



# Pink Rose Gazette



DECEMBER 2023

## Rho Omega Chapter

Quarterly  
Newsletter  
Publication

October  
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- Soror Kristen West
- Hodegos
- Soror Tempie Walton
- Zeta Graduate Advisor
- Soror Caye Elmore
- Beta Xi Graduate Advisor
- Soror Elana Elmore
- Parliamentarian
- Soror Lynn Ayers
- Chaplain
- Soror Gloria Dillon



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and Sisterhood"*

**Thank you for visiting our website. We encourage you to stay connected and informed by following us on social media. For additional information regarding the International programs, leadership, and the history of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, please feel free to visit [www.aka1908.com](http://www.aka1908.com).**



Soror  
Achievements

October Joint Chapter Meeting

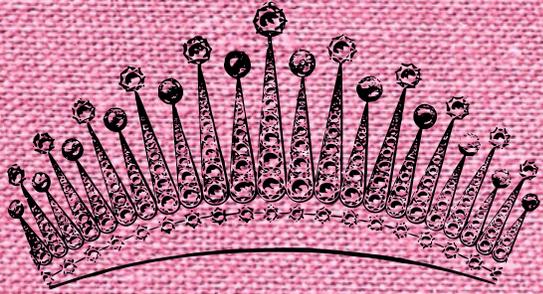
ZETA

BETA XI

RHO OMEGA



# CAMPUS QUEENS



**Soror Cennet Palmer**  
**Miss Wilberforce University**



## Zeta Chapter



**Soror Aami Davis**  
**Miss Junior**



**Graduate**  
**Adviser**

**Soror Gloria Dillon  
15th Year Pastorial  
Anniversary**



**Soror Richara Richardson**

**Mentor  
of the  
Month**



**Ladies  
of  
Leadership**

**Soror Erin Talley Pitman**

**Doctor of Education**



**University of Mississippi  
Guyton School  
of Education  
Higher Education 2023**



**Soror Squad (3 Turns on the  
IVY Vine) Xmas, Soror Sandra  
L. Gavin, Chair. Missing  
members: Sorors Gloria Dillon,  
Anita Lucas and Tracey Jones.**



# BIRTHDAYS

## October



## November



## December





## Chapter Programs

## Spooktacular Drive-by or FLY BY Shredding Event

PRESENTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING



**Saturday, October 28th**  
**9:00 am til 12 noon**

Xenia Community Center parking lot  
1265 W. Second Street (next door to the Council)

### Safe & Confidential Destruction

- Cancelled checks & bank statements
- Medical bills & statements
- Papers from deceased loved ones
- **Limit of three (3) banker's boxes**

No reservations required. Drive up with your bags and boxes of documents. Volunteers will move them from your car to the Shred-it truck for shredding.

*This event for individuals only: no companies or businesses please.*

### Know What To Shred

**Yes!** **No**

#### Sales receipts

- Paychecks
- Credit card statements
- Old checks and bank statements
- Tax returns (but not instruction booklets)
- Medical bills & statements
- Staples and paper clips are OK
- Remove documents from binders
- No recycling please

#### The following are not allowed:

- Food, glass, cans, etc
- Hanging folders, binders
- Ink Cartridges—Nuts and bolts
- Office tools (hole punch, staple remover, etc) — Electronics, electrical items, hard drives or batteries
- The following should be taken to a recycling center: Newspapers, magazines, circulars
- Cardboard tubes and boxes

Your Council team members will take your bags or boxes from your car to the shredding truck — and may be in costume with possible treats for you!



Greene County Council on Aging

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*Gratitude is an  
"AKA-Attitude"*



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

is Celebrating a

*Season of Gratitude*



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Celebrate Gratitude with Others

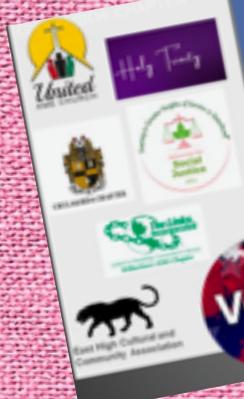
All Sorors are invited to demonstrate their faith in action through worship.

#Gratitude  
#AKA.Attitude  
#AKAtude

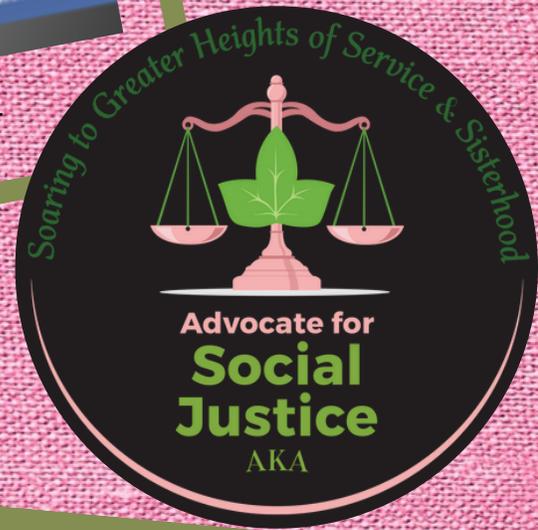
# Meet the Candidates

United AME Church & Friends  
Host  
**The Candidates' Forum**  
286 E. Church Street  
Xenia, OH 45385

Join us for this Voter Education event!  
Thursday, 26 October, 7pm; Doors open at 6:30pm  
Meet the candidates on the 7 November. Submit and receive information on Issues 1, 18, 19, & 20.

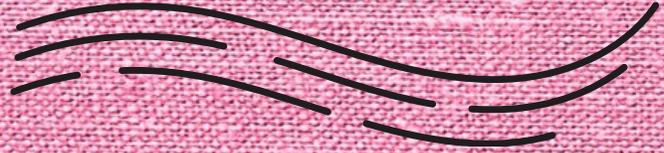


Receive Information  
on Issues



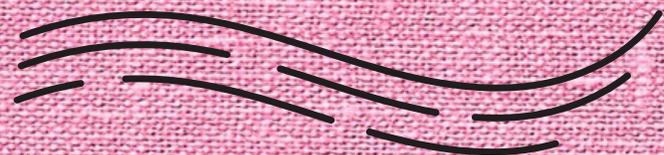
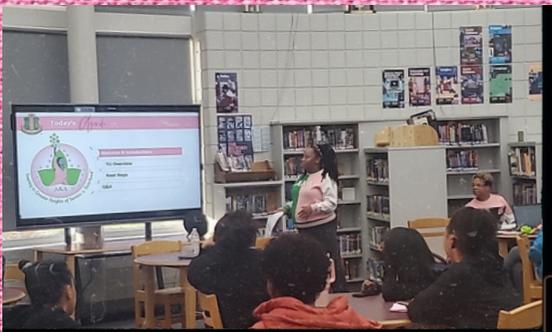
# W E L C O M E !

## Youth Leadership Institute



Hayward Middle School  
Springfield, OH

YLI is a youth-led and highly interactive leadership development program designed to empower and engage youth, ages 11 - 13.







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GREAT LAKES REGION

**A GREATER GREAT LAKES:  
SOARING WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE**

*Know Before You Go*

**SOUTHERN OHIO  
Cluster Conference**

November 11, 2023

**HOST CHAPTER  
PSI ETA OMEGA  
COLUMBUS, OH**

Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center  
1630 Schrock Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

*Know Before You Go*

Greetings Sorors!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2023 Southern Ohio (SOH) Cluster Conference, being held on Saturday, November 11, 2023. This year, the SOH Cluster Conference will take place at the Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center at 1630 Shrock Rd. located in Columbus, Ohio. A full day of activities has been planned to inspire us to learn and serve at a higher trajectory. We intend to continue the fellowship and bonding experienced during last year with a renewed vigor that makes us "A Greater Great Lakes: Soaring with Passion and Purpose."

On Friday evening, November 10, 2023, Sorors are free to explore the area for dinner on their own. Polaris Fashion Place (mall) is 10 minutes away at 1500 Polaris Parkway AND Easton Town Center is 13 minutes away at 160 Easton Town Center, both located in Columbus, Ohio. Either location offers retail therapy along with a variety of restaurants to choose from.

SOH Cluster Registration opens at 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 11, 2023, in the Villa Milano lobby.

Breakfast will be served between 7:00 AM and 8:00 AM. The SOH Cluster Conference will begin at 8:00 AM with a Welcome by Soror Shannon D. Teague, SOH Graduate Cluster Coordinator. Free parking is available on-site all day. It is complimentary and there are no valet parking options.

**Event Location**

Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center  
1630 Shrock Rd.  
Columbus, Ohio 43229  
614-882-2058  
<https://www.villamilano.com>

**Hotel**

Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus  
2700 Corporate Exchange Dr.  
Columbus, OH 43221  
614-823-6680

**Hotel Guest Information:** On Friday, November 10, there will be an AKA gathering in the lobby for the hotel's complimentary happy hour festivities from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. Please join your host chapter as we welcome our overnight guests.

**Community Service Project for Southern Ohio Cluster attendees**  
*- Uplift Our Community and Random Acts of Kindness -*

The Southern Ohio Cluster Conference Planning Committee is extending an opportunity for each soror to give back. Please plan to donate \$5 - \$10 gift cards from Walmart or Amazon to support CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence. Choices is the only domestic violence safe haven shelter in Franklin County, offering 144 beds, a 24-hour crisis and information hotline, counseling services, support groups, and legal and community advocates for those impacted by domestic violence. Sorors, together we will come to support women and children in our community.

The gift cards will be collected at the door. Be sure the amount (\$5 or \$10) is marked on the card so we can accurately count all donations. As a cluster, when we come together, we will reach our goal of raising \$3,500 to support CHOICES' programming efforts.

*Let's go Southern Ohio, Let's go!*

**Coat check**  
There will be a coat check provided for sorors arriving at the venue. Our volunteers hosting the coat check are the host chapter's AKAettes. There will be no cost for the coat check however, tips are encouraged and will go toward youth group operations.

**Social Media**  
Share your photos from the SOH Cluster on social media using the following hashtags:  
#AKAGreaterTogether #AKAGreatLakes #AKA1908 #AKASOHCC2023

**Sisterly,**

	Soror LaTashia Reedus, Basileus SOH Cluster Conference Psi Eta Omega Chapter (330) 329-6831
	Soror Quanda Hairston, Chairman SOH Cluster Conference Psi Eta Omega Chapter (614)260-6215
	Soror Julie Ragland, Co-Chairman SOH Cluster Conference Psi Eta Omega Chapter (614) 361-0802
	Soror Shannon D. Teague SOH Graduate Cluster Coordinator Alpha Sigma Omega Chapter (614) 738-1262
	Soror Joi Foy SOH Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator Delta Phi Chapter (205) 516-8453



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*Host Chapter*  
**Psi Eta Omega**  
Saturday, November 11, 2023

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**southern ohio**

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<b>Shannon D. Teague</b> Southern Ohio Graduate Cluster Coordinator	<b>LaTashia Reedus</b> President, Psi Eta Omega
<b>Soror Joi Foy</b> Southern Ohio Undergraduate Cluster Coordinator	<b>Quanda Hairston</b> Cluster Conference Chairman
	<b>Julie Ragland</b> Cluster Conference Co-Chairman



**Soror Ericka Williams  
Member  
GLR Protocol Committee**

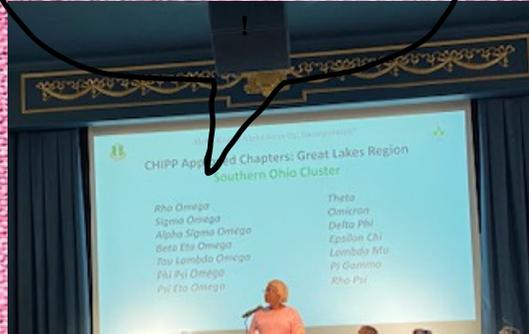








Rho Omega is one of a few  
**APPROVED**  
 Southern Ohio  
 Childhood Hunger Initiative  
 (CHIPP) Programs





# WELCOME NEWLY INITIATED RHO OMEGA SORORS





	
<i>Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Kho Omega Chapter Great Lakes Region Membership Experience New Member Luncheon</i>	
<i>Mistress of Ceremony</i>	<i>Mrs. Tracey Jones</i>
<i>Meditation</i>	<i>Ms. Ericka Williams</i>
<i>Welcome/Devotion</i>	<i>Mrs. Rosanna Jivens</i>
<i>Introduction of New Members</i>	<i>Mrs. Tracey Jones</i>
<i>Song</i>	<i>Mrs. Tosca Biles Ms. Elana Elmore Mrs. Wendy Hayes</i>
<i>Grace</i>	<i>Mrs. Wendy Hayes</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	
<i>Poem</i>	<i>Mrs. Richarda Richardson</i>
<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Mrs. Shannon Moore</i>
<i>Presentation of Gifts</i>	
<i>Closing Remarks</i>	<i>Mrs. Tracey Jones Mrs. Rosanna Jivens</i>





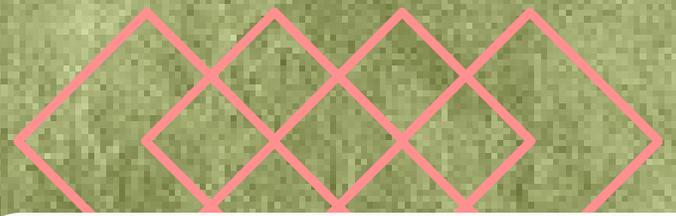
**Rho Omega Chapter  
2024 - 2026 Executive Committee**

<b>Basileus</b>	<b>Soror Rosanna Jivens</b>
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<b>Ivy Leaf Reporter</b>	<b>Soror Nicole Gardner</b>
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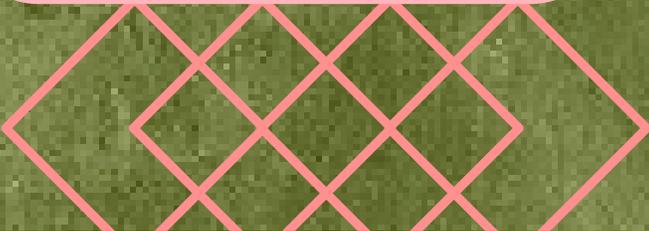




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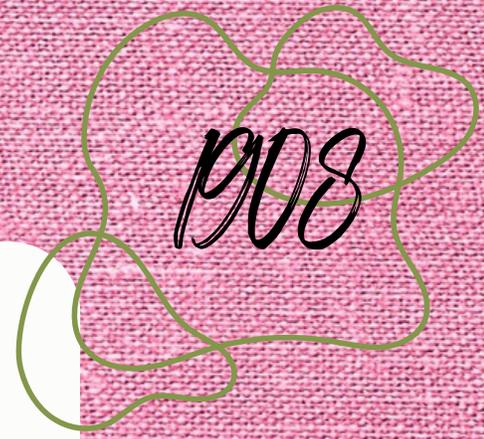
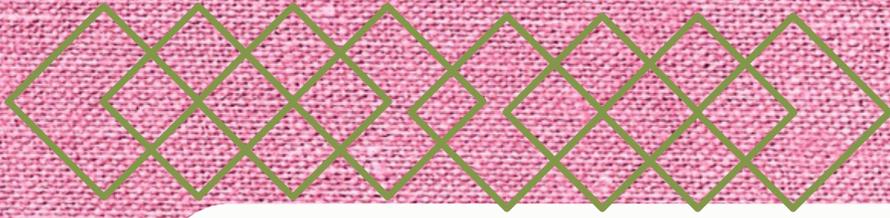


- ✓ 21 Joint Meeting with Zeta and Beta Xi
- ✓ 28 Candidates' Forum
- ✓ 28 Enhance Our Environment Drive-by Shredding Event



- ✓ 11 Southern Ohio Cluster
- ✓ 12 Season of Gratitude
- ✓ 27 YLI Information Meeting  
Hayward Middle School





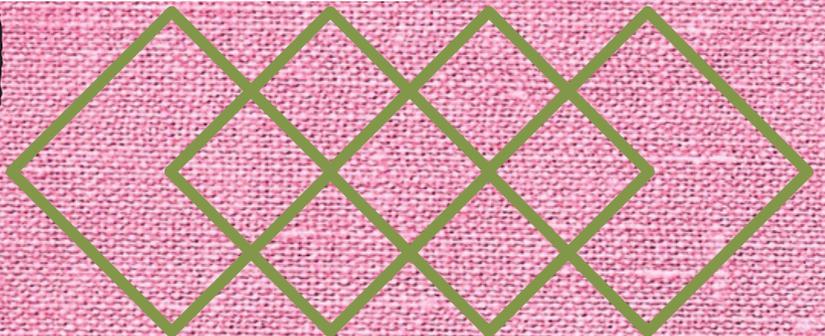
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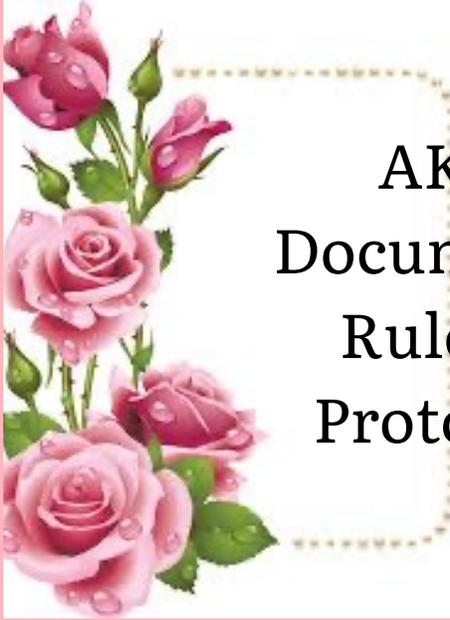


**Membership Experience**

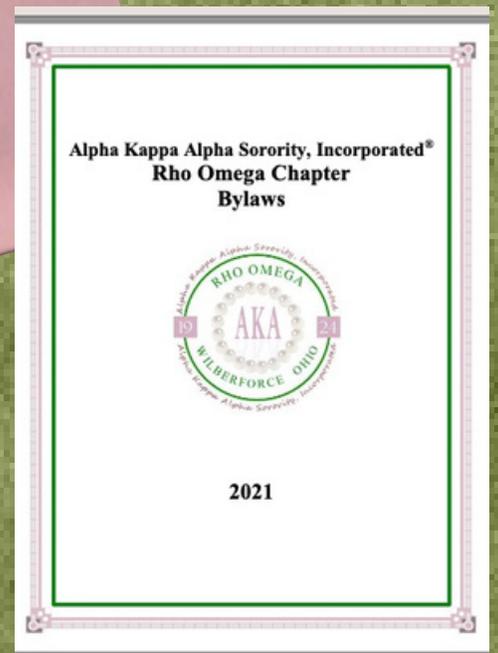
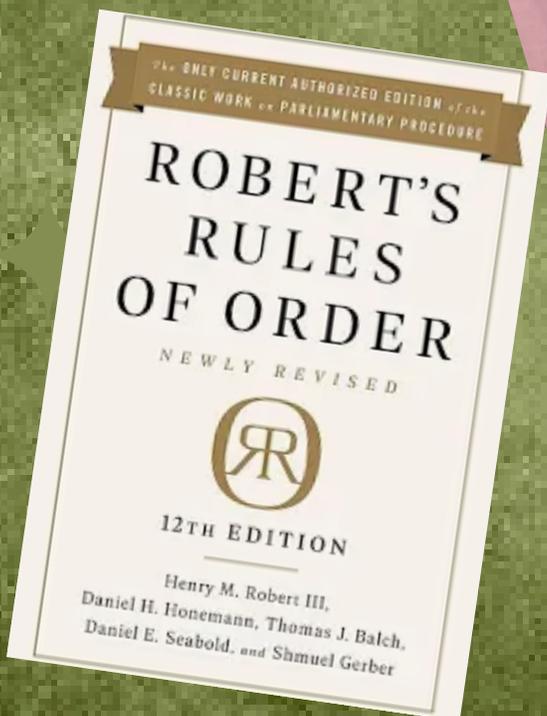
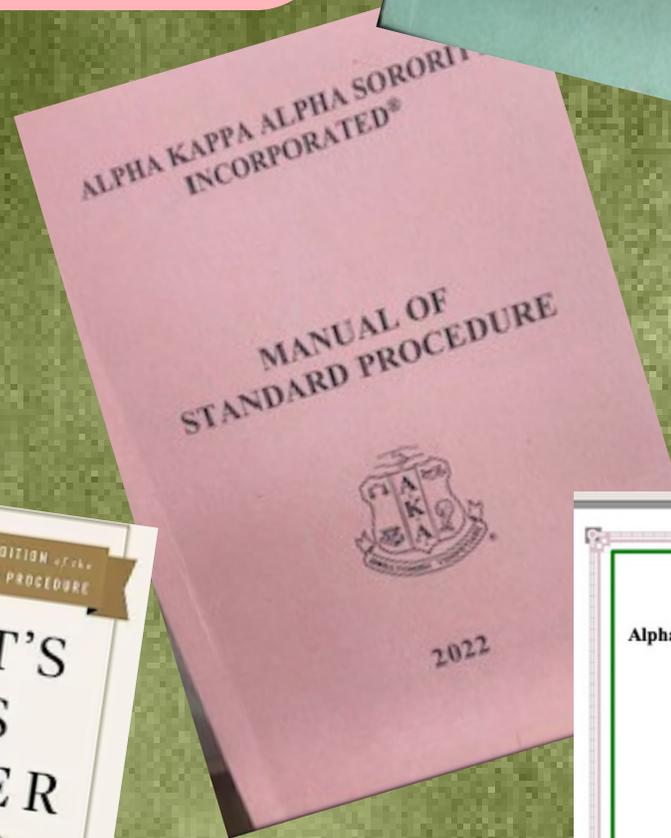
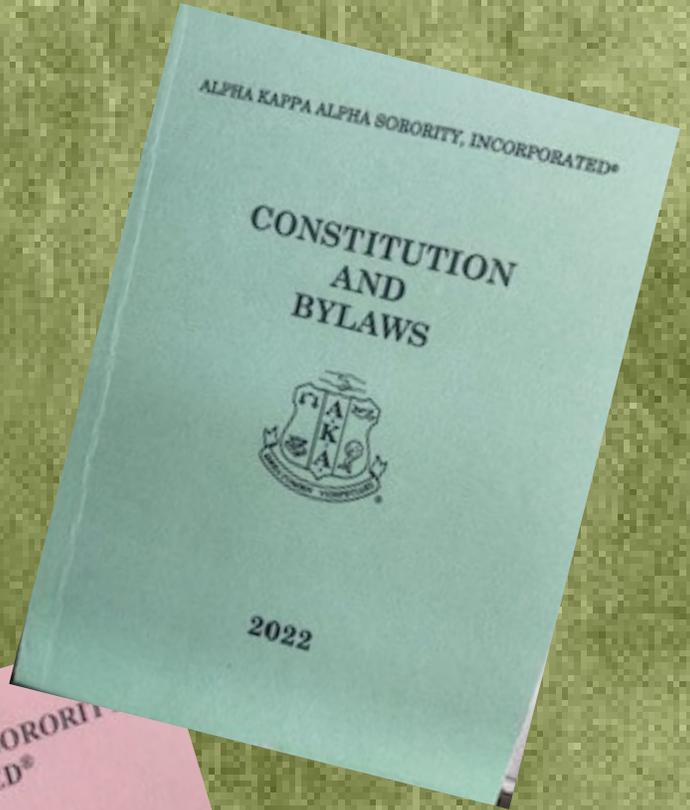


**Installation of 2024  
Chapter Officers**





# AKA Documents, Rules & Protocols



# INTERNATIONAL



## International, Regional, Cluster & Local Information



**Danette  
Anthony  
Reed**  
International  
President & CEO

**Lisa E. Dubose**  
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**Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood**

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.\*  
ZETA THETA OMEGA &  
ALPHA BETA BETA OMEGA CHAPTERS

PRESENTS

AN INTRODUCTION TO  
FOR MEMBERS ONLY CREDIT UNION

**JOIN US**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023  
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Guest Presenter - Soror Terri Bradford Eason  
FMO Credit Union Executive Director

QUESTIONS: EMAIL - ERICARBONNER@ICLOUD.COM OR LEWBARIVY@GMAIL.COM

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated\*

**Leaves of Wisdom**  
Call for Submissions

December 2, 2023

Dear Sorors,

Maybe no one ever told you that you could write. Yet, they love to listen to your words, and they want a copy of everything you say. This is your chance to offer words of wisdom and encouragement and share a meaningful moment that helped you through a time of growing, healing, and learning.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated\* soon will publish *Leaves of Wisdom: A Book of Daily Inspirations*, and our International Spiritual Committee invites you to share your original submission for consideration.

See the submission invitation, and share your gift of writing here. Submissions will be accepted through Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

If you have any questions, contact our Spiritual Committee through this email address: [spiritualcommittee@akaa.org](mailto:spiritualcommittee@akaa.org)

Thank you for sharing your gifts of wisdom with our Sisterhood!

Sisterly yours,  
Soror Danette Anthony Reed  
Supreme Ruler

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated\*  
**Celebrate**  
Soror A'ja Wilson Finals MVP!

Soaring to Greater Heights!

Congratulations to Soror A'ja Wilson and the Las Vegas Aces on winning their second straight WNBA Championship!

YOU ARE INVITED TO A LIVE  
**Zoom With Oprah**  
and Director, Blitz Bazawule  
FOR  
**THE COLOR PURPLE!**

WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 20TH  
8pm ET / 5pm PT

Register at:  
[ZoomWithOprah.com](https://ZoomWithOprah.com)

WITH SPECIAL GUEST  
**Charletta Wilson Jacks**  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated  
International First Vice President

#TheColorPurple

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**To the Stars**  
Eight Days to SOAR in Sisterhood

December 4, 2023

"To the Season to Strengthen Our Sisterhood!"  
"To the Season to be joyful, caring, and loving to one another!"  
"To the Season to Thank God for His Grace and mercy!"

Happy Holidays Sorors! This is one of the most festive times of the year! However, as meaning should extend beyond enjoying to look more on sharing joy and happiness with others. To the Season, Sorors!

Let's bring sisterly relations into the holiday season! We want to celebrate all of the wonderful aspects of our sisterhood. Therefore, from December 1 through December 8, 2023, you're invited to join the festivities by participating in "To the Stars - Eight Days to SOAR in Sisterhood!"

Each day, using the activities below, gather your favorite pictures or create a poem to share how you shine in Sisterhood. Post your poem on any social media platform of your choice. If you do not have social media, share it with another soror. Please use the following hashtags: #AKAA8Days and #SOARinSisterhood.

Sorors, we wish you a wonderful holiday season. As we SOAR into the New Year, remember to be committed to Strengthen Our Sisterhood and greet one another with a hug and a smile.

Yours in Sisterhood,  
Soror Danette Anthony Reed  
Supreme Ruler

DAY 1: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 2: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 3: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 4: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 5: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 6: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 7: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.  
DAY 8: Write a poem about your favorite memory with a sister.

# REGIONAL

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**GREAT LAKES REGION**  
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*Just Chatter*  
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 Saturday, November 11, 2023

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**HOST CHAPTER PSI ETA OMEGA COLUMBUS, OH**

Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center  
 1830 Schrock Road  
 Columbus, Ohio 43229

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Thank you for supporting our 2023 Cluster Conference!

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 Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood

**Gwendolyn L. Kirtley**  
 Regional Director

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>FALL 2023</b>	<b>SPRING 2024</b>
Membership Webinar	Sisterly Night Out with the Detroit Pistons
Chapter Program Chairman Chat	93rd Great Lakes Regional Conference
Basil and Graduate Advisers' Chat	March 27-31, 2024
Sisterly Night Out with the Cleveland Cavaliers	

**71st Boule**  
 Dallas, Texas  
 July 6-11, 2024

*Lake Effect Society*

**THE LAKE EFFECT Society**

**THE Great GREAT LAKES**

**About the Society**

**SUPPORTING THE Vision**

**MEMBERSHIP Includes**

**1924 CLUB**  
 1924-1925

**2024 CONFERENCE**  
 2024-2025

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
**Great Lakes Region**

*Greater Together in Faith*

**Bi-Monthly Prayer Call**  
**1st & 3rd Thursdays | 6:00 pm ET**

**CHAT WITH MRD**

*Golden Hour*

Golden, Pearl, & Diamond Sorors

Enjoy a chat with Regional Director  
**Gwendolyn L. Kirtley**

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Michigan | Ohio | Western Pennsylvania | Western New York | West Virginia

**GREAT LAKES REGION Graduate Interest Groups**

Greetings Sorors!

I am excited to announce the Directorate approved three Graduate Interest Groups in the Great Lakes Region!

Please congratulate:

- **Pearls of Sisterhood & Service** serving Allegheny County, Pennsylvania
- **Renaissance Pearls** serving City of Detroit, East Side, Harper Woods & Grosse Pointe
- **Sisters Soaring Together** serving Farmington Hills, Michigan

Please stand with me in supporting these sorors as they continue to provide service to the communities, foster unity and growth in our sisterhood, and journey forward to become an official graduate chapter in the Great Lakes Region.

Soaring Greater Together,

*Gwendolyn L. Kirtley*

Soror Gwendolyn L. Kirtley  
 Great Lakes Regional Director

**2024 CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY  
"Great Lakes Exemplifying  
Greatness for 100 Years"**

**REGIONAL**



**ASH-SHAKOOR RECOGNIZED  
AS A REMARKABLE WOMAN**



LANSING, MI - Soror Tanesha Ash-Shakoor, member of Delta Tau Omega Chapter, was recognized by WLNS-TV 6 News as the winner of the 2023 Mid-Michigan Remarkable Women series. She went to the national competition in Los Angeles, CA, where she placed among the top 10 finalists. Soror Tanesha is the founder of Voices of Color, a nonprofit organization that helps victims of domestic violence. Since 2019, Voices of Color has endorsed the State of Michigan Domestic Violence Act, which educates and informs the public about domestic violence and how it affects all people regardless of their background. In addition, Soror Tanesha is a wife, mother of three, and first lady of Christ Worship Center, where her husband is a Pastor. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Central University and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

**WILLIAMS RECEIVES  
SANKOFA AWARD**



YOUNGSTOWN, OH - Soror Domanique Williams of Epsilon Mu Omega Chapter, received the Sankofa Award at the Youngstown Juneteenth Celebration.

The Juneteenth Committee honored Williams for inspiring, encouraging, and mentoring women and girls via her non-profit agency, Callies Confidence, named for her grandmother. Soror Williams is a Licensed Social Worker (LSW) with the State of Ohio and earned her Masters Degree from Case Western Reserve University and is a graduate of The Ohio State University.

**SIMON RECEIVES  
PROCLAMATION**



WILBERFORCE, OH - Soror NaAsiah Simon, member of Rho Omega Chapter and CEO of NaAsiah Simon Associates PR Planning Firm, received a proclamation from the City of Dayton in Ohio. Mayor Jeffrey Mims Jr. proclaimed January 5,

2023 as "NaAsiah Simon and Associates Day." Soror Simon has received several awards and recognitions for her impact in Dayton's business community.

Soror Simon, a two-time brain tumor survivor, has become a mental health advocate and says that it was her own personal battles with physical and mental health that sparked the idea of a new endeavor as the Founder of the Gem City Selfie Museum.

She currently serves as the chairman of the Sisterly Relations Committee of Rho Omega Chapter, Wilberforce, Ohio. She was initiated in Mu Zeta Omega in 2016.

**BANKS RECEIVES THE PRESTIGIOUS  
ATHENA AWARD**



YOUNGSTOWN, OH - Soror Virginia D. Banks of the Epsilon Mu Omega Chapter, received the prestigious Athena Award. Dr. Banks was selected amongst a field of over 26 qualified and highly regarded women in the

Mahoning Valley. Dr. Banks is an infectious disease specialist with Northeast Ohio Infection Disease Associates. She was named clinician of the year after spending 15 years as the head of the infectious disease department at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center - Horizon campus in Hermitage, Pennsylvania.



# LOCAL

*Save the Date*

RADIANT RHO OMEGA SOARING THROUGH THE YEARS

Celebrating 100 Years of Service and Sisterhood

**12 . 14 . 24**

SINCLAIR CONFERENCE CENTER  
DAYTON, OH

United AME Church & Friends  
Host

## The Candidates' Forum

286 E. Church Street  
Xenia, OH 45385

Join us for this Voter Education event!

Thursday, 26 October, 7pm; Doors open at 6:30pm

Meet the candidates on the 7 November ballot and receive information on Issues 1, 2, 1B, 1C & 2D.

## Spooktacular Drive-by Shredding Event

PRESENTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

**Saturday, October 28th**  
**9:00 am til 12 noon**

Xenia Community Center parking lot  
1265 W. Second Street (next door to the Council)

**Safe & Confidential Destruction**

- Cancelled checks & bank statements
- Medical bills & statements
- Papers from deceased loved ones
- Limit of three (3) banker's boxes**

No reservations required. Drive with your bags or boxes of documents. Volunteers will move them from your car to the Shred-it truck for shredding.

*This event for individuals only; no companies or businesses please.*

**Know What To Shred**

<b>Yes!</b>	<b>No</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sales receipts</li> <li>Paychecks</li> <li>Credit card statements</li> <li>Old checks and bank statements</li> <li>Tax returns (but not instruction booklets)</li> <li>Medical bills &amp; statements</li> <li>Staples and paper clips are OK</li> <li>Remove documents from binders</li> <li>No recycling please</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The following are not allowed:</b></li> <li>Food, glass, cans, etc</li> <li>Hanging folders, binders</li> <li>Ink Cartridges—Nuts and bolts</li> <li>Office tools (hole punch, staple remover, etc)</li> <li>Electronics, electrical items, hard drives or batteries</li> </ul> <p><i>The following should be taken to a recycling center:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers, magazines, circulars</li> <li>Cardboard tubes and boxes</li> </ul>

Your Council team members will take your bags or boxes from your car to the shredding truck — and may be in costume with possible treats for you!

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## BACKPACK GIVE AWAY

in partnership with  
**Hayward Middle School**

1700 Clifton Avenue  
Springfield, Ohio

Time: 4pm-5:30pm  
**Monday, August 21**

Attire: AKA paraphernalia

President: Rosanna Jivens  
Program Chairman: Ericka Williams  
Uplift our Community Chairman: Angela Hogan



*In Memory  
 of our  
 beloved son*

**REMEMBERING**

*Lorine*

Lorine Watkins, a dedicated educator, beloved wife, mother, sister, and cherished citizen of Yellow Springs, passed away on December 8, 2023, at her residence. She was born on June 5, 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio to the parents of Virginia Ethel and Monroe Felton Ashley, Sr.

Lorine's passion for education led her to pursue a Bachelor's Degree from Wilberforce University where she met her soulmate and husband, Thomas F. Watkins, Sr. Together they created a warm and loving home, raising two sons, Thomas, Jr. and DaShawn, who will forever carry her memory in their hearts. Throughout her 34 years of service within the Springfield City Schools district, Lorine inspired her students and fellow educators alike.

As a first grade teacher, she nurtured the minds of young learners, shaping them into confident individuals ready to embrace the challenges of the world. Her dedication to education extended beyond the classroom walls, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of generations to come. Lorine made a profound impact on the lives of countless students and colleagues throughout her 36-year career in the public school system.

Lorine valued her faith deeply. She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Yellow Springs. Her commitment to her church community was matched by her involvement as a proud Life and Silver Star member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Society Inc., Rho Chapter, where she fostered lifelong friendships and contributed to various charitable endeavors. She was a life member of both the local and national Wilberforce University Alumni Associations. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Education Honors Society.

Outside of her professional and community commitments, Lorine found joy in creating beautiful arts and crafts. Her creative spirit and talent were appreciated by all who had the privilege of receiving one of her thoughtful handmade gifts.

Lorine Watkins is survived by her loving husband, Thomas F. Watkins, Sr.; her devoted sons, Thomas E. (Vanessa) Watkins, Jr. and DaShawn (Breita) Watkins; as well as her beloved sisters, Lavonne Holmes, Sherry (Dilly Harmon) Cephus, and Rose (Doris) Embrey. She also leaves behind a host of aunts, nieces, relatives, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Virginia Ethel and Monroe Felton, Sr. and brothers, Monroe Ashley, Jr. and George Ashley.

Lorine Watkins will be remembered as a resilient and compassionate educator who dedicated her life to shaping minds and empowering future generations. May her spirit of perseverance and commitment remain an everlasting inspiration to us all.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Scripture Reading**  
*Linda Cox*  
*Ecclesiastes 5:25*  
*John 4:7-8*

**Prayer**  
*Pastor William Randolph*

**Remarks**  
*Brette Watkins, Rose Embry,  
 Sherran Cephus, Jacqueline Brown,  
 Dameka Baynes, Sandra Harper*

**Reading Of Obituary**  
*Linda Cox*

**Selection**  
*Jasmine Cooper*

**The Eulogy**  
*Pastor John Freeman*

*Pallbearers*

Vernon Holmes                      Xavier Norton  
 Monroe Felton III                      Bryce Harper

*Acknowledgments*

Your sympathy in our recent loss will long be remembered. Thank you sincerely for all that you have done for us in our time of need. Thank you for the many ways in which you helped us during the loss of Lorine Watkins. We deeply appreciate your kindness.

*The family of Lorine Watkins*

**INTERMENT**                      **REPAST**  
 Glen Forest Cemetery                      First Baptist Church  
 4512 Xenia Ave.                      600 Dayton St.  
 Yellow Springs, OH 45387                      Yellow Springs, OH 45387



*Goodbye*

2023

*Hello*

2024

**Public Relations Committee**  
**Soror Dianna Harris, Chair**  
**Soror DeAnna Allen**  
**Soror Tai'Lynn Jones**  
**Soror Lillian McCree**

**AKA**

