

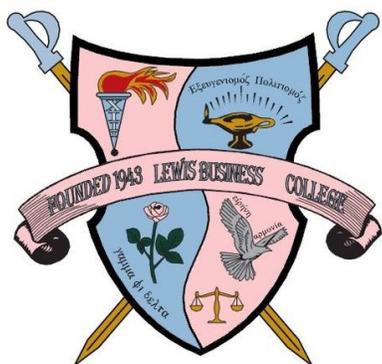


Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. Eastern Region *Butterfly Express*



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HISTORY MONTH TRIBUTE***



***In February of nineteen hundred and forty-three,
Soror Elizabeth A. Garner's dream became a reality.
With Soror Violet T. Lewis giving support and aid,
The foundation of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority was laid.***

***The Lewis Business College was the place of birth,
In Detroit, Michigan the city and state of great girth.***



A MESSAGE FROM THE EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings Sorors,

Welcome to our newest edition of the Butterfly Express. Our theme “Sisters Positioning for Success” is the framework for all the great works we are all accomplishing in the Extraordinary Eastern Region. Our previous edition of the newsletter highlighted some of the business owners in the Region. Our goal was to show the diversity of businesses within our Region, provide exposure for the businesses while providing valuable resources for our members. We hope you found the directory helpful and we hope you took the opportunity to share your business with us. If you missed the last opportunity, we anticipate another opportunity in a future newsletter.

This edition of our newsletter showcases the newest members of the Eastern Region as well as activities of the various chapters. During the Fall intake season while embracing our virtual platforms, the Eastern Region recruited, trained, and inducted 19 new Sorors. We also reinstated 14 inactive Sorors. I extend a special thank you to our Assistant Regional Director, our Chapter First Anti-Basilei and our Chapter Basilei for your vital role in growing our organization even in the midst of a pandemic. Let us keep those Sorors in prayer who were unable to return this year because of issues related to Covid-19. As we enter this Spring intake period, we are confident we will have another successful season.

Our Regional Conference is only a short two months away. Our registration platform will be rolled out in the next couple of weeks. Be on the lookout for an email explaining the process and the procedures to get registered. As a reminder, the cost for our Virtual Regional Conference is only \$50 which will cover your conference bag, outside speakers, workshops, recognition awards and much more.

Remember, “Great things in business are never done by one person, they are done by a team of people.” - Steve Jobs

Sisterly,

Mary E. Porter

Eastern Regional Director

CHAPTER CELEBRATION AND SERVICE



EPSILON GAMMA

Determined to Serve. Though the world has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc. has been deliberate and determined to still serve the community in any way they can.

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, the Sorors of Epsilon Gamma collectively donated 340 canned goods and non-perishable food items to the Mt. Ennon Baptist Church (MEBC) Food Pantry. The Mt. Ennon Food Pantry is open to the public and serves around 4,000 households each year supported by individuals and organizations. Epsilon Gamma will continue to be of service to the community and represent Gamma Phi Delta Sorority well.



Light blue Jacket- Soror Velma Eddings
Center- Ms. LaShawn Lancaster of Mt. Ennon Baptist Church
Dark blue Jacket- Soror Darleen Perry

The Spirit of Christmas. There is nothing like the smile on a child's face opening gifts on Christmas day. It lifts the spirit of the giver as well as the receiver. So, on December 12, 2020, Epsilon Gamma Chapter members supported USPS Operation Santa. The United States Postal Service (USPS) receives thousands of letters each year from children writing to Santa. The chapter decided what better way to have a child's wish come true, than to allow the public to join their website, view the letters and adopt one. In doing

so, you become the child's secret Santa. You purchase the gifts, wrap them, take them to a local participating Post Office, pay for shipping and they send the gifts to the child/children. Sorors of Epsilon Gamma Chapter got in the giving spirit and adopted letters. Below is a copy of one of the letters adopted. Go Epsilon Gamma!!



MU

Mu Chapter had a wonderful start to the 2020-2021 chapter year. The chapter started the year off by working towards increasing their membership. Their first Interest Meeting was held virtually on October 17, 2020. A second Interest meeting was held on December 5, 2020. Several women submitted applications and were interviewed. Mu Chapter looks forward to working with the prospective members that will be a part of the Spring 2021 line.

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Mu chapter supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month last October by wearing pink with pearls to our virtual chapter meeting. Reminders were made to make mammogram appointments and to self check your breasts regularly. Sorors looked pretty in their pink.

Mu Chapter's Social Action Committee participated in an awesome community service opportunity on December 6, 2020 by City Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Social Action Committee partnered with Chosen 300 Ministries with this service effort. Mu Sorors gave out "Blessing Bags" that included PPE products, toiletries, snacks and winter gloves while the homeless community enjoyed morning worship and a meal provided by Chosen 300 Ministry.



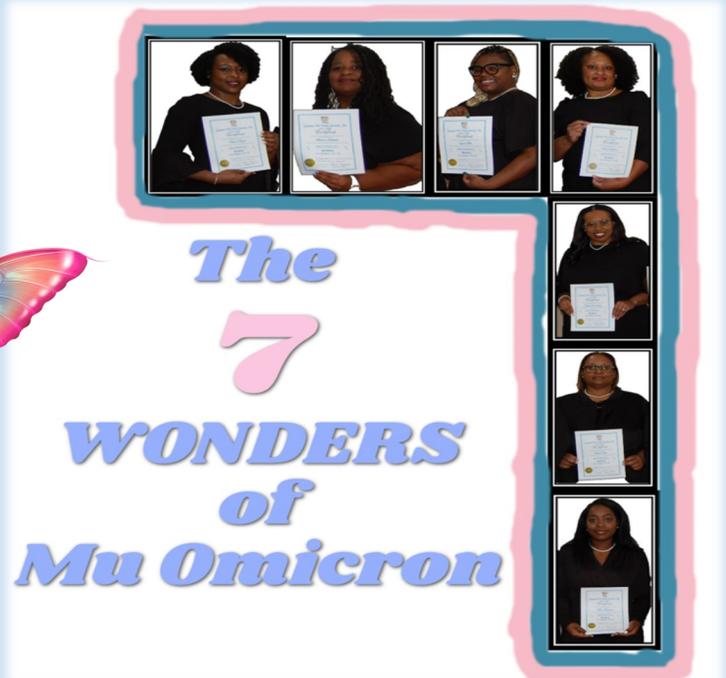
Left to right: Sorors Tracy Ellis, Shawntel Ward and Olivia Still.



**Mu Chapter Sorors
Pretty in Pink and Pearls!**

MU OMICRON

Mu Omicron Chapter welcomes "The 7 Wonders of Mu Omicron"! The beautiful "7 Wonders of Mu Omicron" were inducted on Sunday, November 29, 2020, in a virtual Zoom Induction. Under the leadership of Baileus Soror Wyvonna White and 1st Anti-Basileus, Soror Michele Carden-Gayles, in attendance were Gamma Phi Delta Sorority Inc., National President, Lenor Reese, the Eastern Regional Director, Mary Porter, the Assistant Eastern Regional Director, Phyllis Vessels and twenty-plus members of the Mu Omicron Chapter. The Mu Omicron chapter is excited to welcome them into the Gamma Sisterhood!



TOP L-R: Soror Chavon Rogers - The Grounded One; Soror Sharon - The Golden One; Soror Eyona Bell - The Gifted One; Soror Queen Eggleston -The Graceful One
DOWN: Soror Natavia Jean-Jacques -The Gallant One; Soror Karma Ester- The Gregarious One; Soror Allena Alexander - The Genuine One

Members of the chapter preparing to convoy to deliver food and shower caddies to Bridges to Independence, a homeless shelter in Arlington, VA as a service project in honor of MLK Day.



Graduate care Package delivered to Phi-teen, Samiyah Ford, who is a freshman at Bowie State University

ALPHA GAMMA NU

2020 was a disconcerting year for us all to say the least. Through all the challenges in the sorority season, the Alpha Gamma Nu Chapter of Egg Harbor Township, NJ has been moving steadily and making a huge mark in our community.

Alpha Gamma Nu is not only committed to the community but also to enhancing education and civic engagement for our members. In October, the chapter participated virtually in the Annual Breast Cancer Walk raising \$557 in donations. For the annual Professional Businesswomen's Week, the chapter hosted a workshop on Stocks and Retirement with a guest speaker from Edward Jones Investments. Members of the chapter also attended training sessions to support the campaigns of two local politicians, Amy Kennedy and Thelma Witherspoon. The chapter hosted a Voters Registration Feast, handing out applications in addition to posting daily civic engagement messages on their Facebook page.

In recognition of our National Day of Kindness, Alpha Gamma Nu provided a pasta dinner to the homeless, providing 15 pounds of pasta and 24 pounds of pasta sauce to Turning Point Day Care Center. The chapter continued their celebration of kindness by providing The Covenant House with hygiene back packs and donating Halloween candy to Fresh Start Church. And that was just October!



Delivering Backpacks to Covenant House
White Jacket: Soror LaTeisha Jones
Pink Jacket: Soror Delores Mozelle-Wright
Tan Jacket: Soror Araminta Carney - First Anti-Basileus

Alpha Gamma Nu stayed in full gear moving into the holiday season! In November, the chapter collected donations for Thanksgiving baskets and was able to provide 27 full meal baskets to the Pleasantville Early Childhood Program. In December, coats, hats and gloves were provided to Turning Point and Pleasantville schools in collaboration with their Youth Auxiliary. For Christmas, the chapter provided gift bags with pajama sets and personal hygiene items to The Covenant House.



Sorors Dropping off Holiday Gifts
Front left to right: Sorors Patrice Holts, Delores Mozelle Wright and Tina McNeal



Winter Hats and Gloves for Pleasantville Schools
Sorors Patrice Holts (l) and Araminta Carney (r)

Staying connected and empowered helps build a sisterhood. Although we can't meet in person, the chapter has adapted well to the new virtual world. The chapter's end-of-the-year celebration was replaced with a social distanced gift exchange and the members continue to make the best of their Zoom time. Alpha Gamma Nu is anticipating the day they can get together again. Until then, the chapter will continue to strengthen their membership and support the community however and whenever possible.

ALPHA OMICRON

2020 was a challenging year for our country. Our members don't take this lightly. Alpha Omicron shares sympathies and solidarity with those who found few delights in the days since the beginning of the pandemic. However, they are elated to celebrate the silver linings for Alpha Omicron, as there are many.

To begin, Alpha Omicron is proud to have continued our work with several charitable causes and organizations. The chapter continued their gift of an annual donation to Heifer International, participated in the AARP Meal Pack Challenge 2020, sorted and prepared food provided by Walmart and Amazon for "Food 4 Thought Group, Inc", donated feminine hygiene products to the women's shelter and continued their annual outreach of providing Christmas gifts to residents at Stoddard Baptist Global Care, which was part of their 2020 Holiday Gift Giving. While they are always happy to engage with the community, this year service took on a new meaning. The chapter celebrated the opportunity to serve with a renewed sense of purpose and fortitude moving forward.

In the spirit of finding joy and comfort in the small delights of life, the members created new traditions and unconventional ways to engage with one another during the pandemic. Not only did they continue our chapter meetings virtually, we had fun too! Some examples include a virtual holiday social via Zoom. Sorors gathered to have a fun, family-friendly gingerbread house decorating party. Our youngest participants received certificates.



Alpha Omicron members also had a little fun with a virtual secret Santa gift exchange. During this activity, sorors were able to surprise other sorors with a gift. It was also nice that, in doing so, they were able to learn a little more about each other along the way.

But perhaps Alpha Omicron's most beloved online activity happened when they held a virtual encounter and induction for their newest member, Ayana Singhateh. The next day the members ventured out into the fresh air for a curbside meet-up and gift giving to officially welcome their new soror.

Alpha Omicron Chapter is proud to introduce our newest member

Ayana Singhateh



Welcome to the world of Gamma!



Left to right: Melanie Barr, Donna Harrell, Michele Hallman, Carolyn Stuckey, Anntoinette White-Richardson, Mary Porter, Vanessa Harrison, and Solangel Childs.
Center: Ayana Singhateh

Finally, Alpha Omicron showed support for various endeavors hosted by sorors, such as the "Generational Wealth" webinar series with Soror Michele Hallman and the virtual "Next Level Faith" conference with Soror Marinda Kathryn Harrell-Levy. Support also includes that of their newest soror, Ayana Singhateh, and her daughter's book, the GPD Voting Initiative and other events such as "Girl Trek".

It has been an interesting year, Sorors. We are so blessed to have had each other on which to lean. We look forward to another year of solidarity and sisterhood. Onward!



(left to right: Marinda Kathryn Harrell-Levy & daughters, Ayana Singhateh & daughter, Melanie Barr Brooks & son; Donna Harrell; Carolyn Stuckey; Michele Hallman; Sandra Sheard; Merechia Davis; Vanessa Harrison; Solangel Childs; Antoinette White-Richardson; Elsie Conway)

DELTA PI

The Sorors of Delta Pi were honored to start the 2020-2021 Sorority year with their Eastern Regional Director Soror Mary Porter. ERD Soror Porter conducted the installation of the Delta Pi elected officers on September 19, 2020. The new leadership team and chapter members are committed to the physical growth of the chapter, as well as, the educational development and empowerment of all members.

Delta Pi continued to have dynamic guests to speak each month prior to officially opening the monthly chapter meeting. October's guest was Minister Lynn Strange who spoke on *"Domestic Violence"*. November's special guest was Reverend Michele Sweeting who discussed *"Being Thankful During the Pandemic."* As November is National Diabetes Awareness month, Delta Pi's Basileus, Soror Lyndia Grant, also shared important information about Diabetes prevention and treatment. In December, prospective new member, Darlene Callaway, presented *"Self Defense Products for Women."*

Members of Delta Pi joined the Eastern Region and National educational initiatives. Soror Lyndia Grant was a panel speaker for the Sorority's Gamma Rock the Vote Virtual Town Hall with the topic Covid 19 and Elections. Soror Grant was able to interview our past Supreme Basileus, Soror Patricia A. Daniels, on The Lyndia Grant Show to promote the event. In October 2020, Delta Pi's member Soror Rhenda Nugent in collaboration with Alpha Omicron's member Soror Michele Hallman kicked off their first of a four-part series on building generational wealth. The Stop! Listen! & Learn! Series provided valuable information on financial management including credit and debt management and taxes and estate planning.

Delta Pi's First Anti-Basileus, Soror Karen Rogers, hosted an informational for perspective prospective members on September 23, 2020. Prospective members were provided the tools to prepare for membership intake in the spring. Delta Pi welcomed several members back to active status. Soror Geraldan "Judi" (Riley) Bradford, Delta Pi's

founder, has taken advantage of the new world of virtual meetings and engagement to reunite with her chartered chapter. Additionally, Sorors Alicia Anderson, Chynia Lewis, Linda Powell, Mary Smith, and Callas Vaughn-Dixon have all been reinstated.



Left to right: Sorors Linda Powell (reinstated), Connie Speight, Dedre Choice, Karen Rogers, Lyndia Grant, Rev. Mary Smith (reinstated), Chermaine Josey, Gwen Lawrence, Debora Liles-Clemmons, Andrea Roberson



Soror Geraldan "Judi" Riley Bradford- Delta Pi founder (reinstated)



Left to right: Sorors Callas Vaughn-Dixon (reinstated), Connie Speight, Dedre Choice, Karen Rogers, Lyndia Grant, Debora Liles-Clemmons, Patricia Ramdass, Gwen Lawrence, Alicia Anderson (reinstated)

Service to the community continues to be the primary focus for Delta Pi. Although the outreach looks different with social distancing and virtual communication, Delta Pi continues to be an anchor to their adopted elementary school by providing needed supplies and supports. A monetary donation was made to Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring, Maryland, for Thanksgiving in place of in person volunteer hours. For the Christmas holiday the Sorors donated \$700 to a mom and her two children. The donation assisted the mom to bless the children with gifts, pay her utility bill, and to get her car fixed. Blessings continue to flow.



Back left to front right: Lyndia Grant, Gwen Lawrence, Andrea Roberson, Linda Powell, Debora Liles-Clemmons, Connie Speight, Karen Rogers, Rev. Mary Smith

EPSILON ALPHA

**Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.,
Epsilon Alpha Chapter
Presents Sister 2 Sister**

Welcome



Sister 2 Sister
Indy West: Phoenix Rose
Zanna Brown: Unique Butterfly



PIC•COLLAGE

**Epsilon Alpha Welcomes
two new members!**



**Sorors from Epsilon Alpha
Volunteer at the
Hillside Community Foodbank of NJ**

Congratulations



To
Soror
Teri Brown-Walker
Winner
of our
Logo/Tee
Shirt Design
Contest!!!



Sisters Positioning for Success
Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.
57th Eastern Regional Conference
May 14-15, 2021

2020 Eastern Region MAL Fall PM Club *Earth, Wind and Fire*



Soror Terri Flowers
"Quiet Storm"



Soror Anita Nicholson
"Peridot"



Soror Lanessa Lake
"Great Lake"



Soror Paula Lassiter
"Sunflower"



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Soror LaKeeshia Green
"Kinesis"

Virginia Line *Wind*



Soror Valerie Wilson-
Johnson
"Refining Fire"



Soror Grace Pemberton
"Purifying Fire"



Soror Tricia Daley-Bowles
"Spiritual Fire"



Soror Rachel Bagley
"Harmonious Fire"

New York Line *Fire*



Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc.



SAVE THE DATE

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**57th Eastern Regional
Virtual Conference**

May 14 – 15, 2021

*Conference Theme: "Sisters Positioning
for Success"*

Conference details coming soon!



Coming! October 6-9! **Boulé & Administrative Board Virtual Conference**

**Hosted by the "Marvelous, Magnificent and Mighty"
Mid-Western Region!**

*Ann E. Temple,
Regional Director*

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**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

Women's History Month



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Raised by Women

I was raised by
Chitterling eating
Vegetarian cooking
Cornbread so good you want to lay
down and die baking
"Go on baby, get yo'self a plate"
Kind of Women.

Some thick haired
Angela Davis afro styling
"Girl, lay back
and let me scratch yo head"
Sorta Women.

Some big legged
High yellow, mocha brown
Hip shaking
Miniskirt wearing
Hip huggers hugging
Daring debutantes
Groovin
"I know I look good"
Type of Women.

Some tea sipping
White glove wearing
Got married too soon
Divorced in just the nick of time

"Better say yes ma'am to me"
Type of sisters.

Some fingerpopping
Boogaloo dancing
Say it loud
I'm black and I'm proud
James Brown listening
"Go on girl shake that thing"
Kind of Sisters.

Some face slapping
Hands on hips
"Don't mess with me,
Pack your bags and
get the hell out of my house"
Sorta women

Some PhD toten
Poetry writing
Portrait painting
"I'll see you in court"
World traveling
Stand back, I'm creating
Type of queens

I was raised by women

Kelly Norman Ellis