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From the Pen of the Basileus . . .

Greetings Sorors,

Happy New Year!!!! It is my hope that our first issue of **The STRAND...Published Pearls** finds you in great spirits during this holiday season. Thank you again for granting me the opportunity to serve as your Basileus. Congratulations to the newly elected officers. I have confidence that we will work together as a team to spotlight Alpha Xi Omega in the Dallas community.



This administration is promised to be one filled with opportunities to serve Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. I have chosen as the theme: **Alpha Xi Omega: Living Its Twenty Pearls in the Spirit of AKA**. During the next 24 months we will focus on our Targets: Education, The Black Family, Health, Economic Empowerment, and The Arts.

My thanks in advance to the Target leaders, committee chairs and co-chairs for embracing the committee responsibilities and for committing to serve Alpha Xi Omega in your various capacities. My thanks also to you, my dear Sorors for signing up to work with one of our five targets. We have organized committees in a team concept. This will ensure successful implementation of our programs, and will ensure our presence is competitive in the Region, and recognized for service in the Dallas community.

Sorors always remember there is no "I" in the word team. It is my commitment to work with you and for you to ensure Alpha Xi Omega Chapter successfully conducts the business of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. "We help each other for we know there's no other, like our sisterhood." Again, thank you for your vote of confidence and may God richly bless each and every one of you.

Sisterly,

Marian A. Willard

Soror Marian A. Willard
Basileus, Alpha Xi Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

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Sorority Meeting



January 10, 2004

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Black Academy
of Arts & Letters
650 S. Griffin Street
Dallas, Texas

Dress: Pink or Green Business Attire.

Protocol Tip of the Month:

Members are to arrive in sufficient time to register attendance, take care of finances and be in seats by 10:00 a.m., in order that the Business Meeting can begin promptly at 10 a.m. without disturbance from members coming in late.

Suggested arrival time:
9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

—Protocol Committee

∞ Founders' Day Luncheon ∞

Saturday, February 14, 2004
 Hyatt Regency Hotel
 Speaker: *Dr. Sarah Davis* - San Antonio, Texas



Founders' Day tickets will be distributed at the January sorority meetings.
 All monies and unsold Founders' Day tickets are due on Saturday, February 7, 2004.

Please see the enclosed insert for further information.

Sixth Annual Fashionetta Debutante Dinner and Ball

Theme: Capturing An Evening of Elegance

The Sixth Annual Fashionetta Debutante Dinner and Ball will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2004 at the International Apparel Mart. This activity is part of our efforts to support our international target of the Black Family and serves as one of our major chapter fund raisers. We are asking that all sorors purchase at least two tickets and do all they can to support this effort.



75 Years!

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The \$175.00 fee for our Diamond Jubilee Celebration is now due.
 Don't miss out on a GRAND occasion!

Listed below are the events scheduled for June 4-6, 2004:

Friday (\$30.00)

Reception with music and hors d'ourves

Saturday (\$50.00)

Dinner, Dance and Program

Sunday (\$35.00)

Brunch



The Strand

Alpha Xi Omega, are you living your twenty pearls or do you JUST wear them?

It all began over 75 years ago. On June 6, 1929, a group of sorors, dedicated to the ideals of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, were challenged to "live their pearls". They established a graduate chapter in the Dallas area. This historic event has afforded us the opportunity to continue their legacy. Now, 75 years later, we must not be afraid of new ideas, new theories, and new philosophies. We must be creative, take initiative, and be resourceful. The ideals of our Twenty Pearls will be used by this administration to ensure Alpha Xi Omega continues that legacy started 75 years ago.

CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Please wear your Pink and Green attire to the January meeting.

The chapter will vote on a member to the Alpha Key Alliance Board at the January meeting.

The chapter will vote for 2004 Regional Delegates during the *February* meeting.

Executive Committee meeting will be Jan. 8th at 6:30 pm at the Center for Community Cooperation, 2900 Live Oak, Dallas, Texas - 214-821-0911.

Scholarship Committee meets January 22 at 6:30 pm at the Center for Community Cooperation.

Both individual and the chapter photographs will be taken for the directory during the *February* meeting.

Please remember to wear uninterrupted black for the re-dedication ceremony as well (no pants).

If you have not completed the green data collection form, please remember to do so at the January meeting so that your information will be accurately captured in the chapter directory.

Please sign up for at least two committees during the January and February meetings.

Target I: Education
Program I: The Ivy Reading
AKAdemy Pilot Program.
"Reading One to One"

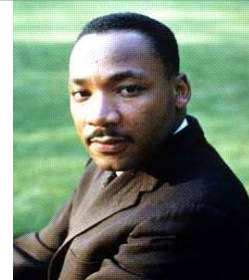
Sorors, we all need to participate and volunteer at one of the elementary school to help our children.

See Soror Verna Gipson-Spears to sign up.

Please continue to bring books to donate to our reading program.

Target III: Health

Martin Luther King
Parade and Health
Fair at the Martin
Luther King Center
Saturday, Jan. 17,
2004.



Health Fair at Harrell Bud Elementary
School 10:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

National and Regional Notes

- ◆ National Founders' Day- January 17, 2004 in Cleveland, Ohio
- ◆ South Central Regional Conference-
April 15-18, 2004 in Houston, Texas.
Visit the web for registration information
at www.AKASouthCentralRegion.com
- ◆ Boule- July 12-17, 2004 in Nashville, TN
- ◆ Leadership Seminar 2005- Paradise Island,
The Bahamas at the Atlantis Hotel.

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We Extend Our Prayers To...

Soror Nikki Hopkins is in Baylor Hospital.

Soror Barbara Anderson's, mother is Recuperating from surgery.

Soror Margie Riley's husband is very ill at the VA Hospital.

Please notify the chapter of illness and/or deaths. Contact Sisterly Relations in care of Soror Margie Riley at:

972-223-2513 or 214-476-2491

Finance Team Guidelines

1. **Team Hours: 9:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.** (will re-open after meeting)
2. The Team will NOT be able to provide you with change when paying financial assessments in cash. PLEASE have CORRECT funds available.
3. **2004 Dues Information**

Regular:	\$268.00
Reactivation:	\$278.00
Life Members:	\$208.00
College Transfers:	\$121.00



FYI: In order to vote at the February meeting all dues and financial obligations must be paid by the January meeting...or you may pay your dues in cash at the February meeting.



“Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things.”
—Author Unknown

Please don't forget your commitment to the dream of **HOUSING** for Alpha Xi Omega.

Please pick up and return commitment forms and/or money at the financial table.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Mary Jo Crow	15	Marcia Mallard
3	May Frances Saulter	18	Zora Shepherd
6	Beverly Marshall	21	Thalia Haynes
8	Lena Grace	22	Norma Smith
	Robbie Pipkin		Michelle Thomas
9	Nikki Hopkins	24	Dorothy Davis
12	Barbara Patrick		Linda Griffin
	Danielle Williams		Carol Watson
13	Barbara Anderson	25	Rhonda Davis
	Beverly Williams	31	Denise Glasco
14	Barbara Bardwell		Yvonne Harris
	Sylvia Collins		Zarenda Elliot
	Natalie Houston		Shelia Patterson
	Jimmie Moore		

Sorors...If we have missed your birthday, please mail the information to the address at the right.

Thought for the Month

I can give you a six word formula for success:

*Think things through-
Then follow through.*

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All newsletter information must be approved by the Basileus. The deadline for the February edition is January 23, 2004. Information may be emailed to eleasia@msn.com.