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Message from the 31st North Atlantic Regional Director...

Dear Sorors,

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve...You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love, and you can be that servant." Sorors thank you for electing me as your servant leader.

It is my pleasure to greet you for the first time in this inaugural issue of the North Atlantic Region's new newsletter fondly named *The Legacy*. As the 31st North Atlantic Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, I want you to know that I am excited, honored and delighted to have the opportunity to work with each of you over the next two years. Together, we will make this region supreme in all that we strive to do.

My promise to you is that over the next two years I will be open, honest, fair and sisterly. I will walk hand-in-hand with you, serve with you, and promote an inclusive structure, with enhanced lines of communications and expeditious responses to all questions and concerns. I will do all in my power to make this, The Notable North Atlantic Region, **The Feel Good Region**. I want sorors from every cluster to feel good about themselves, about one another and about what we are doing to perpetuate the legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. We are the birthplace of this great sisterhood and excellence is expected.

Many of you were a part of the history and excitement at the 62nd Boule in Detroit, MI and heard firsthand from our Supreme Basileus, Soror Barbara A. McKinzie, about the excitement surrounding our new and extraordinary service program **E.S.P. (Economics Sisterhood and Partnerships)**.

As we approach our Centennial Birthday, it is only befitting that we have a celebration that will allow us to achieve unseen, unimaginable and unbelievable aspects of sisterhood and service. At the Boule, the assembly voted to accept the proposal of the Supreme Basileus to feature an 18-month celebration leading up to our 100th Anniversary. This celebration will begin in 2007 with each month highlighting **one** Region. During this month, the accomplishments of the region and the sorors within the region will be featured throughout the entire sorority. On January 17-21, 2007 in Hartford, Connecticut, we will host our North Atlantic Regional Conference (NARC) and our Regional Founders' Day. It is exciting to be the first region to kick-off this extraordinary celebration. All others will follow our example! The Regional Founders' Day will eliminate the need for each chapter and or cluster to have its own Founders' Day celebration.

There are so many exciting things on the horizon for our region, so please take the time to thoroughly read through this inaugural edition of *The Legacy*. **Make sure that you make duplicate copies and give each and every member of your chapter a copy of their own.**

Sorors, this is a new day and an exciting time in the life of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. You will be a part of history as we begin the journey to uphold *The Legacy* and honor 100 years of sisterhood and service.

Finally, I want to thank Soror Joy Elaine Daley for her service, commitment and dedication to this region over the last four years. She has left no stone unturned during our smooth transition and for that I am truly grateful. I am now ready to begin this wonderful journey.

Sisterly,

Evelyn

Soror Evelyn



EVELYN SAMPLE-OATES
North Atlantic Regional Director

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Basilei Checklist

- ✓ Graduate MIP Request Authorizations should include the proposed budget and timeline. Please allow 30-45 days for receipt of candidates' transcripts from respective universities. Please allow a maximum of two weeks to hear back from the Regional Director on your MIP requests and candidates' packages.
- ✓ Updated chapter Bylaws must be submitted to the Regional Director by December 1, 2006 along with 2007 Chapter officer rosters.
- ✓ All Chapter Basilei, Anti-Basilei and Parliamentarians must attend the Cluster meetings. All other officers and chapter members are encouraged to attend as well.
- ✓ Please waive the signature for packages or overnight express/priority or certified mail to the Regional Director. Waiving the signature means the delivery service will leave packages and other materials the same day. Otherwise, there may be a delay in processing your requests.
- ✓ Send Monthly Newsletters to the Regional Director via U.S. Mail.
- ✓ Please send the Regional Director a copy of your current chapter directory.
- ✓ Make a copy of this inaugural newsletter and give a copy to each and every member of your chapter.

North Atlantic Regional Office Information

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Office Hours: Daytime - 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Monday thru Friday

Evening - 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
 Monday thru Thursday

Undergraduate & Graduate Advisors Checklist

- ✓ Deadline for registration for Undergraduate Round-up is Saturday, September 16, 2006.
- ✓ Please send all GPA Reports for Spring 2006 to the Regional Director by September 20, 2006. All reports must be received prior to the Undergraduate Round-up. Please do not send transcripts, just the one page listing of semester cum and overall cum. If you need a form, please e-mail Soror Milika Singleton at korising@temple.edu.
- ✓ Step Show requests must be made in writing two weeks in advance with the proper documentation. Please do not send original financial cards, just copies.
- ✓ In order to be approved for M.I.P. all undergraduate Basilei and Graduate Advisors must attend the Undergraduate Round-up in Philadelphia; **No exceptions.**
- ✓ There will be no Graduate Advisor Certification Training at the Cluster Meetings. Certification will resume in 2007.
- ✓ Reminder: at least one **Graduate Advisory Council Member** must be present at all undergraduate chapter activities, programs, committee meetings, etc. **No exceptions!!!**
- ✓ When sending overnight mail to the Regional Director, please check the "no signature required" box.
- ✓ Graduate Advisor: if any of your information has changed, i.e., telephone, e-mail address, home address, please forward that information to Soror Milika Singleton so we can update our directory.
- ✓ All Undergraduate appointments will be made once grades are turned in and Undergraduate Round-up is complete. There will be a slot for undergraduates from each Cluster on every committee. If an Undergraduate soror is interested in serving on a regional committee, please forward your name and interest along with your personal information, i.e., address, school, year, telephone number and e-mail address to the Regional Director by October 15th.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 2006-2008 Centennial Directorate

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| Supreme Basileus | Soror Barbara A. McKinzie |
| First Supreme Anti-Basileus | Soror Carolyn House Stewart |
| Second Supreme Anti Basileus | Soror Renika Sanchez |
| Supreme Grammateus | Soror Dorothy W. Buckhanan |
| Supreme Tamiouchos | Soror Glenda Glover |
| Supreme Parliamentarian | Soror Freddie Groomes-McLendon |
| Undergraduate Member-at-Large | Soror Shaylan Cochran |
| | Soror Adria Robinson |
| North Atlantic Regional Director | Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates |
| Mid-Atlantic Regional Director | Soror Rubie Archie |
| South Atlantic Regional Director | Soror Ella Springs Jones |
| South Eastern Regional Director | Soror Juanita Sims Doty |
| South Central Regional Director | Soror Tari T. Bradford |
| Great Lakes Regional Director | Soror Schylbea J. Hopkins |
| Central Regional Director | Soror Pamela Bates Porch |
| Mid-Western Regional Director | Soror Vicki Miles-LaGrange |
| Far Western Regional Director | Soror Elsie Lavone Lewis |
| International Regional Director | Soror Gloria Harper Dickinson |

62nd Boule Highlights....Detroit, Michigan...The Motor City

The Boule confirmed the election of **Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates** as the 31st North Atlantic Regional Director who hails from Rho Theta Omega Chapter in Philadelphia, PA. Also, the election of **Soror Meredith Henderson**, Delta Mu Omega Chapter in Albany, New York, was confirmed as the North Atlantic Region's Representative to the International Nominating Committee.

Soror Wilma Holmes Tootle, former North Atlantic Regional Director, from Long Island, New York and **Soror Sandy Worrell** from Omicron Epsilon Omega in Norwalk, Connecticut were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for EAF (Educational Advancement Foundation).

Soror Gloria Dickinson, former Supreme Grammateus, from Willingboro, New Jersey was appointed by the Supreme Basileus to serve as the International Regional Director.

| <u>Boule Attendance</u> | | <u>Time & Place Report Boule</u> |
|-------------------------|-------|--|
| Sorors - Graduate | 7,289 | 2008 Centennial Boule - Washington, DC July 12 - July 19, 2008 |
| Sorors - Undergraduate | 546 | 2010 Boule - St. Louis, MO July 11 - 18, 2010 |
| Guests | 523 | 2012 Boule - San Francisco, CA July 12 - July 19, 2012 |
| Youth | 170 | 2014 Boule - Charlotte, NC July 14 - July 21, 2014 |
| Total | 8,528 | |

Leadership Conference in 2007 will be a seven-day Hawaiian cruise on NCL Cruise Lines - The Pride of America. The ship will leave from Honolulu on Saturday, July 14, 2007 and return on Saturday, July 21, 2007. More information can be found on the national website. All deposits must be in by November. For more information call (773) 684-1282.

2006-2008 International Committee Chairmen

NORTH ATLANTIC REGION REPRESENTATIVES TO INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES 2006-2008

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| Program | Soror Loann King Central Region |
| Membership | Soror Caroline Lattimore Mid-Atlantic Region |
| Archives | Soror Earnestine McNealey Southeast Region |
| Building & Properties | Soror Jasmine Ellis South Atlantic Region |
| Connection | Soror Vanessa Rogers-Long Southeast Region |
| Constitution | Soror Freddie Groomes-McLendon South Atlantic Region |
| Finance | Soror Glenda Glover Southeast Region |
| Regional Heritage | Soror Ruth C. Easley North Atlantic Region Soror Sharon Anderson North Atlantic Region |
| Honorary Members & Awards | Soror Mae Carr Central Region |
| Human Resources | Soror Deborah Hill Burroughs South Central Region |
| Investment | Soror Berna Greer South Central Region |
| Nominating | Soror Gisele Casanova Central Region |
| Standards | Soror Alma Ivey Great Lakes Region |
| Technology | Soror Brenda Lapido Central Region |
| Undergraduate Activities | Soror Renika Sanchez South Central Region |
| Centennial Celebration | Soror Norma S. White South Atlantic Region |
| Conference Planning | Soror Joanne Brown South Central Region |
| Diamond/Golden/Silver Soror Anniversary | Soror Melba J. Henry South Central Region |
| Protocol | Soror Francene Gilmer South Central Region |
| Strategic Planning | Soror Beverly Ledbetter North Atlantic Region |
| Communications | Soror Melody McDowell Central Region |
| Leadership Fellows | Soror Audrey Cooper-Stanton Central Region |
| Rituals | Soror Lucille Piggott Mid-Atlantic Region |
| Graduate Advisors Certification | Soror Joanne Clark Southeast Region |

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| Program | Soror Janet Ryder Omega Omega Philadelphia, PA |
| Membership | Soror Constance Pizarro Nu Xi Omega Somerset, NJ |
| Connection | Soror Adrienne Harrison-Surgeon Beta Alpha Omega Newark, NJ |
| Building & Properties | Soror Toya Corbett Rho Xi Omega Baltimore, MD |
| Constitution | Soror Kasel Lasek Gamma Epsilon Philadelphia, PA |
| Honorary Members & Awards | Soror Tammy Williams-Blackwell Phi Theta Omega West Orange, NJ |
| Nominating | Soror Meredith Henderson Delta Mu Omega Albany, NY |
| Standards | Soror Cheryl Goodridge Sigma Psi Omega Hempstead, NY |
| Technology | Soror Susan Simms Marsh Epsilon Sigma Omega Harrisburg, PA |
| Centennial | Soror Janette Hoston Harris Xi Zeta Omega Washington, DC |
| Economic Leadership Through Service | Soror Patricia Russell-McCloud Boule Atlanta, GA Soror Bernice Ripley Zeta Omega Wilmington, DE |
| Fund Development | Soror Jean Walburg Humphrey Iota Gamma Omega Largo, MD |
| Protocol | Soror Leah Davis-Hemphill Boule Washington, DC |
| Communications | Soror Dawn Baskerville Delta Rho Omega Brooklyn, NY |



**NORTH ATLANTIC REGION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2006-2008****NORTH ATLANTIC REGION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
2006-2008****Program****Janet Ryder – Chair – Omega Omega**

- Cluster I Sabrina Williams – Xi Zeta Omega
- Cluster I Ingrid Turner - Iota Gamma Omega
- Cluster II Anita Brown – Rho Theta Omega
- Cluster III Ivey Bacote – Eta Omega Omega
- Cluster IV Sherri Kyle – Upsilon Epsilon Omega
- Cluster V La Wanza Lett Brewington – Xi Xi Omega

Standards**Cheryl W. Goodridge – Chair - Sigma Psi Omega**

- Cluster I Lois Knight Harrison – Epsilon Omega
- Cluster II Barbara Thompson – Epsilon Sigma Omega
- Cluster III Sylvia Sandridge - Tau Omega
- Cluster IV Joan Evelyn – Theta Pi Omega
- Cluster V Sharon Jones – Psi Omega
- Cluster V Vernessa Elder – Theta Epsilon Omega

Centennial**Dr. Janette Hoston Harris – Chair – Xi Zeta Omega**

- Cluster I Joy Holland – Xi Zeta Omega
- Cluster I Junne Harris – Xi Zeta Omega
- Cluster II Charlene DeShields – Kappa Theta Omega
- Cluster III Stephanie Cooper – Epsilon Pi Omega
- Cluster III Josephine Hernandez – Delta Rho Omega
- Cluster V Alisa Drayton – Psi Omega

Protocol**Joyce Taylor – Chair – Rho Theta Omega**

- Cluster I April Hamilton – Theta Omega Omega
- Cluster I Anita Jackson – Rho Xi Omega
- Cluster II Lynn Anderson – Phi Beta Omega
- Cluster III Barbara Martin - Pi Iota Omega
- Cluster IV Juanita Madden – Omicron Xi Omega
- Cluster V Valerie Parks – Tau Xi Omega

Nominating**Meredith Henderson – Chair - Delta Mu Omega**

- Cluster I Kathleen Foreman – Chi Theta Omega
- Cluster II Pamela Clay - Kappa Theta Omega
- Cluster III Mary E. Murray – Pi Iota Omega
- Cluster IV Robyn Dawson - Omicron Xi Omega
- Cluster IV Rita Holliday –Nu Xi Omega
- Cluster V Catherine Adams – Xi Xi Omega

Awards**Diane Johnson – Chair - Xi Omega**

- Cluster I Kim Taylor – Theta Omega Omega
- Cluster II Michelle Strong – Tau Delta Omega
- Cluster II Nai Campbell – Phi Beta Omega
- Cluster III Lynn Staton – Epsilon Pi Omega
- Cluster IV Joy Dorsey Whiting – Pi Zeta Omega
- Cluster IV Shirley Taylor – Upsilon Epsilon
- Cluster V Jonelle Smith – Theta Epsilon Omega
- Cluster V Carolyn Smith – Theta Epsilon Omega

Communications**Dawn Baskerville - Chair - Delta Rho Omega**

- Cluster I Beverly Fields – Xi Zeta Omega
- Cluster II Kimberly Dumpson – Delta Sigma Omega
- Cluster III Michelle Hardy – Pi Kappa Omega
- Cluster IV Maria Cleveland – Nu Xi Omega
- Cluster IV Lisa Helem – Pi Mu Omega
- Cluster V Linnet Carty – Epsilon Omicron Omega

Membership**Constance Pizarro – Chair - Nu Xi Omega**

- Cluster I Jeananne Watson – Xi Zeta Omega
- Cluster II Charlene Shuler – Rho Theta Omega
- Cluster III Selena Roker – Tau Omega
- Cluster III Khaliah Jackson - Boule
- Cluster IV Deidra Albritton-Bundick – Pi Xi Omega
- Cluster V Kimberly Edwards – Psi Omega

EAF Representatives**Marva Purnell-Greene – Chair – Delta Sigma Omega**

- Cluster I Allison Riddle Fletcher - Rho Xi Omega
- Cluster II Dolores M. Parker – Omega Omega
- Cluster III Yolanda Holmes – Delta Rho Omega
- Cluster IV Shauna Carter – Nu Xi Omega
- Cluster V Jacqueline Johnson – Epsilon Omicron Omega

Technology**Susan Simms Marsh – Chair - Epsilon Sigma Omega**

- Cluster I Michelle White – Boule
- Cluster II Kesi Stribling – Rho Theta Omega
- Cluster III Victoria Cantove - Epsilon Pi Omega
- Cluster IV Yvette Sample – Theta Pi Omega
- Cluster V Nayenday Thurman – Rho Epsilon Omega

Constitution**Kasel Lasek – Chair – Gamma Epsilon**

- Cluster I Valerie Evans Harrell – Theta Omega Omega
- Cluster II Jacqui Jones – Tau Delta Omega
- Cluster III Nikki Tillman – Pi Kappa Omega
- Cluster IV Rosa Lane – Boule
- Cluster V Janet Roberta- Williams - Boule

Connections**Adrienne Harrison-Surgeon – Chair - Beta Alpha Omega**

- Cluster I Crystal Lander – Xi Omega
- Cluster I Gretchen Johnson – Xi Zeta Omega
- Cluster II Gertrude Dunlap – Phi Beta Omega
- Cluster II Monique Hales-Slaughter – Tau Delta Omega
- Cluster III Odelphia Pierre - Sigam Psi Omega
- Cluster IV Jackie Jennings – Pi Mu Omega
- Cluster V Shawna Johnson – Theta Epsilon Omega

**NORTH ATLANTIC REGION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
 2006-2008**

**On The Move
 Regional Director's Itinerary 2006**

Archives

Phyllis Forde - Chair - Eta Omega Omega

- Cluster I Cookie Matthews - Nu Zeta Omega
- Cluster II Renee Nelson - Sigma Zeta Omega
- Cluster III Joan Shands - Pi Pi Omega
- Cluster IV Alberta Susan Wells - Boule
- Cluster V Nancy Hill - Tau Xi Omega

Regional Tamiouchos

Carol Rice - Omega Omega

Regional Parliamentarian

Flora Eikerenkoetter - Iota Tau Omega

**Executive Assistant to the
 Regional Director**

Milika Singleton - Rho Theta Omega

Regional Newsletter Editor

Linda Blanding - Rho Theta Omega

Regional Webmaster

Victoria Cantove - Epsilon Pi Omega

Regional Director Advisory Council

- Cluster I Mary Jackson - Xi Sigma Omega
- Cluster II Saundra Brunson - Zeta Omega
- Cluster II Terry Coleman - Epsilon Iota Omega
- Cluster III Marsha Boddie - Tau Omega
- Cluster IV Denise Taylor - Omicron Xi Omega
- Cluster V Wyrot Ward - Epsilon Omicron Omega

Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy

Robin Graham - Dean - Zeta Omega

Wanda King - Dean - Iota Lambda Omega

Andristine Robinson - Dean - Nu Zeta Omega

- Cluster I Tricia Bent-Goodley - Upsilon Tau Omega
- Cluster I Alfredo Bowles - Iota Lambda Omega
- Cluster I Clara Giles Carter - Rho Xi Omega
- Cluster II Alexia Hudson - Omega Omega
- Cluster II Patricia Louison - Rho Theta Omega
- Cluster II Erin Bagley - Tau Delta Omega
- Cluster III Carolyn Brinkley - Delta Rho Omega
- Cluster III Leah Watson - Theta Iota Omega
- Cluster IV Azzmeiah Vasquez-Ward - Pi Mu Omega
- Cluster V Helyn Hall - Psi Omega

* All Cluster Coordinators will be announced at Cluster Conferences

September

- 7-10 Congressional Black Caucus
Washington, DC
- 16 Regional Director's Luncheon
Philadelphia, PA
- 23 Undergraduate Round-up
Philadelphia, PA
- 29-30 Cluster II Leadership Conference
Dover, DE

October

- 6-7 Cluster V Leadership Conference
Hartford, CT
- 7 NARC 2007 Planning Meeting
Hartford, CT
- 13-14 Cluster III Leadership Conference
New York, NY
- 20-21 Cluster IV Leadership Conference
New Jersey
- 27-28 Cluster I Leadership Conference
Frederick, MD

November

- 3-5 Directorate Meeting
Shreveport, LA
- 10-12 Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL

ESP Program In Review

It is a New Day!

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated is quickly approaching its 100th year of providing "service to all mankind." Alpha Kappa Alpha women have consistently delivered an international program that responded to the most urgent needs of the community. Collectively we have affected positive changes and made lives better for children and families globally. Our Centennial Supreme Basileus Barbara A. McKinzie and the Directorate share that same passion. As a people, we are facing some crucial challenges and we must roll up our collective sleeves and "get with the program!"

The Heart of ESP: An Extraordinary Service Program

The ESP vision embraces a five-pronged platform designed to provide chapters with impetus for action. Here are the platform titles. Visit www.aka1908.com for more information.



- Platform I** – The Non-Traditional Entrepreneur
- Platform II** – The Economic Keys to Success
- Platform III** – The Economic Growth of the Black Family
- Platform IV** – The Undergraduate Signature Program –
Economic Educational Advancement Through Technology
- Platform V** – Health Resource Management and Economics

Detailed information on suggested implementation and possible corporate and community partnerships will be shared during Cluster meetings and in the Fall issue of the Ivy Leaf.

Make plans to attend the Cluster meeting. At that time, the program report will provide timely information; therefore, it is imperative that officers attend. Time will be allotted for questions.

Sorors of the Notable North Atlantic Region, let us rise to the challenges put before us with renewed commitment to provide an **Extraordinary Service Program**.

Most chapters are in the midst of planning their 2007 budget and program objectives. The ESP platforms should be included in your planning and if chapters have not all ready done so, please consider ways chapters might facilitate more cooperation and collaboration with other organizations with similar goals and between nearby AKA chapters

I look forward to working with the chapter program chairmen and developing lines of communications to facilitate a smooth transition to our **Extraordinary Service Program**. Should you have questions you may submit them via the AKA website or contact me directly

Soror Janet H. Ryder, Omega Omega Chapter

International Program Committee North Atlantic Regional Representative

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North Atlantic Regional Centennial Committee

The Notable North Atlantic Regional Centennial Celebration plans are in full swing as we prepare for a series of programs, activities and new initiatives leading toward Boule 2008. Our first goal is to plan for our Regional Conference in January with a month-long observance of our history.

RE-ENACTMENT OF OUR FOUNDING: We will kick off our January celebration with the beginning of our history in the form of a re-enactment of our founding. We want representatives from every cluster to participate in this project. We are asking sorors to assist in writing the script, identifying authentic clothes of the period, creating stage props, make-up and music for the re-enactment.

The deadline for the development of the script, identifying the stage props and clothes is Monday, October 30th. Committee meetings and rehearsals will take place the months of November and December. A full dress rehearsal will take place the first weekends of January 4-7 and 11-14 (Thursday – Saturday). This will be one week before the Regional Conference. The performance will take place at NARC. Please e-mail scripts and names of volunteer actresses to Soror Janette Hoston Harris, Centennial Chairman at jhharrisassoc@aol.com.

REGIONAL SONG: We are soliciting all sorors with musical talent to join in the competition to produce a Regional Centennial song with accompanying music for the Notable North Atlantic Region. This competition will result in a grand prize to the winning song writer(s) with a monetary award. The deadline for this submission in the form of a CD or cassette tape is October 31, 2006 and entries should be mailed to:

Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates
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CHAPTER FLAG: We are asking each chapter to show their pride by creating a CHAPTER FLAG which will be used in the PARADE OF FLAGS at The North Atlantic Regional Conference in 2007. All flags must incorporate your chapter's name, chartering date as well as city and state. We want this to be a work of art, therefore, all custom flags must abide by the following:

Size: 2 ft height (tall) 3 ft length (long) with pole sleeve for carrying
Color: Full color (up to 6 colors)
Requirements: Flag can include logo, one line at top of flag and two to three lines at the bottom of flag
Design: Submit by email: jhharrisassoc@aol.com in the following files: (EPS 10.0 or less or PDF 10.0 or less) in color and indicate your PMS color match for each color in your flag.

Each flag will cost \$75.00 and you will be able to showcase your flag at chapter events after the conference. The chapter check should be made payable to "North Atlantic Region of AKA" and mailed to the Regional Director once you have submitted your design. We will use the same flag maker using Polyknit fabric. Your design should be emailed to jhharrisassoc@aol.com by November 6, 2006.

TABLE TOP HISTORY: As we continue to develop the Table Top history, we are requesting that each chapter provide us with a four page history of your chapter and a photo that you would like to have in the book. This history should be double spaced with 12 pt, Times New Roman font. It should be submitted to the above email and the deadline is Monday, February 5, 2007.

REGIONAL QUILT: In 2008 we will culminate our activities with several programs. One will be a Regional quilt comprising 5 cluster quilts which tell your history in this art form. Details will be forthcoming.

Sorors, this is an exciting time for our sisterhood. Please don't be left out of this once in a lifetime celebration.

Soror Janette Hoston Harris, Xi Zeta Omega Chapter
International Centennial Committee North Atlantic Regional Representative
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The North Atlantic Region Gives H.O.P.E.

It's new...It's exciting... and it's happening right here, in the ***Feel Good Region.***

It involves each and every soror in the North Atlantic Region. Sorors introducing, for the first time,

PROJECT H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Excel)

As the North Atlantic Region gives **H.O.P.E.** to the communities in which we serve, now is the time to show our strength and our impact and perform service **ALL ON THE SAME DAY.** Now is the time for close to 6,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha women who have pledged to uphold sisterhood and service from Vermont down to Washington, DC to unite and act.

The North Atlantic Region is divided into five clusters because of our size and our geographic structure; however, we are one, united to serve all mankind through our volunteer efforts. Each chapter in the Notable North Atlantic Region performs countless hours of service each month. Your efforts and accomplishments are appreciated and needed. **Project H.O.P.E.** will allow us to work together on the same day to address problems in our part of the region. Through **Project H.O.P.E.** we will **Help Other People Excel** by offering assistance at food banks, giving tutorial services on reading, writing and arithmetic, conducting youth mentoring programs, conducting healthy eating workshops and promoting healthy lifestyles. We can also volunteer at hospices, hospitals or clinics. Sorors, take time and talent to lend a helping hand with economic development and financial fitness. The list goes on and on and on. Simply put, **Project H.O.P.E.** is any service activity that will improve the quality of life for all.

Sorors, on **Saturday, November 25, 2006** each chapter is asked to simultaneously give H.O.P.E. to your communities in the North Atlantic Region with an organized service project. On this day, just a few short days after we give thanks with our families and friends during our individual Thanksgiving celebrations, you will give back to the communities in which you live and work. Let's show our power by giving service not just by giving dollars to the commercial vendors. Imagine the impact that this will have on our region. If the best of us helps the least of us, we will all be able to excel. Please start to plan your project. Each Basileus is asked to email the service activity to the Regional Director at **esample-oates@comcast.net** by November 1, 2006 so each chapter's name and project name can be proudly displayed on the region's website. You never know which activity Soror Evelyn will drop in on. If there's an opportunity to collaborate with other chapters in the same city or county, you are encouraged to do so. Remember there is strength and power in numbers as we give **H.O.P.E.** to the North Atlantic Region. Please take plenty of pictures as there will be a pictorial presentation at the North Atlantic Regional Conference in January 2007.

The New Standards Committee

The new Standards Committee shall establish the criteria and implement the evaluations of chapters. The committee is working on providing a one page report for 2007. The objectives will include:

- ♥ Review and update the criteria for evaluating chapters
- ♥ Monitor chapter evaluations
- ♥ Assist chapters in improving chapter operations, program implementation and membership practices in accordance with our documents
- ♥ Develop training modules to assist with chapter operations
- ♥ Promote activities that will foster mutual respect and trust of all involved
- ♥ Provide basic communication on chapter performance and evaluation between chapters and the Directorate
- ♥ Provide feedback from the review, and if necessary, make adjustments to chapter performance

You may have the following questions and we have the answers below:

Q: Who pays for the visit of the Evaluation Team to the chapters?

A: The chapter being evaluated will pay for the visit(s) of the Evaluation Team to include travel (ground/air), food and housing.

Q: Who is responsible for contacting the chapters and arranging for the visit?

A: The Regional Director will initiate chapter evaluations. The Chairman of the Heritage Committee conducting the evaluation will coordinate with the Regional Director and National Standards Representative to schedule the visits.

Q: Why is the Evaluation Team coming from another region?

A: The Evaluation Team will be coming from another region to ensure fairness and impartial evaluations.

Q: Is my chapter bound by the results of the evaluation form?

A: YES: The 2006 Boule approved the Program submitted by the Supreme Basileus for 2006-2010 which included the Heritage Committee (with roles and responsibilities). The chapter will be apprised of the results as a part of the evaluation. The chapter will also have an opportunity to include its written response in the final report.

Q: Who does my chapter contact if there are questions about the evaluation?

A: The Chairman of the Regional Heritage Committee responsible for the evaluation will field all questions.

Q: What happens if my chapter receives a "Needs to Improve" evaluation?

A: Recommendations for improvement will be given to the chapter and Regional Director with a follow-up on site visit within one year by the chapter's Regional Heritage Committee.

Soror Cheryl Goodridge, Sigma Psi Omega Chapter
International Standards Committee North Atlantic Regional Representative
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Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy



Sorors, as a member of the Notable North Atlantic Region, also hereby known as **"The Feel Good"** Region, you are invited to participate in the first Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy. This program offers opportunities for participants to develop and enrich leadership skills on the local, regional and international level.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated must have knowledgeable workers who are linked to the organization's endeavors. They will be the future leaders who will provide focus, creativity and leverage in utilizing investments to better achieve the organization's objectives. You will have an opportunity to restructure your profile of leadership and march forward in redesigning the culture of the organization by being inclusive and skilled leaders. You will be provided a roadmap that leads to greatness. You will explore timeless leadership principles.

Experts from various fields in industry, higher education, nonprofit organizations and leaders in Alpha Kappa Alpha will provide the training. This academy is designed to create and build leaders that are open to change and think outside of the box. You will engage in activities that focus on:

- ♥ Exploring concepts that lead to leadership greatness, personal greatness and organizational greatness.
- ♥ Examining the 8th Habit: From Effectiveness to Greatness by Stephen Covey, in terms of finding your voice and inspiring others to find their voice.
- ♥ Exploring concepts of Ethical Leadership based on integrity, vision, courage, action, language and engagement of others.
- ♥ Exploring the qualities that constituents look for and admire in leaders.
- ♥ Building learning leadership communities (sharing cutting edge materials on leadership).
- ♥ Developing and refining skills needed to lead a chapter effectively, including leadership motivation techniques, team building skills, public speaking, public relations and problem solving.
- ♥ Image building and marketing your organization for success.
- ♥ Mastering new technologies/information technology that benefits chapter/organizational operations.

You have the opportunity to capture the essence of leadership through collaboration, growth and commitment. Applications for the first Ethel Hedgeman Lyle Leadership Academy will be distributed at the Cluster Conferences and Undergraduate Round-up. The first class will be inducted at the North Atlantic Regional Conference in January 2007. The program will last one year and graduation will take place at the Centennial Regional Conference in March 2008. A nominal fee will be asked to cover the cost of materials. Additional questions will be answered at the fall conferences, or always feel free to call your Regional Director, Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates.

Dedicated to All of Our Future Leaders

There's a certain kind of soror who can look you in the eye ~ and you know she'll always rise to life's demands. For she has a gentle strength and she's not afraid to try, knowing always who she is and where she stands. "

-Anonymous

North Atlantic Centennial Membership Committee Update

Sorors, your North Atlantic Centennial Membership Committee wants you to know that "Every Soror is a Pearl." We will:

- ♥ Focus our attention on retaining our active Pearls and reclaiming our "Lost Pearls."
- ♥ Support the 2006 Boule approved goal of a projected active membership of 100,000 by the year 2010 by continuing to recognize chapter growth through reclamation.
- ♥ Enforce membership behavior that is ethical, courteous, respectful, loving and compassionate.
- ♥ Create a retention program that helps undergraduates transition smoothly into graduate chapters.
- ♥ Devise a Membership "Welcome Home Campaign" for reclaimed Sorors.
- ♥ Review & report membership trends to ensure we are servicing your needs.
- ♥ Lead by example by promoting and maintaining positive attitudes at all times.
- ♥ Develop demonstrative sisterly relations programs that can be used by all chapters.

Alpha Kappa Alpha is the best kept secret. Well no more, we will soon be 100 years old and it is past time that everyone knows who we are. We will educate society about Alpha Kappa Alpha through a National Marketing campaign. Imagine seeing AKA in major magazines on a quarterly basis, and public service announcements featuring our Honorary Sorors.

Sorors, we have heard you, the North Atlantic Centennial Membership Committee will work to revise our Membership Intake Process. Sorors we want your input. We will utilize sorors on the committee to liaison with Chapter Basilei and Chapter Membership Chairman to gather your ideas and suggestions. This will enable us to:

- ♥ Develop Soror-friendly forms
- ♥ Revise selection process, procedures and criteria
- ♥ Supply chapters with models, samples and suggestions for implementing the mentoring program

The goal of the MIP revisions is for candidates to have an understanding of what they are joining before we lock hands in a larger circle. Likewise, the sorors selecting candidates should be committed to helping them discover the sisterhood in our ranks. We want to develop a Membership Intake Process that engenders a feeling of a positive and memorable experience for Sorors and candidates.

Sorors we must be inclusive. Diamond Sorors, Golden Sorors, Silver Stars, Undergraduates, Chapter members and General members. We all have special talents and skills that can be used within our great sisterhood.

Let's work together and "Let Sisterhood and Service be our Signature."

Remember, ESP - Every Soror is a Pearl.

Soror Constance Pizarro, Nu Xi Omega Chapter

International Membership Committee North Atlantic Regional Representative
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Introducing a New Committee

At the 62nd Boule in Detroit, Michigan, Supreme Basileus, Soror Barbara A. McKinzie proposed a new committee, The Heritage Committee. The Regional Heritage Committee will have the responsibility of promoting the rich heritage of tradition and custom of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. They will assist the Supreme Basileus in ensuring that the sisterhood's spirit and commitment is compatible and congruent with our Founder's dream. Their objectives include:

- ♥ To promote Alpha Kappa Alpha's heritage and traditions through sisterhood
- ♥ To market the mission, vision, and purpose within the regions
- ♥ To make recommendations to the directorate on the heritage issues
- ♥ To make recommendations on promoting the Alpha Kappa Alpha living legacy – Former Supreme Basilei
- ♥ To assist the Regional Director in administering the business of the membership in regions

This Committee will be the Regional Heritage Committee, but serve on a National level.

**North Atlantic Region History Book...
The Legacy Continues**

The next edition of the North Atlantic Region History Book is now going from vision to execution and a few good sorors are needed. Former North Atlantic Regional Director, Wilma Holmes Tootle, presented our history from 1986 – 1998. The next edition will take us right up to the Centennial Celebration, 1999-2008.

We are looking for authors, poets, graphic designers, writers, creative souls, historians, and editors to work on the North Atlantic Region History Book...**The Legacy Continues.**

Sorors, this work of art is certain to be a masterpiece. So don't stifle your creative talent and keen academic minds. Send an e-mail to Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates and let her know that you are ready, willing and able to get started on the North Atlantic Region History Book...**The Legacy Continues.**

National Heritage Committee

Chair - Ruth C. Easley – Omega Omega
Co-Chair - Sharon Anderson – Xi Omega

Cluster I

Diane Adams – Theta Omega Omega
Miranda Anderson – Xi Omega
Helen Anderson – Rho Xi Omega
Alfredo Bowles – Iota Gamma Omega
Pamela Coleman-Carter - Rho Mu Omega
Nikki DeJesus – Xi Zeta Omega
Shawn Henderson – Boule
Kimberly McLurkin-Harris – Theta Omega Omega

Cluster II

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Wanda Lewis Campbell – Phi Beta Omega
Jacqui Hugee – Rho Theta Omega
Ekundayo Ojumu – Omega Omega
Shauna Singleton – Rho Theta Omega

Cluster III

Octavia Hill – Delta Rho Omega
Kristel Johnson – Zeta Nu Omega
Tammara Walker – Theta Iota Omega
Lavern Yard – Eta Omega Omega

Cluster IV

Rachelle Christie – Omicron Xi Omega
Sylvia Cyrus-Albritton – Beta Alpha Omega
Sharon Hopson – Theta Pi Omega
Sha-Nieka Muniz – Rho Kappa Omega
Karen Ross – Nu Xi Omega
Kim Daniel Robinson – Pi Xi Omega
Roseann Robinson - Boule
Tonya Rufus – Omicron Xi Omega
Joi Taylor – Nu Xi Omega

Cluster V

Kimmie Jackson – Psi Omega
Shuana Tucker – Boule

**** List Incomplete – More Members are Needed. If you would like to serve on this committee please e-mail the Regional Director at esample-oates@comcast.net**

North Atlantic Regional Conference 2007...Making History

Sorors get ready for a "First" in the history of the North Atlantic Region. The planning for the 76th North Atlantic Regional Conference (NARC) is well underway!! The theme is:

Celebrating our Legacy...Economics, Sisterhood and Partnerships: The Heart of Service and Sisterhood

The NARC Steering Committee is anxious and excited to bring you this wonderful conference in Hartford, Connecticut at the all-new, state-of-the-art Connecticut Convention Center.

Meet your Steering Committee Dream Team:

Elicia Pegues Spearman, Esq., Chairman - Theta Epsilon Omega
Adjoa Boateng, Undergraduate Vice Chairman - Xi Omicron
Mentha Hynes-Wilson, Vice Chairman - Xi Xi Omega
Gwendolyn Smith Iloani, Vice Chairman - Epsilon Omicron Omega
Nicole Brooks, Esq., Recording Secretary - Xi Xi Omega
Shawna Johnson, Treasurer - Theta Epsilon Omega
Africka Hinds-Ayala, Financial Secretary - Epsilon Omicron Omega
Evette Layne, Conference Advisor - Psi Omega
Wyrot Ward, Conference Advisor - Epsilon Omicron Omega

In accordance with our Supreme Basileus' plans, Sorors of Cluster V have been meeting to plan a memorable conference. The Conference will take place on **January 17-21, 2007**. **Early registration deadline (\$150 fee) will be October 31, 2006 and the late registration deadline (\$150 plus \$60 late fee) will be November 24, 2006.** Registration packets will be mailed out in September and also available via the website (www.akanorthatlantic.org).

There will be three, reasonably priced host hotels with the "AKA" discount reservations, which will be accepted beginning September 30, 2006. The hotels and rates are as follows: Marriott Downtown - \$135, Crowne Plaza - \$129, and Hilton - \$129. You will have more information in the registration packets.

In addition to our important business sessions, highlights of the conference will include: AKA Healthy Start work-outs, complimentary continental breakfast, a fabulous Founder's Day celebration, presentations/awards by or to high-profile CEOs and/or entertainers, educational workshops, inspirational speakers, and excursions to Clinton Premium Shopping Outlets, Mohegan Sun and/or Foxwoods and an Awards/Concert Banquet. Featuring for the first time, will be a Leadership Luncheon recognizing Chapter Basilei, with legendary keynote speaker, Soror Patricia Russell-McCloud.

The delegate strength will be based on the number of financial members your chapter has on roster by November 15, 2006.

If you have any further questions regarding the 2007 Regional Conference, please email **AKANARC2007@yahoo.com** or contact the Conference Chariman, Soror Elicia Pegues Spearman at (860) 273-2683.

All hotel reservations made prior to September 30, 2006 WILL BE CANCELLED. All sorors will have a fair chance to make their hotel reservations at the same time beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 30, 2006.

Awards Committee

The North Atlantic Region Awards Committee salutes your commitment to building better communities and stronger families through your chapters' programs of service. You will be recognized at the North Atlantic Regional Conference Awards Program in Hartford, Connecticut. A revised Awards Handbook will be included in the conference registration materials you receive this month. **November 30th** is the deadline for receipt of all award submissions.

The Awards Program is dedicated to you, the hardworking sorors of the Notable North Atlantic Region also known as the "Feel Good Region." We will premier two new awards for Graduate and Undergraduate chapters, the "**H.O.P.E.**" Award for **Helping Other People Excel**, and the "Legacy" Award for honoring our region's rich history.

We are looking forward to a memorable Awards Program. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email the chairman of the committee. See you in Hartford.

Soror Diane L. Johnson, Xi Omega Chapter
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Please email all submissions to:
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NOTE: All future editions of **The Legacy** will feature articles from International Committee Representatives.

North Atlantic Region Website

www.northatlantic.org

Check the website for
up-to-date news around the region.

Regional Director's Luncheon

You are cordially invited to Attend A Luncheon

Honoring the 31st North Atlantic Regional Director
Soror Evelyn Sample-Oates

Saturday, September 16, 2006

Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Hyatt at Penn's Landing

201 South Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia, PA 19106

Tickets \$40.00 - Open To All Sorors - Reserve Your Seat Today

Contact Soror Marcia Shepherd Baker
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