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Six Million Plus



Alpha Kappa Alpha officials are all smiles following the completion of a 19,000-square-foot addition to its corporate offices, now valued at more than \$6 million. Mary Shy Scott, international president (foreground), Eva Evans, first vice-president (center), and Alison Harris Alexander, executive director (back), were among the AKA officials who hosted an open house for the building earlier this month.

Baseball Troubled; Le

"Baseball has a lot of problems...there is chaos in baseball, and nobody can deny that."

--Richard Ravitch, baseball's chief labor negotiator.

"Major league baseball is like a rudderless ship, lurching aimlessly in heavy seas. There is no commissioner, and even when one is finally named, the owners will likely pick someone with only their best interests in mind."

--Howard Balzer, Riverfront Times.

While Bobby Bonds made sports headlines, he also caused much resentment after he signed a contract with the San Francisco Giants that gave him \$44 million for six years--the highest salary in baseball. Some disgruntled baseball fans blame Bonds and other high-priced free agents for, among other things, high ticket prices, lost team identity and for the alleged role of these players in damaging the future of the national pastime. As a matter of fact, annual reports show record or near record growth. The signing of a premier free agent may bring substantial financial benefits to an individual team by helping increase advertising, local broadcast contracts, fan attendance, parking and concession income.

Our dissatisfaction with Bonds and many other high-profile, highly-paid, active professional African-American athletes is their apparent, almost total, self-absorption; their blank indifference and deafening si-

African-American sport's exclusionary of 534 executive decisions. Front offices' rejection of African-American from only two per cent this year.

As for Mrs. Schmidt, American in her ranting about "misleading Jews," "Japs," rather "hire a traitor to her office," led to kept a Nazi swastika. "Hitler was good."

Fortunately the African-American athletes didn't get racist and ethnic slurs. Americans and he maintained public respect for owners, forcing the league to look into the matter.

More important, to clarify the congressional baseball's exemption. Major league baseball in 1922 by the Supreme Court. Baseball was "an a-

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Top row: Velma Gladney, Sylvia Rainey, Minnie Talley, Diane McElroy, Monica Williams, Betty Latham, Hattie Boyd, Clara McPeace
Second row: Barbara Shannon, Emma Hodge, Shirley Cartman, Emelda Littleton, Jean Pierce, Clarice Davis, Patricia Smith, Camille Delavallade
Bottom row: Alverne Burke, *corresponding secretary*; Doris Thomas, *vice president*; Mrs. Bessie Cranshaw, *president*; Cynthia Supples, *recording secretary*; Camille Moore
Not in panel: Virginia Bush, Audrey Dowling, *treasurer*; Pearlie Roberts, Willmeda Mathis, June Jackson, Thomasina Adams

Alpha Kappa Alpha

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226 Active Chapters





Sopranos: L. Allen, V. Antimonik, J. App, J. Belyea, J. Belyea, B. Berry, J. Blount, F. Brown, H. Carper, M. Clark, C. Covey, S. Deusch, J. Dillavou, V. Dillavou, J. Donaldson, E. Dowling, D. Dusenberry, B. Dwight, E. Faust, C. Gemin, D. Gillan, F. Gourley, G. Good, V. Good, F. Goy, D. Hagen, J. Holt, B. Hood, P. Hoover, B. Hull, M. Ivers, B. Jackson, A. Kempers, G. Laitala, L. Madow, V. Marconi, M. Mayeda, Mrs. T. Merlo, M. Messner, A. Miller, S. Mills, B. Mitchell, J. Pence, V. Player, A. Pryor, M. Roberts, R. Schrock, P. Schwartz, B. Schycker, P. Seymour, C. Shoff, S. Story, F. Stravinsky, R. Unteed, L. White

Altos: P. Alden, S. Anderson, C. Bachman, N. Barrow, C. Brockmeier, B. Bunn, D. Cender, B. Chrysler, N. Claypool, R. Clore, E. Dempsey, F. Dunn, L. Dusenberry, N. Dyck, M. Felton, V. Finder, C. Finifrock, E. Finney, D. Gemberling, M. L. Hedgcock, A. Henley, L. Johnson, E. Jones, C. Kirk, A. Koger, J. Lokke, E. Matthews, E. Miller, E. Morton, P. Mueller, N. Murvin, L. Parker, G. Petersen, R. Pifer, D. Purvis, L. Robe, V. Sargent, R. Sheehan, P. Sherman, E. Shurtleff, J. Thomas, B. Trankle, H. Winfield, C. Wolfe, J. Woods

Tenors: J. Albertson, J. Allen, R. Cays, M. Crossland, L. Davidson, C. Drumheller, D. Eller, D. Erlewine, J. Fulton, D. Goff, E. Good, B. Heggemeier, H. Johnson, J. Keys, K. Klockau, I. Kosinski, D. Pearce, S. Rahn, W. Reeses, H. Sailor, D. Schoenrock, I. Simon, J. Smith, S. Spiegelman, D. Surowiec, E. Swadley, R. Wade, D. Wolfe

Basses: T. Bell, D. Bergstrom, J. Born, H. Brearley, W. Burnett, D. Coleman, B. Collins, J. Decker, C. Dziezbioch, R. Edwards, R. Evans, S. Frank, D. Grace, D. Groves, E. Holtman, E. Huggins, I. Iben, R. Kidder, D. Linton, R. MacLeod, P. McKittrick, E. Matthews, D. Mehlenbacher, T. Morgan, N. Owen, H. Padgett, H. Parmenter, I. Pavlin, C. Radke, B. Rankin, G. Rhodes, W. Richards, J. Rzeznick, L. Spille, J. Thoman, H. Thompson, S. Warshausky, J. Williams, R. Wood

Accompanist: B. Parks

Oratorio Society

University Chorus

Sopranos: L. Allen, E. Atkin, E. Brown, P. Cavan, C. Davis, B. Dwight, M. Erdman, J. Goepfert, M. Goldman, J. Grieger, C. Hall, M. Heischmidt, B. Hood, J. Hudson, L. Innes, L. Johnson, M. Jones, L. Kaiser, A. MacKenzie, M. Mayeda, Mrs. T. Merlo, M. Messner, C. Nelson, M. Roberts, B. Sikes, H. Steinberg, S. Swank, B. Work, B. Yankwich

Altos: A. Ball, M. Barlow, M. Block, B. Buford, B. Bunn, R. Butler, R. Calimese, J. Dehm, M. Felton, E. Finney, M. Fisher, V. Fisher, D. Gemberling, C. Gerdes, R. Hagen, R. Harroun, H. Hayes, H. Hines, E. Hones, F. Kaffel, D. Lutchka, B. McCrimmon, P. McGee, L. Merzian, J. Morell, E. Morton, P. Norton, S. Payne, E. Root, B. Wehrly, U. Weise, G. Williams

Tenors: J. Albertson, W. Anderson, G. Belfi, D. Brichford, R. Butler, W. Carter, C. Clauser, J. Couillard, H. Goldman, H. Gregor, H. Jacobowitz, M. Johnson, J. Menz, A. Michal, E. Richman, H. Roderick, I. Simmon, G. Swartz, E. Warrick

Basses: L. Atkin, L. Borok, R. Brown, G. Churukian, R. Crider, S. Dillavou, F. Fechtner, F. Fishman, R. Garcia, J. Glasson, T. Gordon, R. Hansberger, J. Hartman, T. Holloway, R. Hybert, I. Iben, B. Keasal, E. Kidera, C. Krumhardt, L. Leffers, P. McKittrick, H. Miller, J. Neal, D. Pennington, H. Pratt, B. Ramsey, J. Ranson, K. Ricks, T. Ross, P. Smith, R. Smith, B. Stebel, J. Strong, W. Umfleet, E. Weise, H. Williams, P. Yankwich

Accompanist: P. McKittrick





HONOR CHARTER MEMBERS. Four charter members of the local Alpha Kappa Alpha alumnae chapter, Epsilon Epsilon Omega, were honored at the Founders Day celebration of the sorority in the Champaign Holiday luncheon. At far right is the Central Region

News-Gazette Photos by Robert K. O'Daniel
president, Mrs. David Haley, St. Louis, Mo. With her are the charter members, from left, Mrs. Cecil Pope, Champaign; Mrs. Wilbur H. Johnson, Decatur; and Mrs. Paul Brightwell and Miss Helen Hite, both of Urbana.

*I thought you'd like the
Sorority*



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GAMMA CHAPTER, ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY - UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS 1915

First Row: Felicia Stevens, Frankie Woods, Hazel Alexander

Second Row: Mabel Gaines, Helen Stevens, Ivorine McAllister, Dawn Casey

Third Row: Mary Gaines, Selma Beck, Edith Stevens, Miriam Curtis, Emma Ballenger

(Photo taken in front of the first AKA House on Main Street in Urbana, Illinois)



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BASILEUS' MESSAGE

Greetings Sorors,

I hope that each of you are enjoying your summer and that you are enjoying it in good health.

Even though we are in recess, there are many exciting events that are still occurring during the Summer months. Many of us have just returned from the Boule and had a wonderful time. More details are provided in the Boule Update section of this newsletter. We are, now, looking forward to the kickoff party for AKArama '96. Please mark your calendars for August 1. Details of that event are also provided in the newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to seeing you at the September Chapter meeting!

Sisterly,

Drema Lee Woldman
Basileus, Theta Omega
President, AKArama Foundation

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE

A man hoarded his money all of his life, and after his death he left his three closest friends \$30,000 each; however, there was a condition. He wanted each of his friends to throw the money into his grave so that he "could take it with me."

The first friend, a minister, tossed \$20,000 into the grave while confessing that he spent \$10,000 having the church organ repaired. The second, a doctor, said, "I must confess that I spent \$20,000 of the money on a new x-ray machine, but here's the other \$10,000." The third, a lawyer, glared at the other two and announced, "Shame on both of you. I'll cover your mistakes" as he took the cash out of the casket and replaced it with a personal check for the entire \$90,000.

THETA OMEGA CHAPTER NEWS

REMINDERS

- The second installment of the Boule assessment was due June 1 in the amount of \$62.50.
- The 63rd Regional Conference assessment was due on June 1 in the amount of \$30.00.

~~Checks payable to Theta Omega Chapter~~

*Ma Thylis's daughter-in-law
she married to Roi Butler 2x
musician (Basileus) at the Chicago
Symphony for many years.*

SOROR TO SOROR

Congratulations to Soror(s):

- **Patricia Washington** who became the Foster/Adopted parent of 13 year old Gordon Scott;
- **Anna M. Horn** who was promoted to Loan Specialist in HUD's Quality Assurance Division;
- **Dorretta Evans Parker** who was elected as the Chairman of the Chicago District of the NASW;
- **Elizabeth Butler** whose Elizabeth Butler Award was presented at a recent School of Social Service Administration Alumni Dinner and Annual Meeting;
- **Vynessa Alexander Williams** who was awarded the Chief Executive Officer's Eagle Pin by Bank of America. This is the highest award given at the bank; and
- **Carol Gearing** who has been appointed principal of Hendricks School.

Condolences to:

- Sorors **Jerri Nichols-Scott** and **Obyrietta Scott-Benson** upon the death of their brother and uncle respectively, James Nichols; and
- Soror **Marva Lee** upon the death of her brother, Willie Hardy.

WELCOME!!!

Reinstatements:

L. Lucille Smith - Theta Omega

Transfers in:

Traci Adams - Beta

THE TEA ROSE HALL OF PRAISE

Bunches of roses and love to Sorors:

- **Erika Lee** for planning and executing a wonderful Chapter party at the Boule;
- **Barbara LaFoe, Daisy Dailey, Anna M. Horn, Cathyne Russell, Josephine H. Perry, Audrey Cooper-Stanton, Deborah Underwood, Doris Powell, Constance Turner, Erika Lee, and Elaine Singh** in addition to the Basileus who were your delegates at the Boule in Baltimore, and the alternates, Sorors **Lillian Jordan, Dorretta Evans Parker, Dolores Tolliver** and **Barbara McKinzie**, who performed their duties admirably;
- **Cheryl Brooks** for preparing the participation booklet;
- **Bea Murphy and Doris Baxter** for planning and executing a lovely Tribute to Soror **Irma Clarke**; and
- **Mary Brock** for her remembrances of Soror **Irma** at the luncheon.

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"A SOROR YOU SHOULD KNOW"

SOROR ELIZABETH BUTLER (she prefers to be called "Betty") is a golden Soror who was initiated in Alpha Chapter in the Spring of 1940 at Howard University. She reactivated in Theta Omega in 1988.

Soror Betty began her career in social work in health care settings in Chicago Provident Hospital, Cook County Hospital and at the University of Chicago Clinics. In 1959, she was invited to become a member of the faculty at the School of Social Service Administration. As a part of the clinical social work faculty, she was a fieldwork instructor assigned to teach students at Children's Memorial Hospital. She developed a program for students there and was instrumental in developing a cadre of staff social workers who joined in the educational program.

During her period at the University, Soror Betty was active in professional social work organizations, on a variety of faculty committees and involved in providing special services to minority students. Prior to her retirement in late 1983, she was chairman of the ad hoc committee on student recruitment. As a result of the committee's study and recommendations, the school developed new marketing strategies to attract a wider range of students and hired staff to implement the committee's recommendations.

After retirement, Soror Betty became a member of the Alumni Board of the School of Service Administration. She became the chairman of its Recruitment Committee with special attention to the recruitment of minority students to the University. Because of her work on the Alumni Board and of her contributions to the education of students in field work, an Alumni Award was established in 1993 in her name, the Elizabeth Butler Award. This award is given biennially to recent graduates who are making exceptional contributions to the field of professional social work. The next **Elizabeth Butler Award** will be given in June 1996.

Soror Betty's Theta Omega activities have been on sub-committees of the TOCS Committee. In addition, she has served on the History and Exhibit Committee. During the years 1994 and 1995, she has been chairman of the Memorial Service Committee. The committee has developed a protocol for conducting Ivy Beyond the Wall ceremonies and has begun a Chapter Registry for all Theta Omega sorors.

Soror Betty has been an active member at the Church of the Good Shepherd since 1953. She has served on a number of major Boards and Committees during this time. She is also a member of the Women's Board at the University. Soror Betty serves on the Visiting Committee of the University's School of Social Service Administration and on the University-Schools Visiting Committee.

Soror Betty's hobbies include photography, eggery and genealogy. She was the proud winner of the first Thelma Wheaton Award from the Afro-American Genealogy and Historical Society. She has been married for thirty-nine years to a retired musician and postal worker, Roy Butler. They have no children; however, Soror Betty is aunt to numerous nieces and nephews through three generations and the unofficial historian of her extended family.

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AKA Sorority Holds 60th National Convention In Orlando; Linda White Installed As New President

Some 10,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha (AKA) Sorority recently gathered in Orlando, FL, for the organization's 60th national convention.

AKA International President Norma Solomon White presided at the conference which concluded her four-year term as president and saw the installation of the sorority's new international president, Linda Marie White.

White's ascent to the presidency is the highpoint of her 35 years as an AKA soror. She pledged the Alpha Pi undergraduate chapter at Atlanta's Clark College in 1960.

Upon graduation as a political science major, she returned to her native Chicago where she earned a master's degree in political science at the University of Chicago and joined the local Theta Omega graduate chapter. There she served as president and later assumed regional and national leadership roles.

In 1994 she was elected international secretary and in 1998 she successfully ran for president-elect.

White formerly served as Northern Ohio Area Director for the Social Security Administration where she managed a budget of \$9 billion and directed 29 Social Security offices. She recently retired from the post, ending more than 35 years of service there.

In addition to installing White, the



Linda M. White

convention continued its tradition of inducting noted honorary sorors. This year's inductees were Suzanne de Passe, chair and CEO of de Passe Entertainment; Nichelle Nichols, actress; Chamique Holdsclaw, WNBA All-Star; Vonetta Flowers, Olympic gold medalist; Iyanla Vanzant, author and motivational speaker; Gayleatha B. Brown, consul general-deputy general of the U.S.-Strasbourg, France; Johnnie Rebecca Carr, civil rights activist; Valada S. Flewellyn, storyteller and poet; and the Honorable Lois Perinchief, entrepreneur and first Black female mayor of Bermuda.

Speakers during the week-long conference included noted minister and educator the Rev. Michael Eric Dyson, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, author and motivational speakers Patricia Russell-McCloud and newly inducted honorary soror Iyanla Vanzant.

Other highlights of the convention were the public meeting during which the sorority donated over \$300,000 among the United Negro College Fund; National Council of Negro Women, The Martin Luther King Monument, International Foundation for Education and Self-Help and the Mary McLeod Bethune Bronze Statue Project.

AKA also presented its Trailblazer Awards to actor Danny Glover,

Florida state Sen. Betty S. Holzendorf, Florida state Rep. Frederica S. Wilson, Radio One Chair and Founder Catherine L. Hughes and National Council of Negro Women President Dr. Dorothy Height.

During the convention's Diamond, Golden and Silver Star luncheon, longtime sorors were honored. International President Norma Solomon White and International Parliamentarian Lucille Piggott, were both cited for 50 years of service to the sorority.

And at the convention's plenary session, U.S. Education Secretary Rod Paige appeared for the announcement

that AKA joined into partnership with several civic and professional groups and the U.S. Department of Education to boost academic achievement, through the Leave No Child Behind partnership, which involves ten cities hosting demonstration projects to raise awareness about academic achievement and connect children in need with social and skill services.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, founded in 1908, is an international public service organization of 170,000 women in more than 900 chapters in the U.S. West Africa, The Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Europe, Japan and Korea.

▼ Following honorary induction ceremony, inductees are joined by sister sorors (front row, l-r) inductees Lois Perinchief, Nichelle Nichols, Suzanne dePasse, incoming International President Linda White, outgoing International President Dr. Norma Solomon White, inductees Iyanla Vanzant, Valada S. Flewellyn and Johnnie Rebecca Carr, (standing, l-r) Honorary Members and Awards Committee members Johnetta Randolph Haley, Bella Parker, Staci R. Collins, Dr. Mary Shy Scott (committee chair), Janice Taylor and Daria Ibn Tamas.



Victor Pownell / Pownell Photography



The Epsilon Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held a scholarship benefit dance to benefit the United Negro College Fund. Proceeds will also be used to award three local scholarships. Last year the group contributed \$1,000 to the United Negro College Fund. Members standing left to right are Henrine Casey, Halestine Session, Maudie Edwards; Beverly Hendricks and Gloria Hendricks.

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Mardi Gras Queen



Lovely Miss Billie Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Jackson, 1012 Laurel street, recently reigned as crowned queen of the Mardi Gras at the University of Illinois, February 14.

Miss Jackson is a graduate of Danville High School and is now a freshman at the University of Illinois. During her four years at Danville High School she participated in the Phyllis Wheatley, Girls' Athletic Association, Maroon and White staff and was a member of many other extra curricular activities.

Hostesses In Honor Of Marian Anderso



Above is a picture of the patronesses of the A. K. A. Society of Champaign who entertained Marian Anderson on her visit to that city a few days ago. Standing L. to R. are: Mrs. F. J. Jordan, Miss Cozetta Chavis, Mrs. H. J. Wells, Miss Mary Nelson, Mrs. Anna Watson, Mrs. Ruth Hines, Mrs. L. Hurshey, Dr. Clara Smith, and Mrs. Sarah Scott. Sitting, L. to R.: Mrs. A. R. Lee, Mrs. Carrie Nelson, Mrs. C. Horteson, Mrs. Carrie McLin, and Mrs. Pearl Minor. The picture was taken in the Sorority Building at 1301 W. Stoughton St. Urbana.

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