

*Welcome
to
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Rho Zeta Omega Chapter*

**2019
Visitor's Packet**



www.akarhozetaomega.org

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Rho Zeta Omega Chapter



**Soror Angela Sumbry
Basileus 2019-2020**

Welcome Sorors, but there is no need to say you are welcome. Can't you feel it in the atmosphere? The look upon our faces should show you that we are glad you're here. On behalf of the members of Rho Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. I want to thank you for joining us today.

This is an exciting time in our sorority as we implement the 2018-2022 International Program **Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable ServiceSM** under the leadership of our Supreme Basileus Soror Glenda Glover and our South Atlantic Regional Director Soror Carolyn Randolph. The information shared with you today includes additional details related to the International Program, summary of chapter operations and financial information. Members of the Membership and Financial committees are available to answer any questions you may have.

We welcome you with gratitude, from the depths of our hearts. We are glad you are here and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Sisterly,

Angela

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Financial Secretary	Deborah Haynes
Asst. Financial Secretary	Trish Atwater
Hostess	Wenona Watson
Sergeant-at-Arms	Little Brown
Parliamentarian	Kim Boyd
Ivy Leaf Reporter	Taylor McGhee
Graduate Advisor	Priscilla Moye
Historian	Brenda Jordan
Chaplain	Tasha Hurley
Custodian	Hope Cheeks
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Program	Rhonda Robinson
Archives	Brenda Jordan
Awards	La'Keesha Dickerson/Jillian Horsey
Budget and Finance	Maxie Kirk Williams
Bylaws	Kim Boyd
Connection	Nichelle Davis/Camile Jones
Educ Advancement Foundation	Cassandra Johnson
Fundraising	Niska Soles/Turea Flowers
Membership	Vanessa Tossie/Padeitra Moorer
Nominating	Sarah elaine Jones
Protocol	Victoria Jenkins/Kristie Woods
Public Relations/Newsletter Editor	Taylor McGhee
Rituals	Cheryl Smith
Sisterhood	Wenona Watson/Nicole Holmes
Standards	Lauren Johnson
Undergraduate Advisory	Nicol Lewis Bell
Technology	Monya Tomlinson
Special Liaisons and Foundation	
The PEARL Foundation, Inc.	Gloria Nichols, President
Program Committee Chairmen	
HBCU For Life – A Call To Action	Krystl White-Hardy/Anita McMurtry
Scholarship	Tommye Campbell/Hope Cheeks
Women's Healthcare and Wellness	Camille Nelson/Sonya Allen
Building Your Economic Legacy	Little Brown/LaKiesha Harris
The Arts	Jennifer Turner
Global Impact	Shondre Clemons/Toysha Massey
Kids Club	Lois Phillips/Michelle Doles-Smith/Pamela Thompson
#CAP	Kim Boyd/Victoria Jenkins
Golden Citizens	Cassandra Hollifield/Linda Staten/Paula Coleman
Special Appointments	
MAFD	Andrea Clark/Toiya Jones/Daphne Moore
Cobb County National Pan-Hellenic Council	Daphne Moore

Chapter Committee Participation

Each member is expected to join and actively participate on at least **one standing committee and one program committee**.

RHO ZETA OMEGA PROGRAMS: IT'S WHAT WE DO!!!

If you have questions about any of the program committees, please contact Soror Rhonda Robinson at ryryvette@gmail.com or at 404-401-9185

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Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service

HBCU For Life – A Call To Action	Women’s Healthcare and Wellness	Building Your Economic Legacy Building	The Arts
<p>Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue its focus on education with an emphasis on historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters will promote and market historically black colleges and universities and encourage students to attend HBCUs as a sustainability measure. Activities will include researching and publishing information regarding prominent Alpha Kappa Alpha women and other notable individuals who attended HBCUs. • Recognizing that HBCU funding is one of the primary obstacles that threaten the long-term growth and survival of HBCUs, members will be encouraged to financially support HBCUs. Alpha Kappa Alpha will implement an <i>AKA HBCU</i> 	<p>Alpha Kappa Alpha will continue to raise community awareness of critical health issues impacting African-American women. The primary focuses will be breast cancer awareness and prevention, heart health, nutrition and wellness, and care for the caregivers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Cancer Awareness and Prevention will focus specifically on early detection through mammograms to improve the survival rate of women diagnosed with breast cancer. Alpha Kappa Alpha will own a digital <i>AKA Mobile Breast Cancer Screening Unit</i> that will travel to various locations and provide mammogram screening. Chapters will partner with local clinics, rural health centers, and hospitals to emphasize the need for African- 	<p>Alpha Kappa Alpha will emphasize financial planning, asset accumulation, and wealth building including savings and investments, managing debt, and improving credit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Financial Planning and Asset Accumulation. Financial Freedom Legacy Workshops will be conducted in partnership with local certified financial planners who will share information on saving, investing, and retirement planning. Chapters will train community residents on ways to perform financial assessments to achieve their financial goals. • Credit Repair and Monitoring. This initiative will focus on ways to repair credit and improve credit scores including how to check for inaccurate or 	<p>Alpha Kappa Alpha will expose students to arts enrichment and culture by focusing on visual and performing arts and by showcasing talent through the exploration of writers, entertainers and various other artists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salute to the Harlem Renaissance will celebrate the contributions of African-American artists during the Harlem Renaissance through student research and chapter sponsorship of student talent showcases. This initiative will correlate with HBCUs and African-American culture and will include colleges with art collections. • Salute to the Black Arts Movement will focus on student research and celebration of African-American artists during the Black Arts Movement. Chapters will

Endowment Initiative in partnership with EAF, in which an endowed scholarship will be established at each accredited four-year HBCU. The goal is to stamp the Alpha Kappa Alpha brand of financial support on each HBCU campus to help students remain in school, complete their course of study, and receive their college degrees.

American women to receive regular mammograms.

- **Heart Health** remains a focus as the sorority enhances its commitment to healthy hearts through fitness activities and walking. Chapters will be encouraged to form walking clubs and to invite the community to join the walking initiatives.

- **Nutrition and Wellness** will emphasize healthy lifestyles including prenatal, childhood, adult, and senior nutrition programs. The focus will be on structured nutrition initiatives, and chapters will partner with local nutritionists and dieticians to design healthy eating plans and safe diets for longer, healthier living.

- **Care for the Caregivers** places emphasis on taking care of those who take care of others. Chapters will emphasize the need for caregivers to practice preventive healthcare as well as self-care behavior to eliminate the vulnerabilities and risks associated with the stress of caregiving.

outdated information in credit reports, and how to protect against both identity theft and unauthorized credit history use.

- **Entrepreneurship and the Black Dollar 365.** This initiative will highlight and promote successful African-American owned businesses with an aim toward spawning new entrepreneurial ventures in our communities by encouraging intentional support and leveraging the power of the black dollar 365 days a year.

- **Operation AKA Assist.** This initiative will focus on implementing programs to assist those in need in various communities by directing attention to the plight of the homeless, including homeless children, and homeless veterans. Chapters will partner with or adopt a shelter, a transitional home or an organization that provides assistance to these needy populations.

champion activities that express the movement message and highlight members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority who served as leaders and participants. Activities will include art events, poetry slams, dancing, painting, and performing arts.

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Global Impact	#CAP	Kids Club	Golden Citizens
<p>Alpha Kappa Alpha will engage in programming designed to enhance the international footprint of the sorority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Global Impact Day. Chapters will engage in a community service project that has an international impact and will partner with organizations that make a difference worldwide. • Global Assistance Activities. Chapters will engage in global partnerships that provide assistance to the underserved in international areas populated with people of color. These partnerships include the following: <p>Soles 4 Souls. Chapters will collect gently-worn</p>	<p>Alpha Kappa Alpha will assist students as they seek admission to college by providing guidance and support in completing the application and enrollment process through the 2019-2022 Signature Program, #CAPSM.</p> <p>Too many African-American high school students lack the basic support needed to navigate through the college admissions process. Through #CAPSM, chapters will partner with local high schools and youth groups to bridge the gap between high school and college by demystifying the college application and enrollment process. This educational initiative will</p>	<p>The Kids Club Program provides opportunities for students in the 3rd through 5th grade to participate in activities and receive information on the concepts of earning, saving and spending money wisely, health eating lifestyles, self-esteem building and other related activities.</p>	<p>The Golden Citizens program provides activities and outings designed to raise awareness about financial, health and community concerns relevant to seniors while providing an opportunity to fellowship and obtain valuable information and services.</p>

shoes and transport the shoes to specified locations. Soles 4 Souls, a non-profit organization, will process and ship shoes to destinations around the world populated with people of color.

Lions Club International. Chapters will participate in an eyeglass initiative designed to prevent blindness, help restore eyesight, and improve eye health and eye care for millions of people around the world by donating used eyeglasses in partnership with local Lions Clubs.

Pillowcase Project. Chapters will continue to use pillowcases to make dresses for little girls and will expand the sorority's efforts to include shirts for little boys. The pillowcase dresses and shirts will be sent to Haiti to provide clothing for children in need.

• **Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP).** Chapters will focus on refugees of color in the United States by partnering with organizations engaged in support activities that assist refugees and their families to integrate into American life. This includes literacy classes, educational training, and other necessary transitional support.

extend to all colleges and universities, both HBCUs and non-HBCUs.

#CAPSM is a step-by-step approach to facilitate college admission from researching various institutions and submitting applications through completion of the enrollment process. Chapters will assist students in completing college applications, preparing for the ACT and SAT, writing compelling personal statements, identifying scholarships and other financial aid, and compiling a portfolio to track college admission results. Through **#CAPSM**, Alpha Kappa Alpha will improve the trajectory of the lives of talented

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This program is conducted at Park Street Elementary and Lockheed Elementary. The sessions are held quarterly and based on scheduled activities usually from 4pm -5pm.

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Events are held at Johnny Walker retirement home and Signature Healthcare, usually Six. The last activity for the year is a Christmas Dinner at Zion Baptist Church.

Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for establishing the criteria and the selection process of the recipients of the annual scholarship. This scholarship was established in 1988 and since the creation of the scholarship the chapter has awarded over \$235,000 in scholarship funds to young ladies who graduated from Marietta and Cobb County Schools.

Basic Time Commitment:

This committee begins work in December with the distribution of the scholarship applications and culminates in May with the Scholarship Awards Reception after the May chapter meeting

Rho Zeta Omega Standing Committees

Committee Name	Description	2018 Chairman
Awards	This committee is responsible for recommending criteria and managing activities for chapter internal and external awards. It is responsible for chapter entries for regional, national, and international awards.	Soror La'Keesha Dickerson Soror Jillian Horsey
Archives	The Archives Committee shall be responsible for documenting the history of the chapter activities through collaboration with the Program and Public Relations Committee. The Historian will serve as the chairperson of this committee.	Soror Brenda Jordan
Budget and Finance	This committee is responsible for preparing the annual budget; evaluating budget requests; and proposing recommendations.	Soror Maxie Kirk Williams
Bylaws	This committee is responsible for reviewing the chapter bylaws annually; proposing changes to the chapter; revising bylaws; and distributing amended bylaws to chapter members after adoption in a timely manner. The committee will raise awareness on constitution and bylaws knowledge and parliamentary procedure with the members.	Soror Kim Boyd
Connection	This committee is responsible for identifying national and local issues that impact the quality of life. It coordinates the chapter's participation in AKA Day at the Capitol and other political activities.	Soror Nichelle Davis Soror Camile Jones
Fundraising	This committee is responsible for proposing, planning, and implementing effective, profitable, goal-oriented fundraising activities via the PEARL Foundation that supports for program activities. There will not be a fundraiser in 2016.	Soror Niska Soles Soror Camile Jones
Membership	This committee is responsible for the reactivation of inactive Sorors, new member orientation, membership socials, publication of annual chapter directory/handbook, the mentoring program, and planning the membership intake process when applicable.	Soror Vanessa Tossie Soror Padeitra Mooror

Rho Zeta Omega Standing Committees (cont.)

Committee Name	Description	2016 Chairman
Protocol	The Protocol Committee shall use the Official Guide to Alpha Kappa Alpha Protocol as the basis for establishing protocol. The committee is responsible for conducting protocol workshops; ensuring chapter members are informed of appropriate attire for events; serving in an advisory capacity whenever the chapter plans or hosts receptions, fundraisers, regional conferences, Boules or other special events.	Soror Victoria Jenkins Soror Kristie Woods
Public Relations	This committee is responsible for coordinating and publishing the monthly chapter newsletter; establishing relationships with the local media; and providing chapter news to the local media and <i>The Ivy Leaf</i> .	Soror Taylor McGhee
Rituals	This committee is responsible for the facilitation of all chapter rituals.	Soror Cheryl Smith
Sisterhood	This committee is responsible for the social well being of the chapter. It plans activities, which promote sisterhood and the morale of members of the chapter.	Soror Wenona Watson Soror Nicole Holmes
Standards	This committee is responsible for the evaluation of chapter policy, practices, procedures, and activities. It will identify skills and specific responsibilities for the officer and chairman positions; facilitate leadership development strategies; coordinate the annual chapter planning session/retreat and officers/committee chairman workshop.	Soror Lauren Johnson
Technology	This committee is responsible for addressing the technological needs of the chapter such as maintaining the website and assisting sorors to access the Alpha Kappa Alpha websites (Corporate and Region)	Soror Monya Tomlinson
Graduate Advisory Committee	This committee is responsible for working with the Graduate Advisor in support of the undergraduate chapter at Kennesaw State University, Pi Phi Chapter. To be on this committee you must meet the requirements to work with undergraduates and complete the Graduate Advisor's Certification.	Soror Priscilla Moye

Nominating (ELECTED) -5 Sorors	The Nominating Committee shall consist of 5 members elected by the chapter. The chairman shall be appointed by the Basileus from those elected to the committee. This committee shall select not more than 3 nominees for each office. The committee shall circulate the slate of officers to the chapter in November.	
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When You Need To Ask Questions....

Here is contact information when you have questions:

Basileus

Overall leadership, vision, and chapter operations
 Soror Angela Sumbry
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Chapter Programs

When you need to ask questions about the chapter programs, time commitments and overviews, contact:

Soror Rhonda Robinson, Anti-Basileus and Program Chairman
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Financial Information

When you need to ask questions about chapter dues, membership transfer or reactivation, Corporate Office Improvement Project (COIP) contact:

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The chapter's website - www.akarhozetaomega.org

The chapter news/events, officers, and general information can be found on the website.

Follow-us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Rho-Zeta-Omega-Chapter-of-Alpha-Kappa-Alpha-Sorority-Inc/112430105439382

The PEARL Foundation, Inc. website is www.ThePEARLFoundationGA.org

Soror Gloria Nichols, PEARL Foundation President

Soror Chanda Caldwell, PEARL Foundation Treasurer – 1789 Millview Dr., Marietta, GA 30062

2019 Membership Dues and Per Capita

Rho Zeta Omega Sorors Dues - \$320.00

\$125.00 Per Capita
\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$175.00 Dues
\$320.00

Sorors transferring to Rho Zeta Omega - \$320.00 - (Sorors who were financial with a chapter other than Rho Zeta Omega in 2018, will need a **signed** transfer form from the last chapter of active membership).

\$125.00 Per Capita
\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$175.00 Dues
\$320.00

Reactivating Soror - \$350.00 - Sorors who have been non-financial for one or more years. Sorors active since 2004 will also need a **signed** transfer form from their previous graduate chapter. These sorors will also need to complete a reactivation form. **Reactivating sorors are not required to pay late fees.**

\$155.00 Per Capita
\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$175.00 Dues
\$350.00

Life Member Sorors in Rho Zeta Omega - \$195.00 - Sorors who have met the life membership requirements

\$175.00 Dues
\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$195.00

Life Membership Requirements - Sorors must be a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha for a minimum of 25 years.

\$100 - 50 years of financial service
\$550 - 10 consecutive financial years preceding application
\$750 - Any 10 years financial
** \$100 minimum installment payment

Golden Sorors - \$145.00

\$125.00 Per Capita
\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$145.00

Life Member and Golden Soror - \$20.00

\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$ 20.00

COIP - \$200.00 - Sorors who were initiated before 1994 more than likely have not paid COIP. This is a mandatory payment for all sorors before becoming financial with any chapter.

For undergraduate sorors who graduate and transfer to Rho Zeta Omega in the same year they graduate, no membership fees are required. Only the transfer verification form and PEARL dues of \$10 will be required. **Full dues will be required for the next year.** (Example - Soror graduates in May 2019 and transfers to Rho Zeta Omega between June 2019 and December 2019)

Undergraduate Sorors transferring to Rho Zeta Omega the year after Graduation - \$237.50

\$125.00 Per Capita
\$ 10.00 PEARL Foundation
\$ 10.00 EAF
\$ 92.50 Dues
\$237.50

Chapter Name Badges - Chapter name badges are **\$10**. The badges include the chapter name and your name. If you lost yours, you can reorder a badge.

Rho Zeta Omega Pay Pal – pzopayments@gmail.com

PEARL Foundation PayPal - pearlfoundatdonation@gmail.com

Refer to Paypal website or Paypal online calculator for fees that should be included with payments to insure that correct amounts are received.

The chapter's programs are funded by an annual fundraiser or assessment. This year (2019) Rho Zeta Omega members will be assessed \$245. Sorors may obtain sponsorships and company matches when they exist, to help cover the cost of the assessment. (The assessment is prorated or may not be due, depending on when a Soror joins the chapter). This year's assessment includes; 2 tickets to Art & Soul, 1 early registration ticket for the Dashing Through the Square 5K, and a \$90 cash assessment, these all add up to the \$245 assessment.

Chapter Meetings and Locations

Rho Zeta Omega meets every second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. EST. We meet January through June and September through December. Chapter meetings are held at, Campbell Middle School, 3295 S. Atlanta Road, Smyrna, GA 30080. Please note that the dates, time, or location is subject to change, so please reconfirm by checking our website or contact us at membership.pzo@gmail.com prior to attending a meeting.

Business attire is required for all chapter meetings, unless otherwise specified by the Chapter Basileus. The following items are examples that are not allowed at chapter meetings (i.e. AKA paraphernalia, jeggings, jeans, sweats, shorts, halters/tank tops, flip-flops, sneakers, windbreakers, etc.). For other guidance, refer to the Protocol Manual.

Directions to the Chapter Meeting

Directions to Campbell Middle School - 3295 S. Atlanta Road, Smyrna, GA 30080

- From 285 – Southbound
 - Take Exit 18 Paces Ferry Road and turn right.
 - Continue on Paces Ferry Road to Atlanta Road
 - Turn right on Atlanta Rd
- From 285- Northbound
 - Take Exit 16 Atlanta Road and turn left and cross the overpass



Alpha Kappa Alpha National Song

J. Marjorie Jackson

Through the years as we struggle
With main and with might
To capture a vision fair
There is one thing that spurs us
To victory's height
With a fellowship sincere and rare.

Chorus

Oh, Alpha Kappa Alpha,
Dear, Alpha Kappa Alpha
Hearts that are loyal
And hearts that are true
By merit and culture
We strive and we do
Things that are worthwhile,
And with a smile,
We help each other
For we know there's no other
Like our sisterhood
Alpha Kappa Alpha

So together anew
We will pledge our faith
And united we'll forge a way,
Greater laurels to win
Greater tasks to begin
To thy honor and glory today.

