February 2016 Issue

2016 has taken off with remarkable speed, but let us take this month especially to pause and reflect on our history, both cultural and familial.

February is also a celebration of love. Take this opportunity to send a card or flowers to an elder member of your family so they too can feel loved and cherished on Valentine’s Day.
Dear Soror,

I remember the beginning days of law school and feeling academically challenged and frightened that I was not ready for the task ahead. As I sat waiting anxiously in a beginning Contracts class, our professor stepped across the threshold with the most encouraging words. He said, “I am going to give you just what you need to succeed.” He gave us the three Ps to success: Preparation, Preparation, and Preparation. Even today, I find that these words, when practiced with due diligence, help me to get over every hurdle in front of me. We are already past January. Some of us may be dropping those resolutions and deciding that it doesn’t matter anyway.

As your Basileus, I am encouraging you to maintain, stay the course, and try to get through one more day. “Why does it matter,” you say? It matters that you prepare yourself for just one more day of being loved. This renewal of spirit and mind helps you to serve and appreciate the goodness in yourself and others.

- Try holding back on overeating, just one more day.
- Take a few more minutes to quiet your spirit so that you will be able to greet others with a smile.
- Try to hold back on that rapid response when the sharpness of your tongue can slice the bond of an enduring sisterhood.
- Reread that email one more time before sending to a co-worker to ensure that you are sending the perfect tone and word choice.
- Listen carefully to the words of the children when they share an exciting moment.
- Sign up for that committee where your leadership gifts can thrive and flourish.

As we celebrate Founders’ Day, let us take the time to remember the greatness in leadership of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. We can be encouraged to continue to utilize the principles of the three Ps of success. Prepare to care enough. Prepare to reach out to a new soror who recently joined our chapter. And more than anything else, prepare to never give up on those you love.

Soror Eula Saxon Dean
February 2nd, 6PM
Rituals Committee Meeting
Academy of Excellence
425 N 36th St,
Phoenix, AZ
Contact: Soror Marlene Hansberry

February 3rd, 8PM
Connections Committee Meeting
Via Conference Call
Call In: 641-715-3580 Code: 259-460
Contact: Soror Connie Wilson

February 5th, 7:30 PM (Register Pg.5)
Community Impact Day
Pink Goes Red-Dance for Heart Health
Evolve Fitness & Dance
26. E Baseline Rd
Phoenix, AZ
Contact: Soror Doni McClendon

February 7th, 3PM
Sisterly Relations Committee Meeting
Location: To Be Announced
Contact: sisterlyrelations@dbo-aka.org

February 11th, 7PM
Family Strengthening Committee Meeting
Via Conference Call
Call In: 877-414-3418 Code: 2188839
Contact: Soror Cheyenne Ross

February 13th, 9:30AM
E-Board Meeting
Greater Phoenix Urban League
1402 S 7th Avenue
Phoenix AZ

February 14th
Happy Valentines Day

February 19th, 6PM
First Institutional Baptist Church
NPHC Feed The Homeless
1141 E Jefferson
Contact: Soror Joy Louis

February 20th, 10AM (Register Pg.6)
Chapter Business Meeting
Sheraton Hotel-Tempe
1600 S. 52nd Street
Tempe, AZ
Contact: Soror Jamila Clark

February 20th, 12PM (Register Pg. 11)
Founder’s Day Luncheon
Sheraton Hotel-Tempe
1600 S. 52nd Street
Tempe, AZ
Contact: Soror Petra McCraw

February 21th, 10:45AM
Sisterly Fellowship
Tanner Chapel A.M.E
20 S. 8th Street
Phoenix, AZ
Contact: Soror Petra McCraw

February 23rd, 8PM
March Newsletter Submissions Deadline
Contact: Announcements@dbo-aka.org

February 27th, 9AM
ASCEND Program
Betty Fairfax High School
Baseline Rd & 59th Ave
Phoenix, AZ
Contact: Soror Sandra Jenkins

February 28th, 3PM
Membership Committee Meeting
University of Phoenix
1625 W. Fountainhead Pkwy
Tempe, AZ, Room TBD
January 23, 2016

Greetings Sorors,

Over the last several days, I have been in communication with Great Lakes Regional Director, Soror Toni Kendrick and Flint, Michigan chapter leadership about the water crisis in Flint. As the state of emergency remains in effect within the city, we must continue to offer our prayers, encouragement and support to those affected by this crisis and continue to speak out against the delay in action that impacts this primarily low-income African American community.

At this time, we are coming together to provide additional financial assistance to purchase large containers of water for local Flint residents. Corporate Office, chapter donations and individual Soror contributions will be supplied to local chapters to purchase large water containers that may be used for bathing and other household necessities. Contributions to Emergency Assistance Fund can be made in the “Members only section” online store at www aka1908 com. Sorors may enter any amount starting at $1. Chapters wishing to contribute by check may send contributions directly to the Corporate Office with a note stating that the donation is earmarked for the Flint, MI Relief Fund.

Before the water crisis gained national attention, Flint, Detroit, and other surrounding area chapters including the local Flint chapters of Xi Chi and Zeta Beta Omega began providing bottled water, education resources, and comfort to those most in need in the Flint community. Zeta Beta Omega under the leadership of Soror Shirley Johnson, opened the doors of The Ivy House, the chapter’s philanthropic arm, to serve as a water distribution site for city residents.

As we have for the past 108 years, we will come together to support our Sorors and those in most need of our service and support. As we support the Flint community and Mayor and AKA Member, Soror Karen Weaver, we will also remain steadily focused on ensuring that we fight against the injustices in our country. Thank you in advance for your continued encouragement, compassion, prayers, and never-ending fight for justice for the people around this country.

Sisterly yours,

Soror Dorothy Buckhnam Wilson

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Supreme Basileus
COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY

"Dance for Heart Health"

The Delta Beta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and Evolve Dance & Fitness join the American Heart Association in the fight against heart disease in women by sponsoring "Dance for Heart Health". Bring a towel, water bottle and wear RED and proper footwear. Be prepared to sweat while raising awareness for heart disease.

Register Now!

To order Pink Goes Red T-Shirts Click here.  
Pink Goes Red T-Shirts
To read more about the collaboration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and the American Heart Association click here.  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Joins AHA To Go Red

Reminder

Chapter goal is 5 Backpacks per Soror. Your $25 donation should be paid to Soror Mia Porter

Pearl Pages Newsletter
Launching New Dimensions of Service 2016

When
Saturday February 20, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM MST

Where
Sheraton Phoenix Airport Hotel
Tempe
1600 South 52nd Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

Contact
Jamila James-Clark
DBO Hodegos
623-337-7727
hodegos@dbo-aka.org

February Business Meeting - 2/20/2016

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Founders' Day Luncheon will begin at 12:00 p.m. Please register and pay for the Founders' Day Luncheon via Eventbrite.
The Standards/Internal Leadership Committee is happy to announce the eight Sorors who have successfully completed all Modules of the Veora E. Johnson Leadership Institute.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Congratulations to Soror Dr. Angie Williams-McMichael who delivered a powerful word @ Impacted for Purpose*
2016 REGIONAL/BOULE REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 87th Far Western Regional Conference. Register online at www.akafarwest.com

- Click Events Tab
- Click “Online Registration”
- Login
- Click “Up Coming Events”
- Click “87th Far Western Regional Conference”
- Click “Register for this Event”
- Select all activities you plan to attend (remember, after you enter general information, do not click “Next” until you have viewed all activities pages)
- Click “Register Now”
- Verify your selections are correct
- If you forgot an event, click on “Online Store”

  - Click on each title you wish to participate in to add to your cart.
    (You will need to do this with each activity clicking “Continue Shopping” and “Add to Cart” until you have all activities you want in your cart.)
  - Click “Update cart”
  - If your selections are correct: Click “Proceed to Checkout” to process your payment

Dear Sorors,
The Countdown to the 67th Boule has officially begun. You are registering at record numbers. As expected, the volume is overwhelming. We appreciate your patience as we adjust.

As an alternative solution, visit events aka1908.net for the Boule microsite. Please use this link to help alleviate the traffic on the Sorority’s main website.
The members of Delta Beta Omega Chapter have hit the ground running since the start of the New Year! To continue the momentum, we are calling all Sorors under 40 to participate in a special committee designed to build leaders and engage young Sorors in the chapter. To kick off the project, we have implemented a “Sisterhood Series”, which will spotlight members in the monthly newsletter. While we encourage all Sorors to participate in the “Sisterhood Series”, we are especially seeking young Sorors so that we may recognize and highlight our “young Sorors leading tomorrow”. We will have our first meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Academy of Excellence located at 425 N. 36th St. Phoenix, AZ 85260. Please click here to download a copy of the “Sisterhood Series” form. Questions can be addressed to Soror Kennesha Jackson or by phone at 602.515.7064.
In the midst of challenges is our greatest opportunity to stand tall and firm in our thrust to have impact in communities in which we serve. As such, let us focus on the three Cs: Commitment, Courage, and Change. These attributes are considerably important as we embark upon the journey that lies ahead. There are no chance encounters, so we know that all that we are challenged with, our way has been prepared. We can rest in that.

Commitment: We pledged our commitment to values that serve as the foundation of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Commitment is the foundation for every relationship. Our relationships are beyond friendship. Our relationships are based on our principles of sisterhood. Let us focus on commitment. Let us focus on building strong relationships as we are about the business of our sorority.

Courage: We have not been promised a world without trials and tribulations—in fact, the promise is quite the opposite. When trials and tribulations are upon us, this our time to draw together and look to God for direction and guidance. We are reminded from our song that “we help each other.” This is through the peaks and valleys of life. Now is our time to “Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD your God, he it is that does go with you; he will not fail you, nor forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6. We can rest in that.

Change: This is a new year, with a new administration, and so, change is in front of us. We know that change is inevitable. It is not about if change will happen—it is about when change happens. Human nature dictates a mindset of the status quo. We know that the greatest growth that happens is when we are outside of our comfort zone—outside of the status quo. The greatest reason for resisting change is the fear of the unknown. Yet, in times of change and challenge, this fear can also stimulate renewal, revitalization, recommitment, and rejuvenation. Sorors, let us be encouraged that we can embrace change—in a thoughtful and meaningful way—as we are about the business of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

In closing, the great quote of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is quite powerful in providing us additional context for our future:

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” Stand tall, Soror!

Blessings to our beautiful DBO Sorors!
Soror Victoria Jones
TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

CONGRATS SORORS

DO YOU HAVE GOOD NEWS TO SHARE?

EMAIL: ANNOUNCEMENTS@DBO-AKA.ORG

Baby Nailah W. Tarpeh,
born Jan. 7, 2016 to Soror Natasha Tarpeh.

Baby Lauren Andrea Curtis,
born Jan. 20, 2016 to Soror Tanisha Curtis.
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FOUNDER’S DAY

108 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALL MANKIND

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHAR SORORITY, INC.

1908 2016

Happy Founders Day

Delta Beta Omega Chapter

Remembering, Reflecting and Renewing
Our Commitment to Sisterhood

Saturday, February 20, 2016 at 12:00 PM
Luncheon, Program and Rededication Ritual

Non-DBO $50    DBO $40    ZA $35

“Pre-Registration Required”
Payment by mail must be post marked by February 10th
Payment by Eventbrite by February 15th
(No Registration or Payment Accepted On-site)

Sheraton Hotel - Tempe
1600 S. 52nd Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

Black Attire w/Pink Corsage and Pearls
No Pants or Hats

REGISTER TODAY

Pearl Pages Newsletter
You are cordially invited to attend the 40th Anniversary celebration of the Black Nurses Association Greater Phoenix Area. The celebration will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2016 at:

Pebble Creek Club House
Eagles Nest Ballroom
3675 N. Club House Drive
Goodyear, AZ 85395

40th Anniversary
Black Nurses’ Association Greater Phoenix Area
“Serving the Health Care Needs of the Community”
700 E. Jefferson Street, #402 Phoenix, AZ 85034 (602) 249-5667
Email: bna@bnaphoenix.org Website: www.bnaphoenix.org
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Founder’s Day Community Service

Omega Theta Omega Chartering in Dubai

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Playground Ribbon Cutting

Sisterly Relations @ Delta SuperBowling Event