Dear Zeta Chi Omega Sorors,

Welcome back! After a relaxing and fun-filled summer, it is time for us to jump back into the full swing of service to the Arlington and Alexandria communities.

The Chapter did not completely rest during the summer months. Sixty members of Zeta Chi Omega (ZXΩ) attended the Leadership Seminar in Montreal, Canada. Zeta Chi Omega had the largest number of Chapter members present from the Mid-Atlantic Region. In addition, Chapter members served as workshop presenters, workshop panelists and participants. Sorors, thank you, for your participation in the Leadership Seminar and for wearing your Chapter t-shirts. For highlights of the conference see pages 16-19.

Tea Roses to the Conference Information Network Committee (Sorors Chiquita King, Annette Champion, Linda Newman and Carol Gibson) for all their hard work in developing the conference survey. The information obtained was used to organize emergency contact information and a Chapter social hour. The Restaurant gazette at the Westin Hotel was filled with sorors sporting their fabulous ZXΩ t-shirts.

The Northern Western Virginia Cluster will take place on November 8-9, 2013. The conference will be held in Richmond, Virginia. Online registration will open on September 13, 2013. If you do not have Internet access and wish to register, please contact Soror Rhonda Luss and request assistance.

The Metropolitan Founders’ Day will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014. The event will take place at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Bethesda, Maryland. The cost of the event will be $70. Seating will be assigned by chapters, by year of chartering and will be done on a first come first served basis.

Payments for tickets will be accepted at the September through November General Membership meetings. Currently, registration is only for host chapter participants. Non-host chapter participants and general members will be able to register at the end of November. All checks should be payable to Zeta Chi Omega Chapter.

On Saturday, August 24, 2013, approximately 60 ZXΩ Chapter members participated in the march to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington. The Metropolitan Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia (DMV) chapters and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Linda H. Gilliam met early Saturday morning and spent most of the day on the mall. Images of sorors participating in the march are on pages 20 and 21.

See you at the September General Membership meeting and Chapter Retreat!

Sisterly yours in service,

Soror Michelle M. Jones
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**Chapter Retreat—September 7th**

**Officer Nominations Due—September 7th**
Praying is one of the Five Acts of Worship, and the Bible tells us that we should pray “with the spirit and understanding” (I Corinthians 14:15) and to do so “without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) as the “fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much” (James 5:16). Some of us pray sometimes, or when we are in need, but many of us pray on a daily basis. We should all reflect on God’s grace and mercy as He continues to provide our daily needs. Prayer begins in the mind. When we have cast away all other doubts, fears, urgent matters, we then need to understand that God is the author of our fate. With that in mind, we should give Him our best and that is to prepare our minds for prayer.

Praying offers at least five salient processes that we must learn:

1. We give reverence to God since it teaches us to respect Him and what is about to be done in accordance to His will (Leviticus 10:1-3).
2. We must accept that God never tells us what His will is, but we must understand that He is in control and we must learn to pray to accept whatever He allows to happen (Romans 8:26).
3. We are not to live on food alone, but to be content with what God provides us (Matthew 4:4). In essence, He may not give us what we want when we want it, but He will definitely give us what we need.
4. We must learn to forgive others because our failure to do so will cause God not to forgive us of our transgressions. The greatest obstacle to forgiveness is anger, but we should not be so consumed in our anger that it clouds our judgment and does not allow for us to get past that anger to a point where we can forgive others.
5. We must know our own sins so that we can prepare against the devil’s use of them (Hebrews 12:4). Preparing to pray should not be done with a cavalier attitude, but with quiet reflection/introspection. The Spirit helps us in our weaknesses and intercedes on our behalf.

Prayer: “Heavenly Father, thank You for this day and the opportunity to serve others in words or deeds. Please grant me a portion of Your wisdom so that I may continue to revere, accept, and trust You, and that I also forgive others and defend against my own temptations. Amen.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Please note the following service opportunities for this month:

- **Bras anyone?** Yes, we are collecting bras (slightly used) as part of the “Free the Girls” bra drive ([www.freethegirls.org](http://www.freethegirls.org)) to help human trafficking victims. If you have several unused bras, please bring to the September General Membership meeting and our September 19th Third Thursday program. Join us in the fight to stop human trafficking.

- **Black hair care products.** We will continue to collect products in support of Doorways for Women (home for domestic violence victims). A new partner, Courtney’s House (human trafficking victims home) is also requesting the same, so keep bringing hair products to aid those in need.

SEPTEMBER SWEEP OF PROGRAMMING!

With a sizzling end to summer, the sweep of programs is just beginning!

September is our Public Policy month, and we are turning our attention to Human Trafficking.

The Washington, DC Metropolitan area is considered among the “top five” markets for this form of modern-day slavery. Refer to the Social Justice and Human Rights Initiative Committee report for details on this month’s Third Thursday program, “Strong MINDS: A Human Trafficking Forum.”
• Don’t toss the toiletries! Instead, bring your travel and extra toiletries to us in support of Carpenter’s Shelter.

• Pink and Green goes eco-friendly! Read the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Initiative Committee’s report to learn more about the September 7th swap.

SUMMER PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTS

While many of us enjoyed our vacation, the work of Zeta Chi Omega continued.

• On June 15th, the Connection Committee held a joint Voter Registration training with the NOVA Coalition at the Sherwood Hall Library, Alexandria, VA. Thanks to Soror VaShawn Guice Veal, Chairman, for coordinating this event.

• Also on June 15th, the Health Initiative Committee hosted the Relay for Life at Robert Lee High School in Arlington, VA. Kudos to Soror Amirah Salaam, Team Captain.

• On June 20th, the Health and Global Poverty Initiatives collaborated to host the Third Thursday Soul Food Café. With over 100 in attendance, participants learned how to “keep the soul without losing control.” Hats off to Program Co-Chairmen, Sorors Brenda Kelley-Nelum (Global Poverty) and Geraldine Howell (Health).

• June 22nd was a very busy day as the Connection Committee teamed up with the Charles Houston Center to set up and serve as hostesses for the “Hall of Fame” program, honoring African Americans in Alexandria. AKAadies to Soror Betty Morrison for coordinating this affair.

• Later that day, the Emerging Young Leaders (EYL) participants concluded their school year with an afternoon tea at the Pentagon Ritz Carlton.

Tea Roses to retiring EYL Committee Chairman, Soror DeChane Dorsey and Co-Chairman, Soror Erica Jeffries, who worked tirelessly for 2 years.

• On July 21, the Social Justice and Human Rights Initiative and Global Poverty Initiative Committees co-hosted the bi-monthly Meal Service at the Carpenter’s Shelter by servicing over 50 residents.

Please continue to support our programs through participation, promotion and service. Look for volunteer opportunities. Spread the word.

The next Joint Programs Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, via teleconference. Please contact Soror Kendra Gillespie (kendra_gillespie@hotmail.com) for participant dial-in information.
**Initiatives**

**Economic Security Initiative**

**FICO Credit Score**

It’s possible that you’ve been living under a rock if you’ve not heard the term FICO score used in recent years. FICO is an acronym for Fair, Isaac & Company which is now Fair Isaac Corporation. This corporation is credited with inventing the FICO score. The score is a number that summarizes your credit risk. It has become the standard for measuring credit risk in banking, mortgage, credit card, auto and retail industries in the United States.

The score ranges from 300 – 850. 300 represents the lowest end of the spectrum and 850 the highest. It is calculated from several different components of data in your credit history. The data is basically grouped into five categories as illustrated below:

How a FICO Score breaks down:

- Payment history: 35%
- Amounts owed: 30%
- Length of credit history: 15%
- New credit: 10%
- Types of credit used: 10%

Honestly, it’s impossible to measure the exact impact of a single factor in how your score is calculated, so the above is offered as a general guideline. The importance of each category can vary from person to person. No score says whether a particular individual will be a “good” or “bad” customer as lenders use this score and many additional factors to determine whether or not to extend credit.

Not only is your score used in determining if you’ll be issued credit, it also can determine how much it will cost you to borrow. Those with higher credit scores are deemed to be less of a risk and will typically benefit from lower interest rates. Those with lower scores are viewed as higher risk and lenders will offset that potential risk by extending you credit at a higher interest rate. The difference in interest rates could equate to thousands, if not tens of thousands on larger purchases, paid in interest over the life of the loan.

It is critical that we, as informed consumers, know exactly what is in our credit files and what our FICO scores are. Knowing where you stand allows you to build an action plan to improve your credit record, if necessary. Consumers with a good credit history and a high credit score have more options available for achieving their financial goals and isn’t that what financial freedom is really all about?

Submitted by: Soror Stephanie Woodland Kelly

Chart Source: myfico.com

**Social Justice and Human Rights**

On July 21, approximately seven sorors joined us at the Carpenter’s Shelter for our bi-monthly meal service project. With approximately 50 residents served, again we made a difference in the lives of the homeless who are currently under transition. Music added to the ambiance while sorors fellowshipped with the residents. Zeta Chi Omega received many thanks from the site director and residents. Thanks to the sorors who were able to participate during the summer break.

We are making preparations for the upcoming September Third Thursday program, which will highlight our International Merciful Intervention Now Demands Safety (M.I.N.D.S.) Program (the official Human Trafficking Campaign for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.). Our Human Trafficking Forum will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM and will feature a panel of experts on this important topic affecting both women and children. Known as modern-day slavery, the Washington DC. Metropolitan Area is one of the “top five” districts for human trafficking. We encourage you to spread the word and join us in the fight to stop human trafficking. For additional information, please visit our Facebook Events page, or contact Sorors Joyce Putman (Chairman) or Kendra White (Co-Chairman).
The leadership of the EYL Committee has changed for the 2013-2014 year. Soror Caroline Howard and Shani Provost will be the points of contact for all EYL concerns for this upcoming school year.

We will be jump starting the 2013-2014 EYL school year with our first EYL meeting on September 21, 2013, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Jazmin’s Notebook, by Nikki Grimes, is the summer reading assignment and we will look forward to hearing the girls deliver their book reports.

Soror Linda Hall has graciously offered 20 WNBA Washington Mystics tickets to our EYL group for their season’s last game on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at the Verizon Center, Washington DC at 4:00 PM. We asked their parents to reply no later than September 1, 2013 if they would like to have their girls attend. Plans are to meet at the Huntington Metro Station (2:00 PM) and travel to and from the Verizon Center as a group. New potential EYL parents have been informed that completed EYL application and permission slips are required before being granted permission to attend EYL events. As soon as I receive positive responses we will notify the EYL Committee as to the number of available chaperone tickets.

Tea Roses to Soror Crystal Lander for volunteering to lead the upcoming 2014 EYL Community Summit.

If you are interested in serving as an active member of the EYL Committee, we welcome you to join us. Please feel free to contact us with your inquiries, or as needed.

Caroline Howard, caroline83eyl@gmail.com
(Phone: 757-218-3338)
Shani Provost, shanipr@gmail.com, (Cell: 510-393-7159)

The Connection Committee was hard at work this summer and participated in the following activities:

**June 2013 Activities**
- Partnered with the NoVA Coalition to conduct basic voter registration and voter restoration training.
- Volunteered as hostesses and ushers for the Charles Houston Recreation Center Mural & Hall of Fame Dedication Ceremony, featuring successful African Americans from Alexandria.
- Participated in the 2013 State of Black NOVA, sponsored by the Virginia Leadership Institute.

**July 2013 Activities**
- Partnered with the NoVA Coalition to conduct an in-depth training on the restoration of rights process in VA. This included a drop-in clinic for those who needed assistance with completing their applications.
- Attended the Alexandria Community forum to discuss the Trayvon Martin verdict.

**August 2013 Activities**
- Participated with other DMV chapters during the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington.

**September**
On September 21st the committee will partner with the NoVA Coalition to conduct a voter registration drive during the NAUCK Community Pride Day.
The AKA Stop ‘N Swap Shop is officially open for business!

Sorors, do you have pink and green items and paraphernalia that you have never used or no longer need? Yes, we all have those pink and green garments that no longer fit us, have tags on them, and/or still in the box. Start pulling them out to prepare for our “reuse event,” which will take place during the Chapter Retreat on September 7th. We will set up an AKA Stop ‘N Swap Shop prior to our September General Membership meeting, so come early to drop off your items.

Sorors can shop, at no cost, for pink and green items. To prepare for this activity, we are asking sorors to donate new or clean, gently used pink and green items, clothing, and AKA paraphernalia of all kinds. Remaining items will be donated as MIP gifts. Come early, stop and swap. For additional information, please contact Soror Aja Charity, Chairman, at atcvuu@yahoo.com

Global Poverty Initiative

Sorors, hopefully each of you was able to collect toiletry items from the hotels (shampoo, conditioner, bottles of liquid soap or bar soap, small containers of toothpaste, etc.) while you traveled the world over the summer months. Please donate them to support the residents at the Carpenter’s Shelter. As we come together in September for our General Membership meeting and Chapter Retreat, this is a gentle reminder to please bring your toiletries. The Carpenter’s Shelter will greatly appreciate these donations. More than ever, families in our community need help with basic everyday necessities. There will be a container to receive your items at our September General Membership meeting. Thanks in advance for your support.

Sorors, thank you for your continued support of Heifer International. We have raised a total of $1,035.55 toward our goal of $1,300. We are less than $300 (purchase of 7 biogas stoves) away from our $1,300 goal.

Each of you has been so supportive of this endeavor and the help we are providing a community truly exudes the spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc®. We have purchased, to date, a total of 13 biogas stoves and donated the “Gift of Clean Water” to a community in need. Our biogas stove donations that will allow a community to use animal waste/methane gases to fuel their stoves in order to cook.

Thus, we could finish this campaign within the month if each soror considers donating $5, which would be the approximate cost of a lunch out. Let’s push hard to the finish line; we’re almost there.

Thank you, thank you, thank you . . . for your support.
Officers’ Reports

Soror Crystal Lander, Chairman
Soror Tia Johnson, Co-Chairman

Internal Leadership Training for External Service Initiative Committee

Sorors,
We are committed to providing Zeta Chi Omega with identifying skill sets, training future leaders and providing development opportunities for those willing to serve. As a result of our efforts, we are currently in the developmental stages of creating our first Chapter Skills Database. The database consists of information compiled from completed Willingness to Serve (WTS) forms. If you have not submitted your form to the ILES Committee, it’s not too late. Forms will be available during our September General Membership meeting and Chapter Retreat. September 7th is the final 2013 submission deadline, so be sure to pick up your WTS form, complete it, and submit to the ILES Committee.

In addition, we are looking forward to your ideas regarding the training you’d like to receive during the upcoming year. If you attended the Leadership Seminar in Montreal, Canada, we’d love to receive your feedback on how we can apply many similar offerings at the Chapter level. We were excited to have full committee representation and look forward to your participation at our upcoming "Protocol for Programs" October webinar. . .details are forthcoming.

Should you have questions about current and future initiatives, please contact Sorors Crystal Lander (Chairman) or Tia Johnson (Co-Chairman).

Soror Melanie Henderson

Congratulations

Soror Adria Tippins-Owens received her MPA from American University this past May.

Soror Maudy Mays celebrated her 94th birthday in August.

Soror Patricia Harris Thomas received the 2012 Commissioner’s Award for Leadership from the Department of Customs and Border Protection.

Soror Jeanne Melvin-Martin was elevated from Reverend to Elder after twelve years of meritorious service as Pastor of Crown Jewel Church and a lifetime of service in the Church of God In Christ International and the Church of the Living God Worldwide.

Get Well Wishes

Please keep Soror Tammie Smiley in your thoughts and prayers as she heals from surgery last month.

Continue to keep our sorors and their families lifted up in prayer who may be suffering a loss, illness, or difficulty during this time, and let’s continue to celebrate and encourage each other as we continue to serve all mankind.

Announcement

Author and Zeta Chi Omega member, Soror Patrice Tartt, will be debuting her novel “Wounds of Deception” at a book launch party from 12:00 – 4:00 PM on September 21st at REALTOR Association of Prince William Facility, 4545 Daisy Reid Avenue, Suite 150, Woodbridge, VA 22192. RSVP to mariadjames@gmail.com by September 11th.
Welcome back sorors.

When signing in at the General Membership meetings, please ensure that your information printed on the roster is correct. If not, please update it. Or, you may email your current contact or name change information to s.billings1908@gmail.com.

If you invite a guest soror to a meeting, please inform her to bring proper credentials in order to attend the meeting. The required credentials must be one of the following:

- A financial card (old or current)
- A copy of her certificate
- A faxed verification letter or an email confirmation from the Corporate Office

Sorors, please turn in your green voter’s cards at the end of each General Membership meeting.

**Receipt Time Frame:**
Receiving of funds will occur 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM and 30 minutes after the General Membership meeting. If we are running close to the ‘end’ time, you can drop off your check and get your receipt later. At that point, cash payments will receive priority. If you are not available during these times, please send payment to the Chapter post office box.

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

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Angela Russell – 4
Andrea Sparks-Brown - 4
Blanche Maness – 5
Kendra Riley - 8
Gayle Jordan - 10
Jamelle Berry – 11
Carol Turner - 14
Angela Turner -18
Fannie Allen – 18
Evelyn Bazemore – 18

**AUGUST BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**

Harriet Hemby - 1
Cynthia G. Snyder - 4
Shirley Taylor - 7*
Gloria Bell - 8
Jeanette Martin - 11
Sherry Billingsley - 12
Kendra Gillespie - 12
Robin Mazyck - 12
Demaris Thompson -14
Maudy Mays - 16*
Robin McCoy - 17
Christina Carter - 19
Lillian Watkins - 19
Karen Briggman - 21
Julia James - 21
Ambrian Longshaw - 21
Faye Gunn - 23
Stephanie Davis - 24
Debbie Wesley - 24
Cassandra Borden - 26
Katrina Pritchett Anwar - 26
Sade Demery - 28
Rosalind Collins - 29
Marquita Davis - 29
Ingrid Owens Alexander - 29
Patrice D. Taylor - 29
Melanie Pearson Hurley - 30
Stephanie Woodland Kelly - 30
Lori Lloyd Smith - 30
Betty Morrison - 31

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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Zeta Chi Omega Chapter
P.O. Box 25763
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

To whom do you make your check payable?
Zeta Chi Omega
Please do not send payments to my home.

Transfer / Reactivation:
If you are referring a soror to Zeta Chi Omega as a reactivation or transfer, please inform her that she must submit the required paperwork (i.e., the Transfer Verification Form, complete with signatures from former chapter and/or Reactivation Form), and applicable dues and assessments payment. We will not be able to process transfer or reactivation paperwork if it is incomplete and / or there is incorrect payment. Please contact me at ricksd1@hotmail.com for copies of the forms and the applicable payment amount. The forms can also be found on the corporate website.

2013 Financial Cards and 2012 Documents:
If you have not picked up your financial card, Constitution and Bylaws and/or Manual of Standard Procedure, please pick them up before or after the General Membership meeting

Feel free to let me know if you have any questions about these or any other Sorority-related financial matters.

Parliamentarian

Bonjour Sorors! I am still on a bit of a “high” from the 2013 Leadership Seminar in Montreal, Canada. As your Parliamentarian, I attended the workshop Advanced Parliamentary Procedure: Sophisticated Motions for Sophisticated Ladies. The workshop was offered twice. The seminar I attended was packed, and I was excited to see so many Zeta Chi Omega sorors in attendance. In fact, I sat next to Soror Julia Cleckley.

The workshop focused on amending motions and touched briefly on incidental and subsidiary motions. It was presented by members of the International Constitution Committee.

Incidental Motions must be decided before business can proceed (Point of Order, Point of Information).

Subsidiary Motions help the assembly dispose of the main motion and sometimes other motions.

QUIZ!
1. How many Incidental Motions are there?
2. How many Subsidiary Motions are there?

EXTRA CREDIT
List the incidental and subsidiary motions. Answers will be provided in the October Ivyette.

Until next month, au revoir!
DID YOU KNOW?

- The 9th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director was a member of Zeta Chi Omega
- She helped desegregate the public school system in Northern Virginia
- Did you know she donated $1 million dollars to her alma mater, Virginia Union University

Zeta Chi Omega sorors share their memories of Soror Evelyn Syphax in a documentary. Watch it by visiting http://www.aka-zco.org.

Summer is now over and school is in session. The sorors of the Sigma Alpha Chapter had an exciting summer and are beginning to execute their programs for the fall semester.

During the summer, Soror Ashley Revell had the opportunity to travel abroad to study the History of the Early Church in Greece and Turkey. Her study abroad class spent two weeks in Greece and Turkey visiting different churches, ancient ruins from early churches, and museums. They also had a chance to follow the path of the Apostle Paul, and visit sites where Biblical and historical moments took place.

Soror Sigourney Bailey spent the summer working in Richmond and preparing for the incoming freshmen. She will continue her duties as an RA on the campus of Marymount University. While the summer has been very exciting and full of events for both of our undergraduates, they are ready to begin their service on the campuses of Marymount and Strayer.

The Graduate Advisor

Graduate Advisor

Graduate Advisor

The 2013, Mid-Atlantic Region, Undergraduate Roundup and Graduate Advisors’ Council Meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hampton Roads - Hotel, Spa and Convention Center, 1700 Coliseum Dr., Hampton, VA 23666 on September 27-28, 2013. Registration is now open through September 20, 2013. Registration is online only on the Mid-Atlantic website. The registration fee is $55 for undergraduates and $75 for graduate sorors. There is no late registration. The Sigma Alpha sorors, Graduate Advisor, and member of the Graduate Advisors’ Council will be in attendance. We hope to see you there.

Membership Committee

Soror Tiffany Montgomery, Chairman; Soror Connie Greene, Co-Chairman; Soror Jessica Sims, Co-Chairman; Soror Brittany Montgomery, Chairman, Under 30

Please plan to attend theChapter Retreat to learn about the complete schedule and more details about our upcoming MIP. For your convenience, we have arranged reasonable meal options for the first two weekends of the MIP. Meals for the final weekend will be provided by the Fairview Park Marriott. For the first two weekends at the Lee Center, you may purchase your meals a la carte. However, the hotel meal package for the third weekend covers the entire weekend and cannot be purchased separately. Click here for a copy of the soror fee schedule.

As a reminder, at least two sponsors of every candidate must be present during each session. Please contact Soror Tiffany Montgomery at tiffanyemont@hotmail.com if you have any questions.

Thank you for your assistance in making this an excellent Membership Intake Process.

Chapter t-shirts will be available at the September General Membership meeting for those who have paid. Additionally, we will be taking orders for the Mid-Atlantic Region sweater at the September meeting. The cost is $75.

September is Sisterhood Homecoming Month. It’s an opportunity for our inactive sorors to see the marvelous work we are doing in the Sorority. Please invite an inactive soror to attend our September Third Thursday event - The Human Trafficking Forum - on September 19th. The forum will be preceded by a social in the hotel lounge from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Invite inactive sorors to come and learn what’s new with the Sorority prior to the forum. The details of the forum are in the Anti-Basileus’ report. The soror who invites the most inactive sorors will receive a gift.
Happy Labor Day Sorors!

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer. The Standards Committee has an immediate up-coming event.

The 2013 Chapter Retreat

**THEME:** Zeta Chi Omega Chapter: United in Sisterhood, Rooted in Purpose

**PURPOSE:** Planning.

**PLACE:** The Spates Community Club on Fort Myer/Henderson Hall Joint Base in Arlington, VA

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 7, 2013

**TIME:** Immediately following the September (10:00 AM) General Membership meeting—Spates Community Club

**ATTENDANCE:** Zeta Chi Omega Chapter members registered for the 2013 Chapter Retreat

**REMEMBER:** Bring your documents, including your Membership Intake Process manual

**SPECIAL NOTE:** If you plan to invite a guest soror to the September Chapter Meeting, please inform her that the retreat is for registrants only

The Awards Committee is calling all sorors to consider nominees 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 2013 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 five 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.

All nominations are due no later than November 2, 2013 and will NOT be accepted after that date. Please send your nomination(s) via email to Soror Carla Haynes Harper at carlahaynes@msn.com.
UNSGN 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, and makes being a member of our fabulous sisterhood even more of a joy, please send her name and a brief description of what makes this soror an Unsung Hero to Soror Amira Salaam at asalaam3@hotmail.com.

Happy fall, sorors – hope you had a fantastic summer.

If you are new to Zeta Chi Omega and have reached “jewel” status, please let us know so that your name can be added to our jewels list.

Tea Roses to Buddy Sorors for your continuous support of the Buddy Soror Program. Please know that your buddy appreciates you. If anyone is interested in being a “buddy” to a Golden or Sick/Shut-In Soror, please let us know. We welcome you.

WHAT IS TIMELESS HISTORY?

Timeless History is an initiative by Supreme Basileus, Carolyn House Stewart, a history major and advocate, to recognize history as fundamental to illuminating AKA’s very core and necessary for organizational and global recollection of AKA’s essence.

Goal 1: To tell the Alpha Kappa Alpha story through coherent narratives that reflect authenticity, consistency, and style.

Goal 2: To leverage mediums for telling the Alpha Kappa Alpha story. (Meetings/Conferences, Publications, Other Forums)
The 2013 Election of Officers will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2013 to vote seven sorors into leadership positions within our Chapter. In addition, the Chapter must elect four sorors to serve on the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee. You have a significant role in this decision-making process; the Nominating Committee members will be counting on Chapter members to self-nominate or assist us in identifying qualified candidates who are willing to serve in the upcoming vacant positions.

We are soliciting candidates for the following offices:

- Basileus
- Grammateus
- Pecunious Grammateus
- Archivist
- Ivy Leaf Reporter
- Philacter
- Graduate Advisor
- Four (4) Nominating Committee Members

We hope that each of you will seriously consider serving Zeta Chi Omega and thus our great sisterhood in one of the available leadership positions. This is your opportunity to make a difference in the Chapter’s future endeavors. We ask that each soror interested in being a candidate complete a biographical data form and return it to a member of the Nominating Committee no later than September 7, 2013.

Joyce Myrick Brooks, Chairman
Barbara Bellamy
Martha Coleman
Patricia Harris Thomas
Geraldine Howell
Erica Jeffries
Brenda Kelley-Nelum
Whitney Joyner Majette
Monique Roberson

If you would like an electronic copy of the form sent to you, please send your request to Soror Joyce M. Brooks, Nominating Committee Chairman at: Joyce.M.Brooks@cox.net.

Please review the Zeta Chi Omega Chapter Bylaws: Article V, Sections 1, 3, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14 for additional information on terms of office and eligibility requirements for each of the positions.

To continue the Chapter legacy of providing superior community services, Zeta Chi Omega needs leaders who possess the wealth of knowledge, talents, and skills that made you a phenomenal Alpha Kappa Alpha woman.
The 55th Annual Cooley Moore Scholarship
Luncheon Fashion Show (LFS)
Sunday, November 17, 2013
McLean Hilton

Theme: “Polished Chic: Style, Grace, and Elegance”

Purchase your LFS tables/tickets at the September General Membership Meeting.

Goal: To raise $16,000 and continue to provide scholarships which will assist students in offsetting the growing cost of attending colleges/universities

Success Depends on You.

LFS tables/tickets will be available for sale at the September General Membership meeting.

Table Captain: responsible for selling 10 tickets. Collect checks from your guests and your name will appear in the LFS program as a Table Captain.

Time: 9:15 AM-10:00 AM and immediately following the General Membership meeting.

Checks Payable to: IFNV

Goal: Sell-Out Target = 750 tickets or 75 tables
Sales to Date = 384 tickets or 38 tables
Challenge Sales = 350 tickets or 35 more tables
Cost: $70 per person, or $700 for a full table (tax deductible amount proceeds of $20.00 per person)

Thanks for all your support.

LFS Sponsorships are also key to our success, and we need your support with identifying sponsors for the 3 levels of support.

Goal: Both External and Internal Commitment minimum $3,650

Levels: 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.

If you know of a physically challenged or Golden Soror who needs assistance with table or ticket purchases, please reach out to provide assistance prior to the General Membership meeting.

If you have questions, please contact the LFS Committee Chairmen:
Lula Hicks @ 703-323-0242 or lmhicks@cox.net or Saundra McCullough-Cobey at 301-642-5172 or saundramcculloughcobey@verizon.net.
**SOROR JOYCE HENDERSON**, International Standards Committee Chairman (2nd) - 2013 Leadership Seminar Presenter: Graduate Advisor's Certification - Levels I and Level II. Co-Presenter: Set Our Site on Standards

**SOROR KENDRA GILLESPIE**, Anti-Basileus, ZXΩ, Exercise Lead: Train-the-Trainer Session and Presenter: Interpersonal Dynamics—No More Drama

**SOROR TIFFANY MONTGOMERY**, Chairman, Zeta Chi Omega Membership Committee, Panel Participant: Ready, Set, Reactivate

**SOROR LAFRANCES WILLIAMS (4th)**, Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative to the International Nominating Committee, Co-Presenter: So You Want to Run For Office: Electing Leaders for Global Service
BREAKING NEWS!
SIXTY Zeta Chi Omega Sorors Attended 2013 Leadership Seminar — Montreal, Canada

Sorors Katrina Moss, Joyce Brooks Starr Garrett, Barbara Bellamy, Sherry Billingsley

Sorors DeChane Dorsey, AdéLeaka Gore, former Second Supreme Anti-Basileus and former International Nominating Committee Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative, and Erica Jeffries
2013 Leadership Seminar

Words of Mr. Michel Bourdon, Vice-President of Sales & Convention Services, Montréal, Canada bring Smile to Face of Supreme Basileus, Soror Carolyn House Stewart, Esq.

Soror Linda H. Gilliam, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, (c) Spends Sisterly Time with ZXΩ Chapter Sorors

Soror Barbara Bellamy — Olympic Stadium

Soror Doris Shannon — Olympic Stadium

Soror Doris Asbury, 13th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Soror Linda H. Gilliam, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, & Soror Joyce Henderson (ZXΩ), Chairman of the International Standards Committee

— Jazzy White Night
2013 Leadership Seminar

Friday Night Social

Sorors — Mid-Atlantic Regional Director’s Social Gathering

Sorors Monique Robinson, Stephanie Woodland
Kelly & Robin McCoy---ZXΩ’s Social Gathering

Sorors Chiquita King (Planner/Organizer) Constance Bell &
Betty Morrison --- ZXΩ’s Social Gathering

Sorors Julia Cleckley, Sherry Billingsley, Karyn Berry, Lucretia McLenney, Rochelle A. Brown & Kendra Gillespie (Anti-Basileus) — ZXΩ’s Social Gathering
50th Anniversary March on Washington

Soror Linda H. Gilliam, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Shares Thoughts with Media

Soror VaShawn Veal, Chairman, Connection Committee

Regional Director, Soror Linda H. Gilliam, (4th) Zeta Chi Omega Basileus, Soror Michelle Jones (5th), Anti-Basileus, Soror Kendra Gillespie (6th)—Approximately 60 ZXΩ Sorors Marched

Sorors from the Metropolitan Washington, DC, Maryland & Virginia (DMV) Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.®

DMV Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.® Marched in Full Force (Soror Chiquita King, ZXΩ Anti-Grammateus, right)
50th Anniversary March on Washington

Rev Jessie Jackson, Congressman John Lewis, Rev. Al Sharpton, Mayor, Washington, DC, Vincent Gray & other Dignitaries—Seen Here

Soror Martha Coleman Displays Photograph of Her and Others at 1963 March on Washington

Sorors Kendra Gillespie & Tiffany Montgomery

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