



Letter from the Editor

by Soror Breahna Gillespie

We never know how high we are
Till we are called to rise;
And then, if we are true to plan,
Our statures touch the skies—

The Heroism we recite
Would be a daily thing,
Did not ourselves the Cubits warp
For fear to be a King—
—Emily Dickinson

All throughout my high school career, I had always been fascinated by poetry from ancient proverbs in Hebrew texts to the terse American texts in the 20th century. I believe that the cadence and rhythm of these words can be encouraging to remember lessons that may be readily apparent, but too easily forgotten.

In this poem, Dickinson points out how easy it is for us to rise to the level we are called to. The wonderful things that we hear people do in the news would be common if not for our own worries and doubt.

As the ides of May approaches, let us reflect on the ways have let our presence be known and look forward to being powerful movers and shakers. Remember—do not fear being a King (or Queen)!

Financial Literacy Workshop

by Soror Sheryl Truitt

The Financial Literacy Workshop; Credit Repair and Monitoring – Your Score Matters hosted by Target 3, Economic Legacy Committee was held on Thursday, April 25th @

e3 Civic High in downtown San Diego. There were 15 guests in attendance and the Presenter, Sean Scales, CEO & Founder of Oryzon Credit, #1 Credit agency in the Nation educated all who attended about the importance of credit health. He shared dos and don'ts when it comes to building a strong credit history. Several comments were expressed at the end of the workshop on how the information was helpful.

FWRC Protocol Committee: Is it for you?

by Soror Yvonne Yelder-Logan

Wait, what? The FWRC Protocol Committee needs volunteers, at least 3 from each chapter? Yes, that was the message sent to all Chapter Basilei in the Far Western Region a few weeks prior to the conference. Our Regional Protocol Committee Vice Chairman, Soror Diane Peete, realized early that she would not have the personnel needed to serve as Escorts to the AKA VSG's and Greeters for the important guests unless she appealed to more sorors.

Soror Judy Long Pharaoh and I responded. Soror Cara Weddington and Soror Diane conducted several pre-conference meetings to prepare us and we received official Protocol Manuals. Soror Judy was assigned to be a Greeter and had to brave the chill of the breezy doorways. She was also one of the first sorors to meet most VSG's upon arrival, including Senator (and Soror) Kamala Harris. I was

assigned to serve as Escort to Soror Cynthia Howell, our Executive Director. Thankfully, I was partnered with Soror Charmain Young of Mu Lambda Omega, so we were able to tag team when necessary.

Being an Escort doesn't mean you'll become abff with your VSG but while you are leading her from one location to another throughout the morning, noon, and night you will become a little familiar. I found Soror Cynthia to be very personable, exceptionally stylish and very difficult to keep up with because of her long, swift strides. During one of our few conversations, she agreed that the FWR was a very friendly region. Early Sunday morning, before we headed downstairs to transportation, she gave me her conference bag with the suggestion that I give it to one of my sorors, and I promptly complied.

Serving on the Protocol Committee demands much of your time at a conference, so it's not recommended if you are a delegate, but otherwise it is a very rewarding experience.

AKA loves the Arts

by Soror Rita Montero

The message in *Sorors and members of the community participated at the Play Sweat* was engaging, entertaining, enlightening and inspiring with a typical message of racism, stereotyping and misunderstanding, but had an inspiring twist at the end.

AKA Sorors & guests attended the Play, "Sweat" on April 24th. A reception was held after the play, and Sorors were able to meet and greet with the Cast. Pictures below: AKA's & guests in the theatre & AKAs with two Actors)

Remember the AKA Arts Book Club is reading "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. Lunch & Discussion will be held on Sat. 5/18/19 after Sorority meeting at Solar Turbine. Lunch will be served. Please email ba_chandler@hotmail.com to RSVP (So we have enough lunch).



Upcoming Dates

May 18, After Sorority meeting
— Remember the Arts Book Club, Solar Turbines, discussion on *The Hate U Give*

May 19, 2pm-3:30pm — Leadership AKAdeMy Informational Meeting, Career Technology Center Auditorium at San Diego City College, 1081 16th Street

Jun 1, 4pm-7pm — Sisterly Yours Spring Event, -\$5

Jun 2, 3pm-5pm — Scholarship Reception, USD, 5998 Alcala Park, Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, -\$10-15

Jun 15, 1pm-6pm — Ivies & Vines Summer Soiree, Lorimar Winery, -\$100

June 27-30 — Leadership Seminar, Nashville, TN, registration is now open

Jun 28 — EAF Excellence In The Music City, 2019 Scholarship & Awards Luncheon, Nashville, TN, tickets 1 for \$10; 3 for \$25

Oct 27, 1:30pm — EXO 70th Anniversary, -\$70

Sisterly Relations

by Soror Angela Rickman

Sisterly Relations is busy rolling out the Strength in Sisterhood initiative. Strength in Sisterhood is Madame Basileus Deborah Davis-Gillespie's brain child and was created in an effort to create a stronger sisterhood. We have 153 members in our Chapter and we seem to cluster together with the same familiar faces whenever we get together. In an effort to get to know more Sorors, Strength in Sisterhood was launched in Jan-

Please support Soror Clara Baity by purchasing EAF raffle tickets during the May & June meetings.

uary 2019. It is believed that the better we know each other, the more we'll like each other thus the more effective we'll be in rolling out the various Targets into the San Diego community.

Please don't feel pressured into attending as many events as possible. The focus should be on activities which lend themselves to communication. For example, Soror Jaune'se Tate Mitchell Circle is meeting the first Saturday of every month to go on a walk. They will break into teams of 2 or 3 to enable deeper bonding while getting in some much needed steps.

Circle Leader, Soror Tara Turner, also believes that a phone call, email, text or sending a card is an excellent way to keep in touch. Her circle will do all of the above as well as support various Targets. We can not thank Soror Tara enough for her early start out of the gate.

We encourage all Sorors to respond to their Circle Leaders communication and get involved in an effort to strengthen our sorority so that our Targets will be successful, effective and a blessing to many.

Sisterly Relations was very busy in both February and March rolling out the "Heart to Heart" and "Intergenerational Communication Between Sorors" initiatives. During February's Chapter Meeting we stressed the importance of eating a heart healthy diet by playing a fun Bingo Game. This interactive question and answer session shared heart healthy food choices. During our March meeting we reminded the Sorors via a Skit, video and song how each generation has their preferred method of communication. Respecting and appreciating these differences will enable us to become more effective as a Chapter in our communication.



Sorors enjoyed the play, *Sweat*, which was entertaining and inspiring in looking at racism today and a unique perspective.

Johnson C. Smith University

by Soror Jessica Logan

There is nothing, no school experience that can match or compare to attending a Historically Black College/University. I LOVED my experience at Johnson C. Smith University. Growing up in San Diego, all my school peers were primarily white and Mexican. To attend a school where everyone is the same race, is there for the same goal, which is to get their degree, have a career and bright future, and a good life is exciting a to be a part of.

- Johnson C. Smith is in Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Has eleven fraternities and Sororities
- Has fifteen NCAA Division 2 teams
- Has twenty-two undergraduate degree programs (business, science, liberal Arts, etc.)

Scholarship Committee Announcement

by Soror Carol Patrick & Soror Shlyn Guarian

Please help the Scholarship Committee visit each recipient's high school. Read the following dates and let us know what fits your schedule—we'll give you a certificate and tell you what to

say!

W May 22 Mount Miguel HS (3 recipients)

W May 29 @ 5 pm Kearny HS

W May 29 @ 6 pm Monte Vista HS

W May 29 Rancho Buena Vista

TH May 30 @ 6 pm Eastlake HS

TH May 30 @ 6:30 pm Mission Hills HS

M June 3 @ 5 pm Crawford HS

T June 4 @ 6 pm University City HS

W June 5 @ 6 pm Olympian HS

TH June 6 @ 5 pm Lincoln HS

Sat June 8 @ 9-11 am San Diego HS (7 recipients)

It's Hairspray

by Soror Deborah Davis-Gillespie

Soror Kim Allen has been cast in the Musical "Hairspray" with the Temecula Valley Players. She will be performing June 6-23 at the Old Town Temecula Community Theatre. The shows are Thursday-Saturday evenings at 7:30pm and Sunday afternoons at 2pm. This is an exciting opportunity for her and she would love to see her Sorors in the audience. Please celebrate the members of EXO who participate in fulfilling our target 4 *The Arts!*

Communications Committee

Soror Breahna Gillespie

Soror Pamela Gray Payton

Soror Charlaïne Carter

Soror Debbie Hedgren

Soror Judy Long Pharaoh

Soror Cecilie Nelson

Soror Yvonne Yelder-Logan



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Chapter Business Meeting Agenda

May 18, 2019



Agenda Item	Officer/Committee Chairman
Call to Order	Soror Deborah Davis-Gillespie, Basileus
Pledge	All Sorors
Meditation/Prayer List	Soror Charlaine Carter, Chaplain
Adoption of the Agenda	All Sorors
Approval of the April 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes	Soror Helen V. Griffith, Grammateus
Greetings	Soror Robyn Thomas and Soror Prudence Williams, Co-Hodegos
Sisterly Relations	Soror Angela Rickman, Chairman
Ways and Means Opportunity	TBD
Officers' Reports	
Basileus' Report: Soror Deborah Davis-Gillespie	
Basileus' Update	Soror Deborah Davis-Gillespie, Basileus
Chapter Income	Soror Carmine Jones, Pecunious Grammateus
Chapter Expenditures	Soror Annette Weathington, Tamiouchos
Delegate Report	Soror Jordan Robertson, FWRC Delegate
Anniversary Celebration Committee	Soror Mary Castleberry, Chairman
Ivies and Vines Committee	Soror Patricia Grooms-Jones, Chairman
Protocol Committee	Soror Jennifer Porter, Committee Member
2nd Anti-Basileus' Report: Operations Reports - Soror Emma Turner	
2 nd Anti-Basileus' Update	Soror Dianne Joiner for Soror Emma Turner
Standards and Leadership Development Committee	Soror Barbara Perry, Chairman
Sisterly Yours Committee	Soror Constance Logan, Chairman
Scholarship Recognition Committee	Soror Yvonne Yelder-Logan, Chairman
Scholarship Committee	Soror Carol Patrick, Chairman
Foundation Set-Up Committee	Soror Jordan Robertson, Chairman
1st Anti-Basileus' Report: International/Local Programs - Soror Dianne Joiner	
Leadership AKAdemy/Debutante Ball Committee	Soror Patricia Grooms-Jones, Debutante Ball General Chairman
Health Committee – Target 2 Women's Healthcare and Wellness	Soror Jasmine Johnson-Chestnut, Co-Chairman
Black Family Committee – Target 5 Global Impact	Soror Elizabeth Goodman, Chairman
Epistoleus' Report	
Correspondence and Announcements	Soror Breahna Gillespie, Epistoleus
Ways and Means Report	
Ways and Means Opportunity Results	TBD
Alpha Kappa Alpha National Hymn – All Sorors	
ADJOURNMENT	