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District Representatives Message



*Bro. James E. Hicks, Jr.
33rd Second District Representative*

Brothers of the Second District,

It is with great honor and pride that I greet in this issue of **THE OMEGAN**. It has been an exciting summer here in the Second District in this year of Manhood with many great accomplishments and enthusiastic interaction among the Brothers. The new leadership team has gathered the reins and began to shape the activities and direction that the District will be proceeding toward in the future.

During this period of my leadership I'm proud to announce the accomplishment of many of the goals that I set out in the Second District's Strategic Plan that was presented at the Re-organization meeting in June, 2012. We went to the 78th Grand Conclave and make our presents known. We can stand proud in the fact that the 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew Ray, was re-elected to serve as Grand Basileus of this organization for another term. Under Brother Grand's leadership the Fraternity continues to make strides in the direction that keeps its reputation as one of the premier Greek organization intact. The Second District continues its position of full support for Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew Ray.

Also at the 78th Grand Conclave, it was voted that the 2014 Grand Conclave would be held in our own Philadelphia, PA hosted by the Brothers of Mu Omega Chapter. This will be the 1st Grand Conclave in the Second District since over 40 years ago. It is the intent of the Second District to make the 79th Grand Conclave a conclave like no other. Brothers, when the opportunity presents itself, please assist in whatever way you can to make the 79th Grand Conclave in Philadelphia a success.

During this period we held our James S. Avery Shirt Sleeve Conference down in Solomon Island, Maryland hosted by Tau Lambda Lambda Chapter. The conference focused on Fatherhood and Mentoring. TLL did an outstanding job in organizing and hosting the conference. The brothers left with a full set of information on how to further enhance their mentoring programs.

The Second also had the pleasure of hosting the second session of the Honorary Membership Induction in Baltimore, Maryland. Pi Omega Chapter was the primary host chapter. Brothers traveled from all over the Second District to participate in this unique event. Based on the final results, there were 17 new brothers inducted into Omega through the Honorary Members process. Five of these members reside right here in the second.

Brothers in spite of all our Uplifting achievements, the Second was called to perform Omega Services for two of its stalwart Brothers, Brother George K. McKinney Pi Chapter 1954, Life Member #1428, 22nd Second District Representative and former Chairman of the Omega Life Membership Foundation, Inc. and Brother Ed "Gold Boot" DeVaughn Nu Nu Chapter 2000. The turnout of brothers for

each of these occasions was overwhelming and truly reflected the dedication, friendship and love Omegas have from one brother to another.

Our main thrust at this moment is get out the vote. The Second District was out front in the Fraternity with its voter registration program. We have a chance to make a difference and I'm proud to say we have stepped up to the task.

Hurricane Sandy has left major damage to the New York and New Jersey areas. We are in the process of assessing how many of the Brothers of the Second District have been adversely affected by the hurricane so that we can offer assistance to our Brothers. Please take the time to check on our Brothers in these areas by any way you can. But most of all, keep them in your prayers. I have asked the Corridor Representatives to identify Brothers in need so that we can determine the appropriate assistance.

It is with pride and enthusiasm that I serve as your 33rd District Representative and will continue to make the decisions that keep the Second District at the forefront of the leadership decision that guide this fraternity.

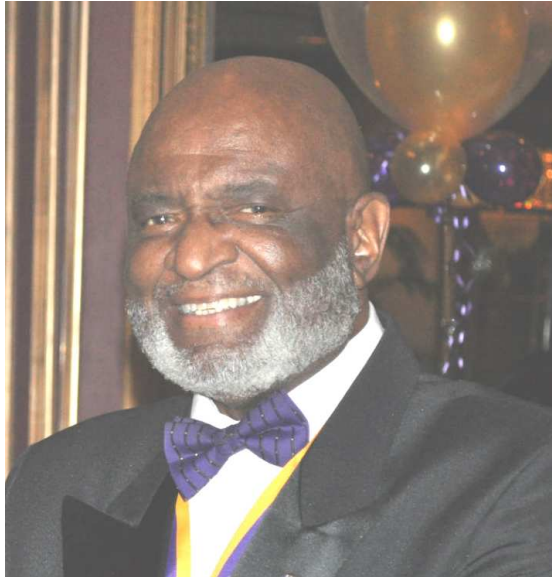
Long Live Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the Second District

Friendship is Essential To The Soul!

Bro. James E. Hicks, JR

**33rd District Representative,
Second District**

The Honorable George K. McKinney– Omega Chapter



The Honorable George K. McKinney

Baltimore, MD. June 2012. Brother George K. McKinney, who was the first African-American to be appointed U.S. marshal for the District of Maryland, and whose career in federal service spanned more than four decades, transitioned to Omega Chapter June 17, 2012. He was 77. George held the distinct honor of being the only African-American appointed U.S. marshal to two different jurisdictions by two different presidents. Initiated at Pi Chapter, Morgan State College, now Morgan State University in 1954. He was preceded in death by his father, Bro. Dr. Richard I McKinney, an Omega Man, Psi Chapter 1928, and his wife of 50 years Dr. Mildred S. McKinney, both were long time faculty members of Morgan State College.

An Omega Man of high educational ideals, uncompromising excellence and protocol, he graduated in 1956 from Morgan State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and as a distinguished Military Student, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, serving in the U.S. Army with tours in Korea, the Panama Canal Zone and at Ft Bragg N.C. from 1956-1965. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain. Of his many awards, citations and scholastic achievements he was inducted in the Psychology and ROTC Hall of Fame at Morgan State University. He held memberships in the National Organization of Law Enforcement Officers, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, International Organization of Chief of Police and Sigma Pi Phi Academic Fraternity, known as The Boule'. He also was CEO of Clamar, Inc. a property management organization. He served as Chairman of Life Membership Foundation of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and served on the Supreme Council as Inspector General for the Fraternity, the 22nd Second District Representative. A three term Basileus of Pi Omega Chapter, he was voted 1987 Omega Man of the Year for Pi Omega Chapter, and 1987 Omega Man of the Year for the Second District. In 1988 he was honored as Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., National Omega Man of the Year.

From 1966 to 1968, he was a deputy U.S. Marshal for the District

of Maryland. When Vietnam anti-war protesters attempted to shut down the Pentagon, Bro. McKinney assisted in the effort that staved them off. When Cassius Clay refused induction into the Army in Houston in 1967, Bro. McKinney was one of the deputy marshals sent to Texas to make sure there was no trouble.

He then joined the National Security Agency at Fort Meade as a special agent and polygraph examiner. During this period from 1968 to 1973, Bro. McKinney, in his capacity as a special agent, was involved with more than 1,000 national security investigations, and was also a member of numerous special civil rights details. In 1973, he was appointed U.S. marshal for the District of Columbia — the third African-American marshal to serve the district — by President Richard M. Nixon.

"As the U.S. marshal for the District of Columbia, he became the only marshal who personally served a subpoena on President Nixon ordering him to turn over the Watergate tapes," said a daughter, Monica McKinney-Lupton of Glen Arm. On April 18, 1974, U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica ordered Bro. McKinney to serve President Nixon the subpoena. President Nixon's chief defense counsel, James D. St. Clair, told Bro. McKinney that delivering the subpoena was unconstitutional. When Bro. McKinney threatened to deputize the White House Secret Service detail in order to comply with Judge Sirica's orders, the president's lawyer agreed to a meeting with Nixon.

Bro. McKinney wasn't sure what the reaction would be from the man who had just appointed him U.S. marshal for the District of Columbia, and realized he could be fired. "Any time you're dealing with the chief executive in an adversarial role — that's different," Bro. McKinney said in a 1995 interview with *The Baltimore Sun*. "But I was worried. When backed into a corner, there was no telling what Nixon might do." The president accepted the subpoena from Bro. McKinney, who left his D.C. marshal post in 1977.

From 1977 to 1994, he held numerous high-level executive management positions with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington. Some of the positions included serving as director of justice protective services, assistant director for physical security, senior security specialist, operations security officer and computer security officer.

In 1995, President Bill Clinton appointed Bro. McKinney as U.S. Marshal for the District of Maryland, the first African-American to hold that position in the state since the founding of the U.S. Marshal Service in 1789. After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the U.S. Marshal Service for the District of Maryland was directed by the U.S. attorney general to "assume and manage all security operations" at BWI-Thurgood Marshall Airport. The airport remained under Bro. McKinney's purview for 60 days until it was taken over by the Maryland National Guard and then the Transportation Security Administration. Bro. McKinney retired in 2002.

Since then, he headed George K. McKinney Consultations, which advised on security and administrative operations for government, private and nonprofit organizations, as well as executive protection and security background investigations.

He loved Omega Dear, a week before his death, he presided over Pi Omega Chapter elections and was presented with the Pi Omega Legacy Award.

Reclamation Corner - Reclaim to Maintain Omega



Bro. Doran Thomas

Greetings Brothers of the Mighty Second District. Another year in Omega is upon us, and it's time for us to get back to work. Reclamation is alive and well in our district. Last year, 396 Brothers were reclaimed in our district, and I know we can do more to

bring our Brothers back into the embrace of Omega.

Introducing Reclamation Corner in The Mighty Second District. Reclamation Corner is a new feature that will appear in the Omegean this year. This section is used for chapters that host reclamation programs that will be published in the Omegean. This provides chapters the opportunity to submit their reclamation articles, and to share their success, as well as giving other chapters ideas so they will be as successful in the process. This is important not only to the growth of our chapters, but to the continuous growth to our district. This why the Reclamation Corner is important to the life of Omega moving forward.

When submitting your reclamation articles to our Public Relations Chairman, in the subject box in your email please type "Reclamation Corner". The article will be published in the appropriate section of the Omegean. My Brothers, I encourage all Graduate chapters to take advantage of this new opportunity in the Mighty Second District. By extending a hand of friendship to a Brother he might have a skill that your chapter desperately needs. That's why we should not turn our backs on Brothers that are not financial, but look at him as a Brother first and foremost. Reclaim To Maintain Omega is important not only to The Mighty Second District, but more importantly, to our beloved organization Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Essay: Who are the teachers and what will they teach?



Brother Dr. Garry M. Keel

As we enter the second century of Omega, we need to be cognizant of the fact that in order for our beloved Omega to survive; we must be diligent and steadfast to bring new individuals into the fold with the wherewithal and grit to lead, not just our great Fraternity, but lead our world into the future.

During the past several years, I have discussed this issue with many Brothers. As the conversation evolves, rarely does the term "teacher" surface when describing the Brothers who will be charged with bringing our newest members into Omega. You most likely will hear mentor or sponsor, but rarely does one hear the descriptor "teacher" when identifying those given the responsibility to educate our newest young men to the ways of Omega. Yet, at the most rudimentary level of our own personal sojourn into Omega, it was Brothers (teachers) who helped shape who and what we have become in Omega. These Brothers – regardless of the lessons taught or the pedagogy used, taught us what it meant to be Omega. Moreover, these instructors often embodied how we wished to live our lives inside and outside of Omega.

Most would agree that having a good teacher with a proven track record of high expectations for their pupils and who possess values/morals consistent with "best behavior and character" are preferred over teachers who do not have these traits and characteristics. If we assume that the young men seeking Omega have been adequately screened and possess the minimum requirements to be considered for Omega (GPA, community servants, positive character, etc.) then beyond assumption, the participating "teachers" must have and exhibit the moral character and uplifting behavior that is required to educate our young disciples in the best ways of Omega. If not, then we are doing a disservice to the future of Omega, because for better or worse, our newest understudy's, like us before them, will undoubtedly exhibit behaviors and characteristics of their teachers.

Since, the selection of new members is the lifeblood of our future and it is likely that the students will take on the characteristics of their teachers, it is imperative that the "teachers" are Brothers who have been involved in and shown a propensity for community work, education initiatives, mentoring, voter registration, healthy living, etc. However, some chapters unfortunately, are asking Brothers, even those who are not currently, nor have previously been active in Omega, to lead the MSP effort. This is a huge mistake for those chapters specifically and for the future of Omega generally.

Before we allow a Brother to teach our next generation, questions about his values/morals, his personal and financial commitment to Omega, and how and what he will teach needs to be explored and answered in a way that is consistent with the highest ideals of our Founders. Anything less we open the door to mediocre and inadequate teachings. And what do you think our most revered teachers; Brothers Just, Love, Cooper, and Coleman would say about that?

Brother Garry M. Keel, Immediate Past Basileus, Delta Upsilon Chapter #619, Trenton, NJ

Omega Inducts 13 Honorary Members in Atlanta, GA

Atlanta, GA. August, 2012. At the 78th Grand Conclave held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, July 2012, a group of men were vetted and approved for honorary membership. On August 25, 2012, over 500 Brothers were in attendance to induct the following thirteen men as honorary members into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.: Rueben Cannon, Mike Connelly, Billy Hunter, Bernard Kinsey, John Love, Kweisi Mfume, William Missouri, Dave Moss, Quentin Roach, E. Dewey Smith Jr., Stephen A. Smith, Rod West and Bernie Young.



TMM Brothers Help Induct 4 Honorary Members in Baltimore

Baltimore, MD. October 12, 2012. Over 500 men in semi-formal attire descended onto the Hilton Baltimore Hotel at 401 West Pratt St. to welcome in 4 new members of The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. The inductees were Kansas City Attorney Donald Prophete, American singer-songwriter and producer Crooner Will Downing, Pro Football Hall of Fame running back, Floyd Little, and Ray Lewis, one of the greatest linebackers of all-time and considered by many to be one of the best defensive players in NFL history.

These men are known as The BMORE 4 (name giving by our own Bro. Evan Murray). Completed the entire initiation process that saw 13 other brothers being initiated in Atlanta, GA (The Atlanta 13 name giving by our 35th Grand Basileus Bro. Dorsey Miller) on August 25, 2012. These brothers were confirmed for initiation during an historic vote at the 78th Grand Conclave "Community Meets Character" Minneapolis, MN. July 5-12, 2012.

On this day Theta Mu Mu was well represented in the deliverance of this historic event. Our beloved Basileus Bro. Jeff Givens worked with Bro. Grand Dorsey Miller and Basileus of Pi Omega Bro. Malik Mosley and setting out a local hospitality. Vice Basileus Bro. Satchel Doyle Jr. worked in the room that held the ceremony with the audio and lighting of the room. Bro. KRS Evan Murray worked with coordinating and logistic of the entire event working personally with security Bro. Brian Boulware and Bro. Dorsey Miller. One of the greatest highlights of the evening is was to hear the prophetic words of our own Bro. Warren Chambers who served as the Chaplain of this event. Bro. Chambers stood in the For Bro. Dr. Curry the fraternities Grand Chaplain. Bro. Chambers prayed for the new initiates before the ceremony, gave an outstanding word of inspiration to the body during the ceremony, and council the all of the new brothers during the education session after the ceremony. This was great day in Omega as she welcome in 4 new brothers into the fold. This was an outstanding day in the history of Theta Mu Mu to play such a pivotal role with the execution of the day's event



Honorary Members inducted in Baltimore - Donald Prophete, Will Downing, Larry Little, Ray Lewis

64th Second District Conference Achievement Awards

National Harbor, MD. April 28, 2012. The 64th Second District Conference was held at the Gaylord Hotel & Resort, National Harbor, Maryland, during the period 26 - 29 April 2012. The District Achievement Week Awards for the fraternal year 2010 – 2011, were presented during Founders Banquet held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Gaylord Hotel & Resort. The 32nd District Representative, Brother Kenneth E. Rogers, presented the Founders Stand-In Awards to Brother George B. Winston III – Nu Upsilon Chapter, representing Founder Oscar J. Cooper, Brother Maurice Calhoun – Gamma Pi Chapter, representing Founder Frank Coleman, Brother Alan W. Junius – Mu Omega Chapter, representing Founder Edgar A. Love, and Brother Horace Baldwin – Omicron Chi Chapter, representing Founder Ernest E. Just. Our 32nd District Representative, Brother Kenneth E. Rogers, presented the 2012 Achievement Week Awards to Brother Willie Williams, Jr, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, as 2nd District Graduate Omega Man of the Year Award, to Brother Joseph Harrison, Pi Chapter, Morgan State University, as 2nd District Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award, to Brother Julius “Biggie” Smalls, Epsilon Chapter, as 2nd District Eddie Taylor Superior Service Award, to Brother Sherman L. Charles, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, as 2nd District Founders Award (Lifelong Service Award), to Brother Dominick S. Boyce, Psi Lambda Lambda Chapter, for 2nd District Undergraduate Advisor Award, to Brother LT Jontavius Singleton, Iota Mu Mu Chapter, for the 2nd District Colonel Charles Young Leadership

Award, and to Ms. Inez Dickens, Xi Phi Chapter for the 2nd District Citizen of the Year Award. Additionally, the 2nd District Undergraduate Chapter of the Year recipient was Iota Epsilon Chapter, Towson State University, Baltimore, MD, the recipient of the 2nd District Graduate Chapter of the Year Award, Small Chapter, to Epsilon Chapter, New York City, and the 2nd District Graduate Chapter of the Year Award, Large Chapter, to Pi Omega Chapter, Baltimore, Maryland. Our 32nd District Representative, Brother Kenneth E. Rogers, also presented special awards for Basileus of the Year to Brother Joseph Harrison, Pi Chapter, Morgan State University and Brother Zanes E. Cypress, Jr., Pi Omega Chapter. In addition, he presented the Corridor Representative of the Year to Brother Derrick Lowery and the Committee Chairman of the Year Awards to Brothers Robert Manning and Harrison Potts.

The 2nd District also presented awards for the National Essay Contest, a nationally mandated program and recognized high school students for their participation in the essay contest, during the Founders Banquet. The topic for the 2012 National Essay Contest was: “With the Rising Cost for a College Education what Value Do You Place on Earning a College Degree?” The 2nd District winners for the 2011/2012 Essay Contest were: 1st Place, Ms. Ramatu Awwal, Chi Rho Chapter - \$1,000.00, 2nd Place, Ms. Juliet Lloyd, Iota Nu Chapter - \$500, and 3rd Place, Ms. Caprice Green, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter - \$250.



Scenes From 64th Second District Conference Founders Banquet



Pi Omega Social Action Projects

Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease

Hunt Valley, MD October 27, 2012 The Brothers of Pi Omega participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease. The annual event was held at Oregon Ridge Park in Hunt Valley, MD. The Walk to End Alzheimer's Disease is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Alzheimer's Disease is the nation's sixth leading cause of death. Pi Omega Chapter had brothers and their families walking in the event and was also an local event sponsor.



*Bro. Zanes Cypress
with
MD. State Senator and
Quette Verna Jones-
Rodwell
at the
Pi Omega table*

Baltimore Sleep Out Campaign

Baltimore, MD. October 27, 2012. Brothers from Pi Omega volunteered to register students and to facilitate one of the "Budgeting" portions of the Baltimore Sleep Out. The Baltimore Sleep Out Campaign is the event the Jobs, Housing & Recovery Incorporated (JHR) uses to bring education and awareness of homelessness in Baltimore City. Founded in 2002 as a substance abuse recovery program, JHR has grown to provide shelter, food and supportive services to thousands of homeless men and women in Baltimore, while building recovery programs that have helped hundreds of men turn their backs on addiction and rebuilt their lives. JHR programs provided *hope, healing, and the chance for a new beginning* to individuals in the Baltimore community who are struggling with homelessness and addiction. The purpose of the Sleep Out is to bring Baltimore area high schools students together to experience some of the challenges faced by homeless men and women in our community and explore opportunities to make a difference through service, support and advocacy.



*Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter at the Registration Desk with Ms. Ashlee Philyaw,
Volunteer Coordinator for JHR.*



Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes

Baltimore, MD. Saturday October 6, 2012. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter participated in the Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes, at the Baltimore Inner Harbor. The American Diabetes Association is the nation's leading voluntary health organization supporting research, information and advocacy. All the funds raised are used to support the association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and improve the lives of people affected by diabetes.

Pi Omega 3rd Annual Staying Alive Health and Wellness Festival

Baltimore, MD. June 2012. The Brothers of Pi Omega Chapter hosted the Third Annual Pi Omega Staying Alive Community Health Fair. The Health Fair was the vision of Brothers John Berkley and Dwayne White. Over 35 Pi Omega Brothers had prostate screenings performed before 60 + community men had prostate screenings, overall over 96 African- American Men had prostate screenings. Chesapeake Urologist was impressed; we led by example and were acknowledged over the radio airwaves by Magic 95.9., who provided music for the event. Bros. Lasava Tidwell and Clarence Jeffers utilized their professional contacts, influence and expertise to implement and execute this most successful and rewarding "now" annual event. Brother

William Haskett utilized his influence to donate over \$6000 worth of food products which Pi Omega Chapter freely distributed to our patrons during the Staying Alive Health Fair. This is how tried and true Omega Men use our several stations before mankind to uplift the communities we unselfishly serve. Other health care providers gave bone density screenings, blood pressure screenings, and HIV/AIDS testing. The neighborhood kids enjoyed book giveaways sponsored by the Enoch Pratt Library and Baltimore Reads. The Baltimore Fire Department distributed smoke detectors to the community residents and toys to the neighborhood children.

Scenes from the Pi Omega Health and Wellness Festival



2nd District Receives Achievement Awards at 78th Grand Conclave

Minneapolis, MN. July 2012. The 78th Grand Conclave of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. was held during the period 5 - 12 July 2012, in Minneapolis, MN, at the Convention Center. The 2nd District received several International Achievement Week Awards for Excellence during the 78th Grand Conclave. During the Founders Banquet held on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the Convention Center, our 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray, presented the 2012 International Undergraduate Omega Man of the Year Award, to Brother Joseph Harrison, Pi Chapter, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, and the

International Founders Award (Lifelong Service), to Brother Sherman L. Charles, Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter, Ft Meade, Maryland. Our 39th Grand Basileus, Brother Dr. Andrew A. Ray, also presented the International Undergraduate Chapter of the Year, for 2011, to Chi Delta Chapter, University of Maryland, College Park, MD, during the Undergraduate Luncheon and presented the International Graduate Chapter of the Year Award, Small Chapter, to Epsilon Chapter, New York City, for 2012, during the Founders Banquet.



Theta Mu Mu 2012 Achievement Week

Baltimore County, MD. November 2012. Theta Mu Mu, 4 year old Chapter in Baltimore, MD, with over 50 active members, holds their first Achievement Week Luncheon. This relatively new chapter has been steadfast in upholding the mandated programs of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. After holding a Talent Hunt in each of their years of existence, successful Charles R. Drew Blood Drives with over 60 donors each year, Theta Mu Mu embarked on a successful Achievement Week Luncheon. The luncheon featured their Essay Contest Winner, Jaelin Porter of Dulaney HS. who will attend Howard University on a Woman's Lacrosse Scholarship, who spoke about "the cost of college being expensive, but lack of a college degree being detrimental". Also awarded was their Citizen of the Year, Maryland House of Delegate's Shirley Pulliam. Theta Mu Mu honored Bro. Marlon Robinson with the Superior Service Award and Bro. Warren Chambers with the Omega Man of the Year Award.

Theta Mu Mu was most honored to have in attendance our 2nd District Representative, Bro. James Hicks, as he delivered a message about his mission for the Second District that this is "The Year of Manhood" and that it is our goal to "Change the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves". This was followed up by remarks from the 2nd District 1st Vice District Representative, Bro. Milton Harrison.



TMM Basileus, Jeff Givens, District Representative, James Hicks, Jaelin Porter & TMM Achievement Week Chairman, Satchel Doyle.

Theta Mu Mu continued their Achievement Week events with a service held at our beloved founder, Bishop Edgar A. Love's, house of worship, Sharp Street United Methodist Church. The Achievement Week Chairperson was Bro. Satchel Doyle.

Corridor V Host Reception for Bro. Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr.

Harlem, New York, July 18, 2012. On July 18, 2012 the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Corridor V along with the Harlem Arts Alliance, and The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce hosted a reception for Bro. Major General Charles F. Bolden, Jr. at the Dwyer Cultural Center in Harlem, NY. Bro. Bolden and His wife were in town to Host the unveiling of the prototype Shuttle Enterprise at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City. Bro. Bolden who is the 12th NASA administrator made the final decision to have the Shuttle Enterprise moved from the Udvar-Hazy to the Space Museum in New York City.

Special thanks goes to Brother Jamal Joseph, who secured the location, the Impact Repertory Company who performed, brought in Mr. Vosa Rivers, the Harlem Arts Alliance and the Harlem Chamber of Commerce to work with Corridor V on this project. Brother Dominick Boyce, Brother Ed McBride, and Corridor V Representative Kevin Woodhouse ran the operation and put together the agenda. Brother Jason Smith, who along with his wife, did a masterful job of catering the event and providing great food. Brother Eric Harley and Brother Jerry Mackey escorted the Boldens to and from the event with Brother Harley also doing the dignitary recognition portion of the program. Brother Donnel Bolden, stepped up and kept the books.



l-r Bro. Ernest Pierre, Bro Major General Charles Bolden and wife and Bro. Kevin Woodhouse during the gift presentation

Brother Leslie Wyche, provided the proclamation from Councilwoman Inez Dickens. Brother Ernest Pierre - Louis, our 2nd Vice District Representative, along with Bro. Woodhouse, made the formal gift presentation to the Boldens. A special thanks also goes to the Basili and chapters of Corridor V who voted to support the venture and provided the necessary financial support for the event.

Corridor V Host Annual Barbeque



l-r Bro. Kevin Woodhouse, Bro. Chas Coleman, Bro. Ed Kitrell, Alfreda Williams and Bro. Da'Lon Whigham

Hartsdale, New York, July 28, 2012. On July 28, 2012 the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Corridor V hosted the Annual Barbeque at Ridge Road Park in Hartsdale, NY. Omicron Iota Chapter hosted the event for the corridor. Corridor V Representative Bro. Kevin Woodhouse along with Bro. T. Ed. McBride, Co-Chairmen Bro. Dominick Boyce, and Bro. Ed Kittrell put together and coordinated the event. The barbeque included award presentations, a raffle drawing of which electronic prizes were donated by Bro. Tom Wallace, and children's activities. Music was provided by Bro. Tony Smalls. To top off the day a proclamation was presented to 2nd District Counselor Bro. Charles Coleman, 2nd District Assistant KRS Da'Lon Whigham, and Corridor V Representative Bro. Kevin Woodhouse from Alfreda Williams-Westchester County Legislator. The proclamation resolved that throughout Westchester County on July 28, 2012 be Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., 2nd District, Corridor V Day. A special thanks also goes to the Basili and chapters of Corridor V who supported the barbeque with their attendance, families and financial support.

Alpha Lambda Lambda Host Blood Drive

Frederick, Maryland. Saturday June 9, 2012. The Brothers of the Alpha Lambda Lambda Chapter, affectionately known as the ALL chapter, in conjunction with the First Missionary Baptist Church sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive. This blood drive serves as the chapters' second annual effort which brought together brothers, community leaders, church members as well as other fraternal and civic organizations to aid the Red Cross's mission to maintain a safe and stable blood supply. According to the Red Cross coordinator, the need for blood and blood component donations is great in the Frederick area as well as across the Nation. Alpha Lambda Lambda's dedication to serve fostered a total of 13 pints of blood which has the potential of saving approximately fifty lives.

The social action effort was chaired by Brother Harry Smith (Omicron Gamma-82)



ALL Brother donating blood

Beta Alpha Alpha Undertake Voter Education and Advocacy

The Men of Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. have spent the past several months partnering with over 20 organizations throughout Westchester County, NY to educate, register and empower voters.

This partnership resulted in the establishment of the Voter Education and Advocacy Committee (VEAC). VEAC is a union of fraternities and sororities, community, faith based, civil rights, youth, and labor organizations. The committee's greater goal is to create an excited, informed and active electorate for all national and local elections. The idea for VEAC was conceived by two BAA brothers, Melvin Burruss, Esq. and the Honorable Bruce Tolbert.

VEAC has hosted forums in White Plains, Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, Peekskill and Greenburgh and has received requests to provide this information to other communities. The half day events have featured key note speakers and

expert panelists who informed and discussed issues pertaining to the voting process. The forums covered topics ranging from age requirements, challenges to voting rights at the polls and voting eligibility for those with a criminal record. Two of the events targeted youth and included Hip Hop music and gifts for the young people who registered.

"I am pleased with the overall results", states Bro. Burruss, "Our preliminary information confirms that we have registered well over 100 new voters."

Bro. Paul DeBerry, Basileus of BAA Chapter, relates, "The feedback has been tremendous. I am thrilled with the level of excitement we have seen."

While the deadline for registration is nearing, the need to inform and empower remains and BAA will continue our active role in the process.



Chi Rho Fish Fry, Voter Registration & Clothing Drive

Wyandanch, New York, August 4, 2012. On August 4, 2012 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter hosted a Fish Fry, Voter Registration and Clothing Drive. The fish fry which took place at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Roman Catholic Church in Wyandanch, NY was part of an on going effort to promote social action programs which are mandated by the fraternity.

Proceeds from the sale of the fish dinners will go toward scholarship endeavors of the chapter. The voter registration drive included asking those patrons who were already registered voters to fill out and sign "I pledge to vote" post cards. The cards with the voter's information were collected by Kenneth Sinkler, Voter Registration Trainer, for the Long Island Civic Engagement Table, and will be used to remind people of when it is time to vote. For the clothing drive, a total of 20 bags of clothes were given which will be donated to the Outreach Program of the church.

Bro. Stonie Hertzog and Bro. Jim "44" Wallace manned the fryer and the grill preparing the fish. Special thanks go out to Brothers Brian Davis, Rev. Charles Coverdale, Donald Bentley, Ercelle Williams, Ernest Fair, Jason Callahan, Rodger Muschette, William Tyson and Dr. Michael Winfield. These brothers assisted with serving the dinners, gathering the clothing donations and conducting the voter registration and education drive.



Chi Rho Brothers pose with bags of clothing donated for Clothing Drive

Chi Rho Chapter and the NAACP Islip Town Branch Hold Voter Registration Drives

Central Islip, N.Y., March 24, 2012. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter and the NAACP Islip Town Branch held a voter registration drive at Central Islip High School, in Central Islip, N.Y. The drive took place right before and during the presentation of the play *Pippen* in the front of the high school. Local residents were encouraged to register to vote, and if already registered to tell their neighbors to register. High School students who were at least seventeen years old were also asked to register, so long as they turn eighteen by December 31, 2012. Students were told they may also vote in this years general or primary election as long as they turn eighteen by November 6, 2012. The volunteers for the voter registration drive were Bro. Oliver Coutrier, Bro. William Tyson, Bro. Jason Callahan, Chi Rho Basileus, and Marvin Smith, Civic Engagement Chair for the NAACP Islip Town Branch.

Brentwood, New York, May 17, 2012. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter partnered with the Islip Town Branch of the NAACP to conduct a voter registration drive at the Brentwood North Middle School in Brentwood, NY. The



drive took on May 17, 2012 before and during the beginning of the North Middle School's spring concert program. Marvin Smith, chairman of the Civic Engagement Committee of the NAACP, Bro. Basileus Jason Callahan, Bro. KRS Donald Bentley, and volunteer Brian Young gave out nonpartisan voter information as well as registered new voters from the Brentwood community.

Chi Rho Chapter Host 3rd Annual Pride for Fatherhood Prayer and Celebration Breakfast

Hauppauge, New York, June 16, 2012. On June 16, 2012 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter hosted its 3rd Annual Pride for Fatherhood Prayer and Celebration Breakfast. The prayer and celebration breakfast took place at the Hyatt Regency Long Island at Windwatch Golf Club in Hauppauge, New York. The Event was well attended and included the 33rd 2nd District Representative Bro. James Hicks, Corridor V Representative Bro. Kevin Woodhouse, 2nd District Fatherhood Initiative Committee Chairman Bro. Dominick Boyce, and 2nd District Social Action Chairman Bro. Kendall Smalls.

In keeping with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s support and partnership with President Barack Obama's White House Fatherhood Mentoring Initiative, Chi Rho Chapter recognized notable individuals who have demonstrated the qualities of fatherhood in the home, the community, and nation. The Pride for Fatherhood 2012 Honorees were as follows: (See it Through Award) Bro. Thabiti Boone, Inter-

national Representative for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative, (Matriach Award) Ms. Viola Greene; for 27 years cared for over 300 foster care children, (Uplift Award) Rev. Leonard Edwards, pastor of the Durham A.M.E. Zion Church in Bay Shore NY, (Perseverance Award) Bro. Ernest Fair, husband, father of four, grandfather of three. The keynote speaker was Rev. Roderick Pearson, president of the Islip Town Branch NAACP. White House Fatherhood Proclamations were given to Bro. 2nd District Rep James Hicks, Bro. Corridor V Rep. Kevin Woodhouse, and Bro. Basileus Jason Callahan from International Rep. Bro. Thabiti Boone for the work that is being done on all three levels concerning the partnership initiative.

Special recognition goes to Fatherhood Prayer and Celebration Breakfast Chairman Bro. William Tyson as well as committee members Bro. Hukm Moore, Bro. Oliver Coutrier, and Bro. Donald McCarthy.

Chi Rho Chapter's Contestant Wins 1st Place in 2nd District Talent Hunt Contemporary Vocals Category

National Harbor, Maryland, April 28, 2012. On April 28, 2012 Chaude' Taylor placed 1st in the 2nd District Talent Hunt Contemporary Vocals Category, representing Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter. Ms. Taylor was also awarded a \$500.00 cash prize. The Talent Hunt took place at the Gaylord Hotel and Resort in National Harbor Maryland during the 64th 2nd District Conference. Chaude Taylor is a junior at Central Islip Senior High School in Suffolk County, Long Island, NY.

Chi Rho Chapter Assist Outreach Parish

Wyandanch, New York, June 9, 2012. On June 9, 2012, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter assisted the outreach parish of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Roman Catholic Church with moving into their new food and clothing pantry. This building was a five year project that finally came to being through community fundraisers and political sponsors. In December of 2007 a fire caused significant damage to the rectory and to the outreach and parish offices. Thankfully, no one was injured. A temporary mobile food and clothing pantry was set up while Father Brisotti and Noelle Campbell (Outreach Director) prayed and planned for rebuilding. Bro. Jim Wallace, Bro. William Tyson, and Bro. Basileus Jason Callahan volunteered their time in order to assist with the move into the new building.



Chi Rho Chapter Basileus, Jason Callahan with 2nd District Talent Hunt Contemporary Vocals Category Winner, Chaude' Taylor

Xi Lambda Lambda Voter Registration

Nyack, NY. October 1, 2012. The Brothers of Xi Lambda Lambda chapter were out in full force to "Float the Vote" as they registered students at Nyack College in Nyack, NY. The students were treated to ice cream that was provided by the college - this provided the chapter brothers with a constant flow of traffic. The students then began bringing other students by to be registered, at this point the applications were almost depleted. Bro. Dennis McGloster, committee chairman stated in response to the number of students registering "...at this late stage of the voting registration process this was a very good number." It was interesting to see two students running up to us as we were leaving and asked could they still register - we only had three applications left. This suggested that we should hit these colleges a bit earlier next time.

In the four days spent in voter registration, Xi Lambda Lambda was able to register 30 students from Rockland Community College, 9 from the Finkelstein Library and 59 from Nyack College for a total of 98 new voters.

When you conduct a social action program with the full support of your chapter



Xi Lambda Lambda Brothers Registering Voters

it's a great feeling knowing that you are part of an organization that is out there to help bring about uplift and scholarship to the communities that we serve. I want to thank the members of the Mighty Mighty, Mighty Mighty Xi Lambda Lambda chapter for the time and effort that was put in over the past weekend to make this Voter Registration / Education Drive a success. I am quite sure that the Grand Basileus and the District Representative

are equally as proud of us.

Our next event will be on Thursday, October 11, 2012, as we co-sponsor the Candidates Forum with the Spring Valley NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. The Forum will be held at the Louis Kurtz Center at 9 North Main Street in Spring Valley, NY 10977. Details to follow. Contact Bro. Dennis McGloster at 845-323-2548 or email at lifetimeq@aol.com.

Sigma Beta Beta Social Action Projects

Westbury, LI. August 19, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Neophyte Brothers hosted a Voter Registration Drive at The First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury. Brothers Jeff Sealy, Chris Contreras, Darin Saunders and Lionel Harvey organized and implemented a successful program. They explained the importance of voting, and because of their efforts, they have enrolled 10 new registered voters. The Neophyte Brothers have scheduled another Voter Registration Drive in September again at The First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury.

Hempstead, LI. June 30, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter Brothers were recognized at the Nassau/Suffolk Counties Pan Hellenic Program, held at The African American Museum in Hempstead Long Island. Brothers Edward O'Neill and Jerry Mackey were recognized for receiving the Omega Man of the Year award. Brother Michael Martin received the Citizen of the Year award by the council. The Brothers also received certificates from Nassau County Legislator in the 1st Legislative District Kevan Abrahams. The Pan Hellenic Council recognized all Divine Nine organizations at this annual program.

Westbury, NY. June 4, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter, sponsored their Annual Free Prostate Cancer Screening Program at the Westbury United Methodist Church in Westbury New York. The program was offered to African American males in the Village of

Westbury, and there was a nice turnout for this important health initiative. Stony Brook University Hospital Urology Department participated with the PSA blood exam and prostate examinations. Prostate Cancer is the third leading cause of death in African American males, and Sigma Beta Beta Chapter has taken an aggressive approach in the fight against Prostate Cancer in the Westbury community. This free program will be offered yearly, and would like more African American males to participate in the free health examination. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter continues to provide programs of social, cultural, and economic uplift not only to the Village of Westbury, but to Nassau County.

Hempstead, NY. May 7, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta's Neophyte Brothers participated in the Salvation Army clothing drive which was held in several locations in Nassau County, New York. Brothers Jeff Sealy, Christopher Contrearras, and Joseph Perry were responsible for collecting and delivering the clothes to the Salvation Army locations. The Brothers dropped off bags of clothing to the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center in Hempstead New York. The ARC, have adults living at the facility and their only "means of support" is through the donation of clothes and furniture at this location. The Brothers also dropped off bags of clothes to the Salvation Army in the Westbury New York location. Both locations were grateful for the donations made by Sigma Beta Beta Chapter.

SBB & Omega Cares Sponsors Community Forum

Freeport, NY, June 1, 2012. Omega Cares and Sigma Beta Beta Chapter (SBB) in conjunction with the Roosevelt Family Empowerment Committee and New Generation Inc. presented William "Billy" Hunter, National Basketball Players Association Executive Director as the keynote speaker of the Community Forum and Youth Showcase held in Freeport NY. William Hunter shared his past experiences as, a collegiate and pro football player, attorney, and business executive.

William spoke to the idea," staying in the

game". Staying in the game as a metaphor for life, he urged young and old alike, to not allow the present circumstances of their lives to dictate the outcome of their life's future works.

He stated plainly, for students to be prepared to take advantage of opportunities. To be prepared, students need to learn all they can to position themselves for success. William emphasized the need to have dreams and goals and to seek mentors. Mentors can take many forms, as in his life he had his grandparents as mentors, and he later found mentors in sports

and business. He also spoke to the audience about reaching out to others whom share your values and goal interests and work together to make each better in their education and business pursuits.

In attendance, Omega Cares of Nassau County, President and Chairperson, Jerry Mackey (Brother Mackey received the Community Spirit Award), Vice President, Darien Ward, Treasurer, Jeff Reid, Secretary, Martin Laverne, Sigma Beta Beta Basileus, Eric Harley and several SBB chapter brothers. Nassau County Police, County Legislator Kevan Abrahams and other community leaders.



Sigma Beta Beta Brothers with Bro. Billy Hunter at Community Forum

Sigma Beta Beta Social Action Projects (cont.)

Garden City, LI. June 12, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter hosted its First Annual Fathers and Families Bowling Night at Garden City Bowl, in Garden City Long Island. The Brothers and their families participated in an evening of bowling that everyone who attended had a great time. The children who attended had a lot of fun not only bowling but they enjoyed the music, as well as the pizza that was served. This event gave fathers and their families the opportunity to spend quality time as a family. Sigma Beta Beta looks forward to hosting this mandated program again next year.

Uniondale, LI. September 22, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter participated in the First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move Campaign in and Back To School Health Fair in Uniondale Long Island. The event was sponsored by Nassau County Legislator Kevan Abrahams. This campaign designed by the First Lady is aimed at fighting childhood obesity. There were several health vendors who participated in this event to educate our community on health prevention and leading healthier lives. The community had an opportunity to obtain blood pressure screening, skin cancer testing, as well as obtaining low cost health insurance by health vendors. Back to school supplies were given out to the youth of Uniondale. Sigma Beta Beta was proud to show support to such an important health initiative to the community of Uniondale Long Island.

Hempstead, LI. May 27, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta chapter made its annual pilgrimage to visit departed chapter Brothers on Memorial Day. The chapter visited the grave sites of chapter Brothers Cornell Adams, Alphonse Campbell, Henry Aikenns, William Kershaw. The chapter also visited the grave sites of Brothers Bill Drayton and Denis Hayle. The chapter visited three different cemeteries Cypress Hills in Brooklyn, Greenfield in Nassau County, and Pine Lawn in Suffolk County. Each grave was cleaned and flowers were placed as a remembrance to our Brothers. Even though these Brothers have entered Omega Chapter, Sigma Beta Beta chapter will always remember them.

Westbury, LI. October 31, 2012. Sigma Beta Beta Chapter donated school supplies to the McCoy Family and Children's Center. These supplies were donated by the community for the Chapters First Annual Celebration of Gospel Music and the Fight For Literacy. The event was held at The First Baptist Cathedral of Westbury. The McCoy Family and Children's Center, is a nonprofit organization that assists the Town of Westbury in several ways. The school supplies will be used to support the after school program that the McCoy Center runs in Westbury.

Scenes from Sigma Beta Beta Social Action Projects



Brother Dr. Benjamin Carr Whitten – Omega Chapter



Brother Dr. Benjamin C. Whitten

Baltimore, MD. September 2012. Brother Benjamin Carr Whitten, Sr., born July 25, 1923 transitioned to Omega Chapter on September 21, 2012. He was the senior statesman and illustrious member in good standing with Pi Omega Chapter, Baltimore, MD. Bro. Whitten was initiated in Nu Chapter located at Penn State University in 1940 and has toiled in Omega's vineyard with nobility and purpose for more than 72 years.

Educated at Penn State University, Dr. Benjamin Carr Whitten made the Dean's List for six semesters and graduated with honors at the young age of 19. He holds three degrees from Penn State—Bachelors of Science in 1943, Master's of Education in 1948 and Doctoral Degree in Education in 1961, all De-

grees in the field of Industrial Arts Education. Dr. Whitten was also awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by the University of Baltimore. Bro. Whitten began a litany of educational achievements in 1948 and extended throughout a career until 1988. He was a civic leader and a maverick at the forefront of vocational education. He began a 31 year career in the Baltimore City Public School System that included ten years as an Industrial Arts Teacher, five years as Asst. Principal, five years as a Principal and 11 years as Chief Administrator Officer for Vocational Education. In recognition of this long and distinguished career, in 1989 a Wing of the Westside Skills Center was named in his honor. Dr. Whitten served on countless numbers of Advisory Councils and Boards.

After graduation, Ben Whitten was drafted in the United States Army and served in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps in France and England during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 with the rank of Master Sergeant. He then worked as a training specialist with the Veteran's Administration until 1948. Bro. Whitten worked nearly 40 years in Baltimore education, business and civic positions making his mark on countless lives of students, teachers, communities and businesses. He was an outstanding educator. His mission was to provide the best education to children everywhere, and he had a goal to make vocational programs strong and productive so that young people would learn

marketable skills.

He served on numerous federal, state and local Councils and Commissions, including CEBO, Chair of the Judicial Nominating Commission, and an appointment as President of the Baltimore Urban League in 1983. These accomplishments impacted the lives of youth and young adults who had strived for careers in construction and trades, where skills and salary equal more than a pay check, but rather symbolized strong careers and viable livelihoods and purpose.

Bro. Dr. Ben Whitten served the Pi Omega Chapter with distinction and honor, holding every major Committee Chair. He served as Basileus from 1954-1956 and Grand Marshall for the 1956 Grand Conclave held in Baltimore. He also held the positions of Vice Basileus, developed and chaired Pi Omega Chapters' first Talent Hunt Program, and was Chair of the Constitution and By Laws, Wives and Sweethearts, and Nominating Committees. It was Bro. Whitten's idea that Pi Omega Chapter establishes a scholarship fund that would be incorporated and separate from Chapter control. He then served as Chairman of this Fund, now known as Pi Omega Foundation. Proceeds from Pi Omega Chapter's Annual Mardi Gras provided the funds for this foundation. Bro. Whitten chaired Pi Omega's Mardi Gras' Committee for over a decade; and grew the annual attendance from 500 to over 1000 attendees during this time. He received his 70 Year Service Award from the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., nearest his heart, at the 2010 Grand Conclave held in Raleigh, NC.

Brother Michael Brent Rozier – Omega Chapter



Brother Michael Brent Rozier

Michael Brent Rozier, U.S. Army Lt. Col. retired, 52, Born June 5, 1960 died Aug. 3, 2012. Michael graduated from California State University in 1983, where he served with the ROTC program, finishing first in his class. His tours included Fort Campbell, Egypt; Sinai Peninsula, Korea; Fort Dix, Germany; Kosovo; and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He retired after 27 years of service as a lieutenant colonel in 2010 from Fort Dix. His many trainings during the years included paratrooper at Fort Campbell, Ranger and Air Mobile. His last duties were performing training in computer simulated battle situations, and was employed by CACI. Though he trav-

eled many places during many years, he always loved his Pittsburgh sports teams.

Bro. Rozier's Homegoing service was held on Friday, August 10, 2012 at Mount Sinai Institutional Baptist Church, 351 Second St., Conemaugh, where the Rev. Calvin McCray presided. Burial took place at Headricks Cemetery.

The voice of Nu Nu's beloved Michael Rozier has been silenced, but his spirit shall live on in the hearts and minds of the Brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. who were blessed with his presence in and influenced on their lives. Rest in Peace, Brother Rozier, for when we say our last goodbye, you walk on streets of Pearls!

Brother Edwin M “Goldboot” DeVaughn – Omega Chapter



Brother Edwin Maurice DeVaughn

Willingboro, NJ - The Nu Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi had a homegoing service for their departed Brother, Edwin Maurice “Goldboot” DeVaughn, Nu Nu '00 and the Founder of Que-Nections, the international

way that Brothers of Omega communicate. Bro. DeVaughn entered Omega Chapter on 6 August 2012.

His Omega Service was held on Saturday, 11 August 2012 at Pinn Memorial Baptists Church, 2251 N. 54th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19131 Tabernacle Baptist Church, 150 East Second Street, Burlington, NJ 08016. He was born in Philadelphia, PA, the son of Martha and John DeVaughn. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Music Education from Fayetteville State University.

Edwin, known as “Goldboot” to many, was an educator for more than 30 years, working in the Camden, NJ, Oakland and Sacramento, CA School Districts. He touched many lives during his career. His passion for music led to his participation as a trumpet player in a jazz band and a distinguished career as a music instructor throughout the Camden, NJ

school district, directing award winning marching bands. One of Edwin’s major accomplishments as a Band Director was to lead Camden High School’s Marching Band in a performance and competition at President Barack Obama’s Inaugural Parade in January 2009.

Edwin’s interest in working for the betterment of Black youth was enhanced by his active participation with the International Black Summit. You would always find him somewhere, and it was though his photo lens that he created numerous friendships and memories that brought happiness to many across the nation.

Edwin was the creator and Founder of Que_nections, the unofficial communication vehicle of local, regional, and national Fraternity news. Goldboot’s Que_nections became to Omega Psi Phi what Facebook and Twitter are to millions, the ultimate network for Brothers across the nation and the world.

Bro. LTC (Ret) Thomas Harris Mayfield - Omega Chapter



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Willingboro, NJ - On Friday, 26 October 2012, Nu Nu Chapter held an Omega Service for Brother, LTC (Ret) Thomas Harris Mayfield, Zeta Sigma '47 and an original Tuskegee Airman. Bro. Mayfield entered Omega Chapter on 19 October 2012.

Born on July 24, 1917 in East Shinnston, WV, the son of a coal miner and a home maker. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Commercial Education from Bluefield State College.

Bro. Mayfield, during his distinguished military career, rose in rank from Private to Master Sergeant, and retired in 1970 as a Lieutenant Colonel with more than 29 years of distinguished service to the United States. His service in the United States Air Force included tours of duty stateside in Alabama, California, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, and New Jersey, and overseas in Japan, Bermuda, and Portugal. Bro. Mayfield was a Veteran of three foreign wars: World War II (WWII), the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Bro. Mayfield received numerous decorations and awards during his military career for outstanding service; among most notable were the Silver Wings he earned when promoted to Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps. To achieve this, he had to complete flight training at Tuskegee Army Flying Training School, Tuskegee, AL. Recognized as an original Tuskegee Airman, Bro. Mayfield remained an active member of the Hannibal M. Cox, Jr. Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, McGuire Air Force Base (now Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst), New Jersey.

On March 29, 2007, Bro. Mayfield along with his fellow original Tuskegee Airmen

received the Congressional Gold Medal from President George W. Bush. This award recognizes and embodies the best quality in American heritage for outstanding service to our country. Bro. Mayfield was also inducted into the Kelly Miller High School Hall of Fame in Clarksburg, WV and the Bice-Ferguson Memorial Museum of Shinnston, WV.

After retiring from the United States Air Force, Bro. Mayfield worked in secondary education for 23 years as a Counselor and as a Teacher for special needs children. Ever interested in scholarship, Bro. Mayfield earned a Master’s Degree in Education Administration from the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL; Certificate of Accounting from the International Accounting Society, Chicago, IL; Certificate in Economics of National Security from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, DC; and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on behalf of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. from Richard Stockton College.

Bro. Mayfield is interred at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Arnetown, NJ.

Chi Rho Chapter Partners with Wyandanch Head Start for Book Give Away & Reading Program

Wyandanch, New York, June 5, 2012. On June 5, 2012 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter partnered with Wyandanch Long Island Head Start to conduct a book give away and reading program. Six classes of pre-k children from ages 3 to 5 were each given a free book by the brothers of Chi Rho. The books were donated by Macy's Department Store through the Long Island Reading Is Fundamental Program (R.I.F.). The brothers were then each assigned a classroom and either read a story to the children or assisted with art projects. Thanks to Diane Guzman (Center Manager), for allowing Bro. Stonie Hertzog, Bro. Oliver Coutrier, Bro. Jim Wallace, and Bro. Basileus Jason Callahan to partner and volunteer their time for this literacy and mentoring endeavor.



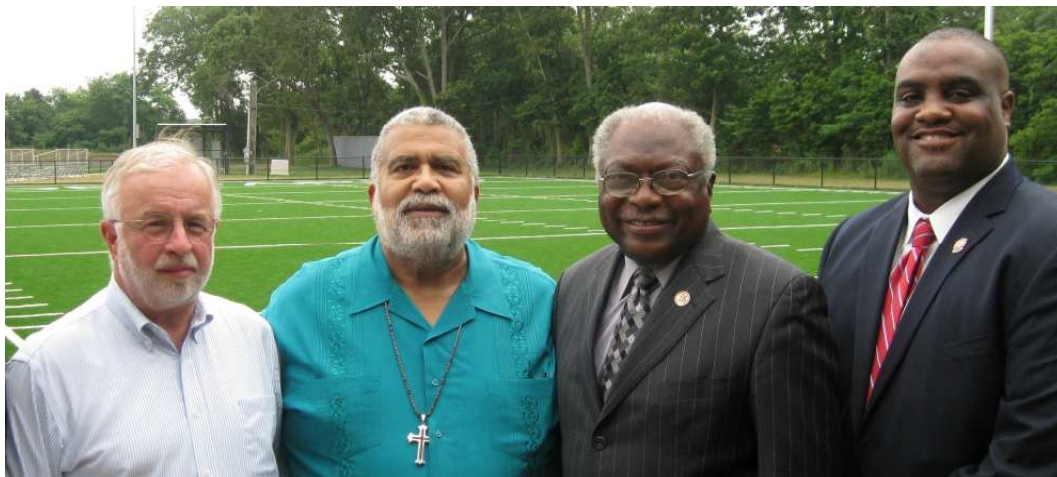
Chi Rho Brother Stonie Hertzog reading to youth at Wyandanch Long Island Head Start

Chi Rho Chapter Partner with Brookhaven Rosa Parks Democratic Association to Host A Meet the Congressman, Voter Education and Registration Drive

Gordon Heights, New York, July 15, 2012. On July 15, 2012 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter and the Brookhaven Rosa Parks Democratic Association hosted a "Meet the Congressman and Voter Education, Registration Drive". The event took place at Granny Road Park in Gordon Heights, NY. Democrats Tim Bishop, U.S. Representative for New York's 1st congressional district, and Bro. James Clyburn, U.S. Representative for South Carolina's 6th congressional district were on hand to support the reelection campaigns of Congressman Bishop and President Barack Obama as well as promote the voter education, registration drive at the park.

As Assistant Democratic Leader, Bro. Clyburn is the third-ranking Democrat in the House behind House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi and Minority Whip Steny Hoyer. He attended South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) in Orangeburg where he was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history.

The Brookhaven Rosa Parks Democratic Association was formed in 2006 to promote democratic ideals, while improving the democratic processes throughout Long Island, NY. Their purpose is to promote political activity and to ensure equal access to government for all citizens. The association seeks to encourage participation in the selection of Democratic candidates running for public offices.



L-r Congressman Tim Bishop, Chi Rho Brother, Congressman Bro. Jim Clyburn and Chi Rho Brother Basileus Jason Callahan

Chi Rho Receives President's Volunteer Service Award

Hauppauge, N.Y. September 17, 2011, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Chi Rho Chapter was the 2011 recipient of The President's Volunteer Service Award from President Barack Obama and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. The presentation took place during the Centennial Formal Ball Celebration, at the Hyatt Regency in Long Island, hosted by Chi Rho Chapter. The award recognizes the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage citizens to serve. The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a level of service and certain standard in their communities. Since 1965 Chi Rho Chapter has served the communities of Suffolk County through sponsoring, hosting, and partnering with civic organizations, assisting the social causes that affect Long Island neighborhoods.

The award was presented by Brother Thabiti Boone, the International Representative for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative. He is the liaison between President Obama's White House Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Basileus Jason F. Callahan and Vice-Basileus Leonard W. Wright, III were presented with the pin, a certificate of achievement, and a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

Special greetings came from Brother James "Scrappy" Jordan, Chief of Staff to the Grand Basileus. He passed on a message of gratitude and appreciation from Brother Dr. Andrew Ray, Grand Basileus. Both Brother Jordan and Brother Boone expressed the



Chi Rho Chapter receiving award at Centennial Formal Ball

importance of the fraternity and communities at large continued support of the Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiatives. The proceeds from the Centennial Ball are directed to assist the Men of the Future Mentoring Program and the Scholarship Initiatives. Acknowledgements must go out to Brother Hukm Moore, Fatherhood Breakfast Celebration Chairman, Brother Doran Thomas, Immediate Past Basileus, Brother William Tyson, Ball Chairman, as well as the Centennial Ball Committee.

Chi Rho Host Men of the Future Consortium Mentoring Work Shop



Participants at Chi Rho Chapter's Men of the Future Consortium Mentoring Workshop

Central Islip, NY, May 17, 2012. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter hosted the Men of the Future Consortium Mentoring Work Shop at Central Islip High School in Central Islip NY. The theme of the work shop was "What is your future?" This was the last mentoring program conducted by Chi Rho Chapter before the summer break. The African American male students ranging in age from 14 to 18 years old discussed their plans for the summer and college. Certificates of achievement and appreciation were given to the students as well as the volunteers involved in the program.

Chi Rho Conduct Voter Registration Drive at Hispanic Day Parade

Brentwood, New York, July 22, 2012. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Chi Rho Chapter partnered with the Long Island Civic Engagement Table to conduct a voter registration drive at the Annual Hispanic Day Parade in Brentwood, NY. Volunteers

were put into groups and stationed at different areas along the 2 mile parade route on 5th Avenue. The 15 volunteers registered 124 new voters that day as well as passed along important voter information for this upcoming November 6th general election.

Epsilon Chapter Hosts "Church with the Ques"

Brooklyn, NY--October 28, 2012 The Ques couldn't have Omega Week without taking it to church.

On Sunday, October 28th, Epsilon Chapter hosted "Church with the Ques" at Siloam Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, NY. The event was the second event in Epsilon's Omega Week 2012. As part of the week, brothers attended Sunday service at Siloam for their annual Men's Day service.

The guest speaker was noted victim's rights advocate and civil rights attorney, Bro. Benjamin L. Crump. Bro. Crump, a founding partner of Parks and Crump LLC in Florida, is also the 7th District Counselor for the Fraternity. He is also the attorney representing the Travon Martin family in their wrongful death suit in Florida.

Bro. Charles Coleman Jr., 2nd District Counselor and Basileus of Epsilon Chapter chose the location to welcome Bro. Crump. "We decided on Siloam after finding out that Bro. Crump would be speaking here. We couldn't have one of our most famous brothers here in our backyard and not come out to support him."

Bro. Crump addressed the eager crowd with a message entitled "God, Community, and Country". In his message he delivered 5 key points geared toward young black males. "It was good to hear Bro. Crump speak and tell the truth about



District Counselor Charles Coleman, Brother Benjamin Crump and Corridor V Representative Kevin Woodhouse

life to our young people" Bro. Rowland Beakou-Betts said. "Life will not always be fair but, if you hold on to your dreams, find God's purpose for your life, and keep your plan going, it will help you stay track." Beakou-Betts added.

Brothers from across New York City came from different chapters to receive Brother Crump. Some even traveled from the 1st District. "I think it was important that we came out in force to let Bro. Crump know that we support him and believe in the important work he is doing," said Bro. Kirk Wilkerson.

Bro. Crump was appreciative of the recep-

tion he received from the brothers. "My heart was filled and overwhelmed this morning when we pulled up to the church this morning and my brothers were here ready to receive me."

After the service, brothers adjourned for a private reception hosted at the home of Bro. Robert Cornegy, Jr. Omega men ate and fellowshiped with Bro. Crump, presenting him with gifts and showing their appreciation.

"I thought it went very well. The service was nice and brothers had a great showing welcoming Bro. Crump to NYC," said Bro. Kevin Woodhouse, Corridor V Representative.

Epsilon Sigma Chapter Blood Drive



Scenes from Epsilon Sigma Chapter's Blood Drive

Howard County, MD. June 16, 2012.

The Brothers of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter participated in a joined program with graduate chapter Tau Pi in hosting a Community Blood Drive/Health Fair. This event took place on June 16, 2012 at Howard County General Medical Pavillion in Columbia, Maryland. The community as well as brothers were able to learn more about how the body operates as a system and the importance of being healthy. Representing the Epsilon Sigma chapter were Brothers; Quinton Hall, Jeffrey Dewberry, Malcolm Dicko, Tyrae Reid, Devin Richards, D'Andre Bruce, and Kyle Jackson.

Gamma Pi Joins Motorcycle Club to Teach Kids About Bike Safety

Landover, Maryland July 21, 2012. On Saturday morning, July 21, the raindrops were falling hard in the metro area as a week of off-and-on storms were cooling down recent extreme heat. In the spirit of true Omega men, the Brothers of Gamma Pi chapter effortlessly turned to "Plan B" when a steady downpour put a damper on a live demonstration of motorcycle and bicycle safety rules using real motorcycles. The bikes would have been driven to the Kentland Community Center where the Que Kidz Daze meets.

"Plan B" was an indoor interactive safety lecture that turned out to be just as much fun to the more than 30 young boys and girls gathered for the July session of Que Kidz Daze. Only one motorcycle (instead of several) was brought to the premises due to the weather, but the kids still had big fun as they always do on Que Kidz Saturdays. Brother Orlando McDowell leads Que Kidz Daze which provides monthly enrichment activities for underprivileged youth in the Kentland area on Saturday mornings.

Brother Don Norwood, a motorcycle enthusiast and president of the Ebenezer AME Church's Anointed Horsemen Motorcycle Ministry (Fort Washington, MD.), led the presentation. "Show me a left hand turned, everybody...Now how do you signal a right-hand turn?" Brother Norwood said during his talk, as the kids extended their arms all the way out to signal the left hand turn, but some of them missed the "trick" of the right hand signal by extending their arms all the way to the right rather than the "L"-shaped signal with the left hand to indicate right turns.

The Brothers used motorcycle safety laws as a context to discuss bike safety laws with the youth. For example, other topics in-



Gamma Pi Kids try on Motorcycle Safety Helmet

cluded what side of the road to ride on, what age to be on the sidewalk instead of in traffic, how to properly wear protective gear like a helmet and padding, the ABC's of safety checklist and traffic laws.

Brother Clint Green, who is not a member of the Anointed Horsemen, was the only one to brave the elements and maneuver his bike to the event (see photo). And just as soon as it appeared the rain had stopped, as the kids prepared to head outside to examine Brother Green's bike as part of the safety lecture, the downpour returned and the Que Kidz Daze contingent remained inside

2nd District Chaplain, Bro. Dr. Gerald Folsom Ordained as AME Church Itinerant Deacon



Bro. Rev. Dr. Gerald Folsom

Glenn Dale, Maryland April 26, 2012 - The weekend of April 26 was a huge one for Second District Chaplain Bro. Dr. Gerald Folsom, who is also the past Chaplain for Gamma Pi chapter. He was re-elected to his position as District Chaplain at the 64th Annual Second District Conference hosted by Gamma Pi at the Washington National Harbor. And during the 62nd Session of the Washington Annual AME Conference being held a few miles away, nine people were ordained as Itinerant Deacons in the AME Church. One of the nine was Bro. Dr. Folsom.

As an Itinerant Deacon in the AME Church, Bro. Dr. Folsom carries the title of "Reverend" and is authorized to perform Baptisms, marriage ceremonies, burial rites and assist the Elder for the Communion Elements. The next step, after two more years in the AME Board of Examiners, would be the final ordination, as Itinerant Elder.

Bro Folsom was initiated into Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on November 20, 1982 at Beta Psi Chapter, Clark College (now Clark/Atlanta University) in Atlanta, Georgia. He serves on the ministerial staff of Community of Hope AME, under Rev Tony Lee, Senior Pastor in Hillcrest Heights, Maryland.

Bro. Dr. Folsom -- now officially Brother "Reverend Doctor" -- leads the "cradle of preachers" that are among the members of Gamma Pi chapter. Several Brothers, including current Chaplain Bro. Michael Turnbull, lead churches or regularly bring sermons at local churches.

Gamma Pi Provide Supplies for School Headed by Chapter Member as New Principal

Forestville, Maryland August 16, 2012. On Thursday, August 16, 2012, the Brothers of the Gamma Pi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. did what they do best – they responded to the call for assistance in the community. This time, the call to action involved Scholarship and was in response to chapter Brother Damien Goins who begins his first year as the newly appointed Principal at Gaywood Elementary School in Seabrook, Maryland. Brother Goins requested help in getting supplies for his students who largely come from economically challenged backgrounds.

Gamma Pi responded in Super Chapter fashion as Brothers came together and collected a truckload of school supplies for Gaywood Elementary students. Brother Goins was overwhelmed by the response and Brothers helped him get his career as a school principal off to a good start while also helping young students get the school year off to a promising start. It was a salute to Scholarship all the way around – the Omega way.

Thanks to a caravan of Brothers who stopped by the Super Chapter Fraternity Center in Forestville to donate supplies on that date, Gamma Pi was able to amass more than 30 backpacks, thousands of pencils and pens, rulers, erasers, notebook paper, folders, notebooks, even physical fitness equipment and other needed items for Gaywood's students. Approximately 90% of the students are on free or reduced lunch plans.

"First of all, we are very proud of Damien in his new role as principal, but I am also very proud of how Gamma Pi responded to this effort. This was truly Scholarship in action," said Basileus Brother Gordon Everett, Sr. "This is exactly what the Founders intended



Gamma Pi Chapter Brothers pose with supplies donated to Glenwood School

when it comes to both Uplift and Scholarship." Brother Rodney Beverly, of Gamma Pi, started the ball rolling with some backpacks he had collected from a previous school project through his employer, Microsoft.

It may seem trivial, but the cost of school supplies can add up for many families who are struggling, especially when they have multiple children in school. Quite simply, the donations by Gamma Pi Brothers are directly reducing the costs for many Gaywood students and some as a result may not have to pay for supplies at all. School began in Prince George's County on Monday, August 20. The school supply drive was a huge success by the chapter, and it will help the Gaywood Elementary School students in their quest to reach their full potential academically.

Mu Nu Chapter Supports 2012 Vision Walk



Mu Nu Chapter 2012 Vision Walk Team

Montgomery County, MD. September 23, 2012. The Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter, supported 2012 VisionWalk at the Rockville Town Square in Rockville, Maryland. The County's third annual event contributed to the nationwide effort to fund critical sight-saving research to aid the blind and vision impaired. The project has raised more than \$24 million nationwide since 2006. Bro. Troy Manigault (Mu Nu '94, Montgomery County, MD), liaison and mentor to the Gaithersburg High School B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S. (Brothers Reaching Out to Help Each Reach Success) program joined with the youth to share information on education and career opportunities during the 6K walk. The combined walk team that included science professionals from the National Institutes of Health in Maryland contributed \$5,000 to 2012 VisionWalk. Additionally, the B.R.O.T.H.E.R.S. program was awarded \$120 on behalf of Mu Nu Chapter to support their ongoing community service projects, fundraising efforts, and educational pursuits. The award was given by Bro. Manigault in recognition of their exceptional enthusiasm and commitment to community uplift and for exceeding the 12-member target by reaching 18 member participants.

Gamma Pi and Friendship Charities Donate Books to Youth in Papua New Guinea



His Excellency, Bro Ambassador Teddy Taylor gives book donation to members of The Voice

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea June 14, 2012 - Demonstrating the global reach of Omega's commitment to Uplift, Gamma Pi chapter and Friendship Charities Foundation recently partnered to provide Papua New Guinean youth access to American literature with a generous donation of books.

Brother U.S. Ambassador Teddy B. Taylor made the donation on behalf of both organizations to a Papua New Guinea group named the "Voice". The Voice is a local non-profit dedicated to mentoring disadvantaged Papua New Guinean youth and is headed by a dynamic young lawyer named Serena Sasingian who left a successful legal practice to begin a crusade to provide the youth of Papua New Guinea with a voice to make a difference in their society.

The Voice's major program entitled "The Dream" uses a combination of academic, Christian teachings, social service projects and

inspirational lectures to prepare young people to become productive, responsible citizens. Brother Ambassador Taylor became involved with the Voice early in his tenure, routinely speaking to gatherings about the African American experience and sharing life lessons, which can be used in any culture. The embassy additionally provided the Voice with a twenty thousand dollar grant to specifically establish a mentoring program to better equip high school girls to compete in this male dominated society.

Originally a program to help better prepare university students for the rigors of citizenship, the Voice is quickly gaining national prominence and recognition for providing Papua New Guinean youth alternatives by which to live fulfilling lives.

A black democratic nation, of incredible natural beauty and mineral resource wealth, most citizens' knowledge of The United States, and in particular African -Americans is confined to international media coverage, or to the elder generations experience with African American troops stationed in Papua New Guinea during WWII.

Despite the limited coverage, all genres of black music are enjoyed and the hip-hop style of dress is popular. The generous donation of books will continue to contribute to the positive image of the United States and provide the youth associated with the "Voice" a deeper understanding of the African American experience, which is similar in some ways to their experience as an Australian settlers' colony.

Brother Ambassador Taylor will end his three-year tour of duty at that post later this year.

Mu Nu Bro. Leonard Haynes III, Ph.D. inducted in Ohio State University Hall Of Fame



Bro. Leonard Haynes III, Ph.D.

Columbus, Ohio. May 11, 2012. Bro. Leonard Haynes III, Ph.D. (Lambda Alpha '70, Baton Rouge, Louisiana) was inducted into

The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology Hall of Fame on May 11, 2012. The event, held in Columbus, Ohio, recognizes alumni who have made significant accomplishments nationally and internationally to both society and The Ohio State University in advancing the common good and inspiring others. The honor is the highest award bestowed by the university in recognition of contributions made to education and human ecology.

Bro. Haynes currently serves as the senior director for institutional services for the Office of Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education. He previously served as a faculty member at Southern University, Howard University and The George Washington University. He is also the former executive vice president of the Southern University System, and the executive director for the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Bro. Haynes holds a bachelor's degree in History from Southern University, a master's degree in American History from Carnegie Mellon University, a doctorate in Higher Education and Administration from The Ohio State University, as well as 13 honorary degrees, including an honorary doctorate in Law

Iota Phi Chapter Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy

Pittsburgh, PA. April 21-May 19th, 2012.

This past spring, in partnership with The Kingsley Association, which provided its excellent facility at no cost, and as a part of the nationally mandated Fatherhood Initiative, the Iota Phi Chapter conducted the Omega Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy (OCWA), a pilot program to increase the spirit of service to the African American community in our children and youth. While the program began in April of 2012, Brothers Ray Logan ('68 Gamma Epsilon), Martin Andrews ('71 Nu Beta), Fred Brown ('83 Zeta Pi), Justin Laing ('92 Iota Phi) and Bomani Howze ('09 Iota Phi) began planning the program in January with meetings held every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. It was during the planning stage that it was agreed that the ideas of our esteemed Brother, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, and best exemplified in his most famous work *The Miseducation of the Negro*, would provide the *modus operandi* for the initiative. Thus, all classes would be taught with explicit connections to Black history and culture and would emphasize four principles: Service, Scholarship, Perseverance

and Uplift. Equally important as the goal of the program was its process of teaching and learning. Here, Brothers agreed that the Academy would place the highest priority on experiential learning i.e. learning that has students doing rather than simply sitting and listening. In other words, we would make

sure the young people had a learning experience about which they would be enthusiastic! As you will note below, this project goal was fully accomplished. The desire for this kind of service from the brothers of Omega was immediately apparent in the response from the community. More than 40 families registered their children for the pilot program and 25 children attended every Saturday for 5 weeks to take classes in Black Economic History, the African-Brazilian martial art, Capoeira, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). While these classes were led by brothers Fred Brown, Justin Laing (with the support of Mestre Nego Gato) and Bomani Howze, respectively, many other brothers from the Iota Phi, Omicron Psi and Zeta Pi chapters came out to lend their support. Brothers helped sign children in and out, taught classes focused on their area of

expertise and participated in the morning Service Circle. In the Service Circle the Black National Anthem, Lift Every Voice and Sing by James Weldon Johnson, was a weekly ritual and children learned steps, chants and songs about Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the importance of service to the Black community. The message of service was brought home when Brother Rodney Hopson ('88 Gamma Alpha) led the participants and brothers in a morning dedicated to working in a garden in the

Larrimer neighborhood (around the corner from the Iota Phi Fraternity House) pulling weeds, tilling soil, and understanding the benefit of community service for a neighborhood greening project. Critically important to the success of this day and the overall effort was the support of the staff of the Kingsley Association, parents and other community members.

The value of this effort was seen in our closing evaluation that noted improvement in children's knowledge of Black history, entrepreneurship and martial arts. Children reported how they both learned from and enjoyed the hands on projects in economic history, green technology and martial arts. However, maybe the most telling fact was that the number one suggestion of the youth and their parents was that the program be lengthened in future efforts! When children and youth are asking for more school one knows the Brothers have truly done their duty.

Brothers are now readying themselves for the next session of The Omega Dr. Carter G. Woodson Academy and look forward to even greater achievements in the name of Omega Psi Phi. Roo to Service, Scholarship and the Ques!

Omega Xi Sunday Mornings on Campus Social Action



Macungie, PA - March 2012. The Omega Xi Chapter in conjunction with the Emmaus Rotary Club and Air Products participated in Saturday Mornings on Campus. SMOC is an Educational Program for Elementary School Children to experience creative ways to laugh and explore through education. Some of the classes offered included Intro to Science, Engineering, Theatre, Creative Writing, Drawing, Knitting, Lego and more. The Brothers of Omega Xi provided assistance as well as providing leadership in many of these classes.

Iota Phi Camping Trip Fatherhood/Mentor Initiative

Pittsburgh, PA, 22, May 2012. On May 18th through May 20th, The Iota Phi chapter collaborated efforts with members of the US Forest Service and Prince Hall Masons to take twelve African American teens from the city of Pittsburgh to the wilds of the Allegheny National Forest. The young men spent two nights of camping at Chapman Dam State Park; a park so deep into the Allegheny National Forest that cell phone connections were minimal at best! The city kids had their first taste of MANHOOD while listening to the packs of coyotes bark and yelp throughout the night. While there, Brother Alex Harvey who is a Forester for the US Forest Service set up interesting and informative instructional blocks that included fishing, hiking, geo cashing, and astronomy. The activities lasted far into the evenings.

The principle of SCHOLARSHIP was evident because the teens were exposed to American History and were able to make a connection with their own heritage. The Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) was established during the presidential administration of FDR. Segregated camps were located in the Allegheny National Forest featuring African American men from the cities of Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh. Dr. Susan Stout, who also works for the US Forest Service has done extensive research on the historic sites and happenings of the CCC and she gave the young men a tour of the camp which was located at Twin Lakes. The mentees learned that the camp was occupied by the African American Men who demonstrated PERSEVERANCE while building roads, dams, lakes and bridges in inclement weather with manual tools. The students marveled that not only were these African American men able to build structures that are still in use but that several members of



Iota Phi Brother and Mentees with Black Bear trapped by Pennsylvania Game Commission

the Iota Phi chapter had relatives who labored in the same space in which they stood. The young men also had the opportunity to visit a safe house along the route of the Underground Railroad.

The highlight of the expedition was totally unscripted. Mr. Dave Donachy of the Pennsylvania Game Commission brought a trapped black bear to the camping location and explained to everyone the procedures of rendering the bear inactive to set him free in a safer location. Everyone present could not believe that they had a wild 300lb. bear in their midst and several people took photographs.

The young men also had the opportunity to meet two African Americans who did research within the forest thus exposing them to the potential of more educational and career choices.

The theme for the weekend was "Survival" and while the cohorts from the US Forest Service helped the young men identify flora and fauna, the men of Omega and the Prince Hall Masons stressed the importance of using street smarts and school smarts to survive. Parents of the teens gave heartfelt thanks for allowing the chapter to provide a little UPLIFT while including their sons in the entire experience.

Omega Xi Assist with DST EMBODI Program



Omega Xi Brother conducts a workshop on Self Confidence and Self Esteem

Bethlehem, PA - March 2012. The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Allentown Alumni Chapter (AAC), called on the brothers of Omega Xi for assistance in their EMBODI Program. EMBODI stands for Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence. The objectives and goals of AAC EMBODI are accomplished through workshops on the Mind (to think), Body (to survive) and Soul (to care). During the workshop they were informed that many of the youth had goals of being in professional sports. We thought it would be good for Bro. Thomas Moore to speak with them about the prospects of getting drafted in the Pros from college.

Omega Xi Allentown Arena Project

Allentown, Pennsylvania, October 1, 2011- The Brothers of the Omega Xi Chapter provided assistance to the Allentown Community residents who have been forced to relocate to make way for a new Hockey Arena. Several displaced residents needed assistance in loading their belongings into moving trucks and vehicles. The Brothers of Omega Xi were glad to provide this assistance and to show our support to the families and community. Managing the resident's relocation was Bro. Joseph "Philly Joe" Manning.



Omega Xi Brother help residents forced to relocate for new Hockey Arena

Omega Xi 2011 Blood Drive

Kutztown, Pennsylvania – On October 31, 2011 The Omega Xi Chapter partnered with the PAC Organization of Kutztown University and held a Blood Drive on its campus. PAC is an acronym for Participation, Academics & Campus Life. The members of this organization participate in Community Service, Humanity and many other

programs that uplift the Campus and Surrounding Community. The Omega Xi Chapter was honored to partner with these positive students on their annual Blood Drive.

The Blood Drive went well and they were close to collecting over 100 Pints of Blood before the event came to an end

Omega Xi 2011 Achievement Week



Omega Xi Brothers in attendance at the 2011 Achievement Week

Easton, Pennsylvania, November 19, 2011- The Brothers of the Omega Xi chapter held their annual Achievement Week celebration in Easton, Pennsylvania at the Greater Shiloh Church. The following awards were given. Citizen of the Year - Pastor Phil Davis, Omega Man of the Year – Bro. Fred Butler, Educator of the Year - Brother Alvin Doyle, Basileus of the Year – Bro. Anthony "Icky" Young,

Basileus Award - Larry Holmes, Basileus Award Bro. Thomas Moore, and Superior Service Award – Bro. Mark Robinson. The newly elected Basileus addressed the Brothers and asked them for their support as they entered into the New Year. Additionally, he stated that this was a new year and a new day in Omega Xi, he emphasized doing the work of Omega!

Omega Xi Welcomes Dr. Andrew Ray to The Lehigh Valley

Kutztown, Pennsylvania, June 2, 2012. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s, Omega Xi Chapter hosted Grand Basileus, Dr. Andrew Ray at Kutztown University on Saturday, June 2nd where he addressed, over 50 brothers and members of the general public. This was Dr. Ray's first visit to the valley and Omega Xi, which services Easton, Allentown, Bethlehem and the Pocono regions of Eastern Pennsylvania. In his presentation Dr. Ray discussed the current state of the Fraternity and the turnaround the organization has made during his tenure. He also discussed the Omega Commitment in a separate session to the general public, highlighting the important and significant journey that brothers and potential members make when they take those giant steps to becoming a Man of Omega. Dr. Ray stated, "The founders always said that mediocrity has a place in the world but it does not have a home in Omega". Dr. Ray emphasized the lifetime commitment that members must make to the organization and their surrounding communities to carry on the vision and legacy of the Fraternity. Omega Xi presented Dr. Ray with a custom made Dreer Omega Blazer, Centennial Service Watch, and Crystal trophy for his leadership and service. His executive assistant Brother Ben Jeffers was also presented with a plaque for his 30+ years of service.

The afternoon concluded with a gourmet lunch that included chicken, soup, salad, pasta, vegetables, rolls and desert. Brother Ray also spent this time fellowshiping with the rest of the brothers listening to their thoughts and concerns. This event was the



Omega Xi Brothers pose with Bro. Grand at the Kutztown University event

first of its kind for the Omega Xi Chapter and special thanks goes out to Brother Fred Butler Basileus of Omega Xi, the executive committee, and the brothers of Omega Xi for putting together such a grand event

Rev. Jessie L. Jackson at Lehigh University

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, February 12, 2012. Lehigh University's Africana Studies Program hosted a dialogue with Rev. Jesse L. Jackson which was moderated by Dr. James Braxton Peterson (Omega Zeta Spr. '90). Dr. Peterson is the Director of Africana Studies at Lehigh University and is a frequent guest on Fox News, CBS, MSNBC, ABC News, and ESPN as an expert on race, politics, and popular culture. The conversation with Rev. Jackson explored leadership in the 21st Century and the significance of Lehigh University's 40 years of co-education.

Brother Jackson's conversation with the audience focused on two important issues, leadership and equality. Brother Jackson encouraged everyone to work diligently to close the gap in educational

access, healthcare and the distribution of wealth. Brother Jackson stated "the leadership you are looking for is within you - you must never allow that light to be put out".

Prior to the conversation, the Brothers of Omega Xi had the opportunity to present Bro. Jackson with a few gifts that showed our appreciation for his Service. Brother Fred Butler (Basileus - Omega Xi) presented Brother Jackson with an Omega watch and a Crystal Superior Service Award. After receiving the gifts, and prior to beginning the dialogue, Brother Jackson invited all of the Brothers in the audience on stage for a group photo. Many people in the audience stated "that was one of the highlights of the evening".



Omega Xi Brothers pose with Bro. Rev. Jesse Jackson at Lehigh University

Phi Omega Clothing Drive



Phi Omega Brothers and volunteers at the Clothing Drive

Buffalo, New York. August 26, 2012. The Brothers of Phi Omega Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Omega Gents Mentoring Program Inc., and Journeys End Refugee Services helped to sponsor a winter clothing drive which they collected more than fifty bags of essential clothing for those that are in need.

Phi Omega Chapter Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. continues to build bridges, and serve the needy of western New York. The current Basileus of the Chapter is Andrew Huff Jr. and under his leadership the chapter has

expanded its outreach, and involvement in a variety of social action activities in the western New York area.

This particular program was organized by the Chapter's newest members who include Patrick H. Freeman, Daniel Bolden, and Elder Kyle Mann. It is our hope that this effort will help those that find themselves naked and without hope, knowing that the helping hand of fraternal friendship is ever there to provide encouragement, and uplift those in need of our assistance

Phi Omega Black Business Initiative

Buffalo, New York. October 3, 2012. Phi Omega Chapter Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. commenced its cash Mob program in support of Black Businesses in the Buffalo, New York community.

Each Month the chapter picks a Black owned, and operated business for the purpose of a mass financial support program. This program was instituted to spur economic growth within the African American business sector.

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Phi Omega Ride for Roswell Park Cancer Institute

Buffalo, New York. June 23, 2012. Phi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., participated in the Ride for Roswell. This fundraiser for Roswell Park Cancer Institute assists in raising vital dollars for cancer research at one of the nation's finest centers for the disease's treatment. Brother Kyle Mann organized the Phi Omega's participation in this event and raised more than \$700.00 for Roswell Park. Brother Mann who is also an ordained elder in the Church for God in Christ rode more

than 30 Miles at the event

This year Phi Omega Chapter, Graduate Chapter of Buffalo, New York, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. continues to aid our community in proper health awareness, and assisting one of the nation's top cancer research centers helps us to further the work of our fraternity in the western New York Community.

Phi Upsilon Chapter Observance of the Centennial

Neptune, NJ. December 17, 2011. The Brothers of Phi Upsilon Chapter led by the last remaining Chapter co-founder, Brother Past 6th Second District Representative Ermon K. Jones and sixty-three year member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, held a Centennial Celebration at the residence of Brother Monte Masters in Freehold, NJ. Joining Phi Upsilon Chapter on this momentous occasion was current Second District Representative, Brother Kenneth E. Rodgers, who served as the Guest Speaker. The purpose of this event was to observe the fraternity's 100th year of existence as it was born on November 17, 1911.

With Brother Jones presiding, the program started with the Opening Prayer by Brother David A. Brown followed by a message of welcome by the current Basileus, Brother George Giles. This was followed by a sumptuous lunch.

After lunch, the chapter was addressed by Brother Second District Representative Rodgers. Brother DR Rodgers expressed to us the importance of serving the fraternity and the community. He stressed that we should participate to our fullest to better our fellow brothers and reach out to the community at-large. We should not look at the paying of dues to just gain the privilege to undertake membership selection process (MSP) activities.

Brother DR Rodgers explained to the body that unfortunately the fraternity had incurred a substantial debt because the fraternity membership had not booked all of the hotel rooms that the fraternity had blocked off for the Centennial Conclave. He urged the brotherhood to support future fraternity affairs by making reservations at the hotels selected by the fraternity to avoid unneces-

sary financial losses. The DR spoke positively about the fraternity's Fatherhood Initiative to entice fathers to be involved prominently and positively in their children's lives and particularly about the Second District's role as a leader. After a question which was posed about the Fatherhood Initiative, Brother DR Rodgers commented about the positive actions of at least two chapters that had been recognized during Achievement Week.

After Brother DR's talk, the installation of the Chapter's officers for 2012 was conducted under the supervision of the former Basileus of Delta Upsilon Chapter, Trenton, NJ, Brother Doctor Gary Keel. Brothers installed as officers were Matthew Stevens as Basileus, Harold V. Woody as Vice Basileus, James W. Brown as Keeper of Records and Seal, Monte Masters as Keeper of Finance, Wesley Mayo as Chaplain, and Lee Chatman as Chapter Recorder.

Brother Ermon Jones led the reaffirmation of the fraternity oath recited by the brothers in attendance. The benediction was given by Brother David A. Brown followed by the singing of the Omega hymn. Other brothers attending this celebration were Hayes Banks, Keith Bell, Carl Bullock, Tyrone Garrett, Ola Wayne Johnson, Flynn Jones, Darren Martin, Sam Mason, Rev. Bernard Oates, Steven Schmidt of Beta Alpha Alpha Chapter in White Plains, NY, Ed Warrick, Ronald Williams, and Harold V. Woody.

This Centennial Celebration gave rise to a true feeling of brotherhood among the attendees. A good, fruitful time in the fraternity was enjoyed by all.

Phi Upsilon Mothers Day Breakfast

Neptune, NJ. May 12, 2012. Phi Upsilon Chapter, in conjunction with the Long Branch Housing Authority and "Raising Him Alone" (an organization dedicated to supporting single mothers raising boys), held a Mother's Day Breakfast at the Adam "Bucky" James Community Center in Long Branch, NJ. Basileus Matthew P. Stevens designed this program to honor three outstanding mothers from the community. Those mothers were Dr. Denise Lowe, Superintendent of Schools of Asbury Park, NJ, Bertha Williams-Pullen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Neptune, NJ, and Dorthia Johnson, Commissioner of the Long Branch Housing Authority. Each recipient was presented with a beautifully-designed vase filled with flowers.

After the invocation by Rev. Norwood Cuff, Senior Pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, the guests were treated to a very well catered breakfast. Rev. Cuff was also gave the keynote address entitled, "Why We Appreciate Our Mothers."

The program included the Voices Youth Choir of the Second Baptist Church of Long Branch. Musical selections were rendered by the Second Baptist Church Ensemble, an assembly of young musicians. After the program, each mother was presented a rose. The affair was well attended with about two hundred participants. Brother Stevens rendered closing remarks to this momentous occasion. This event was such a huge success that it will become an annual happening

Phi Upsilon Viewing of Red Tails

Eatontown, NJ. February 4, 2012. The members of Phi Upsilon Chapter met at the AMC Loews Theater in Monmouth Mall, Eatontown, NJ to view the movie entitled, "Red Tails." The picture chronicles some of the exploits of the legendary Tusgee Airmen in World War II. The Chapter was joined in this joint effort with the Dr. Albert E. Forsythe Chapter of the Black Pilots of America (BPA) as a part of Black History Month. In addition, we were joined by members of the Monmouth County Chapter of the National Pan-Hellenic Council members: AKAs, Deltas, Alphas, and Kappas. We chaperoned youths from the communities in New Jersey. There were approximately sixty

youths in attendance and approximately the same number of adults.

The purpose of this event was to have the youths learn about Blacks learning to fly airplanes, and how they were deployed in the war. The joint effort continues with the BPA sponsoring an Aviation Awareness Day at the Monmouth County Executive Airport in Wall, NJ on Saturday, February 25, 2012. The BPA will conduct a program to make the youths aware of the careers in aviation including pilot, flight instructor, mechanic, airport management, air traffic control, meteorologist, cartographer, aeronautical engineer, communications and navigation technician, and safety and maintenance inspectors.

Nu Nu Chapter 2012 Voter Registration Drive

Willingboro, NJ. 1 September 2012 – The Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter hosted a Voter Registration Drive from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event was held at Majestic Hair Barber Shop & Salon, 400 Kennedy Way, Willingboro, NJ.

Although the event took place during the busy Labor Day holiday weekend, several Brothers were on hand to man the location and support the registration drive efforts. Brothers in attendance included Brothers T. Cook, D. Bullock, J. Cole, D. Tunstall, L. Wright, W. McLaughlin, E. Tyson, Jr., K. Stephens, K. Jenkins, and L. Dillings. Also on hand for this event was the Burlington County Democratic Committee.

Many residents from the community stopped by just to say "hello" and chat with the "Sons of Omega." They also asked questions, informed potential registrants of changes in voting

requirements, and thanked and congratulated the Brothers of Nu Nu for being positive and refreshing influences in the Willingboro and surrounding communities. Most of the residents that the Brothers came in contact with were already registered; however, through great effort, they were able to register twenty-two (22) new voters, some who were new to the voting process, while others were new to New Jersey.

The Brothers had a wonderful time interacting with the local residents, and the fellowship was wonderful. Indeed "Friendship Is Essential to the Soul." Nu Nu Chapter would like to thank everyone for your support. It is because of you that we were successful! A very special "THANK YOU" to the owners of Majestic Hair and Brothers T. Lucas and D. Linder, for their planning and preparation for event!

Nu Nu Chapter Continues to Support the ACS Relay for Life

Delran, NJ. June 2012. The Brothers of the Nu Nu Chapter descended on Delran High School on June 1st, 2012 to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The Chapter has Team Curry, in honor of our departed Brother James T. "Pete" Curry (Omega Chapter), who lost his battle with this disease, came out in support of this cause. Nu Nu Chapter has participated in Relay for Life for the past seven years. The Chapter also manned the Snack Shack, providing delicious food for those in attendance. The event was cut short due to in-

clement weather, but the "Sons of Blood and Thunder" still came out to support.

This year's annual Relay for Life of Delran raised over \$94,000 for cancer research, with over 1,300 people attending to celebrate cancer survivors, and to remember loved ones as they took part in the walkathon. Nu Nu Chapter's Team Curry, one of 129 teams for this event, raised \$885.00, in addition to donating all of the proceeds from sales of items from the Snack Shack during the Relay for Life event.



Nu Nu Chapter Scholarship Saturday

Mt. Laurel, NJ, June 2012. In maintaining the second Cardinal Principle of Scholarship, the Nu Nu Chapter held its fourth Annual Thomas H. Mayfield Scholarship Breakfast on 9 June 2012 at the Ramblewood Country Club in Mount Laurel, NJ. This breakfast was named in honor of Brother Thomas H. Mayfield, Zeta Sigma '47, who is one of the original Tuskegee Airmen.

Scholarship recipients and their families were invited to meet the Brothers of Nu Nu Chapter, as well as to honor the recipients for their achievement. Major select Bro. Sean P. Hoggs, I. gave a very inspirational speech on education, the impor-

tance of obtaining it, and constantly seeking knowledge. The message was well received by our scholarship recipients, and we look forward to hearing of the many great accomplishments they will have in the future!

The 2012 Nu Nu Chapter Scholarship Recipients are: Sean V. Brown – Graduate of Peddie School, Hightstown, NJ., Khary Dennis – Graduate of St. Andrew's School, Middletown, DE., Elexis A. Morton – Graduate of Willingboro High School, Willingboro, NJ. Tanya Renee Patterson – Graduate of Eastern Camden County Regional High School, Richard Lee Wright, II – Graduate of Haddon Heights High School, Haddon Heights, NJ.

Omega Xi Chapter Sacred Heart Hospital MLK Day of Service

Allentown, Pennsylvania, January 2012. The Brothers of the Omega Xi Chapter were honored to lend their outstanding painting skills to the Sacred Heart Hospital in a Social Action Project. In a joint effort with employees from EDEN, Air Products, the Brothers of Omega Xi and Sacred Heart Hospital, painted the 1st and 2nd floor lobbies of the Sacred Heart Hospital located in Allentown, PA.

Iota Nu Chapter Brothers Advance Within In Their Professional Career On The Same Day

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD. June 19, 2012. "Change in Command" took place at 10:00am for two extraordinary members of Iota Nu continued the next chapter in their military careers. Brother Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz relinquished his command as Garrison Commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground Installation after serving as commander from 2009 through 2012. On the same day, at a different location on the installation, Brother Colonel Alfred F. Abramson took command of the Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Contamination Avoidance.

Colonel Orlando W. Ortiz was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army May 16th, 1987. He is a career intelligence officer originally from Newark, New Jersey. He entered the fraternity through Iota Nu Spring 2011. Prior to assuming command of the United States Army Garrison at APG, he has served in a variety of tactical command and staff positions in Light Infantry Division. He completed two tours to Korea with the 2d Infantry Division serving as a Battalion S2 and Brigade S2. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Wagner College, a Master of Science Degree in Aviation Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Master of Science Degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He and his wife have one child.

Colonel Alfred F. Abramson, a native of Brooklyn, New York, now lives in Bel Air, Maryland. He graduated from Virginia State University in 1989 where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. He entered the fraternity by way of Nu Psi, Virginia State University Spring. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Chemical Corps. Colonel Abramson served in a variety of positions overseas as well as the contiguous United States to include: Battalion Chemical Officer and Company Commander; Program Executive Office Liaison Officer, Coalition Forces Land Component Command; Assistant Product Manager, NBC reconnaissance, Budget Team Chief, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the



Brother COL Alfred F. Abramson



Brother COL Orlando W. Ortiz

Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); Joint Product Manager, Biological Detection Systems, Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense; and Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army. Colonel Abramson also earned a Master's degree in Chemistry from Johns Hopkins University, a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and another Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the Army War College. His military education includes the Chemical Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the Advanced Program Management Course, and the Senior Service College. He and his wife have four children.

In addition to their military careers, these two remarkable men continue, to remain actively involved in the chapter's community service and fund raising activities. They continue to serve their country while demonstrating and living out our fraternity's four cardinal principals of Manhood, Scholarship, and Perseverance & Uplift

Pi Omega Great Prostate Cancer Challenge 5K Walk and Run



Members of Pi Omega Chapter, the NPHC Metropolitan Baltimore Council and Dr. Sandy Siegel coordinator of Great Prostate Cancer Challenge

Towson, MD. September 9, 2012. The Brothers of Pi Omega ran and walked to raise funds for the Great Prostate Cancer Challenge 5K Walk and Run. It has become one of the biggest series of races for the Prostate Cancer Challenge. Affecting 200,000 plus men year, prostate cancer is second only to skin cancer as the most common male cancer in the U.S. Men aged 50 and older, African American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer are at higher risk. In 2007, the Chesapeake Urology Associates created an event solely focused on prostate cancer. The goal was to increase awareness, provide screening opportunities for men unable to get screenings, and raise money for prostate research.

Iota Nu Perry Point Cook-out with the Veterans

Aberdeen, MD. May 5th, 2012. Perry Point, VA Cook-out with the Veterans. The Brothers of the Iota Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. participated in their annual Cook-out/Fishing event with the Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Perry Point VA Medical Center in Perry Point, MD. The Perry Point VA Medical Center is the largest inpatient facility in the VA Maryland Health Care System. They provide inpatient medical, intermediate and long-term care programs, including nursing home care, rehabilitation services, geriatric evaluation and management, respite care, chronic ventilator care and hospice care. The VA Medical Center is located on a beautiful campus of approximately 400 acres on the banks of the Susquehanna

River and the Chesapeake Bay where patients can enjoy a variety of recreational activities, including fishing, swimming, bicycling and jogging.

Each year the Iota Nu chapter, along with one of our founding charter members Bro. Charles Alston spend time to preparing food, cooking and feeding the veterans who so bravely served for our country. Our aim is to not only feed our veterans, but to spend quality time with them as a show of gratitude for their service through out the world for our country at or around Memorial Day. Martin McFadden is the VA liaison who has been instrumental in coordinating these efforts with our chapter which have led to yet another successful venture with the cook-out and fishing outing. We truly

enjoyed our time eating and speaking with the Veterans, as well to ensure that the Veteran's dietary needs are not disturbed while enjoying hotdogs, BBQ chicken, potato salad, and other items.

There were a number of us who took the opportunity to tour the facility and meet with Veterans who are not able to move about the campus as freely as others. We were glad to see their warm reception of our visit.

When our time started to draw to a close, we said our farewells but never good-bye. Our vision is to express our undying gratitude and support to our troops. They will forever remain in our thoughts and in our hearts.

Kappa Omicron 5 Boro & Veterans Food Pantry Drive

Harlem New York. April 21, 2012. The Brothers of Kappa Omicron Chapter with other organizations sponsor the 2012 Five Borough and Veterans Food Pantry Drive - to make sure that people and families that need food get the food they need.

To help their fellow human beings, Kappa Omicron in the past has provided large quantities of food through food pantries. It organized the Five Boroughs Food Pantry in 2009 and over a Four year period has been able to donate all kinds of essential foods to needy people – packages of meat, canned food, cooking oil, fruit and vegetables, etc., etc. For example, last year (2011) Kappa Omicron provided 520 cases of food to five food pantries and their Veterans counterpart provided an additional supply of food to a sixth food pantry.

The food drive began January 2012 and ended April 21, 2012. Fraternity brothers, citizens, friends and those who care were requested to funds or other resources to make people's lives better and made this year's food drive successful.

Kappa Omicron Chapter held its fourth Food Pantry Ceremony Saturday, April 21, 2012 at Kappa Omicron Fraternity House. All six Food Pantry's received a fully paid invoice from Kappa Omicron Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for 88 cases of food that they can pick up immediately from a large food wholesaler. Since 2009 Kappa Omicron has donated 2,100 cases of food to Pantry's.

The Six Food Pantry's that received the donations in Brooklyn, NY were The Black Veterans for Social Justice and Flatbush-Thompkins Congregational Church, Bronx, NY, The Salvation Army Citadel Corps, Manhattan, Covent Avenue Baptist Church, Queens, N.Y. The ST. Albans Congregational Church and in Staten Island, N.Y. The Stapleton Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.

Raymond Haskins and Thomas Wallace Co-Chairs founded the project and are assisted by committee members, Percy Lambert, Charles Johnson, Lennitt Bligen Sr. Cory Williams, Relester James, Eddy Parisen and Kevin Woodhouse. Kappa Omicron Chapter was chartered in 1948. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. re-

Zeta Psi Chapter Sponsor Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative

May 19, 2012, Harlem, NY - The Zeta Psi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., with Harlem Children Zone hosted "Daddy and Me" a program geared to address the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. partnership with President Barack Obama to address the critical challenge of Father Absence in the lives of children, families and the nation's communities. To also focus on the importance of mentoring our next generation of young men and father's.

Bro. Thabiti Boone, Chairman of the Fraternity's Partnership with the Whitehouse Initiative, was in attendance and brought greetings

from the Grand Basileus. The program consisted of personal Father/children photo shoot, arts and craft creating picture frames, reading and game rooms to the lunch and resource table. It was a great Day celebrating the importance of Fatherhood and it was a joy seeing the beautiful smiles on the faces of the children, especially the daughter's, interacting, spending time with their Dads.

Additionally, it was a monumental event for Zeta Psi to be the 1st City-wide chapter in Corridor 5 to facilitate a very creative program under our Fraternity partnership with President Obama Fatherhood, Mentoring Initiative.

Upsilon Alpha Brothers Celebrate 50 years

Atlantic City, NJ. The Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. celebrates two of its own as they reach a milestone in Omega. Brother William Steele and Brother Norman King both recently celebrated 50 Years of dedication to Omega.

Brother William Steele was initiated on December 11, 1961 Rho Chapter, Johnson C. Smith University. Brother Steele is a retired educator in Atlantic City having moved here in 1965. Brother Steele rose through the ranks of the Atlantic City Board of Education, began his career as a classroom teacher he later became the Principal of one of the more successful elementary schools in the city. Ultimately Brother Steele retired as the Principal of the Atlantic City High School. Brother Steele continues to be active in his retirement, working with the Atlantic City Board of Education's Parent Resource Center helping to guide parents through the educational process. Brother Steele and his lovely wife Linda are the proud parents of two children and four grandchildren. Brother Steele's son Shay is a second generation Omega man.

Brother Norman King was initiated on January 6, 1962 through Lambda Gamma Chapter, Elizabeth City State University. Brother King he received a Bachelor of Science degree (with honor) in Business Education from



Brother Norman King

Elizabeth City State University, Elizabeth City, North Carolina; and, he received the Master of Arts degree from Trenton State College (The College of New Jersey) in 1969. He completed further graduate studies at Rutgers University, Temple University, and Glassboro State College (Rowan University), where he received his administrator's certification. Brother King's career in the field of education began at Pleasantville High School in 1964 as a Business Education Teacher. He retired from Pleasantville High School



Brother Bill Steele

in 2000 as Principal after thirty-six (36) years of devoted service to the students and community of Pleasantville. He truly believed that "CHILDREN WERE FIRST." Brother King remains active in his community by being active in many civic organizations. Brother King is married to Valgene Gibbs King, Director of Medicals at the Department of Family and Community Development in Atlantic City, and they have one son, Audwin Gerard King.

Upsilon Alpha Social Action Activities

Galloway, New Jersey. November 22, 2011. Brothers of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter, Atlantic City gathered to assemble Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets for needy family in Atlantic County, New Jersey. Five full baskets were prepared and each basket included a turkey with all the trimmings including dessert. Five families were relieved of the burden of finding a way to have dinner for Thanksgiving thanks to the efforts of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter.

Atlantic City, New Jersey. November 25, 2011. The brothers of Upsilon Alpha Chapter visited the Salvation Army in Atlantic City.

The Brothers assisted the Salvation Army in serving its lunch program. Over 110 individuals were served. In the group was a single mother of two young boys. The chapter approached the mother to inquire about her ability to provide a Christmas for her boys. When the mother indicated that it would be very difficult for her, the Chapter stepped up. On Christmas Eve the Upsilon Alpha Chapter delivered to the mother toys, clothes and other gifts for the boys so that they would enjoy Christmas. The chapter also provided a gift card for the mother so that she could treat herself as well.



Brother Darrell Edmonds

Upsilon Alpha Centennial Founders Day

Egg Harbor Township, NJ. November 13, 2011. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Upsilon Alpha Chapter, Atlantic City gathered at the Shore Diner to enjoy breakfast and fellowship in honor of the Centennial Founders' Day. A good time was had and the chapter acknowledged and honored its Omega Man of the Year, Brother Darrell Edmonds.

2nd District Social Action Committee Host Domestic Violence Program

National Harbor, Maryland, April 28, 2012.

The 2nd District Social Action committee hosted a domestic violence program at the 64th 2nd District Conference in National Harbor Maryland. The Chairman of the committee Bro. J. Kendall Smalls open the program and talked about the committee's goal to continue to bring more awareness to the issue of domestic violence. The 32nd District Representative Kenneth Rodgers gave the DR message. Bro. Malik Kirkland of Alpha Upsilon Chapter spoke about the statistics and number of victims both male and female that he has seen as a NYC Police Officer. The featured guest speaker was Mildred D. Muhammad the ex-wife of John Allen Muhammad, the convicted DC sniper who terrorized the Washington DC metro region in late 2002. Mrs. Muhammad spoke about being a survivor of domestic violence and how it affected her three children. There was also a table display with information for anyone who was a victim or new someone who was a victim of domestic violence.



l-r 2nd District Social Chair J Kendall Smalls, 2nd District Representative, Kenneth Rodgers, Guest Speaker Mildred D. Muhammad, Bro Jason Callahan and Bro. Malik Kirkland

Corridor V Brothers Participate in Urban Impact 2012 Father's Day Outreach Initiative

Brooklyn, New York, June 16, 2012. On June 16, 2012 Bro. Thabiti Boone of Alpha Upsilon Chapter (International Representative for Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Fatherhood and Mentoring Initiative) put together a partnership between the Hope Center Development Corporation, The Allan Houston Foundation, and Real Dads Network. The Father's Day Outreach Initiative took place at [I.S. 252 Arthur Somers High School](#) in Brooklyn, NY. This groundbreaking event brought together elected officials, businessmen and pastors to celebrate Father's Day and encourage men in their faith, families, careers and finance.

In keeping with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s support and partnership with President Barack Obama's White House Fatherhood Mentoring Initiative, "Urban Impact 2012" provided essential tools and resources for fathers and their families and kicked off a series of interactive team building sports for fathers and sons. The Brothers of Psi Lambda Lambda and Alpha Upsilon Chapters conducted a voter registration drive and participated in the 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Several participants of the tournament were awarded trophies and prizes presented by special guest- former NBA All-Star and current Knicks Assistant General Manager, Allan Houston, who attended the event in conjunction with his "Father Knows Best" Basketball Program and the iStar Charity Shootout 5 Borough Tour. Bro. Boone is also the fatherhood adviser to the Allan Houston Legacy Foundation and New York Knicks.



Allan Houston and Brother Thabiti Boone

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