



THE PINK AND GREEN GAZETTE PRESENTS

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TWENTY PEARLS OF PINK AND GREEN LIGHT

TARGET PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



SUSTAINABLE SERVICE WITH IMPACT





Greetings Sorors,

Welcome back from the summer hiatus which was nonetheless filled with chapter activity. While we were taking respite from normal chapter activities, we were still fully engaged in wonderful events.

Our summer included the RLO Expo, Lip Sync Battle, Leadership Seminar and the Undergraduate Round-up. Each event provided learning experiences and the opportunity to enhance sisterly relationships. The RLO Family Reunion/Chapter Retreat was a phenomenal event, full of sisterly bonding.

We are positioned to finish 2019 strong Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service with impactful events to successfully implement our program targets. Our chairmen, and their respective committees, have surpassed their pre-set goals by adding extra helpings of love, dedication, innovation, sisterhood and commitment to the recipe of excellence. The extra ingredients included increased the probability that the service provided was valuable to community, made a notable impact and is sustainable beyond the event presented.

Remember, if ALL of us work together, our sisterhood can make a difference in our chapter, our community and our world. We are the Rho Lambda Omega Chapter! A Chapter that is “Ignited by Service, Powered by Sisterhood” and on Target to Excellence!

Yours in Service,

Kimberly R. Smith, Ph. D.
Basileus

Editorial Insights



When Madam Supreme, Glenda Glover, announced the “Excellence” theme for her administration, my anticipation of what might be accomplished throughout the sorority over the next few years was heightened. Her call for the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to EXEMPLIFY EXCELLENCE in our every undertaking was almost like putting us on notice that we needed to step up our game. Not that service is a game, but in all that we do and the manner in which we do it... should every day and in every way, exemplify the excellence of the Serious Matter that is Alpha Kappa Alpha.

The two words...Exemplify and Excellence commands that we give our best representation of Alpha Kappa Alpha. It is important that service not only be something we do in our sorority life, but a commitment that is a lifestyle and a part of who we are. It is when the crowd is gone and the camera is no longer flashing that we can retreat into our private sanctuaries and give thanks that our intentions are pure and our services is not just for show...it is for real.

DeLeslie Graham, Editor

Awareness



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SIS Says

God Is Not Limited

By Soror Sharon Slater

Being a Soror means being busy. Sometimes we may find ourselves needing to be in two, no three, places at the same time. But, since we are only one person, we are limited by time and space. If the committee meeting is at 6:00 o'clock and our daughter's recital is at the same time, we can only be at one place at one time. We do our best. We give our best. But we have limits. Often, we get frustrated that we can't be two places at the same time or that we can't be all things to all people.

God, however, is perpetual. His presence is constant in our lives. He is not limited by time or space. He sees you trying and He is watching over you. When you're doing all that you can do, SIS be reminded that God has His hands on you. Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6 KJV





Connecting the Community to Black-Owned Businesses!



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Below: Sherry Wallace of Envision Management Solutions with Mechelle Green.



Far left: Second Supreme Anti-Basileus Hollye Weekes pictured with Kimberly Russ and Mechelle Green





FITNESS FRONTAGE ROAD



When Mechelle Green began laying out the plans for Target 3 Economic Legacy, she and President Kimberly Smith Russ discussed the possibilities that proper execution of activities would have towards the sustainable excellence outlined by the International Office. Importantly, they agreed that the activities should be designed to make a sustainable and lasting impact on the Jackson, MS community. As the vision of a Black Business Expo began to develop and come into view, Mechelle Green prayed about it and began to design a program of activities that would result in a Black Business Expo which would become one of the most successful and impressive undertakings in chapter history. The Economic Expo, held in the Jackson Medical Mall, stretched from the entrance of Jackson State University on the south end of the mall to the UMC Cancer Center at the north end of the facility accommodating more than 80 vendors and hosting more than 850 shoppers. Encompassing the five targets; Economic Legacy, Global Impact, HBCU for life, The Arts, and Women’s Wellness, attendees were offered a wide variety of activities beyond shopping with merchants. These activities included financial literacy workshops; health screenings; fashion shows; real world for young adults; kid’s zone; door prizes; fitness demonstrations; line dancing; tons of networking opportunities and food trucks for those who like to indulge in the “rolling cuisine.” Designated as an opportunity to connect the community to Black owned business, this expo was also the introduction to the Black Business 365 initiative which promotes intentionally spending money with Black businesses.



Above Dr. Sandra Carr Melvin collects donations for Soles for Soles and Eye Glasses for the Lions Club as a part of Target 5: Global Impact. Dr. Carr-Melvin also is responsible for the Open Arms Mobile Health Unit being on site for Health-Testing a part of Target 2: Women’s Health and other screenings.



Jackson State won the EXPO HBCU Tent Battle. Pictured top right JSU, Rust Collgeg. Below l-r Tougaloo, Rust and Alcorn.





Celebrity LIP SYNC BATTLE



Hosted by
RITA
BRENT

CELEBRITY JUDGES

 CHRISTIANA 99 Jams Morning Show	 TAMBRA CHERIE 97.7 FM Midday Diva	 KWASI MCCOY 97.7 FM Program Director	 JEWELL HILLERY WAPT Anchor
 ROB BENSON Rob Benson Design	 CRYSTAL WISE MARTIN Hinds Chancery Court Judge	 NIC LOTT PSC Candidate	



Celebrity LIP SYNC BATTLE



Below (l-r) Shana Cox, Inez Doe, Kimberly Russ, J Struktur and Melanie Sanders



And the Winners Are
HBCUs



The Lip Sync Battle is an Annual Event presented by Rho Lambda Omega Chapter to raise money for HBCU's. Thanks to the committee and chairmen Shana Cox and Melanie Sanders for a successful 2019 edition. Comedian Rita Brent was hilarious as the guest host. The Hide Away venue was packed, the entertainment was off the chain good with food and beverages available. There was even a television giveaway to add to the excitement. It was the perfect evening to step out for a good cause as seven celebrity entertainers strutted their stuff before seven celebrity judges and the audience.

Celebrity first place was tied between Inez Doe and J Struktur with Kinoy Brown placing second. Other entertainers included: EN-SYNO Dance Company 3rd; Roderick "Pastor Rich" Richardson 4th; Tony Yarber 5th; Mike Espy, Jr and D1 Fitness 6th; Angela Williams 7th; Amy Mart 8th. Celebrity Judges were Christiana, Tambra Cherie, Kwasi McCoy, Jewell Hillery, Rob Benson, Crystal Wise Martin and Nic Lott. Count it all joy with one more HBCU for Life Target was a success.

Sorors were in rare form as they provided a little strolling AKA Style.



HBCU WEEK



The Pink Hour

Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. joined with other chapters of the sorority nationwide in celebrating the rich history of these institutions during HBCU week, September 15-21. Lack of resources has not hindered the sustainable excellence in the accomplishments of these institutions



With events scheduled through-out the week, Rho Lambda Omega Chapter introduced it's "Pink Couch Sofa Series" where some of Mississippi's notable HBCU graduates such as Dr. Carmen Walters, Xavier University and President of Tougaloo College, Dr. Jerry Young, Rust College and President of the National Baptist Convention and Dr. Juanita Sims-Doty, Jackson State University and 23rd South Eastern Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. shared their HBCU experiences. The premier of the "Pink Couch Sofa Series" was held during the dinner hour in the Renaissance Room of Johnny T's Bistro in the Historic Farish Street District where members of the sorority and the public viewed pre-filmed segments. Others interviewed include Dr. Kimberly Smith Russ, Alcorn State University and President of the Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Ryshonda Harper-Beecham, Jackson State University and Mayor of Pelahatchie, Mississippi); Carolyn Upkins, Mississippi Valley State University and Former President of Rho Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Melanie Sanders; Spelman College and owner of LuxLife PR Firm.



The series which proved to be a dynamic undertaking by chairpersons Shana Cox and Melanie Sanders can be found on the chapter's You Tube channel: RLOAKA 1908

(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_5remvrefkKO1rsKYYK_Xw) where the chapter will also post other media related information of interest to the general public.



Have Pink Sofa Will Travel

Soror Shana Cox makes it look easy as she sets up and dismantles the traveling pink sofa to put it in the truck to go on to see who's sitting on the "Pink Sofa" next.



Ice Cream Social

HBCU Social

Rho Lambda Omega Chapter, in collaboration with the Ebony Pearl Foundation, kicked off the celebration of HBCU Week September 15 with an Ice Cream Social at Sal and Mookie's New York Pizza and Ice Cream Joint. The Restaurant is a favorite among Jacksonians. The Restaurant features an ice cream shop in the heart of the restaurant making it the perfect place to kickoff HBCU Week of activities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. designated the Week of September 16th through September 22, 2019 as National HBCU Week highlighting the contributions of HBCUs and their alumni. During this week the Madam Supreme once again led the HBCU Impact Day with "One Million Dollars" raised by the membership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Rho Lambda Omega participated in the HBCU Member for Life National Alumni Association Drive; The Pink Hour Introducing the "Pink Sofa Series; Pretty & Educated "Wear your HBCU Gear"; and the ongoing Show Us Your Stub Social Media Campaign.

Submitted by Diane Clincy





Sisterhood and Spirit: A Pink and Green Reunion

Chapter Retreat

The amount of time doesn't matter as much as the quality of the time that the members of Rho Lambda Omega spend enjoying each other's company. That is why co-chairing of the 2019 Retreat was a joy and an exciting undertaking for former Basileus Sallie Vaughn and Mary Dixon. Themed "Sisterhood and Spirit: A Pink and Green Reunion," sorors were ask to "Rep their schools" by wearing their letters and be reminded that regardless of different schools as AKA's "We are Family."

Soror Ada Gater and Rosie Payton served as presenters. To make it really special, Soror Carolyn Upkins, former Basileus and chef extraordinaire, prepared a meal fit for the queens that we are. The lunch was an event in itself catered to perfection.

The retreat was a great success and well-rounded with team building games, line dancing, photo booth and school group photo shoots.



Soror Sallie Vaughn



Soror Ada Gater



Soror Carolyn Upkins

Rep Your School



We Are One



Alpha Kappa Alpha Impact Day



Members of Rho Lambda Omega Chapter along with members of other chapters joined together for the International Day of Prayer at Anderson United Methodist Church in Jackson, Mississippi. Following the service President Kimberly Smith Russ, Vice President Gloria Salters and some of the chapter members fellowshiped at Monte's Restaurant in Byram, Mississippi. Choosing Monte's Restaurant was a part of the Economic Empowerment Legacy Target, Black Business 365 initiative.



Left: Catherine Walker and her husband and Rosie Peyton



L-R- Mechelle Green, Vanessa Wilbert. Shana Cox, news anchor Maggie Wade Dixon, Kimberly Russ, Monte, Leyser Hayes, Cassandra Brown, DeLeslie Graham and Greta Burgess



Mississippi State-wide Cluster

Walking in Our Purpose:

Engaged, Enlightened, Energized

The 2019 Mississippi Statewide Cluster convened at the Clyde Muse Center in Pearl, Mississippi on September 21, 2019. Presiding over the conference was Soror Jorri S. Davis co-chairman. As Regional Director Mitzi Dease Paige rose to the occasion, she thanked the Southeastern Region Mississippi sorors for Walking in Our Purpose: Engaged, Enlightened and Energized. Under the direction of Persharon M. Dixon, MD, the Mississippi Statewide Coordinator, host chapters Omega Beta Omega and Upsilon Upsilon Omega showed excellence in the preparation of activities for the attending sorors.

Always an important part of the business of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are the workshops that keep sorors abreast of changes and directives that are implemented for the protection of the sorority's perpetuity. Soror Toni Wallace Franklin of Phi Lambda Omega Chapter presented a workshop on Risk Management and Soror Carolyn Upkins, former president of Rho Lambda Omega, presented a workshop on Conflict Resolution. Greetings were brought by Sorors Edshundra Gary, Luncheon Chairman (Omega Beta Omega) and Carmen J. Walters, President of Tougaloo College (Basileus, Theta Zeta Omega).





Breast Cancer Awareness



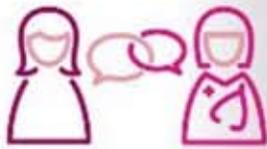
Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates that an estimated 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 62,930 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women. African American women experience a lower risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer as compared to Caucasian women, yet they paradoxically experience a higher risk of breast cancer mortality. Let's take action now. Commit to decrease the harmful effects of breast cancer by providing education and raising awareness of early detection. As we wear pink in support of breast cancer, let's make a difference in this fight!

Friday, October 18 – Dillard's Fit for the Cure – Northpark Mall Dillard's and RLO will partner to help fight breast cancer. Join us in the lingerie department from 10:00 A.M to 8:00 P.M. Come and be fitted for the proper size bra by a certified fitter and Dillard's will donate \$2 in your name to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. We will distribute "Pink Kits" with educational materials and demonstrate with breast cancer modules how to detect a lump. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, October 26 – American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk – MS State Capitol: Join the RLO team and let's make strides against breast cancer. RLO has a fundraising goal of \$1500. Please support our team with a \$10 donation. Team Name: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Rho Lambda Omega. Registration/check-in begins at 8:00 and the walk begins at 9:00 A.M. Specific meeting time and location TBD.



New Breast Cancer Screening Guideline for women with average risk



AGE 40

Talk with your doctor about when to begin screening. **Women should have the opportunity to begin screening** if they choose.



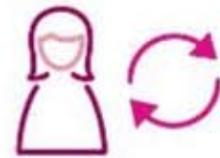
AGE 45

Begin **yearly mammograms** by age 45.



AGE 55

Transition to mammograms **every other year** at age 55 or continue with annual mammography, depending on your preferences.



AGE 55 +

Continue to **have regular mammograms** for as long as you're in good health.





Lambda Iota Chapter Milsaps College



**SOUTH EASTERN REGION
UNDERGRADUATE ROUND-UP**
PRETTY GIRLS WITH SUBSTANCE:
POLISHING OUR PERPETUAL PEARLS
FOR EXCELLENCE



The Undergraduate Roundup was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama on September 6th and 7th. Lambda Iota chapter members participated in the stroll off and did exceptionally well.

The Inaugural Graduate Advisors Council was held during the roundup and was attended by Sorors Kimberly Smith-Russ, Leyser Hayes, Vanessa Wilbert, Dionna Mitchell, Shelia Wilkerson, Regina Irvin and Antrice Smith.



Lambda Iota held it's Retreat on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at Milsaps College with Sorors Kimberly Smith Russ, Dionna Mitchell, Antrice Smith and Katina McCoy serving as presenters and/or assistants and retreat preparers. Lambda Iota is on the move.



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