

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

DELTA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER



75th  
Anniversary  
Celebration

**Honoring 75 Years of Service and Sisterhood**  
Looking Back & Moving Forward

**July 21-23, 2023**

Souvenir Book

Nakisha Chaney, Chapter President



# A Significant Milestone

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

DELTA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER

**Chartered on December 14, 1948**

## Charter Members

Roberta Ellis Britt

Flora Chisholm

Dorothy Cook

Edyth Cole

Margo Ellis

Marie Penn

Toledo Snyder

Dorothy Smith

Gertrude Frances Warren

Catharine R. Williams

Yvonne Williams

**Honoring 75 Years of Service and Sisterhood**

**Looking Back & Moving Forward**

# Greetings from the Chapter President

## Welcome to the 75th Chapter Anniversary Celebration

# Greetings!



This year Delta Psi Omega Chapter celebrates 75 years of sisterhood, service and scholarship in the Washtenaw County community. Chartered on December 4, 1948, Delta Psi Omega has stood steadfast through these last seven decades.

From the Civil Rights Movement through Black Lives Matter, Delta Psi Omega Chapter has advocated for social justice and racial equity, promoted voter education, mobilized voter registration, and supported the preservation and sharing of African American culture and history. The chapter was instrumental in the founding of the African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, of which every member of the chapter is a member, and of which several chapter members serve in its leadership.

Over its many years, Delta Psi Omega Chapter has supported our local youth, including through the awarding of hundreds of scholarships, for need and merit; the engagement of middle and high school students in our leadership development and college readiness programs; and our engagement of elementary students through our Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Literacy Program, through which we read to young students books featuring black characters, history and culture. Just this year, Delta Psi Omega Chapter implemented Alpha Kappa Alpha's most ambitious childhood hunger program to date, the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack program. Implemented to reduce childhood hunger in local communities, Delta Psi Omega Chapter currently supports more than 50 children with demonstrated need, who attend, or have siblings who attend, Estabrook Elementary, with meals and snacks to support their food needs on weekends and holidays during the school year.

In its signature event, Delta Psi Omega Chapter celebrates the community's black men. Often overlooked and underappreciated, Delta Psi Omega Chapter recognizes and honors, in its annual Celebration of Black Men, the accomplishments of Black men who have achieved in scholarship, service, and profession, and positively impacted the local community.

This is but a few of Delta Psi Omega Chapter's many programs and accomplishments since that wonderful day on December 4, 1948, when it began.

So, it is with a great deal of pride, tempered by the humility of knowing that we did not do it alone, but rather with the love and support of our families, friends and community, that we take a moment to celebrate these 75 years of sisterhood, scholarship and service. It is only made better that you have joined us in the celebration.

Greetings and welcome from Delta Psi Omega Chapter!

*Nakisha Chaney*  
Soror Nakisha Chaney, President

# Welcome from the 75th Anniversary Committee

Greetings,

On behalf of the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee, we are pleased to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome. We are delighted to have you join us in commemorating this milestone and celebrating 75 years of service and sisterhood.

As we reflect on the past seven and a half decades, we are reminded of the countless individuals like yourself who have played a pivotal role in shaping the legacy of our organization. Whether you have been a chapter member, a dedicated supporter, or a valued community partner, your contribution has been invaluable, and we are immensely grateful for your presence.

We have planned a series of memorable events and experiences. From the Gala with an insightful keynote speech and live entertainment to meaningful networking opportunities, this anniversary celebration promises to be an unforgettable experience. We invite you to engage with fellow guests, reconnect with old acquaintances, and forge new connections.

On behalf of the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your presence. Thank you for being an integral part of our remarkable journey. We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you, honoring 75 years of Service and Sisterhood, looking back and moving forward.

Welcome!

Debra Butler, 75th Anniversary Co-chairman  
Patricia Manley, 75th Anniversary Co-chairman



Debra Butler



Patricia Manley



Stacey Askew



Jeanie Robinson



Gayle Richardson



Sadé Richardson



Patricia Berry



Faye Carey



Jennifer Graham



Tricia Edwards

# Gala Program

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter

## 75th ANNIVERSARY GALA Honoring 75 Years of Service and Sisterhood Looking Back and Moving Forward

Kensington Hotel - Ann Arbor, Michigan  
Saturday, July 22, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

**Program** - Brittany Merritt, Mistress of Ceremony

<b>Welcome</b>	Nakisha Chaney, Chapter President
<b>Black National Anthem</b>	Stacey Askew, Chapter Member
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Brittany Merritt, Mistress of Ceremony
<b>Speaker</b>	Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kyra Harris Bolden
<b>Introduction of Distinguished Guests</b>	Robin McFerrin, Chapter Vice President
<b>Prayer</b>	Jennifer Graham, Chapter Member
<b>Dinner</b> - featuring LG & Friends Band	
<b>Chapter History</b>	Kay Wade, Chapter Historian
<b>Pearls and Ivy Foundation History</b>	Debra Butler, Foundation President
<b>Divine 9 Medley</b>	Francetta Ampey, Chapter Member, Pianist
<b>Special Recognition</b>	Patricia Manley, Anniversary Co-Chairman

Past Presidents of Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
Officers/Members of Other AKA Chapters  
Members Initiated in Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
Current Members of Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
75th Anniversary Committee Members

**Closing Remarks** Brittany Merritt, Mistress of Ceremony

**Dance** - featuring DJ Rue

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July 22, 2023

Greetings!

On behalf of the Great Lakes Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, I am thrilled to extend my warmest congratulations to the Delta Psi Omega Chapter on reaching the remarkable milestone of 75 years. This incredible achievement is a testament to the enduring strength, unity, and unwavering sisterhood that has defined our organization.

The life and legacy of your eleven charter members not only set the foundation for your existence, but their ingenuity, boldness, and dedication continue to permeate throughout your chapter's success. From those eleven leading ladies to the exceptional women who have carried the torch of sisterhood through the years, each of you has played an invaluable role in the success and growth of our sorority.

With the theme, "Honoring 75 Years of Sisterhood and Service: Looking Back & Moving Forward", this celebration confirms that for over the past seven and a half decades, the Delta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated has served as a catalyst for refined sisterhood, academic excellence, leadership development, and community service in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and surrounding communities. This chapter has fostered a vibrant and inclusive environment that encourages women of color to thrive and make a positive impact.

It has been my distinct pleasure to witness the power of your collective efforts and the bonds of sisterhood extended beyond the walls of The Britt House in 1948, reaching far and wide into the lives of those touched by this chapter.

As we honor this momentous occasion, let us take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all the sisters, both past and present, who, through this chapter, have inspired, embraced, pursued, and created. A special commendation to Delta Psi Omega Chapter President, Nakisha Chaney, and 75th Anniversary Celebration Co-Chairmen, Debra Butler and Patricia Manley.

Let us rejoice in this milestone with joy, unity, and a renewed commitment to the values that have guided Delta Psi Omega Chapter throughout this journey. May the next 75 years be filled with even greater accomplishments, cherished memories, and a continued sense of purpose.

Once again, congratulations to every one of you on this extraordinary achievement. Let us continue to uplift, support, and inspire one another as we begin to write the history for this chapter's next 75 years.

Soaring Greater Together,

Soror Gwendolyn L. Kirtley  
Great Lakes Regional Director





# Sorority Programs

This administration has six initiatives.

**Strengthen Our Sisterhood** is the administration's "Foundation Initiative" as we strengthen our bonds to support our service mission.

The remaining five initiatives will serve as the "Program Initiatives" which include:

**Empower Our Families**  
**Build Our Economic Wealth**  
**Enhance Our Environment**  
**Advocate for Social Justice**  
**Uplift Our Local Community**

**Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPPTM)**  
**For Members OnlyTM Credit Union**

# Signature Chapter Programs

**Celebration of Black Men**  
**Delta Psi Omega Youth Group**  
**AKA CHIPPTM Program at Estabrook Elementary School**  
**Youth Leadership Institute (AKA YLI)**

# Community Partners

Over the years, we have worked with and supported many community partners.

Pearls and Ivy Foundation, Inc.  
African American Cultural and Historical Museum of Washtenaw  
County (AACHM)  
Estabrook Elementary  
YCS  
Ann Arbor NAACP  
Ypsilanti NAACP  
NPHC  
Ann Arbor LINKS  
Delta Sigma Theta Alumnae Chapter  
Ozone House  
Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw  
Carpenter Elementary School  
Willow Run Acres  
Habitat for Humanity  
Alzheimer's Association  
Rogel Cancer Center  
SOS Community Services  
Alpha House  
League of Women Voters of Ann Arbor Area  
Villa at Parkridge  
Ypsilanti District Library- Michigan Ave.  
Ann Arbor Community Center  
Bethel AME  
Brown Chapel AME



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July 21-23, 2023

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
2645 Powell Ave.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6469

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the Delta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

Michigan's diverse, vibrant communities are what make our state so exceptional. The Delta Psi Omega Chapter has been dedicated to enriching their community in Michigan since its founding 75 years ago. As members, you all have worked diligently to encourage the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti community to uphold a high ethical standard and to pursue higher education. Your unyielding support and devotion for your community is admirable and something we should all aspire to emulate.

Again, welcome Chapter members and guests to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration! I send my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event, and for your continued success in every endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor of Michigan

DEBBIE DINGELL  
5TH DISTRICT, MICHIGAN

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June 6, 2023

Nakisha Chaney  
President of AKA, Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
PO Box 8012  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

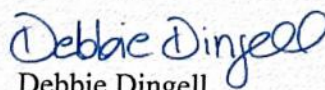
Dear Ladies of the AKA Delta Psi Omega Chapter,

Congratulations on 75 years of tremendous work in our community! Your dedication to “service, scholarship, and sisterhood” is a mission that I wholeheartedly support. You all have made an incredible difference in the community by providing scholarships to local high school graduates, hosting events in the community to celebrate Black history and culture, and providing opportunities for members to engage with political candidates.

In our current times, the work you women are doing is of the utmost importance. Politics is becoming more polarized and higher education is becoming increasingly less affordable, all the while racial tensions in our country grow in communities and throughout our country. By providing scholarships to those who could not afford to continue their education and ensuring candidates meet all their potential constituents, you are opening doors and providing voices to those who have been historically silenced. The accomplishments of the Delta Psi Omega Chapter over the last 75 years are incredible, and we are all excited to see what you can accomplish over the next 75. Thank you!

For me, I have always looked forward to the events I would see you at and know I will get a dose of “good cheer” for the day. Again, congratulations, and thanks for the difference you make on so many levels.

Sincerely,

  
Debbie Dingell  
Member of Congress



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Office of Mayor Christopher Taylor

Dear Members of the Delta Psi Omega Chapter,

On behalf of the City of Ann Arbor, I am delighted and honored to extend my warmest congratulations on your 75th Anniversary. Since its beginning, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Delta Psi Omega Chapter has demonstrated hope, empowerment, and support for countless Ann Arbor residents.

Throughout the years, your chapter's unwavering commitment to education, women's health, financial wellness, leadership development, working with youth, social justice, the environment, and promoting the vote through education, registration, and mobilization has empowered our community to exercise their democratic rights and actively participate in shaping the future.

I am particularly impressed by your initiative to honor Black men in our community who have made significant contributions throughout Washtenaw County. By recognizing their unique accomplishments and contributions, you shine a light on their extraordinary achievements and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

The establishment of your Pearls and Ivy Foundation, which raises funds for scholarship, is a testament to your commitment to education. By providing financial assistance to high school students, you have opened doors to higher education and inspired them to strive for excellence in their academic pursuits.

Finally, I commend your significant role in establishing the African American Cultural & Historical Museum of Washtenaw County, which has become a symbol of hope, resilience, and progress. It not only preserves the rich history and heritage of African Americans but also paves the way for a brighter future.

On this momentous occasion, as the Mayor of Ann Arbor, I express my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Delta Psi Omega Chapter's tireless efforts, unwavering dedication, and the positive impact you have made in our community. Thank you, truly!

Sincerely,

Christopher Taylor



## ADMINISTRATOR

220 N. MAIN STREET P.O. BOX 8645  
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48107-8645

July 22, 2023

Greetings

It is my pleasure to offer my most sincere congratulations to chapter president, Nakisha Chaney, and to the officers and members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Delta Psi Omega Chapter on 75 years of "Sisterhood and Service". As the first Historically Black Greek Letter Sorority founded in the United States, and the first chartered in Washtenaw County, you all have blazed a path of community engagement and service. The six initiatives that you consistently undertake have produced measurable and impactful outcomes in our community.

Members of Delta Psi Omega Chapter have been leaders in every sector: education- K-12 and high ed., government, finance, non-profit, environment, entrepreneurship, business, and others. Your collective commitment to Ann Arbor is evident in the way that you promote your six initiatives. From NAAPID Day to the Community Easter Egg Hunt and Juneteenth; from the Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack (CHIPP) to your annual Celebration of Black Men; from your collaborative involvement with the Washtenaw County National Pan Hellenic Council to your unwavering support of the African American Cultural and Historical Museum - Delta Psi Omega chapter represents the best of Washtenaw County.

As a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., it is a personal source of pride to wish you 75+ more years of community upliftment, of economic wealth and financial wellness education, of environmentalism, of voter education, of youth development. I wish you 75+ more years of "Sisterhood and Service"

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory Dill".

Brother Gregory Dill  
(Epsilon Eta, SPR '84)

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# The Ann Arbor Branch of the **NAACP**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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July 22, 2023

Mrs. Nakisha Chaney, President  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
P.O. Box 8012  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Re: 75 years of service

Dear President Chaney:

On behalf of your Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP, #3160, please allow me to congratulate the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Delta Psi Omega Chapter on the occasion of your 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. You may count on us to do whatever we can to make your event both memorable and enjoyable. We are blessed to have many of you as dedicated members of the NAACP, as well.

The Ann Arbor Branch of the NAACP appreciates our many years of collaboration with your sorority on several important endeavors to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic rights for all people. However, even with such a rich history of successful collaborative efforts, the disadvantaged population in our community remains in need of support and prayers to address the challenges which continue to plague them. We are absolutely convinced that our record of overcoming all odds, as a people, will eventually provide equal access to everyone for all of America's opportunities.

Thank you so much for your commitment to making our community better. We appreciate your willingness to collaborate with other organizations which share your vision of creating a more perfect union for our United States of America. All of us strongly believe that collaboration is often more successful than simply working separately. Your focus, on positive outcomes, will forever be valued by us all.

Yours in unity,

William V. Hampton  
President



City of Ypsilanti  
Police Department

Kirk L Moore, Chief of Police



To: Women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Delta Psi Omega Chapter

From: Kirk L Moore, Chief of Police

Date: July 10, 2023

Greetings, distinguished women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, Delta Psi Omega chapter. It is my distinct honor and privilege to join in the celebration of your 75th Anniversary as a servant to the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Communities.

There is no greater service than in the service of others and your organization has been a model of excellence in serving this community. Your tireless dedication has enriched the lives of the citizens of this community and provided light in dark places. Your unconditional expression of LOVE to our community and to the divine 9 is unmatched. Thank you for your service.

Kirk L Moore  
Chief of Police, City of Ypsilanti Police Department







**Estabrook Elementary**  
"Your Culture Sparks an I.M.P.A.C.T.!"

Mr. Ryan Johnson - Principal  
Mrs. Yilliam Cordero-Bishop - Administrative Assistant

June 14, 2023

Dear Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

On behalf of Estabrook Elementary, I want to express our utmost gratitude for the CHIPP (Childhood Hunger Initiative Power Pack) program and all that it has provided for our school. Through the distribution of over 975 green "Power Packs", the program has met the basic needs of sixty children from over twenty families. The smiles on the children's faces and the appreciation from the families have proven that the AKA outreach is truly making an impact on our Estabrook families!

The organization of the program has contributed to its success, as well. The volunteers that have come to the school each week to stuff the bags have been dependable, courteous and efficient. This has allowed for the bags to be ready and handed out quickly each Friday afternoon, so as not to disrupt instruction.

Thank you to the entire organization for starting this program. Our kids at Estabrook matter and you have proven that. The Delta Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is giving back to kids and families and they will forever be grateful for your kindness. We appreciate all your work!

Sincerely,

Ryan Johnson  
Principal  
Estabrook Elementary  
Ypsilanti Community Schools  
School- 734-221-1901  
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# Chapter History

Two members, Roberta Ellis Britt and Catharine Roberts Williams, from Ann Arbor, Michigan attended the twenty-seventh Boule meeting in Cleveland, Ohio from August 18-23, 1947. Their motivation was the desire to secure approval for chartering a graduate chapter in the Ann Arbor area.

In 1947, the Beta Eta Chapter at the University of Michigan was a combination chapter with both undergraduate and graduate members meeting together. The members who traveled to Cleveland successfully obtained the permission they sought from the Boule.

Between September 1947 and December 1948, many members met to complete and comply with the requirements necessary for chartering the graduate chapter. After fifteen months of hard work, on Saturday, December 4, 1948, the chartering of Delta Psi Omega Chapter took place at the Britt House in Ann Arbor.

The charter members were as follows:

- Roberta Ellis Britt-Educator, Willow Run Public Schools;
- Flora Chisholm-Dean of Education;
- Dorothy Cook-Educator;
- Edyth Cole-University Dean;
- Margo Ellis-Media specialist, Ann Arbor Public Schools;
- Marie Penn-(Profession unknown);
- Toledo Snyder-Educator, Willow Run Public Schools and professor;
- Dorothy Smith – Educator & Professor at Central State University;
- Gertrude Frances Warren-Educator, Detroit Public Schools;
- Catharine R. Williams-Medical Social Worker, University of Michigan. She was active with Delta Psi Omega until her death in 1991, recognized as the longest active member & 1st Golden Member.
- Yvonne Williams – Educator, Ypsilanti Public Schools.

# Living Previous Chapter Presidents



**GAYLE RICHARDSON**  
2021-2022



**GWENDOLYN D. BUSH**  
2019-2020



**RUTH WILLIAMS**  
2018



**PATRICIA MANLEY**  
2015-2017; 1985-1988



**MARY HALL-THAIM**  
2011-2014; 2020-2021



**JENNIE MURRY**  
2007-2010



**BEVERLY TYLER**  
1995-2000



**NORMA MCCUISTON**  
1982-1984



**LOLA JONES**  
1970-1971



*Current Leadership*

**President**  
Nakisha Chaney

**1st Vice President**  
Robin McFerrin

**2nd Vice President**  
Marshall Lambert

**Secretary**  
Jené Allen

**Assistant Secretary**  
Sharnita Harris

**Treasurer**  
Sondra Fonville

**Financial Secretary**  
Elkena Jackson

**Corresponding Secretary**  
Glynda T. Wilks

**Graduate Advisors**  
Debra Butler (Beta Eta)  
Gayle Richardson (Sigma Zeta)

**Historian**  
Kay Wade

**Ivy Leaf Reporter**  
Gayle Richardson

**Hostess**  
Sheryl Brown

**Chaplain**  
Patricia Berry

**Sergeant at Arms**  
Kendall Flowers

**Parliamentarian**  
Frances McMullan



# Current Members

**We are 95 active members strong! 1 Pearl, 15 Golden, 30 Silver, and several Legacy members.**

Jene Allen  
Francetta Stokes Ampey  
Stacey Askew  
Janet Ballard  
D'Asia Beard  
Patricia A. Berry  
Dorothy Bivens  
Diarra Booker  
Chelsea Booker  
Robin Brewer  
Ka'Nea Kenyetta Brooks  
Kendra L. Brown  
Sheryl Brown  
Madison Buford  
Debra-Ann C. Butler  
Jenieve Butler  
Faye Evette Carey  
Nakisha Nicole Chaney  
Charline Collier  
Nakedae Cooper  
Brooke Davis  
Carletta Davis  
Melanie Dukes Dukes  
Tricia A. Edwards

Sondra L. Fonville  
Jennifer Graham  
Esther L. Hampton  
Linda Harris  
Sharnita D. Harris  
Verna Julimairis Hayes  
Allyson Heard  
Shakeelah Haamidah Hicks  
Jacquelyn Hippe  
Kimberly Holland  
Gloria Jean Huddleston  
Marilyn Moore Hugan  
Joyce Hunter  
Niquanda Wynne Hunter  
Detreisha Marie Jackson  
Elkena K. Jackson  
Edna Hines Jackson-Gray  
Carolyn T. James  
Dietra Denise James  
Joanna Johnson  
Danielle Nicole Jones  
Janaye M. Jones  
Elaine Jordan  
Clory Uddyback Kincaid



## Current Members

Patricia King  
Dana Kitchen  
Marshell Grant Lambert  
Jade Lewis  
Lisa A. Lewis  
Phyllis Lipkin  
Shameka Lashell Lloyd  
Patricia A. Manley  
Norma Pryor McCuiston  
Verna McDaniel  
Robin R. McFerrin  
Frances Marie McMullan  
Dameka Miller  
Akesha Moore  
Annie Moore  
Michelle R. Moore  
Francine Moore-Henderson  
Jennie C. Murry  
Sonia Lynn Neal  
Arlene Louise Nixon  
Janet Okagbue-Reaves  
Brittany Pendleton  
Donna M. Perry  
Tiffany McGovern Powell  
Silkya Puckett

Roshell Quarker  
Robbie M. Ransom  
Rossi J. Ray-Taylor  
Gayle Walker Richardson  
Sade Richardson  
Imojean Robinson  
Cassandra M. Russell  
Donia Carmill Sloan  
Alicia L. Smith  
Alexis Smith  
LaVerne Sommerville  
Janice M. Sturdivant  
Darryl Crawford Travis  
Cheyenne Turner-Hadzlett  
Beverly Lynn Tyler  
Catrina Vaughn  
Kay Evelyn Dudley Wade  
Wanda Washington-Jones  
Kendall L West-Flowers  
Glynda Thomas Wilks  
Brittney Williams  
Ruth A. Haynes Williams  
Shalayla Williams  
Asia Woods

**The above photo includes members of our undergraduate chapters:  
Sigma Zeta and Beta Eta.**

Pearl Member



Lola Jones

# Golden Members



# Silver Members





# Our Membership Intakes

## 1948 - 1949

Fay Miller Banks  
Johney Juanita Chapman Cheney  
Margaret Ann Ellis Chatman  
Elmira Meck  
Winifred Pearson  
Vivan Peneman  
Willa Mae Stevens

## 1952

Pearl Briggs  
Ermajeanne Brown  
Lillian Hoskins  
Doris Thompson McCollum

## 1958

Marie Joyner Blackwell  
Doris Nabor Curley

## 1962

Lucille Cole  
Gloria Jean Edwards  
Mary Annette  
Eason Taylor

## 1966

Alice Marion Buggs  
Marion Phyllis Hill  
Lavonia G. Owens  
Martha Pernecia Lolles Moten  
Bella M. Gilchrist Reddick Parker

## 1971

Ruth E. Kennedy  
Betty L. Roberts Schaffner

## 1973

Marjorie Theresa Oliver  
Cash  
Grace Thomas Green  
Thelma Spicer Schenck

## 1975

Jacqueline Hargrave  
Sandra Nelson

## 1976

Jo Catherine Hardwick  
Beverly Jones  
Gwendolyn Jones  
Cerise Sarah Rustin

## The Sassy Twelve 1979

Juanita Bradley  
Marvie Hackney  
Linda Harris  
Patricia Ashford  
Yvette McQueen  
Barbara Robinson  
Bonnie Steele  
Diedre McKinney  
Stokes  
Anita Underwood  
Tracey Brown White  
Arlene Woodbury

## The Notable Nine 1981

Virginia Boyd Bailey  
Ruby L. Beale  
W. Frances Deckard  
Beverly P. Hicks  
Ruth Helm Moorman  
Helen Brown Oliver  
Ethel C. White  
Gilda J. Williams  
Jeanne LeBlanc Williams

# Our Membership Intakes

## **Touch of Class**

**1984**

Ella Hurston Allen  
Lillian Brown Glaze  
Verna McDaniels  
M. Antoinete Rodez Schiesler  
Mary Hopkins Smart  
Janice McElroy Sturdivant

## **A Vision Fair**

**1988**

Pauline Bigby Coleman  
Janet M. Gibson  
Jo Anne Hall  
Esther Hampton  
Denise Harvey  
Bernestine Oliver  
Voncella Marsh  
Michelle Moore

## **The Tenacious Ten**

**1991**

Ruth Celeste Baker Brower  
Gloria Jean Calloway  
Evelyn Denise Collins  
Crystal J'Neir Crocheron  
Carolyn Thomas James  
Geraldine Simmons Rutledge  
Cheryl Susan Sims  
Patricia Ann Smith  
Minnie Thompson-Powell  
Robbie Townsell-Dye

## **Sensational Seven**

**1992**

Patricia A. Berry  
Helen Crigler  
Roselyn Elkins  
Patricia Haliburton  
Angela Monroe  
Melodye Scott  
Kim Weatherly

## **Sisters in the Spirit**

**1996**

Tiffany Britton  
Sharine C. Buddin  
Jeanette Driver  
Janine Epps  
Jennie Flowers  
Yoline Hargrove  
Elette Harris-Collins  
Lesleigh H. Hicks Mausl  
Sonya Jackson  
Delores Jenkins  
Marshell Lambert  
Lisa R. Lewis  
Robin McFerrin  
Laura Morgan  
Christina Munson  
Mashunda Oliver  
Linda S. Perry  
Consuella Schaffner  
Keisha Shepard  
Tulani Smith  
Sonya Snedecor  
LaVerne Sommerville  
Kay Dudley Wade  
LeAndrea Williams  
Rochelle Woods

## **Magnificent Millennium Pearls**

**2000**

Audrea Bellinger  
Jacqueline Burge  
Dorian Caratini  
Tanze Cole-Tabb  
Karensa Fitch  
Karen Gill Jones  
Krystal Hall  
Avery Hubbard  
Takiya A. Jenkins  
Deborah Joseph  
Vertongie Kendrix  
Patricia King  
Maia McCuiston Jackson  
Chastity McFerrin  
Frances McMullan  
Daphne Smith  
Carrie Smith-Dent  
Shelika Tate  
Tiffaney Williams  
Kelli Wilson

## **Ten Pearls of Perfection**

**2003**

Karen Benedict  
Aafrica Broadus  
Landrea Davis  
Rhonda Hardeman  
Nakadae Hatter-Cooper  
Barbara James  
Teneka Lidell  
Carla Postell  
Christa Shaw  
Simona Turner

# Our Membership Intakes

2013



## Nine Lives 2006

Gena Flynn  
Joanna Johnson  
Malaika Johnson  
Melissa Lear  
Piper Reynolds  
Colina Roberts  
Paquita Simmons  
Adina Thrasher  
Natasha York

Names A-Z: Nina Davis, S. Olivia Jefferson, Wanjiku Kamuyu, Marla Mattingly, Kristen Harris Nwanyanwu, Capri Scott, Wanda Washington-Jones

2015



Names A-Z: Jene' Allen, Charline Collier, Brittany Jones, Dana Kitchen, Phyllis Lipkin, Tiarra McDonald, and Catrina Vaughn

# Our Membership Intakes

2016



Standing: Marshall Lambert (Membership Chair), Brionna Kilgore, Dorothy Bivens, Lakita Pogue-Jackson, Sheryl Brown, Karen Newman, Melanie Dukes, Kim Holland and Lisa Lewis (Membership Chair). Seated: Patricia Manley, President

2022



Names A-Z: Standing - Akesha Moore, Asia Woods, Brittany Williams, Brooke Davis, Carletta Davis, Cheyenne Turner, Danielle Jones, Detreisha Burris, Diarra Booker, D'Asia Beard, Donia Sloan, Faye Carey, Imojean Robinson, Jade Lewis, Janet Ballard, Jenieve Butler, Jennifer Graham, Ka'Nea Brooks, Robin Brewer, Roshell Quarker, Shakeelah Hicks, Shalayla Williams, Shameka Lloyd, Silkya Puckett, Sonia Neal, and Stacey Askew. Seated - Phyllis Lipkin, Membership Intake Process Chair, Gayle Richardson, President, Beverly Tyler, Membership Chair.



*C. Sharine Buddin*

*Christina Munson Dennis*

*Consuela Schaffner*

*Delores Jenkins*

*Elette Harris-Collins*

*Janine Epps Randall*

*Jeanette Driver*

*Jennie Flowers Murry*

*Kay Dudley-Wade*

*Kiesha Shepard Palmer*

*Laura Morgan Roberts*

*LaVerne Sommerville*

*LeAndrea Williams Fisher*

*Lesleigh Hicks Maus*

*Linda Sims*

*Lisa Lewis*



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# **Sisters in the Spirit**

**Fall 1996**

*Marshall Lambert*

*Mashunda Oliver*

*Robin McFerrin*

*Rochelle Woods*

*Yoline Hargrave Williams*

*Sonya Jackson*

*Sonya Snedecor*

*Tiffany Britton*

*Tulani Smith Glenn*



We would like to convey our warmest and heartfelt congratulations today, tomorrow and always to the dynamic ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated<sup>®</sup>, Delta Psi Omega Chapter on your semi sesquicentennial anniversary.

May the Chapter remain influential, energetic, charismatic and continue to stretch for the highest peaks of achievement.

Enjoy the gift of celebration with every task and every challenge as a true testament to the extraordinary talent, perseverance and commitment of the Chapter.

**Happy 75th Anniversary!!!**

**Soror Janice Sturdivant  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. <sup>®</sup>  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter**

**Tadarial Sturdivant  
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity  
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti-Inkster Alumni Chapter**

**Soror Brooke Warrenhuffman  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. <sup>®</sup>  
Phi Psi Omega Chapter**





# **Greetings and Salutations to Our Sorors**

of

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated*®  
**Delta Psi Omega Chapter**

**Congratulations on the 75th Anniversary Gala Celebration**  
from

**LaVerne Sommerville, Robin McFerrin, Jennie Murry, Marshall Lambert,  
Lisa Lewis and Kay Wade**





# **Greetings and Best Wishes**

to the Ladies of

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated<sup>®</sup>**

**Delta Psi Omega Chapter**



**In Memory and Honor of Our Mother,  
Golden Soror Carol B. McFerrin,**

we congratulate you on your  
75th Anniversary Celebration.

Sorors Robin, Tracy, Angela, Chastity, and Sharena  
and  
Richard, Jr., Michael, Christopher, and Michael D.

Congratulations to  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter on your

*75th Chapter Anniversary and Service  
to the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti Communities*

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Omega Epsilon Omega Chapter ~ Novi, MI

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Gwendolyn M. Bynum ~ President

Alberta Britton ~ Vice President

Reshunda Anderson ~ Millicent Chambers ~ Jaronique Devezin

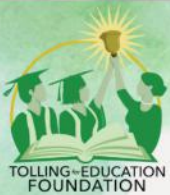
Pamela Durden ~ Valarie Foulks~McCray ~ Denise Holiday

Maliki Martin ~ E. Jean Randolph ~ Angela Rogers

Joi M. Silver ~ Charisse Staine ~ Donna Williamson

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*Theta Lambda Omega Chapter*  
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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter*

on *Soaring to Greater Heights* and celebrating 75 years of dedicated service and excellence in the Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti communities! Your unwavering commitment to "Service to All Mankind" is truly inspiring. We salute you on this outstanding achievement!

Carol D. Ellis - President

Jenine Bland - First Vice President      Donitisha Bursey - Second Vice President

Billie S. Fair - President, Tolling for Education Foundation, Inc.

Congratulations to  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.<sup>®</sup>  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
on 75 years of dedicated and  
greatly appreciated service to our community!

Congratulations to my amazing wife,  
*Patricia A. Manley,*  
on her contribution to,  
and participation in, this illustrious  
and exemplary organization  
of phenomenal women.

Thank you all for your good will  
And your good work.

You are a blessing to all of us.

May God bless your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
*Lamont Manley*



# 10 Pearls of Perfection

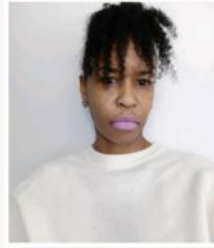
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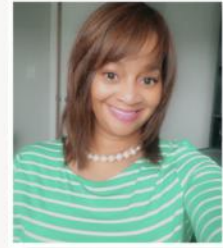
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#2 Barbara



#3 Aafrika



#4 Carla



#5 Rhonda



#6 Landrea



#7 Simona



#8 Christa



#9 Nakedae

**Congratulations to our  
initiating chapter  
Delta Psi Omega  
Celebrating 75 years of  
Excellence**



#10 Karren

## Congratulations to **DELTA PSI OMEGA CHAPTER**

for 75 years  
of service  
to the Ann Arbor area!

Wishing you much success as you continue Soaring  
to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood from  
The OUTSTANDING Omega Xi Omega Chapter of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

*Warmest wishes to a  
wonderful 75th  
Anniversary, Delta Psi  
Omega Chapter.  
Thank you for all that you  
do and continue to do  
within the community.*

*Special  
congratulations to my  
Aunt Janice and her  
commitment to Delta Psi  
Omega and AKA.*

*Best Wishes,  
Linnea Slater*

*Pi Tau Omega*



# Pearls and Ivy Foundation, Inc.

## Congratulations

on

### 75 Years

of

Service and Sisterhood in the  
Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti communities.

Debra Butler, Ph.D.  
President



Sadé Richardson, MPH, LMSW  
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*Congratulations to my Sorors of  
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®  
Delta Psi Omega Chapter  
on their 75th anniversary!*



Sorors Sheryl Brown and Phyllis Lipkin

**To the phenomenal women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ®**

**Delta Psi Omega Chapter**

**Congratulations on 75 years of providing service to all mankind!**

**God Created Special Women**

**Our bodies He shaped from the most selective sands**

**With warmth in our heart and strength in our hands**

**Into us, carefully, a special air He breathed**

**A special understanding for all the world to see**

**Into our veins, He pumped kindness and truth**

**Carefully nurtured and each day renewed**

**A moment of pride, strength and love**

**Blessed with virtues from God above**

**Our presence is a light showing the path to go**

**God created special women...to shine our light in the city of Ann Arbor**

**Author Unknown**

# Thank You Levi Richardson

*I want to express to my husband of 48 years my heartfelt gratitude for all the times he has driven me to sorority activities.*

*His willingness to go out of his way to ensure that I can participate in events across the country is appreciated. Special thanks for helping me complete the important task of giving back to the community and serving as graduate advisor to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Sigma Zeta Chapter at Albion College.*

*Driving me to sorority activities not only speaks volumes about his character but also serves as a beautiful example of teamwork and support in our relationship.*

*Thank You Levi  
Your loving wife,  
Gayle*



## **Congratulations To Delta Psi Omega on its 75<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary!**



### **Mother and Daughter Sorors**

Mother: Soror Bobbye Sue McKinney – Initiated 1953, Beta Pi, Alabama State University

Daughter: Soror Deirdre McKinney Stokes-Initiated 1979, Delta Psi Omega Chapter



# We are Family!



Sorors Delphine Harris (Tau Upsilon Omega), Ernestine Harris-Warren (Eta Nu Omega), Carolyn Harris-Render (Alpha Rho Omega), Sidney Harris May (Theta Sigma), Phyllis Lipkin (Delta Psi Omega), Sheryl Brown (Delta Psi Omega), not pictured Monica Harris (Theta Sigma).

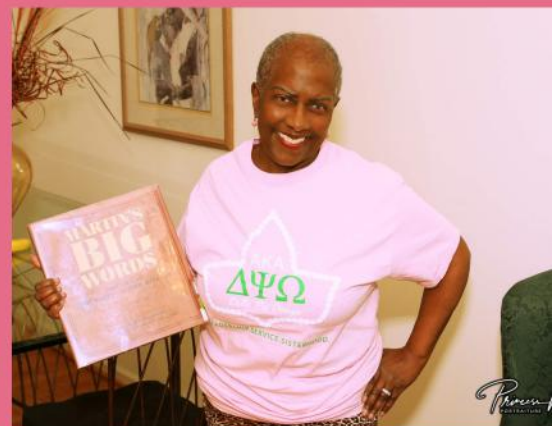
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*The "8" House, located at 1136 E. Catherine Street, Ann Arbor, MI, 1946*

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