Townsend Frances Tyus Virginia Williams

Fifty-six Alpha Omega Members attended.

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes leadership Conference, September 14-15, 1990 at Radisson Plaza Hotel – Town Center, Southfield, Michigan. Theme "Charting the Course Through Leadership", Phyllis Robinson, Regional Director.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela Redden, International Program Committee member - "New Program Thrusts"

Frances Tyus, Regional Awards Chairman – "Putting your Best Foot Forward"

Twelve Alpha Omega Members in attendance.

Meeting with Supreme Basileus, Mary Shy Scott, September 20, 1990, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church concerning Job Corps.

Retreat, September 24-25, 1990 at Harley Home South, sponsored by Membership Committee.

Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Meeting, October 11,1990, in Lorain, Ohio, hosted by Iota Phi Omega Chapter, Barbara Patterson and Lydia York, Cluster Coordinators.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Barbara Patterson – Convener "Undergraduate Relations/Membership" Workshop

Pamela Redden – Presenter "The Alpha Kappa Alpha Program"

Nine Alpha Omega members attended.

Very Important Cooks – VIC, October 13, 1990, at the Civic, sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

**Creative Bazaar, November 10, 1990, at Parkwood CME Church**, featuring African American Entrepreneurs and exhibits selling African Art, ceramics, jewelry and books. Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Rose Ball, December 1, 1990, at Brookridge Party Center.** Sponsored by Dance Committee.

**Job Corps Christmas Party**, **December 9, 1990**, held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega. Gifts were given to each floor.

**Zelma George Shelter Christmas Party**, **December 19, 1990.** Each child present had his or her picture taken with Santa Claus. Sponsored by the Community Concerns Committee.

During 1990, Alpha Omega After School Education Program at the Harvard Community Center provided four orientation sessions with eighty-five parents. Alpha Omega members pre-tested two hundred eighty-eight students and post tested two hundred twenty-four.

### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

**Spring '90** – Job Corps Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (pgs 42,43) Women of Achievement – Versie Black. (photo pg 51)

Summer '90 - Mildred and Gertrude Gorman donated \$1000 to EAF.

Fall '90 - Carol Franklin thanked for writing letter to Senators and Representatives, (pg 60)

### Ivies Beyond the Wall

Anne Blackmore

Alleene Daniels

Mae Fitch Garrett

#### 1991-1992 Officers

Basileus - Carol Franklin

First Anti-Basileus – Nona Burney

Second Anti-Basileus – Frances J Tyus

Grammateus – Joyce Thornton

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Epistoleus – Yvonne Arrington

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*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Annette Hamilton

Philacter – Vivian Melton

Hodegos – Beverly Shepherd-Murphy

Honorary Executive Board Member – Myrtle Wiggins

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Margaret Barron	Delores Laney
Budget	Mable Bishop	Pamela Blackwell
By-laws	Thelma Brown	Juanita Dalton-Robinson
Carver Connection	Rita Lewis	
Community Concerns	Janet Burney	Gladys Shepherd
Correspondence	Yvonne Arrington	Michele Benton
Dance	Bertha Dixson	Marva McMillan
Education	Peggy James	Marjorie Connally-Campbell
Ensemble	Tillie Colter	Inez Browne
Fellowship Luncheon	Faye Smith-Jones	Thelma C. Brown
Founders' Day	Lorene France	Marcia Alexander
Graduate Advisory	Margaret Bullard	Caseal Medley
Heritage	Janice Scales	
Hospitality	Carolyn Townsend	

Housing Betty Daniels

Inter-Chapter Relations Dorris Jackson Dorothy Adams

Job Corps Earlean Bergman Marian Lyles

Membership Barbara Williams Jacqueline Gholson

Proposal Writing Byrdie Lee

Public Relations Annette Hamilton Rachelle Young Carter

Remembrance Jacqueline Avery Judith Owens

Scholarship Claudette Woodard Eleanor Ramsey Dees

Standards A. Ernestine Mapp Eugenia Curry

Telephone Ebraska Ceasor Juanita Shorter

Transportation Isabel Lewis

Ways and Means Peggy Parker

Nominating Committee Jeanne Freels Sarah Livingston

**Dorothy Adams** 

Janet Burney

**Eunice Johnson** 

**Faye Smith Jones** 

**Dolores Laney** 

Barthelme Morgan

Mary Spann

Building Committee Mary Spann Betty Daniels

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Alvernice Blandon Barbara Holland

1994 Regional Pamela Redden

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Betty Claytor Beverly S. Murphy

Daisy Perkins Miriam Rivers

Barbara Williams

## **1991 Activities and Events**

**Ivy AkAdemy, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, January 12, 1991, at Job Corps.** 1991 proclaimed the "Year of the Lifetime Reader". Members encouraged to send copies of the Resolution to local School Board, Mayor, andCouncil members. This was a joint activity with Lambda Phi Omega.

**Founders Day, February 10, 1991, at East Mt. Zion Baptist Church.** Theme: "Cleveland in the year 2000". A Symposium with speakers from the Community:

Frank J Huml, Superintendent, Cleveland Public Schools

Carolyn W. Allen – Cleveland Safety Director

Jay Westbrook – President Cleveland City Council

Sam Thomas – Director, Cleveland Community Relations Board

Moderator – Eutrace Bean Oliver, Lambda Phi Omega

Collinwood High School's "Top 20", under the direction of Tillie Colter entertained the audience. Dr. Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director made remarks. Chairman, Joyce Thornton, Alpha Omega and Georgette Woods, Lambda Phi Omega.

**Reception, February 11, 1991, Case Western Reserve University.** Alpha Omega's Education Committee hosted the reception following a Black History month program featuring Patricia Russell McCloud. Her subject, "Challenges for the Future". Twenty Job Corps students attended as guests of the chapter.

**AKA Water Day, February 14, 1991.** Under the leadership of the Community Concerns Committee who pledged to donate the cost of meals, refreshments and cigarettes that would normally be purchased on that day to provide money for an emergency fund for the Zelma George Shelter for Women and children. Members and friends donated over \$320.

Black History Achievement Program, February 20, 1991, at Carver Elementary School.

**Homecoming, February 23, 1991, at South Euclid Community Center**, sponsored by the Membership Committee.

**60**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference**, **April 4-7, 1991, Amherst, New York.** Host Chapter Xi Epsilon Omega and Alfred University General Members. Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director, Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Mary Burks – gave Meditation at 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary Session

Carol Franklin and Alvernice Blandon – made a presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session, Alpha Omega's Diamond Jubilee Celebration"

Alpha Omega Ensemble sang at the Leadership Luncheon and Sunday Worship Service, directed by Tillie Colter.

Pamela L Redden – International Program Committee member

Barbara Patterson – Northern Ohio Cluster Coordinator

Joyce Thornton – Head Philacter

#### **Committees**

Frances Tyus – Awards Steering Committee, Chairman

Joyce Thornton – Awards Steering Committee member

Kimberly Turner – Awards Steering Committee

Mary Ann Harris – Co-chair Resolutions

Daisy Perkins – Recommendations

Barbara Patternson - Time and Place

Margaret Bullard – Graduate Advisory

Margaret Barron – AKA Connection

Tillie Colter – Arts Program – Judge Instrumental

Byrdie Lee – World Community

Peggy James - Education

Beverly Shepherd-Murphy – Education

Annette Hamilton – Phyllis Robinson Award

Earlean Bergman – Job Corps, Bella Parker Award

Caseal Medley – Beula T. Whitby Award

Janice Scales – Fannette B. Norris Award

Pamela Blackwell - Thelma Hollis Award

Nona Burney – Gloria Smith Award

Jacqueline Gholson -Bella Parker Award

Mary Grinage - Anne Battles Award

Jean Lee - Altha C Brown Award

Mildred Stith - Irene Graves Award

Dorris Jackson – Emma Henderson Award

Hazel Redden - Performing Arts Award - Drama

Rita Lewis – Undergraduate Exhibit Award

## Workshops

Joyce Thornton – Convener "Extending AKA's World Community Presence"

Carol Franklin – Presenter, "Preserving the Black Male Presence"

Alpha Omega won first Place Award for the Fine Arts Competition- Ensemble Directed by Tillie Colter

## **Regional Delegates**

Earlean Bergman Rita Lewis

Peggy James Eleanor Ramsey Dees

Carol Franklin Margaret Bullard

Vivian Melton Annette Hamilton

Pamela Blackwell Caseal Medley

Jacqueline Gholson Beverly Shepherd-Murphy

Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Council Golden Greeks Recognition Luncheon, May 18, 1991, at Swingos at the Statler. Alpha Omega members honored: Genevive Blacksheer, Zelma Curtis, Wiona Gaines, Sarah Livingston, Zenobia Mason and Quindolyn Washington. The PanHellenic Ensemble gave music, directed by Tillie Colter.

**UNCF Walkathon**, **June 1**, **1991**. Team AKA, led by Janet Burney and the Community Concerns Committee, accumulated over \$600 in pledges for the United Negro College Fund.

#### 1992 Activities and Events

**Leadership AkAdemy January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Museum of Natural History was well attended Iris Wiliams gave a workshop that guided the student on the journey of self-discovery.

**Founders Day, January 25, 1992 – Aldersgate United Methodist Church** with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapter. "A Tribute to our Founders Through the Arts. Members displayed items relating to the six Program Targets. Chairman, Lorene France, Alpha Omega, Georgette Wood, Lambda Phi Omega.

**AKA Water Day, February 14, 1992.** An International day of self-denial to draw attention to the problems of homelessness. Chapter members and friends pledged the cost of a meal or other refreshments to sustain the emergency fund for the Zelma George Shelter for Women and Children.

**Homecoming, February 14, 1992, at South Euclid Community Center,** sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Membership Intake Process, March 20-22, 1992, at Holiday Inn, Boston Hts. This was the first weekend Initiation.

**61<sup>st</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference, April 9-12, 1992, Akron, Ohio.** Host Chapters , Zeta Theta Omega and Delta Pi Chapters, Dr. Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director, Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Awards Steering Committee – Frances Tyus – Chairman

Joyce Thornton

Kimberly Turner

Resolutions – Mary Ann Harris – Co-Chairman

Recommendations - Daisy Perkins

EAF – Pamela Blackwell

Philacters – Joyce Thornton – Chairman

Time and Place - Carol S. Franklin

Graduate Advisory Council - Margaret Bullard

Job Corps – Earlean Bergman

Regional Program - Pamela Redden – Chairman

Membership – Barbara Williams

Undergraduate Activities – Lisa Ester

## Workshops

Presenter – Pamala Murphy – "Health Issues Affecting Women and Children"

Convener – Lisa Ester "Innovative Campus Programs"

Pamela Redden – International Program Committee and Health Fair Coordinator

Lisa Ester – Undergraduate Activities Committee

Barbara Patterson – Northern Ohio Cluster Coordinator

Mary Burke – gave the Meditation at the Third Plenary Session

## **Delegates**

Earlean Bergman Annette Hamilton

Pamela Blackwell Carla Jones

Alvernice Blandon Faye Smith Jones

Margaret Bullard Dolores Laney

Lorene France Rita Lewis

Carol Franklin Caseal Medley

Alternates

Dianthia Gilmore

Vivian Melton

Pan-Hellenic Choir in Concert, May 3, 1992, at Liberty Hill Performing Arts Hall, Tillie Colter and the Alpha Omega Ensemble participated in the concert. Tillie Colter is also the Director of the Pan-Hellenic Choir

#### Diamond Jubilee Celebration Committee - 75 Years of Service

Alvernice Blandon – Chairman

Barbara Holland – Assistant Chairman

Public Celebration – Jeanne Freels

Fine Arts - Tillie Colter

Fellowship Luncheon – Faye Smith Jones – Thelma Brown

Education – Peggy James, Sandra Trower

Scholarship - Claudette Woodard, Eleanor Dees

Worship Service – Dianthia Gilmore

Finance - Katherine Nunley

Golden Members – Elaine Turner

Souvenir Journal - Annette Hamilton, Rachelle Carter

Regional Boule Presentation - Sandra Woofford

Reception – Juanita Shorter

Transportation and Hostesses – Marian Rookard

Amenities - Barbara Barron

Proposal Writing - Bydie Lee

Reception – Thursday, June 18, 1992 – Statler Tower City Plaza Hotel

Guests: Lorraine Green, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supreme Basileus

Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus

Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director

Public Celebration - Friday, June 19, 1992 - Waejen Hall, Cleveland State University

Performed on piano - Marjorie Judith Vincent, Miss America, 1991

Fellowship Luncheon – Saturday, June 20, 1992 – Statler Tower City Plaza Hotel

Guest Speaker - Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus

Worship Service- Sunday, June 21, 1992, Stouffer Tower City Plaza Hotel

**Rededication** Speaker – Ebraska Ceasor

**Presentation** was made at Boule in New Orleans 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary culmination activities.

**Benefit Dinner Dance, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Brookridge Party Center** – sponsored jointly with Ways and Means Committee. Zelma George was Honorary Chairperson

**Diamond Jubilee Hymn** – music by Tillie Colter, Lyrics by Carol Franklin, Mary Grinage and Clara Jones.

**Scholarships** were presented to high school students. Member Guests, Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus, Lynette Munn Lang, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus; Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director; Lorraine Green, Second Supreme Basileus; Bernice I Sumlin, 19<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus; Marjorie Judith Vincent, Miss America, 1991. A scholarship was also given in honor of Alpha Omega Member Ella Mae Johnson, who has raised money for scholarships by making and selling various articles.

PanHellenic Council Picnic – June 2, 8, 1992, Squaw Rock, South Chagrin Reservation

**Boule, July 18 – 24, 1992, in New Orleans, Louisiana.** Host Chapter, Alpha Beta Omega, Gamma Eta Omega, Rho Pi Omega, Iota Eta Omega, Nu Gamma Omega, Omicron Lambda Omega, Tau Kappa Omega and Tau Iota Omega. Mary Shy Scott was Supreme Basileus, Alison Harris Alexander, Executive Director.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Fourth Plenary Session – Carol Franklin gave a tribute to Alpha Omega, the Sorority's First Graduate Chapter. The theme was "Celebrating our Alpha Kappa Alpha Heritage" a video depicting the Chapter's history was shown.

Pamela L Redden chaired "Team Health" which presented a three day "Health Extravaganza" 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Frances Tyus participated. Her expertise was "Weight Control, Food Allergies and Wellness". At the Public Health Forum, Pamela Redden was panelist. Her subject was "Ethics in Medicine".

The following Alpha Omega Members attended the Graduate Advisors Training Institute: Earlean Bergman, Margaret Bullard, Dianthia Gilmore, Gail Rose, Ethel Taylor, and Frances Tyus.

In Gathering Retreat, September 11, 1992, at St. Peter Chanel High School Retreat Center. Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director presented Leadership Workshop. Sponsored by Standards Committee.

Great Lakes Leadership Conference, September 25, 1992, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, Southfield, MI. Speaker was Barbara Roberts Mason, a member of Michigan State Board of Education. Chapter Basilei honored.

**Candidate Night, October 21, 1992, at Lee Harvard Community Service Center**, sponsored by AKA Connection Committee.

14<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster, October 23, 1992, at Toledo Sheraton – Westgate Hotel. Barbara Patterson and Lydia York were Cluster Coordinators. Pamela Redden, International Program Committee member and Health Target Coordinator, was the Luncheon speaker, "Single Passenger Life Boat and Other Useless Paraphernalia". Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director.

**Ivy Plaza Ground-Breaking Ceremony, November 28, 1992**, at Martin Luther King Drive and Kinsman Ave. A reception followed at Fairhill Institute for the elderly. Great Lakes Regional Director, Phyllis Robinson was among the special guests. Planning committee: Margaret Barron and Cynthia Lewis, Chairman; Ebraska Ceasor, Coordinator and Barbara Barron, Thelma Brown, Lorene France, Dorris Jackson, Mary Spann, committee members.

**75**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Benefit Gala**, **December 5, 1992, at Brookridge Party Center**. Presentation made to Rev. James Roberts, Vice President of the Inter-Church Council. Benefit recipient, Zelma George, Honorary Chairman of this outstanding event. Co-sponsored by the Dance Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

Leadership Workshop for Out-going and In-coming Officers and Committee Chairs, December 12, 1992, sponsored by the Standards Committee.

During 1992, the Community Concerns Committee continued giving services to the Zelma George Shelter for homeless women and children. They showered the shelter with soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, tooth brushes and similar items. Thirty dollar's worth of diapers were supplied each month. The mothers received gifts on Mother's Day. At the Christmas party, each child had his picture taken with Santa Claus. Willie Atwater held an In-service activity with faculty members of Carver Elementary School on the Whole Language Project "From the Setting and Noon Sun to the Rising Sun".

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

**Summer '92-** Cleveland Job Corps Center, Mentoring program. (photo pg 19) History of Job Corps Committee Tutorial Program at Job Corps. (photo pg.20)

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

Patricia Carter Dorothy Johnson

Evelyn Douglas Juanita Patterson

Mildred Gorman Fannie Reese

Jacqueline Guinn

#### 1993-1994 Officers

Basileus - Lorene R. France

First Anti-Basileus – Frances J. Tyus

Second Anti-Basileus – Faye Smith Jones

Grammateus - Joyce Thornton

Anti-Grammateus – Yvonne Arrington

Pecunious Grammateus – Earlean Bergman

Anti - Pecunious Grammateus – Monica Parker

Epistoleus – Lillian Lynn

Anti-Epistoleus – Marva McMillan

Tamiouchos – Sandra Wofford

Graduate Advisor – Caseal Medley

Assistant Graduate Advisor – Jacqueline Gholson

Parliamentarian - Annette Hamilton

Historian – Vivian Craddock

# Chaplain – Dianthia Gilmore

# *Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Martha Meekins

# Philacter – Beverly Shepherd-Murphy

# Hodegos – Barbara Holland

# Honorary Executive Board Member – Myrtle Wiggins

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Ruth Wesby	Cynthia Lewis
Budget	Sandra Wofford	Earlean Bergman
By-laws	Annette Hamilton	Bertha Dixon
Carver Connection	Pearl Thompson	Judith Owens
Community Concerns	Elaine Turner	Mecie Johnson
Correspondence	Lillian Lynn	Marva McMillan
Dance	Emma Mitchell	Gloria Richardson/Margaret Dowdell
Education	Annalisa Henley	Dorris Jackson
Ensemble	Tillie Colter	Alice Rush
Fellowship Luncheon	Frances Kennedy	Michelle Price
Founders' Day	Marian Lyles	Ethel Taylor
Graduate Advisory	Caseal Medley	Jacqueline Gholson
Heritage	Vivian Craddock	Bessie Prince
Hospitality	Laura Brooks	Karen Blue-Young
Housing	Dorothy Roye	Willie Mae Travis

**Inter-Chapter Relations** Octavia Thompson Michelle Benton Job Corps Mary Ann Harris **Daisy Perkins** Membership Barbara Williams Clara Jones Michele Moreland Jennifer Coleman **Proposal Writing Public Relations** Martha Meekins Deborah Hill Remembrance Minnie Marshall Gloria Rush Pamela Redden Scholarship Betty Claytor Standards Ebraska Ceasor **Dolores Laney** Eugenia Curry Bernard Richardson Telephone Isabel Lewis Rachelle Young Carter Transportation Carla Jones Ways and Means Carolyn Bridges Graves Marian Rookard **Nominating Committee** Octavia Thompson Phyllis Brown Barbara Williams **Betty Daniels** Carla Jones Clara Jones **Daisy Perkins** Kimberly Turner 1994 Regional Steering Pamela Redden Committee **Dorothy Thorne** Lorene France Margaret Barron Carol S. Franklin Peggy Parker

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Parliamentarian – Ebraska Ceasor

Members – at – Large

Earlean Bergman Lorene France

Byrdie Lee Daisy Perkins

Alice Rush

#### 1993 Activities and Events

Executive Board/Leadership Workshop for Officers and Committee Chairs, January 9, 1993

Cleveland State University, sponsored by the Standards Committee.

Founders Day, January 23, 1993, Holiday Inn, Lakeside. Held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Theme, "Our Heritage – Addressing the Arts". Performance by students from Cleveland School of the Arts. Omega Chapter spoke on the following: Education, Black Crime, Health Concerns, Political Participation, The Family, Black Economics and World Community.

1994 Regional Conference Planning meeting, January 30, 1993, with Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director and Alpha Omega and Lambda Phi Omega Conference Steering Committee.

**Homecoming, February 20, 1993, South Euclid Community Center**, sponsored by Membership Committee.

Job Corps Summit, March 6, 1993, included a panel discussion, Job Corps Tour and Program at the Church of the Covenant. International Job Corps Committee Chairman, Gloria Smith presided.

62<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference, April 15, 1993, Dayton Convention Center, Host Chapters were

Beta Eta Omega and Epsilon Chi. Phyllis Robinson was Great Lakes Regional Director.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

## **Committees**

Awards Steering – Frances J Tyus – Chairman

Joyce Thornton

Michele Moreland

Kimberly Turner

Philacter – Joyce Thornton – Chairman

Time and Place - Carol Franklin

Regional Program – Pamela L Redden – Chairman, Health Coordinator

Music – Tillie Colter – Co- Coordinator

## Workshops

Convener

Lorene France – "Running for Office in Alpha Kappa Alpha"

Hazel Redden - "Retired AKA Members"

Panelists:

Marian Rookard - "Retired AKA Members"

Alvernice Blandon - "Retired AKA Members"

Pamela L. Redden – Graduate Advisors Institute

Resource

Mildred Stith - "Retired AKA Members"

Barbara Patterson – Northern Ohio Cluster Coordinator

Alpha Omega Ensemble, Directed by Tillie Colter, sang at the Public Forum during the Second

Plenary Session and the Formal Banquet.

1994 Regional Conference Invitation presented by Members of Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega

and Omega at Fourth Plenary Session.

### **Regional Awards**

Outstanding Basileus – Carol Franklin – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Helping Hand – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Outstanding Chapter – 1<sup>st</sup> Place

LaCresia Smith Gaines – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Vocal Performing Arts

Deborah Hill – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Performing Arts Drama

Tillie Colter – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Performing Arts – Instrumental

#### **Regional Delegates**

Michelle Benton	Lorene France	Annette Hamilton	Faye Smith Jones
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Earlean Bergman Carol Franklin Carla Jones Caseal Medley

Ebraska Ceasor Jeanne Freels Rita Lewis Daisy Perkins

**Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Council 50 year Recognition Luncheon**, May 15, at Swingos at the Statler.

**Salute to Excellence**, May 22, 1993, at Job Corps. Tenth grade students were recognized with certificates and ink pens bearing the legend "I'm proud to be an AKA Scholar".

Scholarship recipients were also recognized. Leadership AkAdemy students were introduced. A Celebration in music, prose, poetry and dance was presented by Sherree Ray – prose; several students – poetry; Lennis Lewis – music (flute) and Isabel Lewis – dance.

**Reactivation Activity**, May 29, 1993, Garfield Heights, Civic Center, sponsored by Membership Committee.

Fellowship Luncheon, June 12, 1993, at Landerhaven. The Theme "Members on the Move:

Attaining Economic Empowerment". Speaker, Lydia York, Alpha Alpha Omega Chapter,

Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator.

Media Appreciation Reception, June 24, 1993 at Job Corps, sponsored by Public Relations

Committee. Guests present were from Call and Post, Cleveland Plain Dealer, TV Chanel 3, 5, 8,

19 and 43. Radion Station WZAK and WJMO.

International Leadership Conference, July 22-25, 1993, at the Peachtree Plaza Hotel Inn, Atlanta, Georgia. Mary Shy Scott was Supreme Basileus. The Theme was "Developing New Dimensions Leadership. Pamela Redden was a speaker at the opening session on "For the Health of It". Bessie Prince was a workshop recorder. In attendance were Alvernice Blandon, Lorene France, Annette Hamilton and Hazel Redden.

Afrocentric Extravaganza, August 21, 1993, at Cavalier Hall, sponsored by Ways and Means Committee. Donations for the raffle by the following: Travel Planner by Benny, Stouffer's Hotel and Resort, Landerhaven Party Center, Society Ban, Ohio Motorist Association, Andy's Sunrise Photo, Hilarities Comedy Club, Printing Partners, Taylor Nursery and Mc Donalds Investment Company. Music was furnished by Wild Willie and the Bridge. Profit from this event was over \$3,000.

Great Lakes Leadership Conference and Undergraduate Round Up, September 24 -25,1993, at the Plaza Hotel, Southfield, Michigan. Phyllis Robinson was Regional Director. Host Chapter Eta Iota Omega and Xi. Alpha Omega members who attended were Margaret Barron, Earlean Bergman, Ebraska Ceasor, Lorene France, Jacqueline Gholson, Caseal Medley, Martha Meekins, Barbara Patterson, Pamela Redden, Ann Springfield, Joyce Thornton and Frances Tyus.

Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster meeting, October 23, 1993, Weirton, West, Virginia. Hosted by Beta Theta Omega Chapter, Steubenville, Ohio. Barbara Patterson, Cluster Coordinator. Other Alpha Omega members who attended were Lorene France, Pamela Redden, Joyce Thornton. Mildred Gardner, Lambda Phi Omega was elected Cluster Coordinator.

Public Meeting of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Archives, November 6, 1993, Moorland Spingarn

Center, Andrew Rankin Chapel Howard University, Washington, D.C. Theme "85 years of Service; Continuing the Legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha", 1908-1993.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, November 19, 1993, at Stouffers Tower City Plaza Hotel, sponsored by the Dance Committee. Over 600 members and guests attended. The Discovery Band provided the music. Special guest was Great Lakes Regional Director, Dr. Phyllis Robinson.

**Black Nativity**, December 16, 1993, at Karamu, sponsored by Omega Chapter. A Reception followed the show.

**Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration**, December 18, 1993, at St Ann's Parish, sponsored by Education Committee.

During 1993, the Senior Success Program held the following discussion and activities "How to Select a College", college application, a video of Historically Black Colleges, a College Essay Workshop, resumes, financial aid, tips for college success and college tour to Wilberforce and Central State University.

In June, 1993, Alvernice Blandon, Ebraska Ceasor and Katherine Nunley had an idea for a new Committee – The Sisterly Concerns Committee. It's purpose was the render sisterly services not covered by other committee guidelines to the Members of Alpha Omega.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

Summer '93 Alpha Omega breaks ground Ivy Plaza. (photo pg 24)

**Fall '93** Alpha Omega honors members of the Media. (pg 32) Job Corps Summit, Pamela Redden highlighting issues in Healthcare for adolescent youth. (photo pg 8, 89)

## Winter '93

"Changing our Eating Habits for the Health of it by Frances Tyus. (photo pg 24)

"A Healthy Sexual You", by Pamela Redden, MD. (photo pg 28)

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

Jimmie Caviness Dororthy Douglas

Mildred Evans Frances Hilton

Jane Logan Geneva Potts

Helen M Simpson

### 1994 Activities and Events

1994 **Committee Leadership** was the same as 1993 except for the following:

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
Education	Byrdie Lee	
Fellowship Luncheon	Cassandra Johnson	Michele Price
Sisterly Relations	Katherine Nunley	Sheila Barnes
Basilei Council	Alvernice Blandon	
	Ivy Plaza Management	
	Dorris Jackson - President	
	Eleanor Dees – Vice President	
	Jacqueline Gholson –Secretary	
	Carla Jones – Treasurer	

#### Jean Lee

### Minnie Marshall

## Beverly Shepherd- Murphy

**Founders Day**, January 29, 1994, Holiday Inn, Lakeside. Theme "Sailing from 1908 into the Future". Joint with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters, Chairman Marian Lyles Alpha Omega and Harriet Niles, Lambda Phi Omega. Omega Chapter members presented a tribute to our Founders.

**63<sup>rd</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 14-17, 1994. Stouffer Tower City Plaza Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Host Chapters, Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega. Phyllis Robinson, Great Lakes Regional Director. Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus. Theme "Sailing with Main and with Might to Serve in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".

## **Steering Committee**

Pamela Redden, Wyllene Wall – Co-Chairmen

Susie Rice – Recording Secretary

Carol Franklin – Financial Secretary

Mildred Gardner – Treasurer

Margaret Barron

Lalisa Anthony - Green

Lorene France

Marian Johnson

Peggy Parker

**Harriet Niles** 

Sherree Ray

Lilloise Talley

**Dorothy Thorne** 

Georgette Wood

## **Committee Leadership**

Committee Co-Chair

Budget/Finance Carol Franklin/Mildred Gardner

Corporate Sponsors Marian Johnson

Vendors Jeanne Freels

Invitation Ruth Collins

Hospitality/Protocol Susie Rice/Dorothy Thorne

Hostess/Special Events Sadie King – Daisy Perkins

Attire Mildred Stith – Lilloise Talley

Courtesies Cheryl Broussard – Dianthia Gilmore

Logistics Pamela Redden – Wyllene Wall

Audio/Awards/Exhibits Inez Browne – Frances Tyus

Business Office Dorris Jackson – Marian Johnson

Decorations Earlean Bergman – Phyllis Brown

Election Cathy Clowers – Deborah Young

Emergency Station Doris Grant

Ivies Beyond the Wall Thelma Dockers – Bobbie Reares

Meal Functions Sarah Britton – Ebraska Ceasor

Plenary Session Thelma Townsend

Public Meeting Kathy Carter – Caseal Medley

Time and Place Joyce Thornton – Dolores Laney

Members Yvonne Arrington – Naomi Franklin

Fitness Walk Barbara Patterson

Book Garden Pearl Thompson

Music/Entertainment Chere' Chambers – Faye Smith Jones

Public Relations Nona Burney- Dottie Joyce

Registration Fannie Layne

Badges Peggy James – Harriet Niles

Transportation Barbara Barron – Cheryl Darden

Souvenirs Barbara Williams

Basilei Lorene France, Alpha Omega Harriet Niles, Lambda Phi Omega

Lalisa Anthony-Green, Omega

**Leadership AkAdemy Culminating Activity**, April 30, 1994, Eliza Bryant Center. The student danced, recited poetry and narrations. Their panel discussion subject was "What Leadership Akademy Will Mean to Me". Mecie Johnson and Dorris Jackson chaired the activity.

**Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Choir Spring Concert**, May 1, 1994, at Windermere United Methodist Church, Directed by Tillie Colter.

**Salute to Excellence**, May 15, 1994, Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Outstanding area tenth grade students were recognized. Leadership Akademy students, Senior Success Students and Scholarship winners were presented.

**Recognition Day Program**, May 20, 1994, Carver Elementary School. Volunteers from Alpha Omega and the National Council of Jewish Women were given high praise for the enrichment programs throughout the school year by principal, Ted Carter. Sheila Thompson, Chairman.

**Young Author's Program and Reception**, June 7, 1994, Carver Elementary School This was one of the culminating activities of the Whole Language Project coordinated by Willie Atwater.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 25, 1994, Clarion Hotel. Theme "Fellowships made to Last: Enriching the Vision Through Service to All Mankind". The Luncheon is an annual event with Omega Chapter, honoring the various accomplishments of Members. A fashion show added to the entertainment.

**56**<sup>th</sup> **Boule**, July 9-15, 1994, at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Mary Shy Scott, Supreme Basileus; Alison Harris Alexander, Executive Director and Phyllis Robinson, Regional Director. Hostess Chapter – Alpha Mu Omega.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

First Plenary Session – Music by Alpha Omega Ensemble, Directed by Tillie Colter.

Pamela Redden – Workshop presenter "Healthy and Wise: A Guide to Black Women's Wellness"

Pamela Redden – Member of the International Program Committee

#### **Boule Delegates**

Earlean Bergman	Alvernice Blandon	Lorene France	Annette Hamilton
Mary Ann Harris	Cassandra Johnson	Caseal Medley	Michele Moreland
Marian Rookard	Janice Scales	Octavia Thompson	Frances Tyus

**Media Appreciation Brunch**, September 18, 1994 at Houlihan's in Beachwood. This was Alpha Omega's way of saying thanks to those persons in the media for excellence in the news about the African American Community and of programs of service by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Chairman Martha Meekins and Deborah Hill.

Great Lakes Leadership Conference and Undergraduate Roundup, September 23-24, 1994, Charleston Marriott Town Center, Charleston, West Va. Hostess Chapter – Beta Beta Omega, Alpha Omicron Omega, Nu and Nu Pi, Patricia Petty Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme "Building the Future: The Alpha Kappa Alpha Strategy, Making the Net Work" Gloria Stephens Smith, former Great Lakes Regional Director and Chairman of the National Program Committee was Guest Consultant. Annette Hamilton, International Standards Committee member was among the special guests in attendance. Other Alpha Omega members present were: Ebraska Ceasor, Faye Smith Jones, Caseal Medley, Michele Moreland, Hazel Redden, Joyce Thornton, Frances Tyus.

Northern Ohio Western Pennsylvania Cluster, October 22, 1994, Ramada Limited Hotel, Lima Ohio, hosted by Sigma Mu Omega Chapter. Patricia Petty, Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Mallory, Great Lakes Cluster Coordinator; Mildred Gardner, Ohio Cluster Coordinator, Jackie Blakey, Western Pennsylvania Coordinator. Theme "Capture the AKA Spirit". Alpha Omega Members in attendance were: Ebraska Ceasor, Lorene France, Barbara Patterson, Joyce Thornton, Frances Tyus.

Winter Rose Ball, December 2, 1994, at Stouffers Tower City Plaza Hotel.

**Job Corps Christmas Party**, December 3, 1994. Alpha Omega Ensemble sang, directed by Tillie Colter. Students won game prizes and gifts for each floor.

**Zelma George Shelter Christmas Party**, December 8, 1994. Members brought gifts for the residents.

#### Other News:

Barbara Barron was elected as Pan-Hellenic Council Central Region Representative at their meeting in Cleveland, OH. Lorene France and Caseal Medley also attended.

The Ways and Means Committee sponsored a raffle with a Ford Escort as the prize. The profit was \$2,000.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

## Spring '94

Sarah Livingston \$100 contribution to EAF (pg. 39)

Vivian Craddock – listed with Members in the Arts.

#### Fall '94

Ivy Beyond the Wall, Member Zelma George . (pg 87)

#### Winter '94

Ivy Beyond the Wall, Member L. Pearl Mitchell. (pg 37) Included "I Dream" by Langston Hughes, dedicated to Member L. Pearl.

#### Ivies Beyond the Wall

Alice Lucille Burton

**Lorraine Crenshaw** 

Geneva George

Zelma Watson George

Gertrude Gorman

**Eunice Johnson** 

Cynthia Holloway

#### 1995 -1996 Officers

Basileus - Pamela L. Redden

First Anti-Basileus – Peggy Parker

Second Anti-Basileus – Cassandra Johnson '95

Second Anti-Basileus - Jacqueline Avery '96

Grammateus - Marva McMilla

Anti-Grammateus – Barbara Bray

Pecunious Grammateus – Earlean Bergman

Anti - Pecunious Grammateus – Barbara Bray

Epistoleus – Joyce Thornton

Anti-Epistoleus – Lenore Floyd

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Graduate Advisor – Janice Scales

Assistant Graduate Advisor – Gail Rose

Parliamentarian – Frances Tyus

Historian – Ebraska Ceasor

Chaplain - Sarah Livingston

Ivy Leaf Reporter - Peggy James

Philacter - Barbara Williams

Hodegos - Michele Moreland

# Honorary Executive Board Member – Myrtle Wiggins

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Claudette Woodard	Almeta Johnson
Budget	Sandra Wofford	Earlean Bergman
By-laws	Frances Tyus	Barbara Patterson
Carver Connection	Pearl Thompson	Inez Brown
Community Concerns	Ruth Fore	Jacquita Hamilton
Correspondence	Joyce Thornton	Lenore Floyd
Dance	Emma Mitchell	Gloria Richardson
Education	Dorris Jackson	Peggy James
Ensemble	Tillie Colter	Alice Rush
Fellowship Luncheon	Lorie Reid	Carolyn Bridges-Graves
Founders' Day	Margaret Ismalia-Mitchell	Claudia I Jackson
Graduate Advisory	Janice Scales	Gail Rose
Heritage	Ebraska Ceasor	Jacqueline Porter
Hospitality	Laura Brooks	Monica Parker
Housing	Willa Mae Travis	Daisy Perkins
Inter-Chapter Relations	J. Lanette Harris	Michelle Benton
Membership	Bessie Prince	Sherree Ray/Phyllis Brown
Public Relations	Peggy James	Ranetta Jones/Donna McLin
Remembrance	Myrtle Blakely	Angela Rush

Scholarship Betty Claytor Ruth Fleming

Sisterly Concerns Katherine Nunley Rachelle Y. Carter

Standards Marian Wallace Annette Hamilton

Telephone Eugenia Curry Bernard Richardson

Transportation Odessa Fellows Jean Lee

Ways and Means Jacqueline Gholson Caseal Medley

Nominating Committee Carol Franklin

Margaret Barron Lillian Lynn

Margaret Bullard Minnie Marshall

Faye Smith Jones Gloria Rush

Marian Lyles Winnifred Watts

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Financial Secretary Nona Burney

Treasurer Barbara Holland

Parliamentarian Ebraska Ceasor

Members at Large

Earlean Bergman

Lorene France

Byrdie Lee

**Daisy Perkins** 

Alice Rush

### 1995 Activities and Events

Workshop for New Officers and Committee Chairman, January 7, 1995, at Warrensville Library, sponsored by out-going Standards Committee.

**Founders' Day**, January 28, 1995, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Theme "Keeping the Sister in Our Sisterhood" sponsored by Founders Day Committee, Chairman Marian Lyles, Alpha Omega and Tracey Oliver, Lambda Phi Omeg). The speaker was Judge Una Keenon. Rededication was led by

Supreme Basileus, Eva L. Evans, Gloria Smith, former Great Lakes Regional Director and Current International Job Corps Committee Chairman were in attendance.

Meeting with Supreme Basileus, Eva Evans and Job Corps Chairman, Gloria Smith, January 28, 1995 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church to discuss the cancellation of the Alpha Kappa Alpha contract to operate Job Corps.

**Black History books were donated to Waverly Elementary School**, March 15, 1995. Heritage Committee obtained the books from New Day Press Publishing, Inc. Coordinated by Ebraska Ceasor.

Chapter meeting and Membership Retreat, March 18, 1995, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

**Job Corps Appreciation Day**, March 23, 1995. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Job Corps students and staff by Pamela Redden and Harriet Niles, Basilei of Alpha Omega and Lambda Phi Omega Chapters. Eleanor Dees chairman of event. Ebraska Ceasor, Eileen Cook and Frances Tyus also attended.

**64<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 20-23, 1995, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Host Chapters were Alpha Alpha Omega, Alpha Sigma, Kappa Betta, Kappa Zeta and Nu Omicron. Patricia Petty was Great Lakes Regional Director. Eva L. Evans, Supreme Basileus.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Lorene France – Chairman, Basilei Council, presented Standards Workshop.

Annette Hamilton International Standards Committee

Mary Ann Harris – Anti-Grammateus

Janice Scales - Convener - Graduate Advisor's Institute

#### **Committees**

Earlean Bergman - EAF Captain

Mary Ann Harris – Technology

Dorris Jackson - Time and Place

Michele Moreland – Awards Steering Committee member

Barbara Patterson - Red Cross

Joyce Thornton – Awards Steering Committee and Constitution

Frances Tyus – Technology

#### **Regional Delegates**

Rachel Carter Cassandra Johnson

Betty Claytor Eleanor Dees

Fannie Layne Ruth Fore

Jacquita Hamiton Peggy James

Pamela Redden Janice Scales

Octavia Thompson Frances Tyus

**Salute to Excellence**, May 21, 1995, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Leadership AkAdemy Students, Scholarship recipients, and outstanding area tenth grades were presented. Entertainment was by the Cleveland School of the Arts Gospel Group. The Education and Scholarship Committee cosponsored this event.

10K Walk-a-thon, June 3, 1995, at the Cleveland Zoo, led by Community Concerns Committee.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 10, 1995, at Holiday Inn Lakeside. Theme "Akademy Awards: Spotlighting our Sisters in Friendship". Omega Chapter co-sponsored the event.

A Celebration of Black Men, June 17, 1995, at Manor Party Center. Musical entertainment was by the Moonglows, directed by Tillie Colter. Sherree Ray recited "The Phenomenal Man; Prester Pickett gave a dramatic reading and Gertrude Wilson sang "Wind Beneath My Wings". James G. Turner was chosen "Man of The Year". The Ways and Means Committee sponsored this outstanding event.

**International Leadership Seminar**, July 13-16, 1995 at the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan. The Honorable Louis Stokes was the "Leadership in Civil Rights Award" recipient. Eva L. Evans was Supreme Basileus.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Lorene France presented a workshop on PIMS-Partnership in Math and Science

**Black Media Forum**, September 16, 1995, at home of Ebraska Ceasor and Joyce Thornton. The Minority journalists were our guests. Forum was well-attended.

**17**<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Leadership Conference and Undergraduate Round-up, September 29, 1995, at Charleston Marriott Town Center, Charleston, West Virginia. Patricia Petty, Great Lakes Regional Director.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Lorene France – Co-presenter – Basilei Council Cluster Coordinator Workshop

Joyce Thornton - Convener, Black Family Workshop

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster**, October, 28, 1995, at Holiday Inn South in Erie, Pennsylvania. Host Chapter was Mu Nu Omega. Theme" Building the Future". Patricia Petty, Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Mallory, Great Lakes Cluster Coordinator, Mildred Gardner, Northern Ohio Cluster Coordinator, Jackie Blakey, Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator.

**Radio Interview**, WQAL 104FM, hosted by Jay Lynn, October 1, 1995. Featured guests were Pamela Redden, Basileus and Peggy Parker, First Anti-Basileus.

**Leadership AKA – Opening Session.** Education Committee.

**Reception** – Celebrating the Opening of a Second Office, October 17, 1995, at Severance Circle #815 given by Dr. Pamala Murphy and Dr. Pamala Redden.

**Senior Success**, October 21, 1995, at Cleveland State University. Students received help with college selection and application. Betty Claytor and Ruth Fleming led the Scholarship Committee in planning this unique activity.

Parent Training Workshop, November 15, 1995, at Carver Elementary School.

Membership Retreat, November 18, 1995, Aldersgate United Methodist Church after Chapter meeting.

**After Work Social**, December 7, 1995, Sixth Street Down Under, sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

**Pre-Kwaanza Celebration** – December 9, 1995, St. Ann's Parish, sponsored by Leadership AKAdemy.

Omega Chapter 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance, December 9, 1995, Warrensville Library.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, December 16, 1995, Stouffer Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, sponsored by Dance Committee.

#### **Other Activities**

The AKA Connection Committee arranged for a CPR demonstration and conducted a Registration Drive for CPR certification through the American Red Cross.

The Bylaws Committee presented two Parliamentary Workshops

The Community Concerns Committee launched a Self-Esteem project for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls at Kirk Middle School and led chapter members.

Public Relations Committee raised \$465 by urging Members to subscribe to the Call and Post, which gave the chapter \$10 for each annual subscription.

Sisterly Concerns Committee visited, called and cared for members in need, arranged Myrtle Wiggins 99<sup>th</sup> birthday party and worked on a presentation to the Chapter regarding waiving local dues to members in turmoil crisis and newly graduated members.

#### **Special Projects**

Job Corps Recognition – Eleanor Dees, Pamela Redden

Ad Hoc Directory Committee – Eleanor Dees

Cleveland Artists Foundation – Marva McMillan and representative

Cleveland Bicentennial – Minnie Marshall – Representative

Zelma George Shelter Christmas Party – Inez Brown – Organizer

All Black Greek Summit – Pamela Redden – Representative

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

### Winter '95

"Alpha Omega Celebrates Black Men", Regional Director, Patricia Petty was a guest of the Chapter.( pg 36)

"Alpha Omega Fetes 99 year old Member" Myrtle Wiggins 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party. (photo pg 37)

Newsmakers – Mary Burks inducted into Hall of Fame at Wilberforce University. (photo pg 46)

Ivy Beyond the Wall – Willie Atwater (photo pg 68)

### Ivies Beyond the Wall

Jacqueline Balthrope

**Daisy Banks** 

Julia Bann Frazier

**Louise Frances Harding** 

Jeannette Dolls

Rose Radcliffe

#### 1999 -2000 Officers

Basileus – Frances J Tyus

First Anti-Basileus – Carla Jones

Second Anti-Basileus – Cassandra Johnson '95

Second Anti-Basileus - Tillie Colter

Grammateus – Monee Kidd

Anti-Grammateus – Betty Drain

Pecunious Grammateus – Lillian Lynn

Anti - Pecunious Grammateus - Irene Crowell

Epistoleus – Althea Bates

Anti-Epistoleus – Sharon Shorts

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Historian – Margaret Ismalia-Mitchell

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*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Rhonda McLean

Philacter – Gloria Rush

Hodegos – Eva White

Honorary Executive Board Member – Myrtle Wiggins

# **Committee Leadership**

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DorcasMosee	Willie Gragg
	Margaret Barron Sarah Smith Pamela Redden Mittie O. Chandler Althea Bates Barbara LWilliams Karen Blue-Young Tillie Colter

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Willa Mae Ewings Travis

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J. Lanette Harris

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#### 1999 Activities and Events

**Founders Day**, January 23, 1999, at Manor Party Center, held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Pamela Redden, MD was the speaker. Members worshipped together on Sunday January 24, 1999 at St. John AME Church. One thousand dollars was donated to Triumph House. Angela Rush, Alpha Omega and Cynthia Spenser, Lambda Phi Omega, were chairman.

Leadership AKAdemy, February 27, 1999, Oral History Program and lunch with Ivy Plaza residents.

Leadership AKAdemy Financial Aid Workshop, March 13, 1999, at TriC Metro Campus

**68**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 15-18, 1999, at Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan. Eta lota Omega, Inkster was the host Chapter. Rachel Ashburn Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director, Norma Solomon White, Supreme Basileus.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela Redden – International Standards Committee, Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator, Leadership Development Team

Barbara Patterson – Head Time Keeper Committee Chair

Ebraska Ceasor – Historian, Archives Committee

Joyce Thornton – Ohio Menmbership Coordinator, Membership Committee

Pamela Redden included Kimberly Dashield-Hill, Monee Kidd and Lia Richardson in a "Judge Judy" skit as part of Standards Committee Report.

### **Regional Delegates**

Elizabeth Brooks Rachel Young Carter Tillie Colter Carol Franklin

Kimberly Dasheild Hill Carla Jones Lillian Lynn Peggy Parker

Sharon Shorts Frances Tyus Marian Wallace Barbara A Williams

**Leadership AKAdemy**, April 24, 1999, tour to Wilberforce and Central State University. Chaperones were Tillie Colter, Carla Jones, Betty Drain and Kondra White.

**Bon Voyage Celebration for Mary Burks**, April 24, 1999 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. She moved to Columbus, OH where her daughter resided.

**Personal Finance Seminar**, April 27, 1999, Beachwood Radison, sponsored by Economic Development Committee. Guest speaker was Darrell C. Claytor.

**Pink Tea**, May 2, 1999, Ivy Plaza for Golden Members and those who have difficulty coming to Chapter meeting. Sponsored by Sisterly Concerns Committee.

**Salute to Excellence**, May 16,1999, Calvary Presbyterian Church. The program included the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Leadership AKAdemy. Outstanding area tenth graders, Leadership AKAdemy students and scholarship recipients were honored.

Trip to Las Vegas, May 18-31, 1999, sponsored by the Transportation and Ways and Means Committee.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 10, 1999, Cleveland Mariott Key Center. Theme "Celebrating Our Sisterhood as Trail Blazers in the New Millenium", held jointly with Omega Chapter. Guests were Rachel Asburn Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti Basileus who brought greetings along with Frances Tyus, Alpha Omega Basileus. Alpha Omega Ensemble, directed by Tillie Colter, sang, Lennis Lewis played the Flute and J. Lanette Harris was soloist.

**International Leadership Seminar**, July 9-11, 1999, Disney World Orlando, Florida. Rachel Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director, Norma White, Supreme Basileus, Betty James, Executive Director. Theme "Leading the Way In the New Millennium".

Goodtime III Boat Ride, August 6, 1999, sponsored by Inter-chapter Relations Committee.

**Weight Loss Seminar,** September 18, 1999, Omni Hotel, Pamela Redden Course Director. "Waging the Weight War" Guidelines for treating obesity effectively. Guest speaker: ABC Health News Reporter.

**Homecoming Round Up,** September 25-25, 1999, Holiday Inn, Beachwood, hosted by Membership Committee. Speaker Dr. Vergie Benford, Richmond, Virginia.

**Leadership AKAdemy** – Opening Session, October 9, 1999.

On Track Orientation, October 11, 1999. Ivy Plaza.

**On Track Activity**, October 23, 1999. Friendly Inn Settlement House.

**Tribute to Black Men Brunch**, October 16, 1999. Villa Di Borally. Speaker, Steve Bullock, Immediate Past Interim Director of the American Red Cross and husband of our own Doris Bullock. Theme "Leading the Way into the New Millennium". Sponsored by Ways and Means.

**Northern Ohio /Western Pennsylvania Cluster**, November 20, 1999. Lorain Community College, Lorain, Ohio. Pamela Redden, Cluster Coordinator. Hosted by Iota Phi Omega Chapter. Inactive members were invited to attend. Alpha Omega members presented a Protocol workshop, displayed a table depicting Chapter activities.

**AKA Coat Day**, October and November. Sponsored jointly by AKA Connection and Community Concerns Committees.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, December 4, 1999, Brookridge Party Center. Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Mallory was a special guest. Record attendance 595.

**An Evening with the Harlem Boys Choir**, December 6, 1999. State Theatre, sponsored by Ways and Means. Leadership AKAdemy students also attended.

On Track Mentors Workshop – December 7, 1999. Shaker Community Center.

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration, December 11, 1999. Ivy Plaza. Sponsored by Leadership AKAdemy.

On Track Activity, December 11, 1999. Friendly Inn Settlement.

**Entrepreneurial Showcase**, December 19, 1999, Calvary Presbyterian Church, sponsored by Economic Development Committee. Opening of Alpha Omega Boutique, Tammy Jackson, Chairman. Also, at regular sorority meeting, \$2,250 donated to UNCF.

Electronic Phone System initiated for use by the Basileus to notify members of important announcements, emergencies and Ivies Beyond the Wall.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

# Spring '99

Pamela Redden, MD – article "Training Children for a Lifetime". (photo pg.13)

Alpha Omega seals the Deal. "Habitat Deal" Ceremony. (photo pg. 30)

Member Izora Bagley, Ivy Beyond the Wall in November '98. (photo pg. 54)

### Summer '99

Alpha Omega Honors Minority Journalists. (photo pg. 35)

Mary Bradford, Ivy Beyond the Wall, Aug 98. (photo pg. 67)

Berthina Palmer, Ivy Beyond the Wall, Jan '99. (photo pg. 72)

Marie Dalton Swayze, Ivy Beyond the Wall, Oct 21. (photo pg 98)

# Ivies Beyond the Wall

Elizabeth Clark

**Grace Dillard** 

Carolyn Townsend

**Diane Boone Nevins** 

Berthina Palmer

Maggie Carden

Frankye Ball-Herald

**Edrose Rosemond** 

### 2000 Activities and Events

2000 Officers and Committee Chairmen were the same as 1999 with the following exception:

Anti-Pecunious Grammateus - Modjeska Williams

Founders' Day Chairman – Sheere Anderson

**Workshop**, January 8, 2000, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Standards Committee. Theme "How to Become a Better, More Productive Member". Participants included Jeane Freels, Protocol Chairman, Monee Kidd and Earlean Bergman, Pamela Redden, Leadership Development Workshop and Isabel Lewis, line dance instructor.

Memorial Concert, Honoring Elizabeth Clarke, January 30, 2000, at St. Marks Presbyterian Church.

**Founders Day Brunch**, February 12, 2000, at Marriott Key Center. Theme" The Vision of 1908; Continuing the Love, Dedication and Service". Over 300 members from Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapter plus many inactive members joined in the celebration. Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Mallory was a special guest. The Founders' Day Committee members wrote and performed a dynamic skit depicting "The Passing of the Torch" from the old millennium into the new. Member Rachel asked that it be performed at the Regional Conference in April.

**Financial Planning Workshop**, March 21, 2000 at Shaker Community Center.

**Night with the Alvin Ailey Dancers**, March 24, 2000 at the Palace Theatre. Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee.

Lambda Phi Omega Pearl Day, March 25, 2000, at Mediterranean Party Center.

**AKA Day at the Capital**, March 28, 2000 in Columbus, Ohio. Sponsored by the AKA Connection Committee. Members attended sessions of the Ohio House and Senate. Enjoying this outing were: Margaret Barron, Florence Carter, Ebraska Ceasor, Mittie Chandler, Tillie Colter, Sharon Gillian, Carolyn Grimes, Doris Hunt, Juanita Childress Johnson, Vivian Kidd, Emma Mitchell, Pamela Redden, Sharon Shorts, Sarah Smith, Mary Spann, Thelma Townsend, Frances Tyus and Barbara A. Williams.

**New Member Orientation**, April 19, 2000, at the Ivy Plaza sponsored by Membership Committee for reactivating and transferring members.

**69<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference**, Charleston, West VA, April 27-30, 2000. Hostess Chapters were Alpha Omicron, Beta Beta Omega, Beta Lambda Omega, Beta Tau Omega, Gamma Chi Omega, Epsilon Alpha Omega, Epsilon Delta Omega, Nu Beta, Omicron, Eta Zeta, Eta Omicron and Nu Pi. Rachel Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director.

# **Alpha Omega Participation**

### **Workshop Presenters**

Ebraska Ceasor, "Preserving Our History"

Pamela Redden "Leadership Development"

Nicole Spivey "Undergraduate Training"

Frances Tyus "Negotiating the Healthcare System"

# **Conference Representation**

Ebraska Ceasor – Regional Historian

Barbara Patterson – Regional Timekeeper

Pamela Redden - Northern Ohio Western Pennsylvania Cluster and Member National Standards Committee.

Joyce Thornton – Ohio Membership Coordinator

### **Committees**

Barbara Patterson – Timekeeper

Pamela Redden – Boule Activities and Leadership Development and Standards Chair

Ebraska Ceasor – Archives

Joyce Thornton – Membership

Alpha Omega and Lambda Phi Omega were featured at the Banquet presenting "The Vision of 1908: Continuing in Love, Dedication and Service" which was a repeat performance of our Founders Day Program.

### **Awards Judges**

Lorie Reid – Beulah T. Whitby, Chapter size 91-150

Marva McMillan – Outstanding Graduate Basileus

Mittie Chandler – Beulah T. Whitby – Chapter size 41-90

Doris Jackson – Outstanding Newsletter

Lia Richardson – Exemplary Chapter Activities and Outstanding Membership

Barbara A. Williams – Chair, Exemplary Chapter and Activities

Vera Lewis-Jasper – Outstanding Undergraduate Member

Betty Drain – Outstanding Undergraduate Basileus

Lorie Reid - Undergraduate Step Show

#### **Awards**

The Regional Director's Award, Master's Degree Status for EAF

1<sup>st</sup> Place Award for Focus on Youth and Second Place for Outstanding Chapter in our Chapter size category.

### **Alpha Omega Delegates**

Margaret Barron	Earlean Bergman	Mittie Chandleer	Carol Franklin
Jeanne Freels	Doris Hunt	Carla Jones	Angela Means
Lorie Reid	Lia Richardson	Joyce Thornton	Frances Tyus
Alternates			
Deidra Davis-Butler	Doris McCollum	Byrdie Lee	Mabel Robinson

More than 75 Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

**Dedication of Alpha Omega's Habitat for Humanity Home**, July 1, 2000, located 9010 Folsom Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44104. Alpha Omega Ensemble sang with Alice Rush, accompanist and Tillie Colter, Director. Rachel Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director gave remarks. Steve Frye, Executive Director of

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity spoke also. Rev. Robin Hedgeman blessed the occasion. Willa Mae Ewings Travis and J. Lanette Harris, chairman of this history making event.

**59**<sup>th</sup> **Boule**, July 8-14, 2000, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas. Norman Solomon White, Supreme Basileus. Betty James, Executive Director. Hostess Chapters – Xi Theta Omega, Omicron Mu Omega, Epsilon Lambda Omega, Beta Mu Omega, Alpha Xi Omega, Tau Rho Omega.

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Sadie King – Workshop Recorder

Frances Tyus – Workshop Facilitator

Pamela Redden – International Standards Committee Workshop Presenter, Northern Ohio/ Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator, Speaker, Great Lakes Regional Luncheon.

**Goodtime III Cruise**, August 4, 2000, on Lake Erie and the Cuyahoga River. Dinner at Horn Blowers Restaurant after the Cruise. Fifty-seven members from Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and other nearby Chapters had a great time. The outing was sponsored by the Inter-Chapter Relations Committee.

Millennial Public Policy Conference, September 14-16, 2000, Washington, DC. AKA Member Edna Bernice and Eva Clayton spoke during the session. They are members of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation who were also meeting in Washington DC,Sept. 13-16. Of thirty-eight members of the caucus, four are Alpha Kappa Alpha women. Mittie O. Chandler was the Chapter's representative at this meeting.

**Homecoming Retreat**, September 15-16, 2000, Marriott East. Former Supreme Basileus, Mary Shy Scott was the Luncheon Speaker. Theme "It's Showtime with Alpha Omega, Time to Show Up, Show Your Colors and Reactivate." Former Alpha Omega Basilei, Golden Members and Life members were recognized. A Grand Finale Legacy march ended the festivities. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Northern Ohio/ Western Pennsylvania Cluster and Undergraduate Roundup, September 30, 2000. Monroeville, Pennsylvania. Rachel A. Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director; Pamela Redden Cluster Coordinator, presided. Inactive members were invited to attend. Theme: "Leadership Development 2000 and Who Shall Lead? Shenisha Austin, Omega Chapter gave the Meditation. Hazel Redden and several other presenters shared their thoughts on being a member. Janet Purnell, Zeta Theta Omega, Toni Kendricks, Alpha Alpha Omega were "Leadership" presenters. Participants received Leadership Development Certificates. Pamela Redden resigned as Cluster Coordinator to attend to her duties as the newly appointed International Standards Chairman. Regional Director, Rachel Mallory appointed Tony

Kendricks as the new Northern Ohio /Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator. Host chapters were Alpha Omega, Alpha Sigma, Kappa Beta, Kappa Zeta, Mu Omicron and Rho Rho.

**Black Men's Celebration**, October 14, 2000, Landerhaven. Theme "Black Men Leading the Way Into the New Millennium". Guest Speaker, Tavis Smiley. Honorees were: The Arts – John Fleming, Health – Edgar Jackson, Economics – Eddie Taylor; Education – Elvir Jones, and Young Man of Promise – Jason Gilliam. Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee.

Pan Hellenic Choir Concert, November 19, 2000, at Antioch Baptist Church. Tillie Colter, director.

**AKA Coat Day** – new and gently worn coats were collected at the October and November Chapter meetings and contributed to the citywide Coats for Kids Campaign.

Annual Winter Rose Ball, December 2, 2000, at Brookridge Party Center. Over 650 were in attendance.

**Ivy Beyond the Wall Service for Myrtle Wiggins**, December 7, 2000, at Antioch Baptist Church. Myrtle was the oldest member of Alpha Omega – 104 years. She was a former Chapter Basileus and Second Honorary Executive Board member.

**Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration**, December 9, 2000, at Ivy Plaza.

**Entrepreneur's Showcase**, December 17, 2000, at Calvary Presbyterian Church during Chapter meeting. Sponsored by Economic Development Committee.

**Workshop for New Officers and Committee Chairs**, December 30, 2000, at Ivy Plaza sponsored by Standards Committee.

**SOS AKA African Project**, December 29, 2000, at Ivy Plaza. Led by Alvernice Blandon. Members sorted packed and mailed 80 shoe boxes with school supplies and other items for children that could fit in a shoe box. Members who helped were Monee Kidd, Barbara Fields, Leota Hardin, Bonnie Bradley, Jeanne Freels, Geneva Horne and Cheryl Blandon, Kappa Omega Chapter, who was visiting from Atlanta. The boxes were sent to Liberia and South Africa.

In 2000, Alpha Omega Chapter pledged \$2,500 to United Negro College Fund. The \$300 balance was paid for Alpha Omega's second Golden Heritage membership with the NAACP. A phone tree system was initiated for calling members.

205 Regular Members

69 Life Members

7 Transfers

34 Reactivations

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

### Spring "00

Alpha Omega Chapter Reclaiming our Members. Third Annual Homecoming Fair. Luncheon Speaker was Dr. Virgie Benford, Upsilon Omega, Richmond, Virginia. (pg. 27)

Alpha Omega Salute to Black Men. Guest Speaker was Steve Bullock, past Interim President, American Red Cross. (photo pg 34) Alpha Omega Celebrates Kwanzaa. (photo pg. 34)

Pearl Thompson became an Ivy Beyond the Wall. (photo pg. 57)

#### Summer '00

69<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference. Alpha Omega and Lambda Phi Omega Chapter presented "The Vision of 1908" as a prelude to the Formal Banquet. (pg. 14)

Joint Founders' Day Celebration in Cleveland. Theme "The Vision of 1908: Continuing the Love, Dedication and Service". (photo pg 35 & 36)

### Fall '00

Alpha Omega Members, Salute to Member Myrtle Wiggins 104<sup>th</sup> birthday. (pg. 58)

Pamela L Redden listed as Chairman of International Standards Committee. (pg. 71)

#### Winter '00

Pamela Redden pictured with International Committee Chairmen. (pg. 28) Standards Committee Report. (pg. 30,31)

### Ivies Beyond the Wall

Veral Allen

Sallie Trigg Blackwell

**Constance Brunson** 

**Dororthy Hundley** 

### **Mabel Robinson**

# Myrtle Wiggins

### 2001-2002 Officers

Basileus – Frances J Tyus

First Anti-Basileus - Tillie Colter

Second Anti-Basileus – Joyce Thornton

Grammateus - Monee Kidd

Anti-Grammateus - Betty Drain

Pecunious Grammateus – Valeria Flewellen

Anti - Pecunious Grammateus – Modjeska Williams

Epistoleus – Marjorie Pettus

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Historian – Margaret Ismalia-Mitchell

Chaplain - Deborah Hill

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Cassandra Thomas, Clara Robinson

Philacter - Sharon Shorts

Hodegos – Lori Draper Rondo

Honorary Executive Board Member – Ebraska Ceasor

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Margaret Barron	Barbara Barron
Budget	Sarah Smith	Valeria Flewellon
Bylaws	Pamela Redden	Michele Moreland
Community Concerns	Jacqueline Gholson	Caseal Medley
Cotillion	Lauren Moore	Alvernice Blandon
Correspondence	Marjorie Pettus	Joelle Hayes
Dance	Barbara L Williams	Margaret Dowdell
Economic Development	Jacqueline Avery	Ermer Albritton
Ensemble	Alice Rush	Estelene Lawrence
Fellowship Luncheon	Constance Speed	Phyliss Burton
Founders' Day	Lia Richardson/Pia Washington	Sheree Amderson
Graduate Advisory	Doris Hunt	Lia Richardson
Health	Deidra Davis Butler	Renita Allen
Heritage	Margaret Ismalia Mitchell	Gail Rose
Hospitality	Jackie Comeaux	Marian Wallace
Housing	Thelma Townsend	
Inter-Chapter Relations	Faye Smith Jones	
Ivy AKAdemy	Carol Franklin	Lorie Reid
Family Affair	Alean Stewart	
Leadership AKAdemy	Dorris Jackson	
On Track	Mabel Brown	

Salute to Excellence Catherine Carter

Scholarship Kathy Everson

Ivy Plaza Activities Barbara A. Williams Ruth Fore

Ivy Plaza Fund Lillian Lynn Sarah Livingston

Membership Elizabeth Brooks Carolyn Bridges-Graves

Public Relations Cassandra Thomas Gloria Robinson

Remembrance Sadie King Rosemarie McBride

Sisterly Concerns Joan Baker Alean Stewart

Standards Gwendolyn Kirtley Eileen Cook

Technology Monee Kidd Andrea Smith

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### 2001 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day**, January 7, 2001, at Cleveland State University, Waetjen Auditorium. This was a joint celebration with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Keynote Speaker was Supreme Basileus, Norma Solomon White. Special Guests were: Rachel Ashburn Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director. This part of the celebration was open to the public. Reception and Rededication, members only, was at Cleveland Marriott, Airport. Chairman were Lia Richardson, Alpha Omega, Toni Holloway, Lambda Phi Omega and Khalia Watts, Omega.

Ivy AKAdemy Summit, March 3, 2001, at Ivy Plaza. Held to generate program ideas.

**Dance Theatre of Harlem**, March 7, 2001, at Allen Theater. Students in Ivy AkAdemy attended as guests of the chapter. Sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

Financial Management Workshop and Dinner, March 19, 2001. Sponsored by Economic Development Committee.

**New Members Gala**, March 20, 2001, at Ivy Plaza. Newly reactivated members were dinner guests. Committee Chairman talked about their duties and activities. New members had a chance to sign up for a committee. Sponsored by the Membership Committee.

Lambda Phi Omega Pearl Day, March27, 2001.

**College tour**, March 31, 2001, Leadership AKAdemy students toured Baldwin Wallace College and Cuyahoga Community College, Western Campus.

**70<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 26-29, 2001, at Hyatt Regency, Columbus Hotel. Host Chapters were Alpha Sigma Omega, Theta, Delta Pi and Pi Gamma. Rachel Asburn Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director. Norma Solomon White, Supreme Basileus.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela Redden – International Standard Chair

Ebraska Ceasor – Regional Historian and Co-Chairman Archives Committee

Barbara Patterson – Regional Timekeeper

Joyce Thornton – Ohio Membership Coordinator

# **Workshop Presenter**

Pamela Redden

# **Workshop Conveners**

Carol Franklin Joyce Thornton

# **Workshop Recorders**

Angela Smith Deidra Davis-Butler Joyce Thornton

Michele Moreland Ebraska Ceasor

#### **Committees**

Margaret Barron – Connection

Elizabeth Brooks - Membership

Michele Moreland - Constitution

Pia Washington – Economics

Angela Rush – Rules and Operations

Doris Hunt – Undergraduate Activities, Membership

Marian Wallace – Time and Place

Joyce Thornton – Membership

#### **Awards**

Outstanding Basileus – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Outstanding Chapter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Focus on Youth – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Step Show – First Place

Award winning Steppers were:

Lea Booker Elizabeth Brooks Deidra Davis-Butler Lorie Draper-Rondo

Joelle Hayes Charlene Hunter Tammy Jackson Tanisha Long

Pamela Redden Lorie Reid Sharon Shorts Angela Smith

Frances Tyus Pia Washington

### **Delegates**

Margaret Barron Tillie Colter Carol Franklin Carolyn Grimes

Beverly Lipscomb Angela Means Joyce Thornton Frances Tyus

Alpha Omega presented \$10,000 Check to the Sorority's African School Project.

More than seventy-five Alpha Omega members wore black AKA blazers, black pants and pink tops on Friday night.

**Pink Tea**, May 7, 2001, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Sisterly Concerns Committee. Alpha Omega's Golden Members and current officers and guests.

**Salute to Excellence**, May 20, 2001, at Calvary Presbyterian Church, after Sorority meeting. Outstanding tenth graders from area high school were recognized. Leadership AKAdemy students shared their talents and scholarships were awarded. Carol Franklin is Ivy AKAdemy Director. Dorris Jackson, chairman Leadership AKAdemy, Kathy Everson, chairman of Scholarship and Catherine Carter planned the program.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 30, 2001, at Cleveland Marriott. The Theme was "Saluting the Past and Embracing the Future." Frances Tyus, Alpha Omega Basileus, Nicole Radford, Omega Basileus, and Sarah Britton, Lambda Phi Omega First Anti-Basileus, brought greetings. The Ensemble, under the direction of Estelene Lawrence and Alice Rush sang. Remembrance Committee presented awards to members for their various achievements. Celia Edochi, Omega Chapter was presented a graduation gift.

**International Leadership Seminar**, July 19-22, 2001, San Juan, Puerto Rico, El Conquistador Hotel. Pamela Redden and Frances Tyus presented workshops.

# Alpha Omega attendees were:

Ebraska Ceasor Betty Drain Freida Hampton Doris Hunt Peggy Parker

Marjorie Pettus, Andrea Porter Hazel Redden Pamela Redden

Sharon Shorts Ethel Taylor Joyce Thornton Frances Tyus

Omega Chapter – Nicole Radford – courtesy of Alpha Omega

**Cleveland Browns Blood Drive**, July 21, 2001, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Attended by Elizabeth Brooks, Eileen Cook, Addibele Frazier, Charlene Hunter, Monee Kidd, Gwen Kirtley, Sherree Ray and Pia Washington.

**AKA Boat Ride on the Goodtime III**, August 10, 2001. Sponsored by Inter-Chapter Relations Committee. Dinner at Hornblower Restaurant after the ride.

Call Meeting, September 17, 2001, Ivy Plaza. Topic: Discuss Cotillion

**Membership Retreat**, September 28, 2001, at Beachwood Hilton Hotel. Theme "Step into Fall AKA Style." Alpha Omega's award winning steppers performed on Friday night.

Saturday morning – Deborah Hill, motivational speaker, "Embracing Your Dream" followed by Chapter meeting. Special guest was Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Mallory who spoke about hazing in the area.

Pan-Hellenic Choir Concert, October 7, 2001, at Church of the Covenant. Choir directed by Tillie Colter.

Northern Ohio /Western Pennsylvania Cluster and Undergraduate Round Up, October 13, 2001, hosted by Zeta Alpha Omega and Alpha Lambda, at the University of Toledo. Rachel Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director, Janet Barnes Great Lakes Cluster Coordinator. Toni Kendricks, Northern Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator. Pamela Redden, International Standards Committee Chairman, presented a workshop; Frances Tyus convener and Theo Simmons-Hampton was the recorder. Luncheon Fashion Show presented.

41<sup>st</sup> Southern Ohio Cluster Meeting, November 10, 2001, at Holiday Inn Columbus West, Columbus, Ohio. Hosted by Alpha Sigma Omega, Theta, Delta Phi and Pi Gamma Chapter. Rachel Ashburn Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director, Lugene Bailey, Cluster Coordinator. Program highlights were: Presentation by Aminah Beaver and Joy Harper, Lambda Mu Chapter "What Makes Undergraduates Tick: Running an Effective Chapter like Clockwork". A mime presentation by Johnathan E. Harris-Woodard; a presentation by Pamela Redden, International Standards Chairman, "Considering a Member Code of Ethics". Breakout sessions – Graduate Members with Janet Barnes, Regional Cluster Coordinator and Undergraduate and Graduate Advisors with Rachel A. Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, December 1, 2001, at Brookridge Party Center. This was a very festive occasion. Over 650 members, Pan-Hellenic guests and members' friends and family attended.

**Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration**, December 8, 2001, at Ivy Plaza. Gerri Burns and participants from Friendly Inn Settlement conducted the Kwanzaa ritual. Students from Regina High School presented an African Dance. The celebration was sponsored by Ivy AKAdemy.

Workshop for officers committee chairman, December 29, 2001, by Standards Committee.

During 2001, the Health Committee led chapter members in the African-American Wellness Walk at Randall Park Mall. Members participated in the Charles Drew Blood Drive, sponsored by the Cleveland Browns on July 21<sup>st</sup>; On December 21<sup>st</sup>, members volunteered for the American Red Cross Disaster Relief ,"Wishes for the World" event at Tower City.

The Economic Development Committee conducted a survey among chapter members to determine how much we spend with Black businesses. This was a project for the "Black Dollar Days"

The Chapter collected 75 coats for AKA Coat Day.

The pictorial Directory Committee completed and distributed the books this year.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

# Spring '01

Pamela Redden listed as Chairman of International Standards Committee

# Summer '01

Alpha Omega Employer Identification number EIN 36-32-01615 included in the federal group return for 2000, listed will all other chapters. (pg 37)

#### Fall '01

Pamela Redden and Frances Tyus listed as workshop presenters at 2001 Leadership Seminar in San Juan Puerto Rico. (pg. 44)

Alpha Omega's "First Place" Regional Conference steppers. (photo pg. 17)

### Winter '01

Pamela Redden Code of Ethics. (pg. 17)

# Ivies Beyond the Wall

Eleanor Anderson	Frances Ashley	Geneva Blackshear
Laura Brooks	Louise D. Brown	Jacqueline Dorsy
Margaret Foote	Juanita Newton	Juanita Patterson
Elvie Perdue	Marie Spencer	Janetta Thompson

Catherine Walker Grace Jones Young

# **Committee Leadership Changes**

Chairman Assistant Chairman

Founders' Day Shereee Anderson Maureen Birdsong

Ways & Means Kimberly Dashield-Hill Angela Chapman

Ad Hoc

Campaign to Elect Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director

Frances Tyus

Joyce Thornton

#### 2002 Activities and Events

**Founders' Day**, January 12, 2002, at English Oak Room. Theme "Sister to Sister" – Sisterly Relations Leadership Module. Facilitator was Janette Purnell, Zeta Theta Omega. Held jointly with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega chapters, chairman, Toni Holloway Lambda Phi Omega, and Sheree Anderson, Alpha Omega. Church Service, Sunday, January 13, 2002, at Antioch Baptist Church.

**94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders' Day**, January 19, 2002, Howard University. Alpha Omega sent the the Basileus and First and Second Anti-Basilei to this Historic event. Other Alpha Omega members in attendance were Ebraska Ceasor, Pamela Redden, Jacqueline Porter, Joyce Thornton.

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, January 24, 2002, sponsored by Shaker Hts. residents, coordinated by Tillie Colter. Also participating were Margaret Dowdell, Jeanne Freels, Carolyn Bridges-Graves, Minnie Marshall, Jacqueline Porter.

"The Amen Corner" by James Baldwin, January 26, 2002, at The Cleveland Playhouse. This was a Ways and Means project. A profit of \$410 was realized.

Membership Intake Process, February 22-24, 2002. Forty-one new members joined Alpha Omega.

**AKA Day at the Capitol**, March 13, 2002. Sponsored by the AKA Connection Committee, Theme "Blazing New Trails in Public Policy the AKA Way". State Representative Claudette Woodard provided lunch for the Ohio AKA visitors.

**Lambda Phi Omega's Pearl Day**, March 23, 2002, at Mediterranean Party Center. Many Alpha Omega members were in attendance.

African American Women's Walk, April 13, 2002, at Randall Park Mall, sponsored by Health Committee.

**71**<sup>st</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 24-28, 2002, Seagate Convention Center. Theme "AKA Great Lakes, Blazing New Trails". Hostess Chapters Zeta Alpha Omega, Alpha Lambda and Iota Iota. Norma Solomon White, Supreme Basileus, Rachel Ashburn Mallory, Great Lakes Regional Director.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela Redden - International Standards Committee Chairman and Member of Leadership Development Team

Joyce Thornton - Ohio Membership Coordinator

Ebraska Ceasor – Regional Historian

Barbara Patterson - Regional Head Time Keeper

#### **Committees**

Ebraska Ceasor - Archives Co-chair

Clara Jones – Boule Hospitality

Regina Pickett-Martin, Shirley Woods – Black Family

Margaret Barron – Connection

Mary Brown, Michele Moreland – Constitution

Maxine Greene - Economics

Carol Franklin, Modjeska Williams – Education

Giesele Greene, Kimberly Jones - Health

Barbara McCollum, Joyce Thornton, Sarah Smith, Wilma Elliott, Margaret Dowdell, BarbaraWilliams – Membership

Sheree Anderson - Program

Tillie Colter, Lola Harris – Rules and Operations

Pamela Redden – International Standards Chairman

Marian Wallace, Claudia Jackson – Tellers

Doris Hunt - Undergraduate Activities

#### **Workshop Presenters**

Ebraska Ceasor – Archive/Heritage "Its All in the Family from 1 -25

# **Workshop Conveners**

Tillie Colter

Claudia Jackson

Joyce Thornton

# **Workshop Recorders**

Margaret Barron

Marzella Brown

Deborah Hill

Minnie Marshall

Lia Richardson

Angela Smith

Pamela Lynn Redden, MD. Was elected Great Lakes Regional Director

# **Regional Delegates**

Tillie Colter Eileen Cook Kimberly Dashield-Hill Carol Franklin

Deborah Hill Doris Hunt Gwendolyn Kirtley Angela Means

Michele Moreland Jacqueline Porter Joyce Thornton Frances Tyus

# **Alpha Omega Awards**

EAF - Doctoral Status

Great Lakes Exemplary Achievement from the Regional Director

Step Show Participants – Third Place

Elizabeth Brooks

Deidra Davis-Butler

Kimberly Dashield-Hill

Jacquita Hamilton-Hayward

Joelle Hayes

Renee Howard

Charlene Hunter

Tanisha Long

Lorie Reid

Tresa Rice

Lia Richardson

Angela Smith

**Pink Tea**, May 5, 2002, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Sisterly Concerns Committee. Forty Golden Members were entertained with Poetry by Ellen Miles and songs by the Ensemble, with Virginia Williams, soloist. Alice Rush was the accompanist.

Salute to Excellence, June 9, 2002, at Antioch Baptist Church, sponsored by Ivy AKAdemy. Three Leadership AKAdemy students were featured: Brittney Powell gave the Invocation, Ja'Na Dillard rendered two musical selection, and Farouq Hussein-Bey recited some original poetry. On Track students, Outstanding tenth graders from area schools, Leadership AKAdemy students and Scholarship recipients were recognized with gifts and certificates. Mabel Brown and Danita Rucker recognized the ON TRACK students, Catherine Carter, the tenth graders; Dorris Jackson, Leadership AKAdemy students and Kathy Everson, the scholarship recipients.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 15, 2002, at Cleveland Mariott, downtown. Theme "The Spirit of Sisterhood", Rachel Ashburn Mallory, 24<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director was the guest speaker. Basileus, Frances Tyus welcomed the many members present. Nicole Radford, Omega Basileus and Reba Denmark, Lambda Phi Omega Basileus brought greetings. Members were recognized for various achievements. Pamela Redden, 25<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director, was present.

**60<sup>th</sup> Boule**, July 6-12, 2002, Orlando, Florida, hosted by the Florida area chapters. Norma Solomon White, Supreme Basileus. Linda Marie White was installed as the 26<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus. Her

administration theme, "The Spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha". The program targets are: Education, The Black Family, Health, Economics, and the Arts.

Newly Elected Officers were:

Barbara A. McKinzie – First Supreme Anti-Basileus

Jatisha Marsh – Second Supreme Anti-Basileus

Berna D. Greer – Supreme Tamiouchos

Nekeidra Brown and Courtney Clarke – Undergraduate Members-at-Large

Pamela Redden was officially installed Great Lakes Regional Director

### **Alpha Omega Participation**

# **Workshop presenters**

Pamela Redden, Chairman, International Standards Committee "The AKA Code of Conduct". She was also a panelist for the workshop "Graduate Issues and Answers" and member of the Strategic Planning Committee.

#### **Time and Place**

Frances Tyus – member

Tillie Colter and Joyce Thornton attended the Strategic Planning Workshops

# **Boule Delegates**

Alvernice Blandon Ebraska Ceasor Tillie Colter Deidra Davis-Butler

Carol Franklin Deborah Hill Doris Hunt Vivian Melton

Peggy Parker Marjorie Pettus Joyce Thornton Frances Tyus

More than sixty Alpha Omega members attended

**After Work Line Dance Social**, August 9, 2002, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by the Inter-Chapter Relations Committee, chairman, Faye Smith Jones, Alpha Omega and Diana Jones, Lambda Phi Omega.

**Strategic Planning Call Meeting**, August 23, 2002, at St. John AME Church. Established Goals, Defined the Endowment Plan, Established Alpha Omega Housing,

**Homecoming Extravaganza**, September 20-21, 2002, Cleveland Airport Marriott. Friday "Fun night", Saturday, Chapter meeting and Luncheon, sponsored by Membership Committee.

Volunteering at the Cleveland Food Bank, September 28, 2002, 2627 Hamilton Ave. Members sorted and packed non-perishable food and non-food products. This activity was sponsored by the Community Concerns Committee. Food Bank Volunteers were: Marzella Brown, Jolene Albert Largest, Gladys Shepherd, Jackie Porter, Caseal Medley, Faye Smith Jones, Tillie Colter, Paulette Smith-Holiday, Jacqueline Gholson, Sandy Wofford and her two daughters, Piquana and Lisa. They packed 24,000 pounds of food which translates into 1,807 meals.

Northern Ohio /Western Pennsylvania Cluster, October 12, 2002, Jefferson Community College, Steubenville, Ohio. Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Joanne Battle, Great Lakes Cluster Coordinator, Toni Kendrick, Northern Ohio/ Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator. Host Chapters were Beta Theta Omega and Pi Pi. Reports were given by Pamela Redden, Joanne Battle, Toni Kendrick and Charlene Nelson, Great Lakes Representative to the International Program Committee. Thirty-nine members from Alpha Omega attended.

**H.E.R. Day** Health, Economics, Rejuvenation, October 19, 2002, at Hilton Garden Inn. Sponsored by Health, Economics and Ways and Means Committees. Activities included breakfast and lunch; health screenings, economics workshops and vendors and spa services by Angelo's Salon and Spa.

Ivy AKAdemy Kick-off, October 19, 2002, Tri –C. Featured speaker was Eleanor Hayes.

**Information Session on Ivy Acres**, November 7, 2002, at Ivy Plaza. Former Supreme Basileus Eva L. Evans gave information on being a resident at Ivy Acres at two sessions, 10 am and 2:00pm.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**. December 7, 2002, at Brookridge Party Center. Guests were Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, The Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Council President and Representatives for the Pan Hell affiliates. Music was by Spirit Plus Show Band.

Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration, December 14, 2002, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Ivy AKAdemy.

Alpha Omega received a Silver Plaque from NAACP.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

# Spring '02

Pamela Redden pictured with other International Committee Chairs at the 94<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Observance at Howard University. (pg. 6)

#### Summer '02

AKA Day at the Capitol - Columbus, Ohio, March 13, 2002. Representative Claudette

Woodard, Alpha Omega provided lunch for over 100 Ohio members. Margaret and Barbara Barron, AKA Connection Chairman, coordinated the Cleveland contingent. (photo pg. 8)

Newsmakers, Pamela Redden appointed Chief of Staff of Huron Road Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Health Systems. She is the first female Chief of Staff in the 128 year history of the hospital.

(pg. 58) Pamela Redden pictured with the newly elected Regional Directors. (pg.12)

#### Winter '02

Newly elected Great Lakes Regional Director, Pamela Redden and her family. Mother – member, Hazel Redden and sons Schuyler and Cameron.(photo pg. 25)

Alpha Omega held Annual Fellowship Luncheon, Theme "The Spirit of Sisterhood" 24<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Ashburn Mallory was the keynote speaker. (pg. 36)

Myrtle Wiggins, Alpha Omega's Oldest Member listed with Ivies Beyond the Wall. She died November 20, 2001.

### Ivies Beyond the Wall

Helen Birdsong Odessa Fellows Daisy Love

Lalena McKinney Mary Elizabeth Moore Bessie Prince

Evelyn Robinson Mildred Thomas Nicohlson

2003 - 2004 Officers

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Parliamentarian – Jessica Price

Historian - Margaret Barron

Chaplain – Byrdie Lee

*Ivy Leaf* Reporter – Patricia Roberts

Philacter – Gwendolyn Kirtley

Hodegos – Marian Wallace

Honorary Executive Board Member – Ebraska Ceasor

Executive Advisor to the Basileus – Sarah Livingston

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Claudette Woodard	Marcella Woodard
Basilei Council	Carol Franklin	
Black Family	Ethel Taylor	Dionne Jones
Budget	Valeria Flewellon	Sarah Smith

Bylaws	Jessica Price	Lorene France
Community Concerns	Sherri Lynn Hale	Jolene Largent-Albert
Cotillion		
Correspondence	Barbara McCollom	Angela Means
Dance	Barbara L Williams	Margaret Dowdell
Economic Development	Elizabeth James	Ermer Albritton
Ensemble	Alice Rush	Estelene Lawrence
Fellowship Luncheon	Constance Speed	Phyliss Burton
Founders' Day	Doris Bullock	Maureen Byrdsong
Graduate Advisory	Doris Hunt	
Health	Tamara McBride	NadraTyus
Heritage	Margaret Barron	Martha Meekins
Hospitality	Helen Wade	Denise Freeman
Housing	Thelma Townsend	Margaret Sanders
Inter-Chapter Relations	Regina Pickett Martin	Daisy Perkins
Ivy AKAdemy	Carol Franklin	Lorie Reid
K-3 Reading	Lenore Floyd	
Leadership AKAdemy	Dorris Jackson	
Salute to Excellence	Catherine Carter	
Scholarship	Kathy Everson	
Young Authors	Barbara Bray	
Ivy Plaza Activities	Marzella Brown	Paulette Smith Holliday
Ivy Plaza Fund	Marilyn Swann	Lori Draper Rondo
Membership	Eileen Cook	Gwendolyn Kirtley

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Remembrance Sadie King Rosemarie McBride

Sisterly Concerns Joan Baker Alean Stewart

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Lillian Lynn Constance Speed

Caseal Medley Ruth Wesby

Gloria Richardson Mittie Chandler

Theo Simmons-Hampton

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#### 2003 Activities and Events

**Mini-Workshop for Committee Chairmen and Assistant Chairmen**, January 18, 2003, Ivy Plaza, after Executive Board meeting, presented by Standards Committee

Alpha Omega's First Cotillion, January 25, 2003, at Landerhaven. Theme "A Symphony of Pink and Green". The Debs were called "APPLEs" Aspiring Peers Poised for Leadership and Excellence. From March 2002 until January 2003, twenty-seven young ladies spent many hours in workshops, volunteerism, rehearsing, selling ads and dinner tickets and participating in fun activities. The culminating affair was a huge success. Mrs. Kym Sellers and Dr. Julian Earls were Mistress and Master of Ceremonies, respectively. Dinner music was provided by The Gerald Harris Trio.

**95<sup>th</sup> National Founders Day**, St. Louis, Missouri, January, 2003. Doris Bullock, Founders' Day Chairman, Tillie Colter, Basileus, Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director represented Alpha Omega. Host Chapters were Gamma Omega, Delta Delta Omega, Omicron Eta Omega, Omicron Theta Omega, Upsilon Phi Omega, Beta Delta and Epsilon Iota. Minnie C. Perry, Gamma Omega served as the General Chairman.

**Founders' Day**, February 8, 2003, Holiday Inn City Center. Keynote Speaker was Rev. Pamela C. Cheney, Lambda Phi Omega. Special Guests were: Pamela Redden, 25<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Regional Director, Rachel Mallory, Supreme Parliamentarian, Miranda Payton, Lambda Phi Omega and Nicole Radford, Omega.

**Alpha Alpha Omega Chapter's Founders' Day**, February 15, 2003, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, guest speaker

**Leadership AKAdemy**, March 8, 2003, Tri C Metro Campus. Students dialogued with Judge Janet Burney about her life dreams and expectations working with youth.

Leadership AKAdemy, March 22, 2003, featured speaker was Danita Harris, Channel 5.

**Pearl Day**, March 29, 2003, Embassy Suites. Lambda Phi Omega Chapter celebrates their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Norma White, 24<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus and Madelyn Giddens, Former Great Lakes Regional Director, chartered this chapter, were special guests. Many Alpha Omega members attended the Gala affair.

**Day of Service**, March 24, 2003, Alpha Omega members contributed a combined 26 hours of "woman power" to sort clothes at Dress for Success, Cleveland. Chapter members also donated clothing and accessories. Members who worked were: Dianna Alexander, Marcia Alexander, Marzella Brown, Rachelle Young Carter, Barbara Chapman, Tillie Colter, Sherri Lynn Hale, Paulette Smith-Holiday, Estelene Lawrence, Fannie Layne and Omega Basileus, Nicole Radford.

**Call Meeting,** March 31, 2004, at Ivy Plaza. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for a possible purchase of a building for Chapter use, located at 11001 Buckeye Rd. in Cleveland.

**72**<sup>nd</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 24-27, 2003. John S. Knight Convention Center, Akron, Ohio, Zeta Theta Omega was the host Chapter. Pamela L. Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Linda M. White, Supreme Basileus. Alpha Omega hosted the VIP Reception on Saturday- Denise Freeman, Gloria Richardson, Helen Wade, Ridgely Worthy assisted in the reception.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Joyce Thornton – Regional Parliamentarian

Hazel Redden – Introduction of Great Lakes Regional Director – 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session

**Regional Director Support Staff** 

Frances Tyus – Executive Assistant

Theo Simmons-Hampton – Financial Assistant

Lillian Lynn – Corresponding Secretary

Tillie Colter – Travel

Betty Ivory – Web Master

Eileen Cook - Protocol

Gwen Kirtley – Protocol

Marian Wallace – Vendor Liason

Ruth Fore – Newsletter editor

Joyce Thornton – Membership

Jessica Price – Legal Council

Ebraska Ceasor – Advisor

Hazel Redden - Editor

Carolyn Grimes – Hospitality

Helen Wade – Hospitality

Nadra Tyus – General Assistance

Regina Pickett Martin – General Assistance

Willa Mae Ewings Travis – General Assistance

Valeria Flewellen – General Assistance

## **Committee and Other Participation**

Jolene Albert – Membership and Sisterly Relations

Ebraska Ceasor – Archives

Tillie Colter – MC Program Panel, Convener, Constitution and Bylaws

Eileen Cook - Regional Protocol

Jacqueline Comeux – Archives, Ivy Beyond the Wall

Carol Franklin – Resolutions, Chairman, Ivy Beyond the Wall

Sheri Hale – Recorder

Doris Hunt – Standards, Undergraduate Activities

Betty Ivory- Regional Technology

Gwendolyn Kirtley – Regional Protocol

Estelene Lawrence – Regional Choir

Lennis Lewis – Regional Technology

Tamara McBride – Regional Technology, Health and Wellness

Barbara McCollom – Recorder

Peggy Parker – Membership and Sisterly Relations, Ivy Beyond the Wall

Andrea Porter – Standards

Jessica Price – Presenter, Undergraduate Roundup Steering Committee

Sarah Smith – Constitution and Bylaws

Ann Sowell – Membership and Sisterly Relations

Joyce Thornton – Constitution and Bylaws

Nadra Tyus - Regional Protocol

Steppers

**Kelly Britt** 

Angela Chapman

Kimberly Dashield-Hill

Charita Gadson

Chantelle Lewis

Tanisha Long

**Brigette Pronty** 

**Stephanie Thomas** 

**Cariss Turner** 

# **Regional Delegates**

Sherrie Anderson Althea Bates Tillie Colter Jackie Comeux

Willa Mae Ewings-Travis Carol Franklin Giesele Greene Doris Hunt

Peggy Parker Andrea Porter Jessica Price Lorie Reid

Alternates Doris Bullock Ann Sowell

New Members Gala, May 3, 2003, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Membership Committee.

**Pink Tea**, May 4, 2003, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Sisterly Concerns Committee. The Golden Members were treated with a Praise Dance by Isabel Lewis and Barbara McCollum.

**Organizational and inaugural meeting of the Pretty Pearls Drill team**, May 20, 2003, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Community Concerns Committee.

**Senior Health and Fitness Day**, May 31, 2003, Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Health Committee.

**SIDS Conference**, May 30-31, 2003, Detroit, Michigan. This was a collaborative event between the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of NAACP, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and was hosted by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Alpha Omega was in charge of a busload of attendees that included members and others. Eileen Cook was a workshop presenter.

**Reading: Leadership AKAdemy**, June 7, 2003, at Bertram Inn Conference Center. Sponsored by National Council of Negro Women and the United States Department of Education. Carol Franklin and 30 other Alpha Omega Members served as hostesses at this event.

**Salute to Excellence**, June 8, 2003, at Antioch Baptist Church. Area outstanding tenth graders were honored. Leadership AkAdemy students recognized, Scholarship recipients, ON TRACK and Young Authors presented.

**Retirement of Steve Minter as President of the Cleveland Round Table**, June 10, 2003. Tillie Colter, Irene Crowell, Elizabeth Jones, Peggy Parker and Juanita Dalton-Robinson attended.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 14, 2003, at Landerhaven. Theme "Showcase of the Stars in Spirit the of AKA." Pamela L. Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director brought greetings.

**Pink Lemonade Picnic**, June 22, 2003, at Horseshoe Lake sponsored by Black Family Committee. The committee started an on-going African American Children's Book Drive for the New Life Community Center's Library.

**International Leadership Conference**, July 9-13, 2003, Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada. Linda Marie White, Supreme Basileus, Betty James, Executive Director, Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director.

# **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela Redden – Workshop Presenter "Healthy Lifestyles: Health, Diet "

33 Alpha Omega Members were in attendance

Jacqueline Avery Giesele Greene Jacqueline Porter

Barbara Barron Deborah Hill Jessica Price

Margaret Barron Doris Hunt Hazel Redden

Earlean Bergman Elizabeth Jones Patricia Roberts

Ebraska Ceasor Sadie King Ann Sowell

Tillie Colter Byrdie Lee Vernice Taylor

Jacqueline Comeaux Beverly Lipscomb Joyce Thornton

Irene Crowell Lillian Lynn Frances Tyus

Betty Drain Lydia Martin Nadra Tyus

Carol Franklin Tamara McBride Barbara L. Williams

Jeanne Freels Peggy Parker

**Retreat**, September 5-6, 2003, Bertram Inn, Aurora, Ohio. Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director was the special guest for the entire weekend. The speaker at the Saturday Luncheon was Flora Dees, Zeta Theta Omega Chapter.

**The P & G Pre-Classic Jam**, September 19, 2003, at Sheraton Cleveland City Center Hotel, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee.

Football game between Tuskegee and Hampton Universities, September 20, 2003, Cleveland Browns Stadium, sponsored by Ways and Means Committee. Both of these events were well attended by Alpha Omega Members, families and friends.

**Undergraduate Round-up**, September 26-27, 2003. Reception at Ivy Plaza. Other activities September 27, 2003 at Hilton Garden Inn. Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director. Theme "Undergraduates Illuminating the AKA Spirit". Jessica Price was in charge of Registration and also a workshop presenter. Nicole Radford, Great Lakes Undergraduate Activities Chairman was also a workshop presenter. Jessica Price, Nicole Radford and Tanya Walker served on the Round-up Steering Committee.

**Judicial Candidates Forum**, October 16, 2003, Harvard Community Center, sponsored by AKA Connection Committee in collaboration with several other womens' organizations. Lauren Moore, Alpha Omega, was one of the candidates.

Lambda Phi Omega Dance, October 18, 2003. Lorene France represented Alpha Omega.

Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Council 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Dinner Dance, October 18, 2003, Hilton, Beachwood. Affair was in honor of Beatrice Fox, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. who was the Founding President. Tillie Colter was in attendance.

**25**<sup>th</sup> **Northern Ohio/ Western Pennsylvania Cluster meeting**, October 11, 2003, Lima, Ohio, hosted by Sigma Mu Omega Chapter. Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Toni Kendricks, Northern Ohio Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator, Joanne Battle, Great Lakes Cluster Coordinator. Theme "The Spirit of AKA.

Omega Chapter Membership Intake Process, November 14-16, 2003, Marriott Airport Hotel. Special guest was Maggie Webster Winstead, 97 year old Diamond Member who was a member of Omega Chapter. This historic event was conducted by Alpha Omega Chapter since Omega Chapter had no members. Tillie Colter, Basileus, Doris Hunt, Graduate Advisor, Joyce Thornton, Membership Chairman, Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director.

**National Volunteer Day**, November 2, 2003, at Dress for Success, Fairfax Place Nursing Home, New Life Community, Providence House and Freedom Covenant Center Food Bank.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, December 6, 2003, at Embassy Suites. Over 600 members and guests enjoyed the enchanting music by Jac Pearson the Spirit Plus Band. Among our guests were Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director and the Greater Cleveland PanHellenic Council President and affiliate representatives.

**Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration**, December 13, 2003, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by The Leadership AKAdemy. Among the over 80 people in attendance were the AKAdemy, the Pretty Pearls Drill Team, residents of Ivy Plaza, and parents of Alpha Omega Foundation members. An African Dance group and Gospel Choir from Regina High School performed.

During 2003, Alpha Omega's Community Concerns Committee received a grant from Cleveland Browns Foundation which financed the Pretty Pearls Drill Team. The girls participated in the one mile walk for the Cleveland Browns Touchdown Run which raised money to support the Foundations programs. Alpha Omega participated in the "Tickets for Kids Program 2003" which provided tickets for kids to see a Browns football game. The Pretty Pearls marched in the 11<sup>th</sup> District Caucus Labor Day Parade, the Breast Cancer Walk, participated in an Adopt-A-Grandparent project and the "Buckle Up Campaign".

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

## Spring '03

Pamela Redden at 95<sup>th</sup> National Founders' Day in St.Louis, Missouri. (photo pg.9)

Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Chartering her first Graduate Chapter, Chi Epsilon Omega Chapter in East Lansing, Michigan. (photo pg. 17)

#### Summer '03

Pamela Redden article, "Health News you can Really Use!". (photo pg.9)

Pamela Redden welcomes members and guests at the SIDS Summit in Detroit. (photo pg.17)

Pamela Redden pictured with others at the SIDs Summit. (photo pg. 18)

Alpha Omega Hosts Inaugural Cotillion, "A Symphony of Pink and Green". (photo pg.84,85)

#### Fall '03

Pamela Redden pictured with others at the EAF Luncheon at the Leadership Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada. (photo pg. 12)

Pamela Redden pictured with Directorate at the Banquet at the Leadership Seminar. (photo pg.15)

Pamela Redden pictured with Members of Zeta Beta Omega Chapter as they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Flint, Michigan. (photo pg. 43)

Alpha Omega Salutes Members at Annual Fellowship Luncheon, "A Showcase of Stars". (photo pg. 44)

Alpha Omega honors students at Annual "Salute to Excellence" program. (photo pg.47)

Pamela Redden pictured with other receiving EAF Award. (photo pgs. 66-67)

#### Ivies Beyond the Wall

Helen Armstead

Farntella Duncan

Ella Mae James

Barthelme Morgan

Geneva Turner

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Barbara Bray

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Ivy Plaza Fund Marilyn Swann Lori Draper Rondo

Membership Eileen Cook Gwendolyn Kirtley

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# **2004** Activities and Events

**National Founders Day Observance**, 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, January 16-18, 2004. Renaissance Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. Host Chapters Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega. Linda M. White, Supreme Basileus, Pamela L. Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director.

## **Activities included:**

Day of Service Projects at Ivy Plaza Senior Residence

Zelma George Recreation Center, Skating Party

Tri-C Metro Campus – Teens "Non Violence"

Rededication, Luncheon

Job Corps Reception

**Ecumenical Service** 

**100**<sup>th</sup> **Birthday Party for Ella Mae Johnson**, January 2004, at Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Several Alpha Omega members attended.

**New Members Gala**, March 6, 2004, at Ivy Plaza for reactivation and transfer members, sponsored by Membership Committee.

**Membership Intake Process**, March 26-28, 2004, at Airport Marriott Hotel. Fifty-five new Alpha Omega members.

**73**<sup>rd</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 15-18, 2004, Dayton Convention Center, Dayton, Ohio. Beta Eta Omega and Epsilon Chi were host chapters. Pamela L. Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Linda Marie White, Supreme Basileus.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Joyce Thornton – Regional Parliamentarian

Hazel Redden – Introduction of Great Lakes Regional Director – 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Session

**Regional Director Support Staff** 

Frances Tyus – Executive Assistant

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Hazel Redden - Editor

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Marian Wallace
Rules
Peggy Parker – Chairman
Standards, Tellers
Andrea Porter
Undergraduate Activities
Doris Hunt
Workshop Conveners
Ebraska Ceasor
Doris Hunt
Deborah Hill
Workshop Recorders
Angela Chapman
Elizabeth Jones
Angel Means
Barbara McCollom
Regina Pickett-Martin
Nadra Tyus
Presenters
Gail Rose
Willa Mae Ewings-Travis
Sneakers

Frances Tyus – Survivor Story – Third Plenary Session

## **Workshop Resource**

Tillie Colter

#### **Delegates**

Joan Baker Earlene Bergman Tillie Colter Jackie Comeaux

Deborah Hill Doris Hunt Dionne Jones Angela Means

Erika Owens Peggy Parker Marjorie Pettus Willie Mae Ewings-Travis

Alternates Monica Bourn Betty Drain

## **Alpha Omega Awards**

Regional Director's Wellness Award

1<sup>st</sup> Place Caring and Sharing

Tillie Colter, Basileus. EAF Platinum Award

Regional Director's – Exemplary Chapter Award

**Black College All-Stars and Celebrity All-Stars Basketball Game**, May 1, 2004, at Gund Arena, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee.

**Annual Pink Tea**, May 2, 2004, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Sisterly Concerns Committee. Tillie Colter and her granddaughter Amber Sheffield entertained the guests on the piano and dance, respectively.

Silver and Golden Greek Recognition Celebration, May 16, 2004, at St. James AME Church, sponsored by Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council. Alpha Omega 50 year members honored: Catherine Carter, Betty Claytor, Ruth Fore, Lorene France, Anna Hooks, Dorris Jackson, Emily Johnson, Clara Jones, Fannie Layne, Minnie Marshall, Irma Moore, Gladys Shepherd, Betty Snipes, Elaine Turner and Sarafrances Wood. 25 year members honored: Jolene Albert, Jacqueline Comeaux, Maxine Greene, Alfrieda Hamby, Geneva Horne, Doris Hunt, Claudia Jackson, Sherry Baker-MacLin, Clarie Powell, Pamela Redden, Gloria Richardson, Theo Simmons-Hampton, Constance Speed, Joyce Thornton, Helen Wade and Elizabeth Ward.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 25, Landerhaven, co-sponsored with Omega Chapter. Special guests were Pamela Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director and Reba Denmark, Basileus, Lambda Phi Omega. The Pretty Pearls Drill Team performed and the AKA Ensemble sang, accompanied by Estelene Lawrence and directed by Alice Rush.

**Salute to Excellence,** June 13, 2004, at Cleveland Church of Christ, sponsored by Ivy AKAdemy, directed by Carol Franklin. Sherree Ray, Salute to Excellence Chairman. Students honored: Pretty Pearls Drill Team, Ivy Reading AKAdemy Students, Leadership AKAdemy, area eighth and tenth grade outstanding students and scholarship recipients.

**AKA Fun Night,** June 25, 2004, at Oakwood Village Community Center sponsored by Inter-chapter Relations. Committee Chairman, Regina Pickett-Martin and Daisy Perkins, Alpha Omega and Harriet Niles and Diana Jones, Lambda Phi Omega.

**Community Health Forum**, "African Americans and Cancer", April 24, 2004, at St. John A.M.E. church, sponsored by Health Committee featuring Dr. Walter Clarke and Dr. Giesele Greene.

Marathon Walk for the American Stroke Association, June 20, 2004, in Kona, Hawaii. Giesele Greene, Pamela Redden and Frances Tyus completed the marathon and thanked Alpha Omega members for their contribution of more than \$1600 needed for them to participate in the walk.

**61<sup>st</sup> Boule**, July 13-18, 2004, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee. Linda Marie White, Supreme Basileus. Betty James, Executive Director. Host Chapters: Alpha Delta Omega, Kappa Lambda Omega, Nu Kappa Omega, Pi Nu Omega, Upsilon Psi Omega, Upsilon Psi Omega, Alpha Psi, Eta Beta, Eta Psi, Kappa Rho, Pi and Xi Alpha.

## **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director.

Frances Tyus, Evaluation Committee

#### **Boule Delegates**

Ebraska Ceasor, Tillie Colter Jacqueline Comeaux Deidra Davis

Valeria Flewellen Doris Hunt Gwendolyn Kirtley Barbara McCollom

Regina Pickett Martin Jessica Price Joyce Thornton Willie Mae Ewings-Travis

Alternate: Dionne Jones.

Black Family Picnic, August 21, 2004, at Cleveland Metro Parks.

Pan-Hellenic Fish Fry, August 27, 2004, Club 75, 75 Public Square.

Pan-Hellenic Picnic, August 28, 2004, at Richmond Heights Lodge.

**11**<sup>th</sup> **Congressional District Picnic**, September 6, 2004, at Luke Easter Park. The Pretty Pearls participated in the parade.

**Annual Retreat**, September 10-11, 2004, at Bertram Inn, Aurora, Ohio, sponsored by Membership Committee. Theme "Living in the Spirit of AKA". Friday night fun. Saturday, Chapter meeting and luncheon. Eddie Baccus Jazz Team provided entertainment.

**Undergraduate RoundUp**, Saturday 24, 2004, Mariott Cleveland Airport Hotel. Pamela L. Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director. Cassandra Lewis, Pi Tau Omega, Chairman Undergraduate Round-Up Steering Committee, Jessica Price, Co-Chairman of the committee.

Alpha Omega members in attendance:

Althea Bates Carolyn Grimes Theo Simmons-Hampton

Earlean Bergman LaTishale Grimes Joyce Thornton

Elizabeth Brooks Doris Hunt Frances Tyus

Ebraska Ceasor Edwina McClendon Norris Barbara J. Williams

Tillie Colter Barbara McCollom

Giesele Greene Gail Rose

**African American Women's Wellness Walk**, September 20, 2004, members of the Connection Committee registered ten new voters and distributed registration cards.

**Judicial Candidates Forum** September 28, 2004. At Lee Memorial AME Church, sponsored by the AKA Connection Committee in collaboration with the Black Women's Political Action Committee, National Coalition of 100 Black Women and Council of Sisters and African American Women's Agenda.

Membership Gala for reactivating and transferring members, October 2, 2004, at Ivy Plaza.

**Theatre Party**, October 19, 2004, Cleveland Playhouse to see "Crowns", sponsored by Ways and Means Committee.

**Lambda Phi Omega's Annual Autumn Affair**, October 22, 2004, at the Manor. The Theme was "Roaring Twenties".

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Ohio/ Western Pennsylvania Cluster**, November 9, 2004, at Courtyard Inn, Erie, Pennsylvania. Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Joanne Battle, Regional Cluster Coordinator, Toni Kendrick, Cluster Coordinator, presiding. Jessica Price, Alpha Omega presented a workshop on International Bylaw changes. Mu Nu Omega was the host chapter.

**AKA Day at the State Capitol**, November 10, 2004. Theme: "Getting a Healthy AKA Spirit", coordinated by the AKA Connection Committee.

Game Night, November 12, 2004, for the residents of Ivy Plaza.

**Black College Fair**, November 13, 2004, at Antioch Baptist Church, sponsored by Cleveland Council of Black Colleges and Jack and Jill of America. Alpha Omega members showcasing their alma maters were: Carolyn Grimes – Tennessee State, Carolyn Bridges Graves – Johnson C. Smith and LaSherri Leather and Andrea Porter – Spelman.

**AKA Day of Service**, November 19-27, 2004. The Black Family Committee planned numerous places to volunteer. The sites and contact persons were: Dress for Success, Paulette Smith- Holiday; Ivy Plaza – Marzella Brown, Fairfax Nursing Home, Terri Hines and Freedom Covenant Center, Carol Franklin and Gloria Richardson.

**Annual Winter Rose Ball**, December 4, 2004, at Brookridge Party Center. Joe Pearson and Spirit Plus Band entertained the more than six hundred members and guests.

Annual Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration, December 11, 2004, at Ivy Plaza, sponsored by Leadership AKAdemy.

At the beginning of the year, the Ivy Reading AKAdemy focused on mastery of basic reading skills by children in kindergarten through third grade at Friendly Inn Settlement House.

In the Fall, the chapter began its signature Reading program at Robert Fulton Elementary School. They had an Ice Cream Social on September 15, 2004. Open House on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and a "Parent Night" on October 16<sup>th</sup>. One-on-one tutoring began in January 2005.

The Basileus worked with the Heritage Committee to put a marker at L. Pearl Mitchell's gravesite in Lakeview Cemetery. When all plans are completed a ceremony will be held. L. Pearl Mitchell was one of Alpha Omega's Outstanding "Pearls". She was the sorority's 3rd Supreme Basileus, Supreme Grammateus, Supreme Tamiouochos, Supreme Parliamentarian, the First Great Lakes Regional Director and Alpha Omega' 6<sup>th</sup> Basileus. She died at age 91 on September 6, 1974.

On behalf of the Leadership AKAdemy, Byrdie Lee initiated a project to establish The Ardelia Dixon Alpha Kappa Alpha Library at the African American Museum. The Theme for the 2004-2005 Leadership

AKAdemy is "History's Heroes: Improving the Lives of Youth through Literacy". Students wrote Autobiographies at the beginning of the project.

The Heritage and Publicity Committees worked together to establish a room at Ivy Plaza to house Alpha Omega's and Omega's archival materials.

Among the many activities of the Community Concerns Committee were: AKA Coat Day, Donations for the Domestic Violence Center, Negro College Fund, NAACP, Membership Drive and Cuyahoga County's Children Service "The Giving Tree".

The Technology Committee began a series of computer classes for members, taught by Barbara McCollom.

Alpha Omega Members showcased their wares at a Holiday Bazaar during the December Chapter meeting. Dionne Jones and Elizabeth Jones coordinated the event.

The Cotillion Committee worked diligently throughout the year with twenty-four APPLEs.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

# Spring '04

Pamela L Redden welcoming members and guests and the National Founders' Day Celebration in Cleveland, Ohio in January. (photo pg. 5)

Pamela L Redden, Tillie Colter and other Alpha Omega Members at National Founders' Day. (photo pg. 5)

Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Members, host chapters at the 96<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day Celebration. (pgs. 6, 7)

Alpha Omega sponsors Judicial Candidates. Alpha Omega members, Councilwoman, Deborah Hill and Judge Lauren C. Moore. (photo pg. 29)

#### Summer '04

Pamela L Redden, Candidate for Re-election as Great Lakes Regional Director. (photo pg.12)

Tillie Colter listed with Women of Distinction for donating \$500 to EAF

Alpha Omega listed as Platinum Chapter for donating to EAF. (pg.13)

Alpha Omega launches Ivy Reading AKAdemy. (photo pg.70)

Grace Alexander, Ninth Alpha Omega Basileus became an Ivy Beyond the Wall, March 2, 2004. (photo pg. 90)

Mildred Stith became an Ivy Beyond the Wall, January 24, 2004. (photo pg. 108)

Diamond Member Geneva Turner became an Ivy Beyond the Wall October 5, 2003. (photo pg. 109,110)

#### Fall '04

Pamela L Redden pictured with Directorate members at 61<sup>st</sup> Boule in Nashville, Tennessee. (photo pg. 8 & 9)

Ella Mae Johnson celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. (photo pg. 54)

Pamela L Redden receiving EAF Award for Great Lakes Region. (photo pg. 6)

Pamela L Redden joins Michigan Chapter at their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual AKA day at the capital. (photo pg. 78)

#### Winter '04

Pamela L Redden pictured with members in Xi Epsilon Chapter as they celebrate Founders' Day in Buffalo, New York. (photo pg. 63)

Lennis Lewis became an Ivy Beyond the Wall, August 15, 2004. (photo pg. 90, 91)

## Ivies Beyond the Wall

**Grace Carver Alexander** 

Adele VB Hampton

**Lennis Lewis** 

Juanita Baker Logan

**Daisy Horne Montgomery** 

Katie Newton

Mildred Stith

Shirley Ann Woods

#### 2005 Officers

Basileus – Tillie Colter

First Anti-Basileus – Jacquelyn Comeaux

Second Anti-Basileus – Gwendolyn Kirtley

Grammateus – Catherine Carter

Anti-Grammateus - Deborah Hill

Pecunious Grammateus - Sarah Smith

Anti-Pecunious Grammateus - Charita Gadson-Young

Epistoleus – Barbara McCollum

Anti-Epistoleus – Denise Freeman

Tamiouchos – Valeria Flewellon

Graduate Advisor - Doris Hunt

Parliamentarian – Jessica Price

Historian – Margaret Barron

Chaplain – Byrdie Lee

Ivy Leaf Reporter – Ruth Wesby

Philacter - LaShawn Hicks

Hodegos – Joelle Hayes

Honorary Executive Board Member – Ebraska Ceasor

Executive Advisor to the Basileus – Sarah Livingston

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Barbara Spearman	Angela Webster
Basilei Council	Carol Franklin	
Black Family	Ethel Taylor	Sonja Wilson
Budget	Valeria Flewellon	Sarah Smith
Bylaws	Jessica Price	Lorene France
Community Concerns	Jolene Largent-Albert	Terrie Pitts
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Dance	Darlene Hardimon	Cheryl Lauderdale
Economic Development	Ann Sowell	Ermer Albritton
Ensemble	Alice Rush	Estelene Lawrence
Fellowship Luncheon	Shirley LeCompte	Estelene Lawrence
Founders' Day	Doris Bullock	Chantelle Lewis
Graduate Advisory	Doris Hunt	Earlene Bergman/Gail Rose
Health	Tamara McBride	Anita Person
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Hospitality	Helen Wade	Denise Freeman
Housing	Thelma Townsend	
Inter-Chapter Relations	Regina Pickett-Martin	Daisy Perkins
Ivy AKAdemy	Lenore Floyd	Olivia Williams
K-3 Reading	Claire Powell	Carolyn Grimes
Leadership AKAdemy	Dorris Jackson	Zelma Pames
Salute to Excellence	Synita Brazil	LaSherri Leathers

Scholarship Kathy Everson

Young Authors Aries Cobb Doris McCollum

Ivy Plaza Activities Fannie Layne

Ivy Plaza Fund Marilyn Swann Ellen Battles

Membership Peggy Parker Virmeal Finley

Philacter LaShawn Hicks Joelle Hayes

Protocol Eileen Cook

Program Jacqueline Comeaux Gwen Kirtley

Public Relations Ruth Wesby Clara Robinson

Remembrance Margaret Dowdell Marva Harris

Sisterly Concerns Joan Baker Constance Speed

Standards Joyce Thornton Andrea Porter

Technology Betty Ivory Jackqueline Adams

Telephone Gloria Richardson Ebraska Ceasor

Transportation Isabel Lewis Rachelle Carter

Ways and Means Willie Mae Ewings-Travis Philana Williams

Nominating Committee Dionne Jones Lori Draper Rondo

Ramona Davis-Washington Ericka Owens

Sadie King Barbara Patterson

Ernestine Mapp Faye Smith Jones

Fannie McDowell

Pan Hellenic Council Peggy Parker

Representative Dorothea Feimster-Santiago

Ad Hoc

Audit Dorris Jackson

Cotillion Lauren Moore Joyce Thornton

Endowment Elizabeth Jones Freida Hampton

History Books Ebraska Ceasor Jeanne Freels

Leave No Child Behind Carol Franklin

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# **2005 Activities and Events**

**"A Holiday Drop In"**, January 1, 2005. All Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega members were invited to the Beacon Place of Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director.

National Founders' Day Observance, January 14-17, 2005. Atlanta, Georgia

MLK Birthday Weekend, January 16, 2005. Alpha Omega members joined others in the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday weekend. Celia Edochie and Virginia Williams sang in the Cleveland Chorus with the Cleveland Orchestra at the Annual Severance Hall Concert. In attendance were Ebraska Ceasor, Tillie Colter, Juanita Dalton-Robinson, Addiebelle Frazier, Marian McClendon, Edwina McClendon-Norris, Patricia Roberts, Constance Speed, Joyce Thornton, and Gertrude Wilson.

Annual Martin Luther King Holiday Breakfast, January 17, 2005, Marriott Key Center. Members Geneva Brown, Tillie Colter, Gwendolyn Kirtley and Olivia Williams represented Alpha Omega and ongratulated Barbara and Doris McCollum who were honored for their attendance and service on the sponsoring committee.

**The Pan-Hellenic Choir**, directed by Tillie Colter, sang at the Health Space Museum and at Severance Hall. Alpha Omega Members in the choir were: Juanita Childress, Doris Jackson, Estelene Lawrence, Dorris McCollom, Vivian Melton and Ouida Ward.

"A Symphony of Pink and Green", January 30, 2005, at Landerhaven. Twenty-four young ladies were presented at Alpha Omega's Cotillion.

New Members Gala, February 5, 2005 or March 5, 2005, at Ivy Plaza. Ten reactivating and transferring members were greeted by the Membership Committee.

**Founders' Day**, February 20, 2005, at Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Activities included: Worship Service with Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director as the speaker. Dinner, tribute to our Founders and Rededication. The event was co-sponsored with Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters. Chairman were Doris Bullock, Alpha Omega and Willa Walker, Lambda Phi Omega.

Pearl Day, March 12, 2005, Lambda Phi Omega's annual event held at the Sherwin Gilman Party Center.

**74**<sup>th</sup> **Great Lakes Regional Conference**, April 28 – May 1, 2005, Davis Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Hosted by the Northern Ohio Western Pennsylvania Cluster. Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Toni Kendrick, Cluster Coordinator, Linda Marie White, Supreme Basileus. Conference Theme "Down by the Riverside where the Spirit of AKA Runs."

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Joyce Thornton – Regional Parliamentarian

Angela Rush – Assistant Hodegos

#### **Regional Director Support Staff**

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# **Regional Choir** Jeanne Freels Estelene Lawrence Marva Harris Virginia Williams Gertrude Wilson Committees Ebraska Ceasor – Archives and Centennial Claire Powell – Archives Jacqueline Comeaux – Archives Barbara Barron - Centennial Jessica Price – Constitution Chair Doris Hunt – Undergraduate Concerns and Undergraduate Activities Carolyn Bridges-Graves – Health Peggy Parker – Membership, Sisterly Relations, Rules Chairman Vimeal Finley – Membership, Sisterly Relations Carol Franklin – Resolutions Chair Tillie Colter – Technology and Centennial Barbara Spearman – Connection

# **Ivies Beyond the Wall Representatives**

Tillie Colter

Ebraska Ceasor

Georgia Hussein
Pauline Goode
Frances Tyus
Willie Mae Ewings-Travis
Addiebelle Frazier
Speaker, Leadership Luncheon - Pamela L Redden
Workshops Presenters
Jessica Price
Barbara McDowell
Conveners
Peggy Parker
Deborah Hill
Jacqueline Comeaux
Recorders
Carolyn Bridges-Graves
Claire Powell
Dianthia Gilmore
Althea Bates
Maxine Green
Banquet Committee
Tillie Colter – Chairman, Mistress of Ceremony
Carolyn Grimes – Co-Chairman
Carolyn Bridges-Graves Betty Jordan

Eileen Cook Sadie King

Barbara Gover Gwendolyn Kirtley

Maxine Green Shirley LeCompe

Frieda Hampton Theo Simmons-Hampton

Lagretta Holloway

## **Ecumenical Service**

Peggy Parker – Spiritual Leader

Estelene Lawrence – Accompanist

Bertrice Wood – Prayer and Meditation

Helen Wade – Soloist

Pamela L Redden – closing remarks

# **Regional Awards**

Regional Directors Award of Exemplary Achievement

EAF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – Platinum Level

1<sup>st</sup> Place Outstanding Graduate membership award

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Great Communicator Award

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Step Show

Over 115 Alpha Omega Members were in attendance

**Political Leadership Forum,** "Here Comes the Judge", May 14, 2005, at Eliza Bryant Village. The purpose of the forum was to provide political insight and exposure to the Leadership AKAdemy students. Lauren Moore was among the judge presenters. The event was sponsored by the AKA Connection Committee.

**6**<sup>th</sup> **Annual Cleveland Fine Arts Expo**, "Women, Culture and Community", May 20-22, 2005, at Tri-C Eastern Campus. Sponsored by Sankofa Fine Arts Plus.

**Fellowship Luncheon**, June 11, 2005, at Intercontinental Hotel. Theme "Stepping in the Spirit of AKA". Remembrance Committee presented awards to new mothers, Advanced Degree recipients, retirement, New Golden, Silver Members, New Life members and various Outstanding achievements. Omega members were also honored for achievements.

**Salute to Excellence**, June 12, 2005, at East Mt Zion Baptist Church. Young people honored were: Pretty Pearls Drill Team, Eighth and Tenth Grade Outstanding students, Leadership AKAdemy students, K-3 Reading Students, Young Authors, APPLE's and Alpha Omega scholarship recipients.

Pink Lemonade Picnic, June 26, 2005, Shaker Lakes Park. Sponsored by the Black Family Committee.

**Ivy Beyond the Wall Service** for 20<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus, Barbara K Phillips, July 9, 2005, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Alpha Omega members in attendance were: Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Alpha Omega Basileus, Tillie Colter, and Alice Rush. Alpha Omega sent a contribution to the senior residence – Ivy Acres in tribute to Member Barbara.

**Leadership Seminar**, August 4-7, 2005, Paradise Island, Bahamas. Pamela L Redden presented a workshop "Healthy Lifestyles: Know Your Prescriptions and Your Body". The highlight of the conference was Alpha Omega's "An Enchanted Evening In Paradise", August 5, 2005, Atlantis Hotel with great food and live entertainment.

**Universal Sisters**, August 27, 2005 at the Civic Conference Center, hosted by Cleveland Clinic, Huron Road and South Pointe Hospitals in partnership with New Spirit Revival Center. Drs. Pamela L Redden, Linda Bradley were Chairman of the Event. Frances Tyus also presented a Workshop. Members in attendance were: Margaret Blair, Etta Bradley, Felicia Bradley, Ebraska Ceasor, Lenore Floyd, Ruth Fore, LaCresia Gaines, Deborah Hill, Geneva Horne, Barbara Howe, Gwendolyn Kirtley, Barbara McCollom, Doris McCollom, Hazel Redden, Paulette Smith-Holiday, Betty Snipes, Barbara Spearman, Ethel Taylor and Joyce Thornton.

**L. Pearl Mitchell Grave marker Unveiling**, August 28, 1005. The marker for L. Pearl Mitchell's gravesite was unveiled at Lakeview Cemetery. Special Guests included: Rachel Mallory, Supreme Parliamentarian, Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Bernice I. Sumlin, 19<sup>th</sup> Supreme Basileus and International Archives Committee Chairman, Phyllis Robinson. The event was hosted by Archives Committee.

**Greater Cleveland Pan-Hellenic Council** began the Labor Day weekend, September 2 – 5, 2005, with Happy Hour Gathering at Club 75 on Friday; a cabaret at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Party Center on Saturday; a picnic at Richmond Heights Park on Sunday and a Book Bag Give-away to all students in attendance at the Labor Day Picnic at Luke Easter Park.

**The Pretty Pearls Drill Team**, September 5, 2005, participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District Caucus Annual Labor Day Parade.

**Ivy and Ice Boat Ride and After Party**, September 16, 2005, on the Goodtime III, sponsored by Alpha Omega Chapter and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Delta Alpha Lambda Chapter.

**Procter and Gamble Ohio Football Classic**, September 17, 2005, at Cleveland Browns Stadium, Savannah State University vs. Morgan State University. The weekend was a very successful fund raising event for Alpha Omega.

**27**<sup>th</sup> **Northern Ohio/ Western Pennsylvania Cluster Meeting**, October 8, 2005, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio. Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, Joanne Battle, Regional Cluster Coordinator, Toni Kendrick, Ohio/Western Pennsylvania Cluster Coordinator.

**Honorary Member Maya Angelou** spoke to students at Robert Fullerton Elementary School, Lori Drape Rondo, principal, when she was in town on October 14, 2005, to perform for Transitional Housing. Tillie Colter, Geneva Horne, Margaret Blair, Sarah Livingston, Gwendolyn Kirtley, Barbara McCollum and Doris McCollum attended the affair.

Homecoming Retreat, October 28, 2005, at the new Harvard Rd. Marriott Conference Center. Friday night activities included Fashion by Tracy and Renay Fowler and Jeanette Bell and Claudia Jackson. On Saturday morning, Joyce Thornton presented a Standards Workshop, Tillie Colter a Leadership workshop, and Gloria Richardson a Rituals workshop. Following lunch, entertainment was provided by the Foluke Cultural Arts Center. The Membership Committee sponsored the retreat.

**African America Women's Wellness Walk**, September 24, 2005, Randall Park Mall. Alpha Omega members helped with registration.

**Undergraduate Round-Up**, September 24-25, 2005, at Mohican Resort Perryville Ohio. Theme "Celebrating the Amazing Sisterhood". Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director. Undergraduate Round-Up Steering Committee Chairman, Cassandra Lewis, Pi Tau Omega, Co-Chairman Myra McKenzie, Alpha Sigma Omega and Jessica Price, Alpha Omega.

**Operation Thanksgiving**, November 22-27, 2005, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Operation Thanksgiving was organized by Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, obtained donations from her region to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The donations and gifts were placed in a van and a caravan of volunteers traveled to Baton Rouge to distribute the gifts to the victims of the hurricane.

**Birthday Party** for Pamela L Redden, December 3, 2005, Inkster Recreation Complex, Inkster, Michigan. Hosted by the Michigan Birthday Party Planning team, chairman, Former Great Lakes Regional Director, Phyllis Robinson.

Annual Winter Rose Ball, December 3, 2005, Marriott Hotel.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

#### Spring '05

Member Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, pictured with Directorate member during the 97<sup>th</sup> National Founders' Day Celebration, January 14-17, 2005, in Atlanta, Georgia. (phopt ggs. 9,12,15)

#### Summer '05

Young Author Chapter's winner, Amin Cobb, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Stephanie Barron, 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Alpha Omega Cotillion, "A Symphony of Pink and Green". (photo pg. 56)

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director brought special greetings to Lambda Pi Omega Founders day Celebration. (photo pg.74,75)

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director pictured with Members from Sigma Omega Chapter celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (photo pg 75,76)

#### Fall '05

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, pictured with others at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Leadership Seminar, August 4-7, Paridise Island, Bahamas. (pgs. 6 and 10)

Alpha Omega listed at a Young Author Honor Roll Chapter. (pg 36)

Jessica Price, pictured as "Newsmaker" First African-American partner in the 76-year history of a business law firm. Also named as a 2005 Ohio Super Lawyer's Rising Star. (pg. 51)

Alpha Omega's Annual Salute to Excellence Program. (photo pg. 74)

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, listed with the dignitaries present at the "Brunch on the Bayou", An Annual fund raiser sponsored by Phi Psi Omega Chapter. (photo pg 75)

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, pictured with others in article "Sisterly Memories of Member Barbara K Phillips", who became an Ivy Beyond the Wall on July 5, 2005. (photo pg. 91)

#### Winter '05

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, pictured on the cover with Directorate members.

Pamela L Redden. Great Lakes Regional Director, pictured with attendees of Alpha Kappa Alpha's 8<sup>th</sup> Public Policy Conference in Washington, DC, September 22-24, 2005. (pg. 35)

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, pictured in the "Newsmaker". She was featured in articles that appeared in Jet and Ebony magazines that listed the her medical accomplishments. (pg. 66)

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, brought greetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend celebration of Eta Iota Omega Chapter. (pg. 81)

Alpha Omega was a contributing host of the Second Annual Universal Sisters Program. (pgs. 82, 83)

# Ivies Beyond the Wall

Mayme Bugg

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## 2006 Officers

Basileus – Tillie Colter

First Anti-Basileus – Jacquelyn Comeaux

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Executive Advisor to the Basileus – Sarah Livingston

# **Committee Leadership**

Committee	Chairman	Assistant Chairman
AKA Connection	Barbara Spearman	Angela Webster
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Black Family	Ethel Taylor	Sonja Wilson
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Correspondence	Barbara McCollom	Denise Freeman
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Ensemble	Alice Rush	Estelene Lawrence
Fellowship Luncheon	Shirley LeCompte	Estelene Lawrence
Founders' Day	Doris Bullock	Chantelle Lewis
Graduate Advisory	Doris Hunt	Earlene Bergman/Gail Rose
Health	Tamara McBride	Gwendolyn Solomon

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K-3 Reading	Claire Powell	Carolyn Grimes
Leadership AkAdemy	Dorris Jackson	Zelina Pames
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Scholarship	Catherine Carter	Carla Jones
Young Authors	Aries Cobb	Doris McCollum
Ivy Plaza Activities	Fannie Layne	
Ivy Plaza Fund	Marilyn Swann	Crystal Shorter Boyd
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Program	Jacqueline Comeaux	Gwen Kirtley
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Remembrance	Margaret Dowdell	Marva Harris
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#### 2006 Activities and Events

**National Founders' Day**, January 12-15, 2006, at Marriott Jackson Hotel, Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Over 1200 members attended. Linda M White, Supreme Basileus, was one of the first guests to arrive on a flight with 25 other members. They stepped off the plane and landed on a pink carpet and a walkway of Ivy. Those in attendance celebrated the Sorority Historic Mississippi Health Project which took place in the Mississippi Delta form 1935 to 1942.

**Donations to FamilyTransitional Housing,** January 14, 2006. AKA Connection Committee collected personal care items from members.

Founders' Day, February 4, 2006, at East Mt Zion Baptist Church. Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega Chapters celebrated together with a short program Rededication and dinner. The Theme was "Legacy Remembered". Doris Bullock, Alpha Omega and Willa Walker, Lambda Phi Omega, Chairman. Assistant Chairman were Chantelle Lewis and Dionne Jones. The three Basilei brought greetings. Tillie Colter, Alpha Omega, Joyce Walker, Lambda Phi Omega, Gladys Garner, Omega. Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, gave the occasion. Jean King-Battle, Chaplain of Lambda Phi Omega gave the meditation, Byrdie Lee, Chaplain of Alpha Omega shared her "reflections". Committee members were: Caylette Acy, Gloria Berry, Ebraska Ceasor, Reba Denmark, Michelle Kenny, Jean King-Battle, Gwendolyn Kirtley, Byrdie Lee, Alice Rush, Shelly Smith, Cynthia Spencer and Joyce Thornton.

**8**<sup>th</sup> **Annual African American Legislator's Day Celebration**, February 28, 2006, Columbus, Ohio. At this historic occasion, Honorary Member Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King were saluted and a bill was introduced to designate December 1<sup>st</sup> as Rosa Parks Day. Tillie Colter, Barbara Spearman and State representative Claudette Woodard attended.

Membership Intake, February 10-12, 2006. Fifty-four new members were inducted into Alpha Omega.

Annual Pink Tea, May 7, 2006, at Ivy Plaza

Breast Cancer Walk, May 20, 2006, Jacob's Field.

Pan-Hellenic Council Annual Salute to new 75, 50 and 25 year members. May 21, 2006, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Members honored were: Ella Mae Johnson, Billie Brown, Phyllis Burke, Ebraska Ceasor, Barbara Garrette, Janet Harris, Joyce Hardaway, Peggy Mosley,

Hazel Redden, Constance Speed, Marilyn Swann, Elaine Turner. Golden Members. Karen Atlas, Pauline Barnes, Sheila Barnes, Jeanette Bell, Patti Ford, Jacqueline Gholson, Dianthia Gilmore, Willie Gragg, Giesele Greene, Cherine Hill-Ward, Gwendolyn Kirtley, Byrdie Lee, Regina Pickett-Martin, Shelly Thompson, Susan Brown Watson, and Sandra Wofford, Silver Stars.

**Pink Lemonade Picnic**, June 4, 2006, at Shaker Lakes, sponsored by Black Family Committee.

**Salute to Excellence**, June 11, at East Mt Zion Baptist Church. Honored were: Pretty Pearls Drill Team, K-3 Reading Students, Outstanding 8th and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students, Leadership AKAdemy students and Scholarship recipients. A total of \$28,000 was given to scholarship recipients.

**62**<sup>nd</sup> **Boule**, July 12-16, Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, Detroit, Michigan. Linda M. White, Supreme Basileus, Pamela L Redden. Great Lakes Regional Director, Schylbea J. Hopkins, General Chairman. Teri B. Coleman and Cheral Hadin, Co-Chairman. Host chapters, Alpha Rho Omega, Delta Psi Omega, Eta Iota Omega, Lambda Pi Omega, Mu Alpha Omega, Nu Phi Omega, Pi Tau Omega, Theta Lambda Omega, Tau Alpha Omega and Xi.

#### **Alpha Omega Participation**

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, brought greeting from the Region at the 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary Session.

Ebraska Ceasor and Hazel Redden were honored as new Golden Members at the Recognition Luncheon.

Clair Powell, Chair and Carolyn Grimes, Assistant Chairman, won the Spirit Program Award for the K-3 Reading Program at Robert Fuller Elementary School.

Pamela L Redden, Great Lakes Regional Director, gave greetings at the Public Meeting.

Ella Mae Johnson was honored as a recipient of the Founders Graduate Service Award at the Public Meeting.

One of the highlights of the Boule was the reception sponsored by the Committee to "Elect" Pamela L Redden, 1<sup>st</sup> Supreme Anti-Basileus.

Dianthia Gilmore presented a workshop on "Enhancing the Spirit Within"

Over 90 Alpha Omega members attend the Boule.

Member Carolyn House Stewart, Gamma Iota Omega Chapter was elected First Supreme Anti Basileus. Pamela L Redden was second, others running against her were: Caroline Lattimore, Mu Omicron Omega, Mid-Atlantic, Rachel Mallory, Alpha Sigma Omega, Great Lakes and Lucretia Payton-Stewart, Kappa Omega, South Atlanta. It is Alpha Omega's hope that Member Pamela will try again in 2010.

**Leadership Development Workshop**, August 26, 2006, at Metro Health, Broadway. Mandatory for members who wish to run for office in Alpha Omega Chapter/Foundation. Sponsored by Standards Committee.

**Ivy and Ice Boatride**, September 15, 2006, on the Goodtime III. Fundraiser with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee.

**Great Lakes Leadership and Undergraduate Round-Up**, September 22-23, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn, Michigan. Theme "Strengthening, Stimulating and Sustaining our Pearls to perform Extraordinary Service Programs". Barbara McKenzie, Supreme Basileus was the keynote speaker. Schylbea J. Hopkins, Great Lakes Regional Director.

**African American Women's Wellness Walk**, September 23, at Randall Park Mall. Sponsored by the Health Committee in cooperation with Omega and Lambda Phi Omega Chapters.

"I Love Cleveland Municipal School District Day", October 14, 2006. Many Alpha Omega members visited schools to shake hand with students and give them words of encouragement as they entered.

**Membership Retreat,** October 6, 2006, Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel. The Theme was "Always Sisters, Always Friends". Activities included, get acquainted games, a dinner, and a fashion show, featuring Jeanette Bell's "originals" and an "AKA Fabric of Love" that honored all members present, beginning with the most recent initiates, 2006, and ending with the 50 year plus members.

**Shop for a Cause at Macy's**, September 16, 2006. Sponsored by the Endowment Committee. This unique activity raised over \$2,500 for our various programs of service.

Omega Chapters 81<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, October 7, 2006, at the airport Marriott Hotel. Takenya Brown, Omega Chapter Basileus, presided at the unique gathering. Tillie Colter brought greetings, Sharnez Grey, Omega Chapter, gave the Invocation, Omega Anti-Basileus, Victoria Okhomina, the Occasion, Jocelyn Tithern sang "Always Sisters, Always Friends", Estelene Lawrence was the accompanist. Among the attendees were former Alpha Omega Basilei, Alvernice Blandon, Ebraska Ceasor, Jeanne Freels, Pamela L. Redden, and Frances Tyus. Among those sharing their reminiscences were Graduate Advisors, Sadie King, Rosemarie McBride, Alma Tanner and Sandra Wofford; former Omega Basilei Naomi Adams, Sandra Brinson, Joan Burkkett, Ebraska Ceasor, Pamela Charist-Lyons, Sharon Everett, Gladys Garner. Nicole Radford, and Virmeal Finley, Co-Chairman of the event. Doris Hunt was the current Graduate Advisor.

Annual Fellowship Luncheon, October 7, 2006, Cleveland Airport Marriott over 200 members were in attendance. Helping to make this occasion an outstanding milestone in the Chapter's history were Committee Chairman, Shirley LeCompte and Estelene Lawrence. Remembrance Committee Chairman, Margaret Dowdell and Marva Harris, Membership Committee Chairman, Peggy Parker and Virmeal Finley. Omega Chapter Basileus, Takenya Brown, Graduate Advisor, Doris Hunt and the Ensemble Chairman, Alice Rush and Estelene Lawrence.

**Greater Cleveland Pan Hellenic Choir Biennial Concert**, October 15, 2006, at Lee Memorial AME Church. Tillie Colter is the director.

Northern Ohio /Western Pennsylvania Cluster, October 13, 2006, Cleveland Airport Marriott Hotel. Schylbea Hopkins, Great Lakes Regional Director, Clara Petty, Cluster Coordinator. Host Chapters Alpha Omega, Lambda Phi Omega and Omega. Host Chapter Basilei: Alpha Omega, Tillie Colter, Lambda Phi

Omega, Joyce Walker, Omega, Takenya Brown. Other Cleveland Ohio participants: Meet and Greet Hostess, Alpha Omega, Gwendolyn Kirtley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Basileus, Lambda Phi Omega, Michelle Curry, Meditation, Bobbi Reaves, Lambda Phi Omega, Recorder, Joyce Thornton and Sarah Smith, Alpha Omega. Standards report – Jacqueline Comeux, Alpha Omega, Registration Report, Paulette Burton, Lambda Phi Omega.

The October Chapter meeting was a joint meeting with Omega Chapter.

**Women and Finance Seminar**, November 21, 2006, at Beachwood Hotel, sponsored by the Economic Development Committee.

#### **IVY LEAF COVERAGE**

#### Spring '06

Pamela L. Redden pictured with candidates for First Supreme Anti-Basileus. (pg. 5)

Pamela L. Redden pictured at the 99<sup>th</sup> National Founders Day Celebration in Jackson, Mississippi. (pgs. 16,18,19,21,24)

Operation Thanksgiving for Katrina Hurricane Victims. (pg. 73)

#### Summer '06

Alpha Omega participation in Operation Thanksgiving. (photo pg. 61)

Pamela L. Redden attends 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Alpha Sigma Omega. (pg. 62)

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#### ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED

#### **ALPHA OMEGA CHAPTER**

#### **FORMER BASILEI**

#### **MARCH 1917 – JUNE 1957**

- 1. BLANCHE JOHNSON -1917-1919; 1922-1924 IBW
- 2. JESSIE J. GREEN 1920-1921 IBW
- 3. LUCRETIA GRANT SCHUMAKE IBW
- 4. HAZEL MOUNTAIN WALKER 1925-1926-IBW
- 5. L. PEARL MITCHELL 1927-1928-IBW
- 6. MYRTLE JOHNSON BELL 1929-1931- IBW
- 7. ISABELLE SIMMONS 1932- IBW
- 8. GRACE CARVER ALEXANDER 1933-1935- IBW
- 9. WILBRETTA POPE JOHNSON 1935- 1937- IBW
- 10. MARY J. RAMEY 1937- 1938- IBW
- 11. ENOLA GEORGE 1938- 1939; 1940- 1941- IBW
- 12. KATHERINE P. WILLIAMSON -1941- 1943- IBW
- 13. LAURETTA BANKS MEYERS 1944-1945- IBW
- 14. CYNTHIA MOULTINRIE HOLLOWAY- 1945-1947- IBW
- 15. WINONA REYNOLDS BURTON 1947- 1948- IBW
- 16. WILBERETTA P. JOHNSON- 1948-1950
- 17. CARRIEBELLE J. COOK -1951- 1953- IBW
- 18. DOROTHY GORDON DOUGLASS- 1953-1954- IBW

- 19. MINERVA L. HAYWOOD 1955- IBW
- 20. YLONNE McDUFFIE CHARLTON 1956- 1957- IBW
- 21. DOROTHEA BROWN 1957-1959 IBW
- 22. MYRTLE WIGGINS 1960-1961 IBW
- 23. JUANITA SHORTER 1962-1963 IBW
- 24. MARGARET PREWITT 1964-1965 IBW
- 25. ELVIE PERDUE 1966-1967 IBW
- 26. MARGARET BULLARD 1968-1969
- 27. SALLIE TRIGG BLACKWELL- 1970 IBW
- 28. EMILY JOHNSON 1971-1972
- 29. DOROTHY THORNE 1973-1974
- 30. IRIS GAYLE WILLIAMS 1975-1976
- 31. GWENDOLYN GIST 1977-1978 IBW
- 32. EBRASKA D. CEASOR 1979-1980; 1981-1982
- 33. ANNETTE HAMILTON 1983-1984
- 34. ALVERNICE BLANDON 1985-1986
- 35. JEANNE FREELS 1987-1988
- 36. CAROL FRANKLIN 1989-1990; 1991-1992
- 37. LORENE FRANCE 1993-1994
- 38. PAMELA LYNNE REDDEN 1995-1996; 1997-1998
- 39. FRANCES J. TYUS 1999-2000; 2001-2002
- 40. TILLIE T. COLTER 2003-2004; 2005-2006
- 41. JACQUELYN COMEAUX 2007-2008
- 42. GWENDOLYN KIRTLEY 2009-2010
- 43. JOYCE S. THORNTON 2011-2012
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Deborah Ann Abbott	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Chamaine T. Abrams	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Caylett M. Acy	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Jacquelyn Arianna Adams	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Janet Denise Aden	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Dianna Monroe Alexander	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Marcia Rousseau Alexander	Alpha Omega	Life Consecutive
Sara Thomas Alexander	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Terry L. Allen	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Yvonne L. Allen	Alpha Omega	Life Non-Consecutive
Evelyn Ingram Alston	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Faye Appling	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Yvonne Saunders Arrington	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
Karen Ann Atlas	Alpha Omega	Graduate Member
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