The Autumn is upon us with half a year's holidays beckoning for our attention; So my heart and my spirit demand that I give both in November a mention.

11/11 - Veterans Day

Vested in protecting our country, our heartland,
Every recruit intently prays for a steadied nerve;
Their benevolent choice now knows no bounds,
Eagerly they report to learn, to work, and to serve.
Respecting their courage and oath to the flag
All at home, though worried, are proud, but prayerful;
Never forgetting what they set out to do,
Shout a loving "good-bye," but whisper "be careful."

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Greetings From The Basileus

Soror Rhonda Luss

Happy Thanksgiving!

November is the start of the holiday season. Families will gather for that oh-so delectable Thanksgiving meal. Remember to take time to thank the One from whom all blessings flow. Share cherished memories with those you love. Be safe during this holiday season, and I pray for traveling mercies for each you.

Elections: The Chapter will hold elections for 2017 Chapter officers during the November General Membership Meeting. Please pay close attention to the direction of the Teller’s Committee.

Candidate Speeches: Time will be set aside at the beginning of the General Membership Meeting for candidate speeches. Please be on time for Chapter meeting.

Budget: The 2017 proposed Chapter budget was presented at the October General Body Meeting. The Chapter voted to increase the Basileus and Graduate Advisor’s line items in the proposed budget. The budget will be voted on at the November General Membership Meeting. Tea roses to the Anti-Tamiouchos, Soror Katrina Anwar, for presenting the budget.

Dues: Sorors, please prepare to pay your 2017 Chapter dues. You can pay in full or make a partial payment. Remember, all dues must be paid in full and received by December 20, 2016 in order to be processed before the end of the year. Any dues received after December 20, 2016, will be processed in January 2017. All dues received after January 20, 2017 will be accessed a late fee.

Strategic Plan: The 2016-2020 proposed strategic plan was presented at the October General Membership Meeting. The 5-year strategic plan will be voted on at the November General Membership Meeting. Tea roses to Soror Carol Turner for leading the effort to develop the Chapter’s strategic plan.

December Meeting & Holiday Luncheon: The November General Membership Meeting will be the last time you can pay in person for the December Holiday Luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is $40. The December General Membership Meeting and Holiday Luncheon will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. A Chapter photo will be taken at this event.

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Sisterly in Service,
Soror Rhonda Luss, Basileus

4th Thursday – Thanksgiving Day

Thank you Lord God for blessing souls greatly,
Helping people all over to live as in Your light;
Acknowledging each soul with Your divine favor,
Nightly hearing every wish and prayer of family plight.
Knowing military families seek spiritual comfort, too,
Speak the answers to their hearts to boost their belief.
Gathered this day at food laden tables, they pray and wait;
“I’m back!” are the words that will bring tearful relief.
Vivid memories of this holiday for some won’t be easy,
In the past...a mishap, a sacrifice, a knock on the door.
Not everyone wants to recall it, but memories abound,
God says, “Be thankful, never lose sight of what I stand for.”

OCTOBER IN REVIEW

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and to show our support for those undergoing breast cancer treatment and those who have survived breast cancer, sorors wore pink business attire to the October General Membership Meeting.

Couture for a Cure: On October 1, 2016 the Association of Alexandria Radiologists (AAR) presented Couture for a Cure, a fashion show to benefit the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer Memorial Fund, which helps fund mammograms for low-income women in Northern Virginia. The Chapter through our Foundation helped sponsor this event.

HBCU Week Conference: The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 2016 National HBCU Week Conference, HBCUs: Promoting Excellence, Innovation and Sustainability, was held on October 23-26, 2016, Renaissance Arlington Capital View. I was able to volunteer. It was an outstanding conference.

Northern Western Virginia Cluster: The Northern Western Virginia Cluster was held October 28-29, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Dulles. Nearly 100 Zeta Chi Omega sorors attended. Thank you sorors for supporting our Regional Director and attending the Cluster.

NAACP Award: The Arlington Branch of the NAACP recognized the Chapter at their 70th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, October 29, 2016 at the Fort Myer Officers’ Club. A very special thanks to all the sorors who came to support your Chapter.

Sisterly in Service,
Soror Rhonda Luss, Basileus

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*IFNV event - for informational purposes only
Soror Tamara Rowe

Sorors, as we enter the season of Thanksgiving, please remember that not all are as fortunate and they need and appreciate our help.

November will be a busy month as we celebrate Thanksgiving and the many blessings bestowed upon us. We will have two major activities this month that will be a blessing for those less fortunate. “Project Giveback” will be held on Saturday, November 19th, at the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria, Virginia. We will conduct our final meal service for the year at the Carpenter’s Shelter on Sunday, November 27th. Please see Target III for volunteer information.

Sorors Andrea Sparks-Brown, LaVonne Shingler, and Geneva Greene welcomed the ASCEND Scholars for the 2016-2017 Cycle with a lunch and greet at Ledo’s Pizza in Springfield, VA. A good time was had by all in attendance. See Target I for details on their events for November.

Congratulations to Sorors Regina Crawley, Louise Gordon and Doris Shannon for their continuous efforts with Project Stepout. Zeta Chi Omega’s Project Stepout was honored by the Top Ladies of Distinction, Alexandria Chapter, Thursday, October 13th. Sorors Rhonda Luss and Regina Crawley accepted the award on behalf of the Chapter.

Project Stepout is only scheduled for one Tuesday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Project Stepout will be held Tuesday, November 8th, at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, located at 901 Wythe St, Alexandria, VA 22314 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Please consider joining the committee.

Thanks to all sorors who donated cereal boxes during the Month of October.

Mark Your Calendars!

2017 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference
April 26-30, 2017
Raleigh, NC
Target I: Educational Enrichment

Soror Andrea Mial, Chairman
Soror Andrea Sparks-Brown, Co-Chairman (ASCEND Program Chairman)
Soror Sarah Bowers, Co-Chairman (One Million Backpacks Lead)
Soror Angela Turner, Co-Chairman (Think HBCU Lead)
Contact us at: education@aka-zco.org

ASCEND℠

ASCEND Scholarly Notes

November 12, 2016, Nannie J. Lee Center, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
We will inspire ASCEND scholars to “Be the Vision” by reflecting on future goals and aspirations. Sorors are invited to bring any magazines or arts and crafts supplies to the November General Membership meeting to assist with making vision boards.

November 19, 2016, Nannie J. Lee Center, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Join the ASCEND scholars and volunteers as we pack Thanksgiving bags for needy families with “Project GiveBack.”

We are inviting more students to join ASCEND. If you know of any juniors and seniors interested in college and cultural exploration, please email ascend@aka-zco.org.
Another point of contact is Soror Geneva Greene at 404-358-6507 or geneva.greene@yahoo.com.

Target II: Health Promotion

Soror Carol Gibson, Chairman
Soror Jacqueline Guillory, Co-Chairman
Contact us at: health@aka-zco.org

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)

Each month has a health awareness associated with it. November recognizes many health awareness, including American Diabetes, Bladder Health, and National Healthy Skin. However the disease that hits closest to home for me and is recognized in November is Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Awareness month. My beautiful, amazing 75 year-old mother was diagnosed this summer with COPD. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, which includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is a chronic lung disease that makes it hard to breathe. The disease is increasingly common, affecting millions of Americans, and is the third leading cause of death in the U.S. The good news is COPD is often preventable and treatable.
Early detection of COPD is key to successful treatment. Many people don't recognize the symptoms of COPD until later stages of the disease. Sometimes people think they are short of breath or less able to go about their normal activities because they are "just getting older." But shortness of breath is never normal. If you experience any of these symptoms, or think you might be at risk for COPD, it is important to discuss this with your doctor. Common COPD symptoms include:

- Chronic cough
- Shortness of breath while doing everyday activities (dyspnea)
- Frequent respiratory infections
- Blueness of the lips or fingernail beds (cyanosis)
- Fatigue
- Producing a lot of mucus (also called phlegm or sputum)
- Wheezing

What causes COPD? Exposure to irritants that damage lungs and airways can cause COPD. The main cause of COPD is smoking; about 85 to 90 percent of all COPD cases are caused by cigarette smoking. However, nonsmokers can get COPD, too. My mom is a non-smoker. Additionally, what you breathe every day at work, home and outside can play a role in developing COPD. Long-term exposure to air pollution, secondhand smoke and dust, fumes and chemicals (which are often work-related) can cause COPD. Finally, a small number of people have a rare form of COPD called alpha-1 deficiency-related emphysema. This form of COPD is caused by a genetic (inherited) condition that affects the body's ability to produce a protein (Alpha-1) that protects the lungs.

Right now, my mom is being treated with medication that helps her breathe better. Other treatments for COPD include pulmonary rehabilitation, lung surgery and supplemental oxygen.

For more information about symptoms, treatments, etc. go to http://www.copdfoundation.org/.

Article submitted by Soror Leslie Dey

Target III: Family Strengthening

Soror Sherry Billingsley, Chairman
Soror Barbara Bouldin, Co-Chairman
Soror Sonya Stephens, Co-Chairman
Contact us at: family@aka-zco.org

CARPENTER’S SHELTER MEAL SERVICE: The Target III Family Strengthening hosted the fourth Carpenter's Shelter Meal Service on Sunday, September 25, 2016 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. A hot meal was catered by Mr. Big Boy's Kountry Kookin'. There were seventeen sorors with willing hearts and hands volunteered to serve the 23 residents. The food was great. Fellowshipping with the residents and sorors was an awesome experience.
There is one additional opportunity in 2016 for you to volunteer to serve on November 27th. If you are interested in volunteering for the November meal service, please contact Soror Saundra McCullough-Cobey, saundra.mcculloughcobey@verizon.net.

Thank you sorors for your wonderful support!

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.” – John Holmes
invites you to the

Annual Senior Citizens’ Holiday Luncheon

“CELEBRATING THE SEASON WITH OUR SENIORS”

Saturday, December 10, 2016
11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

DREW MODEL SCHOOL
3500 23RD STREET SOUTH
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22206

RSVP required by November 18, 2016.
Please contact seniorsholidayparty@aka-zco.org.
On October 13, 2016 the United Nations General Assembly voted to confirm António Guterres as the ninth UN Secretary-General. He will take office on January 1, 2017.

After the UN Security Council nominated Mr. Guterres last week, you may have heard that he spent a decade leading the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), or that he's the first former Prime Minister to be chosen for the role of Secretary-General. The position of UN Secretary-General is one of the world's toughest jobs, and Mr. Guterres has proven that he is well-equipped to lead.

Mr. Guterres will become Secretary-General during an era of complex global challenges when strong UN leadership is vital to peace and progress. Interconnected issues – including swelling refugee populations, violent extremism, and persistent inequality – defy borders and demand effective collaboration. Historic 2015 agreements on climate change and sustainable development are poised to transform our world.

Mr. Guterres, a visionary leader who knows how to get things done, will help the UN realize these promises. With his demonstrated track record of bold leadership, deep commitment to international cooperation, and tireless advocacy for the rights and dignity of the most vulnerable, Mr. Guterres is capable of bringing new ambition to the UN during this critical time.

Source: Kathy Calvin, President & CEO, United Nations Foundation
Birthday Celebration

Calling all November birthday celebrants! Please join us for our monthly birthday luncheon. Immediately following our November General Membership Meeting, the luncheon will take place at Blackwall Hitch, 5 Cameron Street from 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. All sorors are welcome to join the celebration!

You’re Invited!!

The Delta Omega Chapter, Petersburg, Virginia will be celebrating their 95th Anniversary on November 12, 2016. Everyone is invited to come, however; there is limited seating. If you have any questions please contact Soror Andrea Kinard at andreagreen@hotmail.com or by phone at 804-712-8055.

Congratulations: Mi’Kaela Clark was born September 22nd to Soror Queschae Blue-Clark’s family. Mother and daughter are doing well. Soror Rochelle Brown received approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) to collect data and continue with her research. This is a significant milestone in her doctoral journey.

Prayer Requests: Soror Theresa Tindall lost her father. His funeral was held on October 14, 2016. Please keep the family in prayer.
Sorors,
For the last several months, you watched the Democratic and Republican Primary debates. You also had time to review the presidential conventions, presidential debates, and now it is time to VOTE!

We know about the presidential election; however, what is on the ballot?

**Virginia: Proposed Constitutional Amendments** will also be voted on at the November 8, 2016 Election

**Article I. Bill of Rights. Section 11-A. Right to work.**

1. Ballot Question

**Question:** Should Article I of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to prohibit any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership to the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise?

**Present Law:** Currently, Virginia’s right to work law, § 40.1-59 of the Code of Virginia, provides that any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization are denied the right to work for the employer, (ii) membership in the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by such employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise is against public policy and illegal. This has been the law and the declared public policy of the Commonwealth since 1947.

**Proposed Amendment:** The proposed amendment places the provisions of Virginia’s right to work law into the Constitution of Virginia. While Virginia law may be amended by any future General Assembly, a constitutional prohibition can only be changed by a future constitutional amendment approved by the voters.

**Article X. Taxation and Finance. Section 6-B. Property tax exemptions for spouses of certain emergency services providers.**
2. Ballot Question

Question: Shall the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to provide an option to the localities to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who was killed in the line of duty, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property as his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

Present Law: Article X, Section 6-A of the Constitution of Virginia now requires the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property, including the joint real property of husband and wife, of any veteran with a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability, as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the real property of the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran. This exemption from taxation applies to the principal place of residence of the eligible veteran or of the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran. The exemption ceases if the surviving spouse remarries.

Proposed Amendment: The proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the General Assembly to enact a law that would allow a locality to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency medical services personnel who is killed in the line of duty. The exemption from taxation would cease if the surviving spouse remarries. The exemption would apply regardless of whether the spouse was killed in the line of duty prior to the effective date of this amendment but would apply only to those real property taxes to be paid on or after the effective date of this amendment. The exemption from taxation would apply to the surviving spouse’s principal place of residence, even if he or she moves to a new principal place of residence. The exemption would not require the surviving spouse to have been residing in the Commonwealth at the time his or her spouse was killed in the line of duty.

Review specific details in your city or county for other proposed amendments.

Maryland: http://elections.maryland.gov/
District of Columbia: https://www.dcboee.org/default.asp

Diamond Golden Silver Committee
Soror C. Starr Garrett, Chairman
Soror Joyce Myrick Brooks, Co-Chairman

Pink Tea Roses to the entire DGS Committee for hosting the Bingo Luncheon to celebrate and fellowship with our Chapter jewels on October 8th at the “Kappa House.” This indoor event was perfect for a rainy Saturday afternoon. We were pleased to see over 50 seasoned sorors in attendance as our mesmerizing Bingo Caller Extraordinaire, Soror Tilly Blanding, kept everyone laughing with her comedic talent. Our jewels always have a fun-filled time at this annual event. THANK YOU to all DGS buddy sorors for making lives richer by your service.
Sisterly Relations Committee

Soror Stephanie Woodland Kelly, Chairman
Soror Nekia Freeman, Co-Chairman
Contact us at: sisterlyrelations@aka-zco.org

Chapter Movie Outing
‘Almost Christmas’ starring Danny Glover, Mo’Nique, Omar Epps and Gabrielle Union (just to name a few!) is a drama/comedy that tells the story of a dysfunctional family that is gathering together for their first Thanksgiving since the loss of their Mother.

The Sisterly Relations Committee is planning a Chapter wide Sisterly Relations activity for Saturday, November 12th, at the AMC Hoffman Theater to see this movie. We will notify the Chapter of the selected show time once times for that date have been published. Sorors, you will be responsible for purchasing your own ticket. Bear in mind that it’ll be opening weekend for the movie so it may be crowded. Please plan to buy your tickets early. We look forward to seeing you at the movies!!!

Holiday Party
We are delighted to invite you to join us for our annual Holiday luncheon which will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway Alexandria, VA. The luncheon is for sorors only. The cost per Zeta Chi Omega soror is $40. The cost for all other sorors is $45. Tickets can be purchased online via the Chapter’s website at www.aka-zco.org as well as at the November General Membership Meeting. Valet parking in the hotel garage will be available at the discounted rate of $8 subject to available space. Once garage space is no longer available, street parking and nearby public garages are available options. A chapter photo will be taken prior to lunch being served. The attire is black with green accents. No pants.

Sister Circles
You can now reference the list of Sister Circles (SC), their respective Sister Circle Leaders (SCL) and the specific geographic areas that comprise each SC on the Chapter website.

Below is the current list of Sister Circles, Sister Circle Leaders and the associated geographic areas of each for your reference.

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Please join us in congratulating Soror Carla Haynes Harper who is the new SCL for SC# 2. Welcome Soror Carla, and thank you for your willingness to serve!

If you have not been assigned to a SC or require clarity as to which SC you have been assigned, let us know. Also, we encourage you to confirm that your address information is up to date in the Chapter database. We appreciate greatly hearing all of the wonderful things our SCs are doing. Please keep us informed of your activities as it gives us examples to share with other SCs who may ask for ideas of what to do with their respective SCs.

The next Sisterly Relations Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Meeting specifics will be available closer to that date.

**Membership Committee**

**New Chapter Member Orientation:** We are so excited to welcome so many newly reactivated and transferred sorors to Zeta Chi Omega! Please join us for New Chapter Member Orientation on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. (immediately following General Membership Meeting.) The Orientation will be held at the Alexandria Police Department’s Community Room located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. We look forward to welcoming and acclimating you with Zeta Chi Omega!

**Chapter Polo Shirts:** Chapter polo shirts will be available for order prior to and immediately after chapter meeting. The cost is $25 for women’s fit and $30 for men’s fit. Please be sure to stop by the Membership table or visit the Chapter website to order.

**Standards Committee**

At the November General Body Meeting, the Standards Committee will review the Chapter Assessment Form with Chapter members. The form will be available for sorors to complete at the November and December General Membership Meetings. We need ¾ of the Chapter or 287 sorors to participate in completing the Chapter Assessment Form in order to receive Star recognition for the Standards End of Year Report. Please take part in completing the assessment form and submitting to the Standards Committee so we will be recognized as in past years. There will be a Standards Committee meeting in November, date and location is TBD. Please contact Soror Jennifer Hansborough, Chairman; Soror Kathy Collier, Co-Chairman; or Soror Amanda Pratter, Co-Chariman, if you have any questions.
Rendering service to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® is a privilege and an honor. Those sorors who are willing to share their time and talent as an officer for Zeta Chi Omega Chapter are committing to an important undertaking, which only the members of Zeta Chi Omega can fulfill. The duty of the Nominating Committee is to identify such leaders.

The Nominating Committee conducts its business in a confidential manner in order to present a slate of qualified candidates for open Zeta Chi Omega officer positions. To assist us in our deliberations, we have at our disposal several documents such as, the Zeta Chi Omega Chapter By-Laws, Manual of Standard Operating Procedures, So You Want to Run for Office, and other official documents.

You should have received a list of candidates, the position for which they have applied, their experience and their photo. Additionally, the candidates’ Vision Statement is included and has not been altered in any way. Congratulations to our candidates, and Good Luck!

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**Tellers Committee**

The Tellers Committee is a non-standing committee created by the Basileus to facilitate the Chapter’s voting process. As a result, this committee is responsible for preparation of the ballot, directing the membership by providing voting instructions, counting the votes and reporting the official results during the November General Membership Meeting.

On November 3, 2016, Zeta Chi Omega will hold Chapter elections. Voting will be by ballot, beginning promptly at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m. There will be NO mail-in ballots. All financially active sorors of Zeta Chi Omega Chapter may vote. Sorors are requested to arrive on time, pick up their ballots at the sign-in/attendance table and then proceed to their seats. Additional voting instructions will be provided at the November General Membership Meeting. For more information, please contact a member of the Tellers Committee or Soror Darhyl Jasper.

SEE YOU ON CHAPTER ELECTION DAY!!!!
2016 Zeta Chi Omega End of the Year Chapter Award Nominations

Sorors...just a sisterly reminder, it is time to submit the 2016 End of the Year Chapter Award nominations. All End of the Year Chapter nominations are due no later than November 5, 2016 and will NOT be accepted after this date. Please send your nomination(s) via email to awards@aka-zco.org or to ollie3aka29@aol.com. Please do not delay!

We are calling all sorors to submit written soror nominations for the following Zeta Chi Omega End of the Year Chapter Awards:

ATTENDANCE AWARD
This award is given to the soror who has attended the most Zeta Chi Omega Chapter events for the 2016 year.

MS. PRECIOUS PEARL
This award is given to a soror who has recently joined Zeta Chi Omega in the past year and has distinguished herself by participating in many phases of Chapter work, including committee work, and support of activities and events.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
This award is given to a soror who has done outstanding work or performed outstanding service to the Chapter and/or community in efforts toward a single event, or over a period of time.

MISS PINK AND GREEN AWARD
This award is given to a new soror, recently initiated or transferred, who has been in the Sorority less than 5 years and has distinguished herself by participating in many phases of Chapter work, including committee work, and support of activities and events.

SOROR OF THE YEAR AWARD
This award is based on written justification and documentation presented by the nominating soror.

UNSUNG HERO AWARD
Do you know a soror who stepped up and volunteered without being asked, can quote bylaws and history, or has reached out to sorors to offer get-well wishes or condolences? If you know of a soror who is always on time, sisterly, and makes being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority enjoyable, please send her name and a brief description of what makes this soror an Unsung Hero to awards@aka-zco.org.
2017 Mid-Atlantic Regional Award Nominations

Calling all sorors, Committee Chairmen, Co-Chairmen! It is also time to SPOTLIGHT your hard work and efforts demonstrated in 2016? The 2017 MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE is April 26-30, 2017, in Raleigh, NC. This is your time to GLOW!!! Don’t wait or delay, start preparing your portfolios now. The criteria is the same as last year. A complete listing with requirements of the Regional Awards can be found in the MAR Awards Handbook, available on the MAR ‘Members Only’ site.

All individual and chapter award recommendations are the responsibility of the recommender, which means the soror(s) is/are responsible for the write-up, supporting documentation(s), and final submission to the Awards Committee. The Awards Committee is here to assist.

Award submissions will automatically be returned if the requirements and documentation are not complete; therefore, it is important that you review the Awards Handbook for information on the criteria and report format for each award. Submissions due dates are listed below:

Sorors can submit individual nominations for the following awards:

- **Clara M. Hines Award (Humanitarian and Caring Soror)
- Leah K. Frazier (Leadership w/Global Perspective)
- Marguerite Adams Award (Political Action)
- Graduate Leadership Award (Outstanding Leadership in Region)
- Helen Cauthorne Award (Graduate Advisor Award)
- Eula Edmonds Glover Award (Volunteer Community Service)
- **Annie L. Harvey Award (Outstanding Graduate Soror)
- Pauline C. Morton Award (Alumni Basileus of the Year)
- Margaret B. Moss Award (Outstanding Retired Graduate Soror)
- Evelyn R. Syphax Award (Outstanding Graduate Writer)
- Bernardine Stoneham Smith Bailey Award (Graduate Journalism)
- Elizabeth Schmoke Randolph Award (Civic Leader)
- Barbara K. Phillips Award (Leadership Development)
- Mid-Atlantic Region Arts and Crafts (Class I - X)
- **Economic Security Initiative Program Award (Citizen of the Year)

Chapter Awards:

- Graduate Achievement Award (Membership 76 and above)
- Janice Mack Award (Reactivation - Membership 76 or more)
- Doris R. Asbury One-to-One Award (Graduate Newsletter)
- AKA Connection Award
- Wanza Bagnall Webb Award (Outstanding Service to Children w/Special Needs or to Senior Citizens)
- Outstanding Graduate Chapter program
- Carolyn L. Lattimore Award (Outstanding Achievement in Education)
- Graduate International Program Awards

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The Awards Committee members are here to assist and address your questions. We are an Award-winning Chapter, and we work hard for AKA. Let’s not let our efforts go unrecognized. Remember, WE cannot win if we do not submit.

*Let’s go for the PINK AND GREEN...WE ARE TEAM AKA-ZXΩ!!!*

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### ZETA CHI OMEGA CHOIR WANTS YOU!

Are you committed? Are you dedicated? Are you energetic and punctual? Then, you have found your niche.

Come meet and join a beautiful and talented group of ladies every month on stage at the Lee Center from 9:00 a.m - 9:45 a.m. before our General Membership Meeting.

No tryouts required. Just bring a beautiful smile!

Aretha Cunningham, Chairman  
Essie Matthews, Pianist  
Veronica Jackson, Director
Remembering Our Beginnings….  

January 15, 1908, the assignment of Ethel Hedgeman Lyle, to propose a symbol and design an insignia, the ivy. 

The Ivy Leaf signifies strong and lasting friendship. This association is derived from its ability to stay attached to a rocky surface in even the most inhospitable conditions. Women of Alpha Kappa Alpha exude strength and endurance like the green ivy leaf. Alpha Kappa Alpha women pride themselves on their inner strength, endurance and ability to handle pressure with grace. 

We sincerely hope that all sorors will attend our 2017 Founders’ Day Celebration, January 28, 2017, at the Fort Belvoir Officers’ Club, 12-2pm. The cost is $40 per person, and the attire is pink, green or pink and green, no pants. Tickets will be available for purchase at the November, December, and January General Membership Meetings and via PayPal on the Chapter website. Pre-vetting information (first and last name; driver's license number; and driver's license state) to gain entrance through the Pence Gate will be collected by a committee member at each General Membership Meeting provided you do not have a Military ID and/or a DoD Common Access Card (CAC). Sorors, take the opportunity to also invite an inactive soror to the Founders’ Day Celebration. 

Please support the Founders’ Day Service Project by purchasing a $10 Metro SmarTrip card. Your donations will be collected before and following General Membership Meetings. The SmarTrip cards will be donated to the Carpenter’s Shelter. 

For more information contact Soror Saundra McCullough-Cobey, Chairman, or Sorors Aretha Cunningham and Barbara Anderson, Co-Chairmen.
Voter Registration
September 24, 2016
October Birthday Luncheon
October 1, 2016
Cooley Moore Scholarship Luncheon Fashion Show (LFS) Committee

Sorors, the time is almost here, and we still have a number of tables available for the 58th Annual Cooley-Moore Scholarship Luncheon Fashion Show (LFS). The LFS will be held on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner. The 2016 theme is “Elegant and Timeless Fashions...Celebrating Zeta Chi Omega Chapter.” The 2016 LFS Coordinator is Ida’s Idea. Visit her webpage at www.idasidea.com. Please contact Soror Monique Robinson for additional tickets and table information. Tickets are available for $75 per person. There are over 20 tables that have not been purchased – please consider purchasing a table. Checks should be made payable to IFNV, Inc. Sorors, the LFS committee needs your support to continue the tradition of supporting the educational goals of local students. Please consider purchasing tickets, a sponsorship, or be a patron. Sponsorship and Patron forms are included in the Ivyette.

The very last day to purchase tickets or become a sponsor or patron is at the General Membership Meeting on November 5, 2016. The LFS needs 15 volunteers to be hostesses on the day of the show. Hostesses assist in many areas of the show, including showing attendees to their tables, passing out door prizes, and helping with decorations. Please contact Sorors Demaris Thompson or Carolyn Rowe if you can be a hostess.

If you would like to make a reservation at the McLean Hilton, please use this link https://aws.passkey.com/event/14493796/owner/3114104/home

The next LFS committee meeting is November 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm, at Martha Washington Library in Alexandria, VA. Please contact Soror Jennifer Hansborough for additional information.

IFNV - Combined Federal Campaign

The IFNV has been approved to participate in the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign. The IFNV CFC Code is 97220. If you are a Federal employee and participate in the CFC, please consider making a donation to the IFNV. Thanking you in advance for your participation.
Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Inc. charitable affiliate of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Zeta Chi Omega Chapter cordially invites you to attend

The 58th Annual Cooley-Moore Scholarship Luncheon Fashion Show

Elegant and Timeless Fashions...

Celebrating Zeta Chi Omega Chapter

Sunday
November 13, 2016

Vendors: 11:00AM
Luncheon and Fashion Show: 2:00PM

Tickets: $75/$80
Tables: $750/$800

Please make checks payable to: IFNV, Inc.

For more information please contact:
moivy05@gmail.com
(703) 261-4908

Hilton McLean
Tysons Corner
7920 Jones Branch Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102

The IFNV is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, donations to which are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.
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THE 58TH ANNUAL COOLEY-MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

The Cooley-Moore Scholarship Fund was established in honor of two Zeta Chi Omega Chapter charter members - Marie Cooley and Emma Moore. The first educational grants were awarded in 1957 to students graduating from Parker Gray, Luther Jackson, and Hoffman Boston High Schools.

Zeta Chi Omega Chapter continues the tradition of encouraging high scholastic achievements by monetarily supporting the educational goals of industrious students. The proceeds from the Cooley-Moore Luncheon Fashion Show (CM-LFS) benefit local high school graduates who are entering college, as well as recipients who are already matriculating toward the completion of their college degrees. In addition to distribution of scholarships, the scholarship program monitors students’ progress, and provides mentorship to awardees.

As a patron your name will be listed in the 2016 CM-LFS Program, and your contribution is 100% tax deductible.

CONTACT INFORMATION

PATRON NAME: ____________________________

NAME LISTED IN PROGRAM ____________________________ (Please print clearly)

Address: ____________________________________________

City/State: ____________________________ Zip: ________________

Phone: ____________________________ Alternative Phone: ____________________________

E-mail: ____________________________

PATRON DONATION: From $50.00 up to $200.00

PAYMENT INFORMATION

(Checks payable to “Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Inc.” or “IFNV”)

Payment Type: Cash Check No. ____________ Receipt No. ____________

Patron’s Name Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

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THE 58TH ANNUAL COOLEY-MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

SPONSOR NAME (as it should appear on promotional materials)

ORGANIZATION (if applicable)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address: ____________________________

City/State: __________________________ Zip: _______

Day Phone: ___________ Alternative Phone: ___________ Fax: ___________

E-mail: ____________________________

SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

(Please select one)

Platinum - $5,000 One table to the luncheon fashion show, Special Guest Seating, Company or Name listed in the program, Event Spotlight Acknowledgement

Gold - $1,000 Two tickets to the luncheon fashion show, Special Guest Seating, Company or Name listed in the Program, Event Spotlight Acknowledgement

Silver - $500 One ticket to the luncheon fashion show, Special Guest Seating, Company or Name listed in the Program, Event Spotlight Acknowledgement

Bronze - $250 One ticket to the luncheon fashion show, Company or Name listed in the Program, Event Spotlight Acknowledgement

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