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# The Cultured Pearl

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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED®**  
**IOTA OMEGA CHAPTER**  
**NORFOLK, VA**

*Basileus Message*



My Dear Sorors,

March is *Women's History Month* – commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

We made our own history on February 16, 2020 with the Iota Omega Chapter Repository at Norfolk State University and we will make history again this month when we travel to Richmond, Virginia for the 67th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference.

This is our opportunity to gather together and reflect on how our sorority is making a difference in the lives of individuals and families. Please take advantage of this conference's available leadership development and service opportunities. Let us be intentional in advancing our knowledge

by gaining certifications, attending interactive workshops and sharing best practices. Enjoy the sisterly relations activities which allow us to grow and become better leaders as a collective. Let us use this time to rejuvenate, refresh and renew our commitment to service with impact and passion.

Continue to exemplify **EXCELLENCE!**

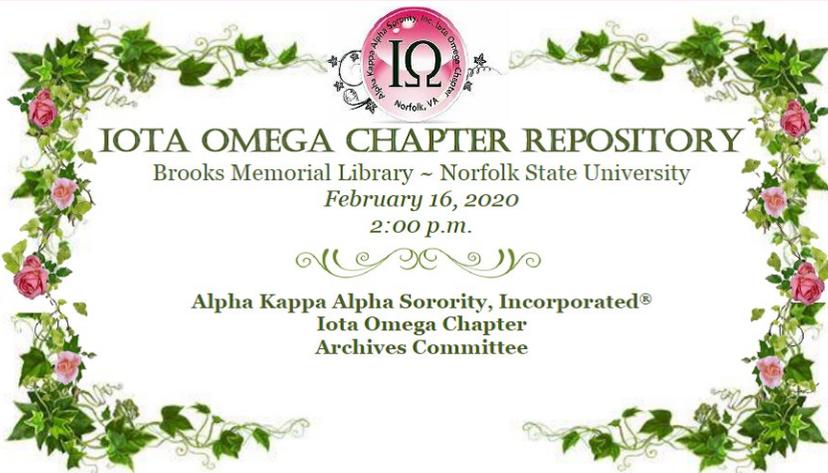
Sisterly,  
*Sister Kathy*



## March Happy Birthdays!

- 3 Sylvia Lawson
- 14 Desitane Faison
- 17 Patricia Selden-Black
- 19 Ernestine Swain
- 21 Ann Sumler
- 21 Rhonda Bonaparte
- 22 Sandra Johnson





**IOTA OMEGA CHAPTER REPOSITORY**

Brooks Memorial Library ~ Norfolk State University

February 16, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Iota Omega Chapter  
Archives Committee

**Photo:** left to right: Jacquelyn Lucas, Blanche Duggins, Violet Hoyle, Robin Gainey, Melanie Patterson, Colita Fairfax. Kathy Moore, Anordia Weatherly, Tamara Cornick, Myra Payne, Carla Perry, Joyce Henry, Ravette Blackstock and Jacquelyn Scott



**Iota Omega Donates  
to Harrison B. Wilson  
Archives at Norfolk State University**

On February 16, 2020, the Iota Omega Chapter, chartered in 1922, donated over 65 items to the Harrison B. Wilson Archives at Norfolk State University. Archives Committee Chairman, Soror Colita Nichols Fairfax, and Professor at Norfolk State University organized the activity, which implements the mission of Archives to collect, catalogue and house historical documents. Basileus Kathy Wilson Moore, an alumna of Norfolk State University, and Assistant Archivist Annette Montgomery affixed their signatures on the Deed of Gift. The collection consist of photos of sorors who taught at the university and who were civil rights leaders, newspaper articles, pamphlets, handbooks, programs of previous chapter anniversaries, the chapter published history book *Timeless History and Service of the Iota Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, 1922 to Our Time*, and other items. In attendance was Golden soror Blanche Neal Duggins, a charter member of the Delta Epsilon chapter, chartered at Norfolk State University in 1962. Iota Omega is the first of the Divine 9 in the Hampton Roads region of the state of Virginia to donate a collection to the university. This activity supports Target 1: HBCU For Life: A Call to Action, through this intrinsic in-kind donation of artifacts highlighted the historic women of Iota Omega who made a difference in the Norfolk community and at Norfolk State University.



Authored By: Colita N. Fairfax



**Photo:** Annette Montgomery-NSU Assistant Archivist, Kathy W. Moore-Iota Omega Basileus and Colita N. Fairfax-Iota Omega Historian



## HBCU Spotlight



Johnson C. Smith University



JCSU offers 22 degree options for undergraduates and one graduate degree. Students earn their degree through one of our three colleges – the College of Arts and Letters, the College of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and the College of Professional Studies

In 1867, the Rev. S.C. Alexander and the Rev. W. L. Miller saw the need to establish an institution in this section of the South. On April 7, 1867, at a meeting of the Catawba Presbytery in the old Charlotte Presbyterian Church, the movement for the school was formally inaugurated, which by charter was named The Freedmen's College of North Carolina, and these two ministers were elected as teachers.

1867-1876: Mary D. Biddle of Philadelphia, Pa. who, through appeals in one of the church papers, pledged \$1,400 to the school. In appreciation of this first and generous contribution, friends requested Mrs. Biddle name the newly established school after her late husband, Major Henry Biddle. From 1867 to 1876, the school was named Biddle Memorial Institute and chartered by the state legislature.

1876: Charlotte citizen Colonel W. R. Myers donated the first eight acres of land for the school. The school charter was changed by the North Carolina

Legislature, and the name became Biddle University.

1883: A new building was erected to serve as the main administrative building for the university. It featured recitation rooms and a 600-seat audience chamber. It is currently known as Biddle Memorial Hall.

1892: The first black football game was played by Biddle University against Livingstone College in December in Salisbury, N.C. The Golden Bulls earned their first historic victory in what today is called the Commemorative Classic, an annual tradition at JCSU.

1919: Biddle University became the first black college in the South to offer professional courses in education.

1921-1922: The late Jane Berry Smith, of Pittsburgh, Pa., gave funds to build a theological dormitory, science hall, teachers' cottage and memorial gate. She provided a handsome endowment for the institution in memory of her late husband, Johnson C. Smith. In recognition of these gifts, the board of trustees changed the name of the institution to Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU).

1924: JCSU was recognized as a four-year college by the North Carolina State Board of Education, and the university was further strengthened by a substantial provision from James B. Duke. James B. Duke authorized the establishment of the Duke Endowment, which included JCSU as one of four beneficiaries in higher education.

1938: The institution attained the status of an independent college, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, reporting to the General Assembly through the Board of Christian Education. 1941: Women were admitted to the freshman class.

1944: JCSU joined the United Negro College Fund as a founding member.

### **Mission/Purpose Statement**

The mission of Johnson C. Smith University is to provide an outstanding education for a diverse group of talented and highly motivated students from various ethnic, socioeconomic, and geographic backgrounds. Johnson C. Smith University offers a liberal education in conjunction with concentrated study in a specialized field in preparation for advanced study and specific careers.

### **Our Vision**

Johnson C. Smith University will be recognized in North Carolina as Charlotte's Premier Independent New Urban University. Defining characteristics of what JCSU will become include:

High quality market-driven curriculum centered in the liberal arts and sciences

A multi-cultural, multi-generational, and multi-racial faculty, staff, and student body

A risk-oriented, entrepreneurial, independent presence in an historic urban neighborhood

A teaching mission with emphasis on faculty and student research

A mix of undergraduate and graduate programs

Viable and sustainable community, professional, and corporate partnerships

Delivery of educational programs in new venues and formats



Source: [www.jcsu.edu](http://www.jcsu.edu)

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SPOTLIGHT—Dr. Carla Hayden

Did you know Alpha Kappa Alpha member, **Dr. Carla Hayden** is the nation's 14th Librarian of Congress? Dr. Hayden, American Library Association (ALA) past president and director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland, is the first female and the first African American to lead the Library of Congress. She also is the first professional librarian to be confirmed in more than 60 years. She assumed office September 14, 2016 and continues to serve today.



**You are the first woman as well as the first African American librarian of Congress. It's a small club, right?**

The first librarian of Congress was appointed in 1802, two years after the library was established. I'm the 14th. The first woman is significant because 80 percent of the library workforce in America is female. And of course, a person of color is significant because people who looked like me were once forbidden to read.

**The struggle for those freedoms has meaning to you.**

Frederick Douglass talked about that in his autobiography. He knew there was something magical about reading, because it was forbidden.

**You got in some trouble reading too much as a child, right?**

I was attending P.S. 96 in Jamaica, Queens, and there was a small storefront branch library right across the street. I checked [one particular] book out so much that I had to use my allowance to pay the fines. It was a learning experience.

**You have plenty of books to choose from here.**

More than 24 million books, but then there are also lots of other items, like diaries and maps.

**Tell me about some of the artifacts here.**

We have one of three known locks of hair from Beethoven. We have four locks of Thomas Jefferson's hair from different stages in his life. We have Harry Houdini's files.

**Aren't there some Lincoln items found in an unusual way?**

In the 1970s, someone noted that behind that door [pointing to a door in the librarian's ceremonial office], there was a vault no one could remember being opened. Legend has it, a prisoner who was a skilled safecracker was brought in, and he picked the lock and opened the door. There was one box inside, and that's where they found the contents of President Lincoln's pockets from the night he was assassinated — his glasses, a Confederate \$5 bill, his pocketknife, some news clippings he carried, and so on. These treasures had been unseen for a long time. It was an incredible find.

**How do you display special objects?**

We're working on having, for the first time, a treasures gallery at the Library of Congress. We would put the Gutenberg Bible there. Then we would bring out some things people don't know we have, like some of the first editions of the world's largest collection of comic books. We would be able to rotate these things in and out for the public.

**What other special exhibits are here?**

We are in a yearlong [celebration of women's right to vote](#), women's suffrage. That exhibit takes advantage of the fact that we have the papers of Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell and the National American Woman Suffrage Association. That exhibit runs through next summer.

**Why do we have a Library of Congress?**

Its original mission is still part of its mission now, and that is to serve Congress. It started in 1800 with about 700 books, mainly legal books to serve the new Congress. After the British burned the library during the War of 1812, Thomas Jefferson [sold to the library] his collection. It was about 6,000 books, and that was the largest personal library in the United States. It included religious texts — the Bible, the Koran — books in different languages. He said that there is no subject that members of Congress should not have to refer to. That set the framework for future collecting.

**Your first library job was in Chicago 46 years ago. You later ran a library in Baltimore. What drew you to that work?**

I love books and reading and knew what they meant to me. When I found out that there was a profession that could help other people enjoy reading, I thought this is really something that speaks to me personally. It was really a match made in heaven.



# PINK GOES RED FOR HEART HEALTH-IMPACT DAY!

## Friday, February 7, 2020



**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**  
IOTA OMEGA CHAPTER  
ANNUAL "PINK GOES RED FOR HEART HEALTH"

**WHO:** IOTA OMEGA & Friends (open to the public)  
**WHAT:** "ZONE in on ZUMBA with MIXXED FIT"  
**WHEN:** FEBRUARY 7, 2020, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30 pm)  
**WHERE:** Enoch Baptist Church (Family Life Center) 5685 Herbert Moore Rd, VA Beach  
**WHY:** To join the American Heart Association in the fight against heart disease to help to improve the health of all women. On this special day, Alpha Kappa Alpha women will take off our pink and wear red for the day to raise awareness of this deadly disease and promote life changes that will increase the longevity and quality of the lives of women around the planet.  
**COST:** \$5 cash donation. All donations will go to the "Go Red for Women" Campaign of the American Heart Association.  
IOTA OMEGA wear "Pink Goes Red" shirt and workout attire. All others wear a red shirt and workout attire!  
Contact Michelle Layne for questions and to RSVP to: 757-663-2247



**"Pink Goes Red for Heart Health"** annual Impact Day event was a huge success. Kappa Gamma chapter participated by bringing fruit and healthy bars so we made it a joint event. We held the "Zoned in on Zumba and Moving with Mixxed Fit" event at Enoch Baptist Church in the Family Life Center gym at 5685 Herbert Moore Rd in Virginia Beach. This was the PERFECT venue for this event. The doors opened at 6:30 pm and while we waited to get started, Soror Michelle Layne led the guests and Sorors in a warm-up getting in a few walking laps inside the gym. The workout kicked off at 7:00 pm. We raised \$305 dollars for the Go Red Campaign of the American Heart Association. We had 57 (35 Sorors and 32 Guests) attendees:

- 22 – Iota Omega
- 1 - Delta Epsilon
- 1 – Kappa Gamma
- 1 – Lambda Omega
- 32 - Guests

The entire committee did an outstanding job with this annual event!



Article Credit: Michelle Layne

## Spring Hat Jazz Brunch Awards

This year we will present five awards to deserving individuals for each of our National Targets at the Spring Hat Jazz Brunch (SHJB). Please look at the criteria and be prepared to submit nomination forms for the individual or organization of your choice. Nominees may be sorors, individuals in the community or community organizations. **Note: An Iota Omega member is not eligible to receive these awards.**

- **HBCU Drum Major Award**  
*Target I (HBCU for Life: A Call to Action)*
- **Constance Ferebee Jones Award**  
*Target II (Women's Health Care and Wellness)*
- **Carla Perry Award**  
*Target III (Building Your Economic Legacy)*
- **Joyce Gilliam Brown Award**  
*Target IV (The Arts!)*
- **Lillian Brinkley Award**  
*Target V (Global Impact)*

Be sure to remember the award criteria when submitting the nomination form. Forms may be submitted either via email to: [norfolkpearls1922@gmail.com](mailto:norfolkpearls1922@gmail.com) or hard copy. **All forms will be due by March 7, 2020.**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Iota Omega Chapter  
2020 Scholarships



### Scholarships

Iota Omega Norfolk High School Scholarships (4)

Vivian Carter Mason Community Scholarship

Thelma Hayes Delta Epsilon Scholarship

Laura Gray Brown Kappa Gamma Scholarship



- APPLICANTS MUST ADHERE TO CRITERIA
- SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 1, 2020
- VISIT: [WWW.NPFV.ORG](http://WWW.NPFV.ORG)
- APPLY TODAY!



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CORNER

### Mae's Millinery Shop

African American women have been wearing fancy hats for generations to church. In 1940, **Mae Reeves** started Mae's Millinery Shop in 1940 in Philadelphia, PA with a \$500 bank loan. The shop stayed open until 1997 and helped dress some of the most famous African American women in the country, including iconic singers **Marian Anderson, Ella Fitzgerald** and **Lena Horne**.



**Photo:** Photograph of Mae Reeves and a group of women standing on stairs, Collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Gift from Mae Reeves and her children, Donna Limerick and William Mincey, Jr.



**Photo:** Pink mushroom hat with flowers from Mae's Millinery Shop, Collection of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Reeves was known for making all of her customers feel welcomed and special, whether they were domestic workers, professional women, or socialites from Philadelphia's affluent suburban Main Line. Customer's at Mae's would sit at her dressing table or on her settee, telling stories and sharing their troubles.

Source: <https://smithsonian.tumblr.com/post/159500673912/maes-millinery-shop>



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**PEARL  
SORORS**  
OUR NEWEST SPECIAL  
RECOGNITION CATEGORY  
COMMENCING IN  
**2020**

A soror who attains 65 to 74 years of membership in 2020 (initiated between 1946 and 1955) may seek recognition as a Pearl Soror by submitting the Pearl Soror Application to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Corporate Office on or after March 2, 2020. Pearl Sorors holding active membership in both 2019 **AND** 2020 will receive their Pearl medallion and certificate as a gift from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. Pearl Sorors reactivating in 2020 may purchase a medallion with certificate. The Pearl Soror Application will be available on the Sorority's website beginning March 2, 2020.

**INDUCTION**

The Inaugural Class of Pearl Sorors, those initiated between 1946 and 1955, will be inducted at the 2020 Boule during the Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver Sorors Luncheon in Philadelphia, PA. Sorors **MUST** be registered for Boule and

for the Luncheon in order to attend the Luncheon and participate in the Induction Ritual. In subsequent years, 2021 and beyond, Pearl Soror Inductions will also occur at Regional Conferences, as determined by the Regional Director.

**2020 BOULE REGISTRATION**

Boule registration materials will contain detailed instructions regarding submission of Boule related Pearl recognition forms and photos. Sorors should carefully review and adhere to the instructions provided in order to assure inclusion in all Boule 65 Year Member-Pearl Soror recognitions, hospitality and amenities.

**CHAPTER RECOGNITIONS**

Beginning January 2020, chapters are encouraged to honor their Pearl Sorors at all occasions when sorors attaining milestone years are recognized and celebrated. Courtesies extended by the chapter to Diamond and Golden Sorors should also be extended to Pearl Sorors.

**QUESTIONS**

Questions may be submitted to the DPGS Committee at: [dgs@aka1908.com](mailto:dgs@aka1908.com)

*Glenda Glover*  
Soror Glenda Glover  
Supreme Basileus

*Alana M. Broady*  
Soror Alana M. Broady, Chair  
International Diamond, Pearl, Golden and Silver Sorors Committee

PayPal is available for monthly withdrawals towards your 2021 membership dues. There will be 10 monthly withdrawals from your desired account. The deadline to sign up is no later than February 28, 2020. This will ensure all funds are received in a timely manner. You can access by going to the members only section of the Iota Omega webpage.



**BE THE VOICE**



**March 3, 2020**



**#AKA1908 #BetheVoice**

**AWARENESS. KNOWLEDGE. ACTION.**

2020 National Legislative Day in Washington, DC

**SAVE THE DATE**

Tuesday, APRIL 21- Wednesday, APRIL 22

**“AKAs L.E.A.D. on Capitol Hill”**

*Details to Follow*





**Pillow Case Dress Instructions**  
*"We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope!"*

1. Cut off the sewn end of the pillowcase.
2. Fold pillowcase in half and cut armholes. Cut through all thicknesses, about 4 inches down and 2 inches in.
3. Fold down the top about 3/8" at the front and the back. Edgestitch to make a casing. Slide 6 inches of 1/4" elastic through to cause it to gather in the front and repeat for the back.
4. Cut two 38-inch lengths of double-fold bias tape for armholes. Fold each in half and stitch along armholes, leaving extra at the top to tie dress at the shoulders. Trim is optional.

**Simple patterns CHANGING LIVES**  
 Donations and finished dresses can be sent to:  
 Little Dresses for Africa  
 24614 Curtis Drive  
 Brownstown, MI 48134  
 734-637-9064

Thank you for your help with Little Dresses for Africa. Together, we can make a difference... one little dress at a time.

**Mulungu akudalitseni!**  
 God bless your good works!

Please size dresses before sending!  
 • Small: 2, 3, 4 (16-22 inches)  
 • Medium: 5, 6, 7 (24-28 inches)  
 • Large: 8, 9, 10 (30-34 inches)  
 • XLarge: Anything over 35 inches long or a simple skirt with elastic is also great!  
 • Boys shorts needed up to size 12

Any simple dress or shorts pattern is fine to use. Please avoid straight pins, buttons, and zippers! If you would like a confirmation that your box was received please include a note with your e-mail address, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Allow 2 to 3 weeks for a response.

For information on how to get involved, please contact Rachel O'Neill at 734-637-9064.  
[www.littledressesforafrica.org](http://www.littledressesforafrica.org)



**THE TOBACCO COMPANY**

# CHAPTER PRIDE DINNER

Join us as we celebrate the 67th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH, 5:30PM**

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 RSVP and advance payment of \$65.08 required to attend. NO REFUNDS can be given.  
 The Tobacco Company  
 1201 E. Cary Street  
 Richmond, VA 23219

[www.thetobaccocompany.com](http://www.thetobaccocompany.com)



## GLOBAL IMPACT

67th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference will be participating in the Lions Club Eyeglass Donation, the Pillowcase Shirts and Dresses and Soles4Souls Service Projects. Target 5 is still collecting items for our chapter's submission at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference: Let us continue to support children in Haiti by utilizing pillowcases to create little dresses and shirts. Therefore, we need all Sorors to either donate new or very gently used pillowcases and/or volunteer to sew little dresses and shirts to help change lives and give hope to children in Haiti. The pillowcase donations can be coordinated with Sorors Jaime Lomax and Teesha Sanders and/or at the March Chapter meeting. Please start creating your Pillowcase Dresses and T-Shirts! Bring your completed projects to chapter meeting for a bulk mailing. Dresses will not be collected at the conference.



**PRELUDE TO INTERNATIONAL 2020 GLOBAL IMPACT DAY OBSERVANCE**  
 AKA will partner with Soles4Souls on an international mission trip to deliver shoes along with Pillowcase Dresses and Shirts to observe Global Impact Day in 2020. Additional information including how to sign up will follow.



**SOLES 4 SOULS**  
 WEARING OUT POVERTY™  
 HELP WEAR OUT POVERTY WITH A \$1 DONATION TO SOLES4SOULS

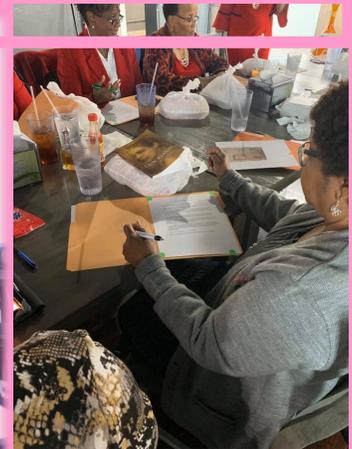


## Book Club Novel-Quicksand Saturday, February 1, 2020

The book club conducted a spirit filled discussion of “Quicksand”, a novel by American author Nella Larsen, first published in 1928. This was her first novel and she completed the first draft quickly. The novel was out of print from the 1930s to the 1970s. Quicksand is a work that explores both cross-cultural and interracial themes. Larsen dedicated the novel to her husband.

Sorors and guest also enjoyed a meal at A-Mays-N Soul Food, Norfolk, VA . This was a great sisterly event from the Target 4: The Arts! Committee which also supported a local black owned business. The was the second book club event which continues to highlight authors from the Harlem Renaissance period of intellectual, social and artistic explosion centered in Harlem and Manhattan, spanning the 1920s. At that time, it was known as the “New Negro Movement”, named after The New Negro, a 1925 anthology.

Get your readers ready for the next book club novel!





# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Street Clean-Up 11:00am	2	3 Sylvia Lawson Super Tuesday-Virginia Primary	4	5	6	7 Norfolk Vo-Tech Chapter Photo 10:30am Chapter Meeting 11:00 am SHJB Awards Submissions Due
8 Daylight Saving Time Spring Forward 7:00pm Target 1- Teleconference	9 Membership/MIP- Teleconference 6:00pm Norfolk State University	10 Fundraising Committee-8:00 pm Old Dominion University	11 Spring Holiday-No Classes	12 Mid-Atlantic	13 MARC Chapter Pride Dinner- 6:00pm Regional Richmond, VA	14 Deistane Faison Conference
15 MARC Raleigh, NC	16	17 Pat Selden-Black	18 Program Committee Chair Meeting: 7:00 pm	19 Ernestine Swain Executive Board Mtg.-6:30 pm	20	21 Ann Sumler Rhonda Boneparte
22 Sandra Johnson Delta Epsilon Executive Committee Meeting-2:00 pm	23	24 SHARPC Meeting- Omega House- 7:00pm	25	26	27	28 SHARPC-UNSWG Hero Banquet 12:00 pm Edmonds Center NSU Spring Open House 9:00-2:00 pm
29	30	31				

## EVENTS

- 2020 MEAC Tournament Norfolk Scope March 9-14
- MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE March 12-15



### “Pro-to-col Point”

#### Protocol for Members at Regional & International Events-#9

Sorors are expected to:

1. Wear appropriate Alpha Kappa Alpha business attire (not business casual) unless noted otherwise.
2. Wear comfortable shoes to business meetings. Flip-flops, house shoes and sneakers are never appropriate unless designated by a physician for medical reasons.
3. Make arrangements for child care and guests when attending business meetings as these meetings are for sorors only.
4. Refrain from walking during introductions of dais guests and program participants, the meditation or while the Supreme Basileus or Regional Director is giving her address to the delegation.
5. Respect designated seating sections. Special seating will be available for Former Directorate Members, Former Executive Directors, Diamond and Golden sorors, physically-challenged sorors, musicians and Very Special Guests (VSG) not seated on the dais and delegates.
6. Silence all electronic communication devices.
7. Wear delegate identification and arrive early for proper seating.
8. Stand when Former Supreme Basilei and the Supreme Basileus enter the room and when they are introduced. Stand for the Regional Director at any event in her region.
9. Speak after being recognized by the presiding officer. Address the presiding officer as "Madam Supreme Basileus" or "Madam Regional Director."
10. Address the delegation by clearly stating your name, chapter, chapter location, and whether you are a delegate or non-delegate.
11. Select a table hostess at meal functions who will help keep talking to a minimum while speakers and performers are at the microphone.
12. Do not hold seats. Seating will be available for all sorors on a first come, first served basis. **Holding seats at any function is unacceptable.** Philacters and hostesses will assist in locating available seating. **Note:** Please honor reserved seating.
13. **DO NOT** remove centerpieces or decorations from events.

