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# Ivy & Pearls

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated ®  
Gamma Delta Omega Chapter

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*The Wonder of GOD Can be  
Found in the Beautiful Colors  
of Autumn!*

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## Basileus Message

*The Lord is my light and my salvation;*

*Whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the strength of my Life;*

*Of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Psalm 27: 1*

Greetings Sorors,

The triumphant song of David's confidence in God is a fitting greeting to you. Sorors, with confidence, you continue to develop and create successful programs for our community. In September we were busy with our Target programs:

- **September 16, 2017.** ASCEND had a successful "Kick-Off." Soror Aurelia T. Williams, Norfolk State University Professor and Computer Science Department Chairman, and one of her students, did an interactive technology workshop. The students learned about cryptography. Kudos to Soror Julia Avery-Muse, ASCEND chairman, and her committee for a successful **Cycle IV Kick-Off**.
- **September 23, 2017.** Gamma Delta Omega and Twenty Pearls, Incorporated marched in Portsmouth's 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishbowl Parade. Sorors walked behind the car that carried our Twenty Pearls Cotillion Queen, Debutante Brooke Lauren Williams and our Soror of the Year, Soror Tanya Weaver. Thank you to Soror Sandra Copeland for serving as driver.
- **September 23, 2017.** Soror Tanya Weaver, Health Promotions Chairman, and her committee collaborated with New Life Church, 423 Shell Road, Chesapeake, VA to provide a Health Fair. The fair featured the American Heart Association (AHA), National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI), American Diabetes Association (ADA), American Cancer Society, and many more. Participants were provided free health screenings, flu shots, and blood pressure checks. Zumba classes, information sessions, and a panel discussion on the *New Face of Chronic Diseases in Women* provided energy, insight, and strategies.
- **September 30, 2017.** Sixty-Seven Sorors traveled to Marriott in Newport News, VA for the Tidewater Cluster. The day's theme was *Telling Our Story*. Chapters shared their unique contributions to Alpha Kappa Alpha history. Gamma Delta Omega's ASCEND program was featured and presented by Soror Julia Avery-Muse and myself. The program was recognized as *Best of the Best*.



## Basileus Message continued

Sorors, the Tidewater Cluster was also the site of Chapter Evaluations for Gamma Delta Omega and seven other Chapters. Gamma Delta Omega documents were delivered to the Marriott at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, 2017. Our records were returned to us on Saturday, September 30, 2017. We are now awaiting our rating, which will be sent to us by the Madame Regional Director, Joyce Henderson. Thank you to Soror Bernadette Fraser and Soror Tanya Smith. They have been working tirelessly to ensure that all appropriate documents were available for the evaluation.

Sorors, in October let's continue to reflect our confidence and sisterly spirit in our Target programs, Childhood Hunger Community Impact Day, and Twenty Pearls, Incorporated Cotillion. Remember, *We help each other, for we know there's no other, like our sisterhood....*

Sisterly,

*LaEunice*

LaEunice O. Brown  
Basileus



GDO Sorors Attended the Tidewater Cluster in Great Numbers



GDO Golden Sorors at Tidewater Cluster



GDO ASCEND Program Recognized at Tidewater Cluster

# Soror Spotlight



Submitted by Soror Karen Settles, Chairman

This month, Soror Eboni Patrice Mundy is the Soror in the Spotlight. Soror Eboni was initiated into Gamma Delta Omega in the Spring of 2017. She was raised in Chesapeake, Virginia. Soror Eboni graduated from Norfolk State University in 2005, majoring in Business with a concentration in Management Information Systems. She received her Master's degree in Public Administration from Strayer University in 2009. Soror Eboni has worked for the City of Norfolk, Department of Social Services, as a benefits specialist for 10 years. Soror Eboni resides in the city of Chesapeake with her husband, Dominique, and their sons Dominique, Jr. (3) and Dylan (1).



**ASCEND**  
**THE 2017-2018 CYCLE 4 “KICKOFF” SESSION**  
**Submitted by Soror Julia Avery Muse, Chairman**  
**and Soror Jasmine Watson, Co-Chairman**



The 2017-2018 ASCEND Educational Enrichment Program is really starting off on a “**HIGH NOTE**” and four “**FIRST-TIME**” for the (1) There were 18 students enrolled in the **September 16, 2017 KICK-OFF Session** and more may arrive in the October 28, 2017 session; (2) There young men enrolled this year; (3) There are eleven schools represented this year in the class and one student attending from High, Windsor, VA; and (4) There are six returning students.



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A BIG “Applause” to **Dr. Aurelia Williams** and NSU Student, Jamal Perkins for all the computers and other pieces of equipment over to the from NSU to provide for a wonderful and most informative Technology Presentation that focused on Cryptography, Steganography and how computers “talk” to each other. This broadened students, parents and Sorors knowledge about those and career opportunities that may be available. ASCEND focused on the “**T**” in **STEM** in this “hands-on” activity.



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Many thanks and “Hands-up” for our dynamic ASCEND Committee members who came out and worked this session: Sorors: **LaEunice Brown**; **Diertra Jones** and **Julia Avery Muse** (Welcome); **Beth Smith** (Meditation); **Jasmine Watson** (Introduction of speaker); **Tanya Oliver** (Teambuilding/Icebreaker); **Margaret Knight** (Photographer); **Rosalynn Sanderlin** (Registration); **Webster** (Food); **Barbara Watford**; **Tanya Smith**; and **Bowers** (helpers & supporters)



**Veronica  
Gracie**





## Family Strengthening

Submitted by Soror Veronica Webster, Chairman

- Monday, October 16, 2017 is Childhood Hunger Day. The chapter will provide “Walking in the Promise” daycare center with healthy snacks and a book (courtesy of the Book Drive Committee). The time will be announced.
- On Monday, October 16, 2017, at 7PM, the Family Strengthening Committee will partner with Sisterly Yours at Roger Brown’s for our annual canned food drive.

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## Financial Tip of the Month



### How's Your Credit????

According to Mellody Hobson, president of Ariel Investments, you should review your credit report the first of every year for accuracy. Get your free credit report at  
[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)





# Environmental Ownership

Submitted by Sorors Ruth McLeod and Tanya Smith

## Hurricane Readiness

Considering the recent devastation from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria to communities in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, the Environmental Ownership committee would like to share a few readiness tips.

Prepare an Emergency Kit Which Includes:

- ❖ At least a three-day supply of water per person (one gallon per person per day)
- ❖ A three-day supply of non-perishable food for each person. Select food items that require no refrigeration or cooking such as canned meats, fruits, juices, and vegetables. Peanut butter, jelly, nuts, trail mix, crackers, granola bars, dry cereal, cookies are also suggested. Remember to pack a manual can opener.
- ❖ At least a week supply of prescription and non-prescription medications along with first aid supplies. Include toilet paper, towelettes, soap, liquid detergent, personal hygiene items, disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer, and baby supplies.
- ❖ Tools and supplies such as paper cups, paper plates, plastic utensils, battery operated radio, flashlights, batteries, garbage bags, matches, activities for children, and blankets.
- ❖ Keep important documents in a waterproof, portable container including your will, insurance policies, deeds, passports, social security cards, immunization records, bank account numbers, inventory of household property and important phone numbers. Do not rely on your cell phone to retrieve phone numbers.

Prior to the storm, prepare an evacuation plan and learn alternate routes to safety. Get **CASH** and a full tank of gas for your vehicle. Inform family members of your plans.

**BE SAFE SORORS!!**



## Sisterly Yours

Submitted by Soror Gracie Bowers, Chairman

Greetings Sorors!

“We make a difference when we understand who we are.” This message was given on a Sunday morning at my church. I thought how the message also applies to us as women of this great Sorority. Not only do we understand who we are, the community understands who we are. This was evident as Sorors participated in the recent Fishbowl parade. Men and women alike repeated how beautiful those AKA ladies are. Gamma Delta Omega, you continue to do an outstanding job in following those guiding principles and modeling the behaviors found in our Soror Code of Ethics.







## Sisterly Yours Upcoming October Events

Submitted by Soror Gracie Bowers, Chairman

October 8, 2017 - I.C. Norcom High School Choir at Ebenezer Baptist Church, 728 Effingham Street at 4:00 p.m.

October 16, 2017 – Game Night at Roger Brown, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

- ❖ Provide donated nonperishable food items for Childhood Hunger Community Impact Day
- ❖ Dinner at your expense
- ❖ Sign up at October Chapter meeting
- ❖ This event is in partnership with Family Strengthening

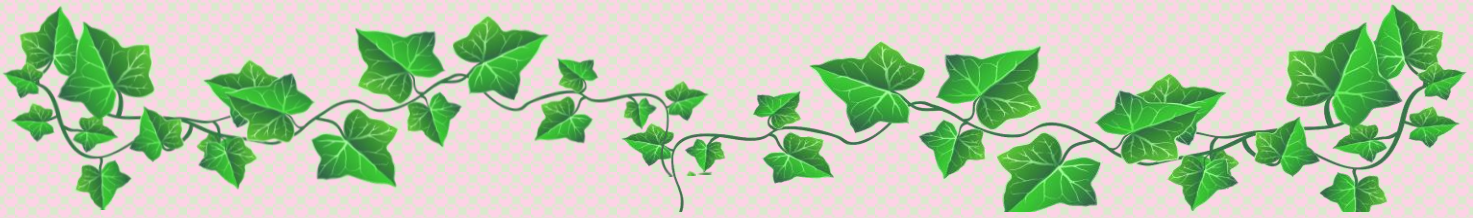
October 22, 2017 – Luther Vandross Tribute at Norfolk State University in the new Brown Hall, 5:00 p.m.

- ❖ Group discount \$15(for 10+); Military \$20; General \$25; Season Pass \$80. Contact box office for specific details (757-823-9009).
- ❖ One collection for group purchase will be at the October Chapter meeting. Cash only please. POC – Sorors Gracie Bowers and Benita Davis
- ❖ Attire – Chapter/Regional sweater and pearls
- ❖ This event is in partnership with the HBCU initiative

## Sisterly Yours Raffle

At the September “Back to Business” Chapter meeting, Sorors dressed in the HBCU colors and Sisterly Yours raffled a quilt in support of HBCU’s. The proceeds from the raffle were designated for Hampton University. The quilt was crocheted and donated by my mother, Elizabeth Holland. Sorors extended congratulations to the raffle winner, Soror Kamika Valmond.





## Book Drive

Submitted by Soror Gracie Bowers, Chairman



Greetings Sorors!

The committee thanks you for your donations to our 2017 book drive. We are on our way to reaching our goal of 300 with a current count of 209. Collections will continue at the October and November Chapter meetings.

Open House Reminder: November 14, 2017 from 6:30pm – 7:30 pm. Please come out to the one-year anniversary celebration of the Library G.A.R.D.E.N. located at 4901 Portsmouth Blvd.

Donation: 58 gently used books were received from Bloom Where You're Planted Florist and were taken directly to the Library G.A.R.D.E.N.

Presentation: In the picture above, the committee presented 27 books to Douglas Park Elementary. Books were purchased specifically for Mrs. Schweitzer's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class library.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for John Tyler Elementary School. Volunteers will work one-on-one with an assigned first grade student. Volunteer time is 9:00 am – 10:00 am on Tuesday mornings beginning in October. Please contact Michelle Smart 393-8879 or Sandra Christmas at 623-6001 to arrange a 90-minute training for volunteers.







## A Nominating Note

Submitted by  
Soror Tanya W. Oliver,  
Chairman

This month the Nominating Committee highlights the office of **Historian**.

It shall be the duty of the **Historian** to keep an accurate record of the activities of Gamma Delta Omega Chapter, keep a permanent history of the chapter's activities, prepare a narrative account of the chapter's activities, and keep pictures and newspaper articles of the chapter's activities. She will work cooperatively with the Program Chairman, Ivy Leaf Reporter, and other Committee Chairmen as deemed necessary, and shall serve as Chairman of the Archives Committee.

Sorors, when asked, we need you to say **YES** to the call to serve Gamma Delta Omega. Remember, The Nominating Committee wants you to Get in the Game and Serve!

Stay tuned for more details on serving as a future chapter officer.



# Standards

Submitted by Soror Tanya Smith, Chairman

Sorors,

The Standards Committee will bring you a few facts concerning Gamma Delta Omega. This information will assist us in the completion of the upcoming Chapter Self-Assessment on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Please review the first edition of “Did You Know”.

Did You Know....

- ❖ GDO does not own property.
- ❖ GDO representatives attended the Boule in 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016.
- ❖ GDO elects Chapter Officers in November and they are installed in December (every other year).
- ❖ GDO sends a copy of the Bylaws and Chapter Operation changes to the Regional Director for review.
- ❖ GDO conducts one Chapter meeting per month except in July and August.
- ❖ Only the International President can endorse, issue opinions of support, or protest on behalf of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®
- ❖ GDO does not sponsor an undergraduate chapter.
- ❖ GDO currently has 147 members.
- ❖ GDO’s charitable arm is known as Twenty Pearls, Incorporated (TPI). All members of GDO are Members of TPI and are called Pearls.







# PROTOCOL

Submitted by Soror Angela Lindsey, Chairman

## Protocol Points to Remember

### Role of Protocol

Serves in an ***advisory capacity*** whenever the chapter plans rituals, receptions, fundraisers, Founders' Day celebrations or hosts other special events. (2017 Protocol Guide p. 18)

### Role of Philacter

Assist in maintaining order during meetings, upon request of Basileus. Maintains an attendance list for visiting Sorors who are limited to three meetings unless they join the chapter. (So Now You're Elected 2016 p. 32)

### Graduate Chapters

- There are no "Line numbers or Line names" during the Membership intake process. Be careful what you post on social media. (Tidewater Cluster 2017)

### Chapter Meeting Greeting

- "To Madam Basileus---Good Morning Sorors" refer to *Forms of Address* in your Protocol Guide. (2017 Protocol Guide p. 25)





## September Birthdays

Submitted by Soror Gracie Bowers

Sorors celebrating September birthdays were recognized at the September Chapter meeting.



## October Birthdays

10 Danielle Dutton  
11 Ethel Boykins  
11 Bernadette Fraser  
13 Ruth Owens

14 Lisa Walker  
28 Nicole Glenn  
29 Beatrice Riddick



Happy Birthday!





# AKAlades

*Congratulations to Sorors Tanya Weaver,  
Eboni Glenn and the Health Committee  
for an outstanding Health Fair!!*

*Congratulations to Soror Jasmine  
Watson as she travels to California to  
present her research findings at a  
medical conference! Your GDO Sorors are  
Proud of You!!*



Sorors, please send in milestones, special achievements,  
awards, etc. for this column.

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## Prayer Corner

Through Christ our comfort overflows.  
II Corinthians 1:5 NIV

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Soror  
Pamela Jones and her family as they mourn the loss of  
her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Jones.

Sorors, please continue to pray for Soror Syreeta Hill  
as she receives medical treatment at Duke Medical  
Center. Also, please pray for Sorors who are  
caretakers for aging parents.



Please continue to pray for our Sorors and their families. Show your concern by sending an email, card, text or  
giving a call!

# Chapter Calendar of Events October 2017

Date/Time	Event	Location
Oct 2 7:00 pm	Scholarship Meeting	3220 Clover Hill Drive, Portsmouth
Oct 3 6:00 pm	Rituals Meeting	3601 Hartford St, Portsmouth
Oct 4 5:30 pm	Cotillion Interviews	Churchland Library, Portsmouth
Oct 4 6:00 pm	Membership Meeting	Instructional Resource Center, 3651 Hartford Street, Portsmouth
Oct 5 6:30 pm	Risk Management Meeting	Teleconference
Oct 7 10:00 am	Chapter Meeting	First Baptist Church South Portsmouth
Oct 7 1:00 pm	Chapter Birthday Luncheon	Roger Brown's Restaurant
Oct 9 7:00 pm	PAN-Hellenic Council Mtg	New Bethel Baptist Church, Portsmouth
Oct 11 5:30 pm	Cotillion Interviews	Churchland Library, Portsmouth
Oct 14 9:00 am	Environmental Ownership	Adopt-A-Spot, Effingham St, Ports.
Oct 16 3:00 pm	Impact Day - Childhood Hunger	Walking in the Promise Christian Academy
Oct 16 7:00 pm	Impact Day – Childhood Hunger	Roger Brown's Restaurant
Oct 17 6:00 pm	Cotillion Meeting	Indian River Library, 2320 Old Greenbrier Rd. Chesapeake
Oct 18 6:00 pm	Standards Meeting	Kroger Marketplace, 1301 Fredrick Blvd
Oct 19 6:00 pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Fourth Baptist Church, Portsmouth
Oct 21 2:00 pm	Cotillion Orientation	Russell Memorial Library, Chesapeake
Oct 24 10:00 am	Impact Day – UNA Day	TBD
Oct 28 10:00 am	ASCEND – Cycle IV	Churchland Library, Portsmouth

The activity calendar is maintained in real - time via Google Calendar. To add the calendar, from your Android device using your Gmail account, visit your calendar from a desktop computer. Under your calendar, add a friend's calendar and enter [gdoaka@gmail.com](mailto:gdoaka@gmail.com). That will generate an email for you to be added. Once approved, you will be able to see the live calendar. If you have an iPhone, send a text to

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