Season’s Greetings
A Sisterly Message from the Basileus

Greetings Sorors,

On December 5, 2013, the world said farewell to a great leader and peace maker, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela. Leaders from around the world came to say their final goodbye and give tribute to this remarkable man. Some of my favorite quotes by Mandela, are:

• “A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.”
• “It always seems impossible until it’s done.”
• “Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies.”
• “Any man who tries to rob me of my dignity will lose.”
• “Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”

As this year comes to a close Sorors, I ask which one of these quotes, if any, best describes your journey in 2013. As we prepare for the new year and begin anew, I would ask that you take this time to reflect on the good and the bad you experienced in 2013 and see how you can continue and/or improve them in 2014.

December is a special time of year when we celebrate the Holidays with family and friends...whether it be Hanukkah, Christmas, or Kwanza. I hope that you will enjoy this time and that you relax and remember the reason for the season. I wish you many blessings and much joy.

We have much more to do in the new year and I look forward to working with each of you in 2014. Things only continue to get better for our chapter and I know that next year will be a stellar year for Kappa Omega.

I could not end this year without saying thank you to the officers, Basileus Council, committee chairmen, committee members, chapter members, Ivy Community Foundation Board of Directors and foundation members for all of your support and all of the hardwork you continue to do in the name of Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

With Sisterly Love,

Soror Franka H. Young
Basileus
2013 has been a very productive year for our global initiatives. We started this year celebrating MLK Jr. Day of Service at our own Ivy Community Center, collaborating with the other 13 metro chapters of our great sisterhood. Kappa Omega was one of the recipients to receive a $500 grant from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., in preparation for our Sunday Supper. Thanks to the hard work of Soror Anna Jones and her committee!

The young girls at Paul D. West Middle School are blessed to have such a dedicated group of Sorors working with them, encouraging high scholastic achievement! We donated pedometers to Spelman College in partnership with the Metro Atlanta Anti-Basilei Council and the American Heart Association for our 2013 MAFD. We were volunteers at the annual Focus Diabetes EXPO and then assisted with our health fair...all on the same day and in different locations! We helped feed the hungry, clothe the needy, and provided assistance to young girls and ladies who were victims of domestic abuse and human trafficking as they struggled to find their way back to mainstream society! Last month, our Forum on Human Trafficking not only brought awareness to this issue, but gave us strategies in which we as Sorors can assist to help eradicate human trafficking. Our Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy sponsored an outstanding workshop for Sorors to sharpen our leadership skills as we pursue leadership positions within our sorority and other organizations and institutions!

We have collaborated with other sororities and fraternities, outside agencies and institutions such as the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, My Sister’s House, Carrie Steele Pitts Home, Operation HOPE, National Coalition of 100 Black Women/North Georgia Chapter, Atlanta Union Mission, Juvenile Justice System, Fulton County School System, Atlanta Public Schools, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, just to name a few!!

Say what you may, but our scrapbooks and chapter exhibit at the SARC were great...and yes, we are going to compete next year for the awards. We are working smarter and not harder with Soror LeKeisha Jackson and her committee on our 2014 scrapbooks and chapter exhibit! The global initiatives are collaborating with Soror Vickie McAdams and the Technology Committee to ensure our service projects are posted on our website for all to see and participate. We are and will continue to make a difference in the lives of those we touch!!

The Metro Atlanta Anti-Basilei Council (MAABC) is busy putting the final touches to our 2014 EYL Summit. The date is January 18, 2014. The place is the Coretta Scott King Academy for Girls; the time is 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. The cost for Sorors is $10.00. The lead chapter is Kappa Omega. Please come and support this worthwhile event!

Additionally, we are preparing for our 2014 MAFD Service Project. Saturday, November 23, 2013, your Sorors from Kappa Omega, Nu Lambda Omega, Pi Alpha Omega, and Sigma Omega Omega were at the Carrie Steele Pitts Home refurbishing a dormitory for 10 beautiful and grateful girls! It was indeed, a labor of love and you could feel it! A narrative, along with pictures will be on display at the MAFD Luncheon, February 1, 2014. Finally, the MAABC will meet this month to say good-bye and job well done to the outgoing Anti-Basilei and welcome and congratulate the incoming Anti-Basilei.

My dear Sorors, it has been my privilege to serve and represent you as your Anti-Basileus and Program Chairman for these past four years. This journey has indeed been a blessing for me and I hope for you as well, and yes, I will continue to work for and serve Kappa Omega Chapter with sisterly love. Thank you.

With Sisterly Love and Appreciation,

Soror Icey L. Johnson
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2013 Marked the 90th Anniversary of our beloved Kappa Omega chapter. This year marked the year of wonderful events that were publicized across our community, state and beyond. Below is a review of the articles that were submitted to our local media, and the Ivy Leaf Magazine.

Goals listed in the January Edition of the Sisterhood Connection were, to ensure that:
1- Publicize Kappa Omega events in the Ivy Leaf Magazine and in the local media (newspapers, radio, television, and social media).
2- Maximize our exposure for our events and service projects.
3- Purchase a camera for the chapter to use

How were those goals met during the 2013 year?
1- Increased publicity in the Ivy Leaf Magazine (several articles published in 2013)
2- Increased publicity in the local media (several articles published in 2013)
3- Worked very closely with the Technology committee to increase our publicity in the social media through Facebook and Twitter Accounts.
4- Camera was purchased for the chapter.

KAPPA OMEGA IS DEFINITELY BEING SEEN IN THE COMMUNITY AND BEYOND!

January will mark the deadline for the next Ivy Leaf Submission. We are preparing to submit an article for each category: Chapter News, Spotlight Achievements, Social Settings (if applicable) and Ivy Beyond the Wall.
1-Chapter programs - Protect Our Children: Stop Human Trafficking Discussion Panel
2-Soror Spotlight - Anne Watts Sisterly Yours,

Sisterly Submitted,
Soror Charlotte Moore Atkins, Chairman
Soror Bettye Dobbs, Co-Chairman

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Protocol Points

A KAPPA OMEGA CHAPTER MEMBER:

- Maintains all sorority documents in a safe and secure location in the home - (i.e. chapter financial reports, written reports, chapter bylaws, etc.)
- Maintains proper decorum in business meetings.
- Maintains proper decorum at chapter sponsored events.
- Participates in chapter activities and events and attends all ceremonies.
- Maintains chapter business within the chapter.
- Accepts committee appointments.
- Volunteers to work on chapter projects.
- Pays all dues and assessments promptly.
- Participates in leadership training sessions at the chapter, regional, and/or international levels.
- Offers commendations to sorors for a job well done.
- Offers constructive criticism with the intent of being a part of the solution and avoids undue criticism.
- Welcomes visitors and new sorors to the chapter to help them experience a friendly, warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Soror LeKeisha D. Jackson
Ivy Leaf Reporter
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Greetings Sorors:

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Sisterly,

Soror Sheila Driver
Chairman

Soror Katrina Wilson
Co-Chairman

Initiative V – Social Justice and Human Rights

Emerging Young Leaders

2014 Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) Youth Summit

We Need Your Support

The 2014 Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) Youth Summit will be January 18, 2014 at the Coretta Scott King Young Women’s Leadership Academy. This event is a collaborative effort of all 14 Metro Atlanta chapters. As a part of the community service initiative for the youth summit, we are collecting items to be donated to the Veteran’s Empowerment Organization of Georgia (VEO). VEO’s mission is to provide the appropriate assistance to veterans who are neglected and homeless in the state of Georgia. One of the VEO’s housing units recently suffered a fire and as a result, the organization is in real need of our help.

Each chapter in the Metro Atlanta area has been asked to collect an item in this effort. The item that has been requested of Kappa Omega to donate is male deodorant. Sorors of Kappa Omega can contribute to this initiative by bringing male deodorant to the December & January chapter meetings.

Donations collected from all Metro Atlanta chapters will be compiled and presented to a VEO representative at the EYL Youth Summit. Please contact Soror Tameka Dukes (tameka.dukes@gmail.com) for more information.

Sisterly,

Soror Tameka Dukes
Co-Chairman

Social Justice & Human Rights

Metro Atlanta Founder’s Day Project Collaboration

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Initiative V – Social Justice and Human Rights
Support our Capital Campaign

Creating Global Opportunities For Success

Please support our capital campaign in the creation of

Kappa Omega Chapter
EAF Endowment

Initiated in April 2013 to commemorate our chapter's 90th anniversary.

Our goal for this year is to raise $5,000 in order to become part of the Foundation's restricted funds.

Your participation and funding is invaluable as we fund the futures of our brightest stars in the name of our Sorority.

Kappa Omega Sorors are asked to make a donation of $15.00 or more by December 21, 2013 to help ensure our goal comes to fruition.

Please make checks payable to Kappa Omega.

We give special recognition to Soror Marjorie H. Young for her generous donation of $50.00. We deeply appreciate her gracious support.

Soror Natalee Bryant
EAF Captain

Hodegos Report

Condolences
The wake for Doris George, mother of Soror Vernita Dixon Winn was held Thursday, December 12th in Moultrie, GA. The funeral was held Friday, December 13th, at Mother Easter Baptist Church.

Prayer Request
Sorors Toni Terry and Pamela Morris are asking for prayers for their father and husband, Tommy Morris, who suffered a heart attack, underwent surgery and has been placed in an induced coma. Prayers for traveling grace are also needed as he is being cared for at Georgia Regents Medical Center in Augusta.

Please keep our sorors and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Soror Fredreca S. King

Membership MATTERS!!!

If you know any inactive Sorors, please give their names and contact information to the membership committee so that we can contact them.

Soror Anna Jones, Chairman
Soror Ethel Foster, Co-Chairman
Soror Bettye Johnson, Co-Chairman

A Sisterly Holiday Celebration

The Sisterly Relations Committee will host another Pot Luck Dinner this Saturday following chapter meeting. Please contact Sorors Tireon Rucker at (404) 375-1598 and Mable Ann Jenkins at (770) 732-6009, if you would like to participate.

Soror Tuwaner Lamar, Chairman
Soror Tireon Rucker, Co-chairman
The Kappa Omega Website has Launched

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Vickie McAdams, Chairman
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Anna Jones
Fredreca S. King
Franka H. Young

Please contact us with your comments and/or questions at info@ko1923.org
A Message from the President

Many thanks to the sorors who supported our Madame C J Walker Opera Fund Raiser.

The Foundation thanks everyone from the deepest part of the board’s thoughts and prayers for their support.

The requests for funds for the Children of Gate City is still open and any amount will be a real blessing. Gifts for the Nursery Group should be sent to the Ivy Community Foundation, Inc. (tax deductible) and marked prominently for the Gate City Nursery Association, Inc. We are still accepting them.

Thanks for all you do for Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Foundation!

Ms. Willieboyd Saddler, President
Ivy Community Foundation, Inc.

2014 Pink Cultured Pearl Cotillion

The 2013-2014 Debutante Program & Cotillion will be starting very soon and we are looking forward to a wonderful year. We are looking to have at least 30 pre debs and 30 debs.

Please see me for more information. Also, we are always looking for more committee members so please let me know if you are interested.

Sincerely,
Soror Billette Owens Ashford
Debutante Cotillion Chairman
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Foundation New Center Projects

Have you noticed a new face to our building including the signage? Thanks to Thelma Bowen and her group for the signage and Delores Cross and her group for the painting of the front of the building. Thanks to all of those Sorors who participated financially to make these accomplishments possible. There are other groups working to accomplish additional projects. Please join one of them. There will be sign-up sheets again at our next meeting.

- Francis Pinkston – steps to main floor
- Mae Austin – water leaks
- Billette Owens-Ashford – front entrance
- Sherry Ware – audio system
- Ethel Mallory – black top parking lot
- Shirlene Johnson – baseboards
- Linda Thompson – garden room air

Let’s all join together to make our building the showcase we want it to be.
Important Dates to Remember

December 21, 2013 Chapter Meeting - 12:30 p.m., Ivy Community Center. Holiday Celebration to follow meeting.

February 1, 2014 - Metro Atlanta Founders’ Day Celebration

“A Timeless Heirloom of Elegance, Service and Sisterhood”

Location: Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel, 265 Peachtree Center Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Attire: Pink and Green (No Pants); Style: Vintage to 2014

Ticket Prices: $55 (Early registration: Ends Nov. 18, 2013), $65 (Late Registration: Ends Jan. 13, 2014)

For additional questions, contact Soror Keena M. McClendon, Kappa Omega MAFD Representative, (678) 242-9672 or keenamcc@me.com.

February 17, 2014 – AKA Day at the Capitol

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