

**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.**  
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**IOTA EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER**

September 2022 Connection & Social Action Committee Report-Soror Regina Ladson, Connection & Social Action Chairman–Members present: Basileus Gail Smith, Soror Ann Bennett, Soror Joanne Wynne, Soror London Dixon, Soror Kelsey Boyd, and Soror Natalie McKenzie

The Connection and Social Action committee met on September 6th to discuss plans for a voter registration drive during the month of September. Registration can be done electronically and by paper. An organization flier and QR code will be attached to this report for distribution to Sorors to share with their prospective communities.. Places the committee would like the chapter to show a presence in to assist with registering to vote and voter education are: assisted living facilities, churches, and high school sporting events (all with permission). Committee sorors will be in contact with chapter sorors that could help in our planning and outreach. The committee is looking into securing a place for Sept. 18th and again after the October chapter meeting. The Committee would also like to include Nu Kappa in the voter registration efforts on the Fairleigh Dickinson University Campus. Madam Basileus also suggested a possible collaborative effort with GirlTrek in a potential “stroll to the polls” with our sister chapters in cluster IV.

**Key deadlines for the November 2022 election:**

**Registration deadlines**

**In-person at local election office : Oct 18**

**Online : Oct 18**

**By mail (postmarked by) : Oct 18**

**Absentee ballot deadlines**

**Request ballot : Nov 1**

**Return ballot by mail (postmarked by) : Nov 8**

**Return ballot in person : Nov 8**

**Voting deadlines**

**Early voting : Oct 29 - Nov 6 Hours will be Monday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary.**

**In-person : Nov 8**

Anyone interested in being a poll worker:

<https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/pollworker.shtml>

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM

Respectfully submitted

Soror Regina L. Ladson

Connection & Social Action Chair



**October 2022 Gene-Ann Polk Horne Endowment Committee – Shirley Myers Deering**

The GAPH ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE met via zoom on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. In attendance were Sorors Debbie Adkins, Barbara Baker, Monica Honis, Gwendolyn Larry, Yolanda Pickett, Shelley Worrell, Billie Streets, Maredia Warren Jr., Minnie Adams, and Catherine Stewart.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM

Sorors were thanked for their collaboration in making the GAPH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION RAFFLE a successful event. A total of **\$2,075** was raised on the beautiful baskets.

The committee unanimously agreed to move forward with plans for another raffle in October 2023 to raise money for the GAPH ENDOWMENT FUND.

The committee briefly discussed the scholarship criteria and possible timeline for selecting the first recipient of the GAPH ENDOWMENT FUND.

The meeting was closed at 7:54 PM.

The next meeting of the GAPH ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE will be on January 17, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Myers Deering

Chairman

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### September 2022 Epistoleus Report

Correspondence	Action
<p>Thank you note – Rebecca Beaver            IEO Scholarship Winner</p>	<p>Read/File</p>
<p>Invitation to AKA - Zeta Omega Chapter's            Centennial Celebration Luncheon</p>	<p>Read / File</p>
<p>Invitation to Omega Psi Phi – Nu Beta Beta Chapter's            40<sup>th</sup> Chapter Anniversary</p>	<p>Read/File</p>
<p>AKA Educational Advancement Foundation, Inc.            Letter – Confirming \$200 Contribution</p>	<p>Read/File</p>
<p>YWCA Northern NJ 2022 Fundraiser – Donation Request</p>	<p>Read/File</p>
<p>AKA Corporate Office – Summary of Significant Accomplishments of            Supreme Basileus Glenda Glover</p>	<p>Read/File</p>
<p>RLI Surety Bond Renewal Notice</p>	<p>Forwarded to Soror Alicia            Henderson</p>
<p>Center for Food Action – Donation request for 9/11 Day of Service</p>	<p>Read/File</p>
<p>Financial Card for IEO Chapter Member</p>	<p>Forwarded to Soror Sharon            Fields</p>



October 2022 Basileus Report – Gail Smith

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## **Exemplifying Excellence Through Sustainable Service & Soaring to Greater Heights of Service & Sisterhood**

We are continuing to wind down our activities for 2022. This includes closing out activities and reports for the Exemplifying Excellence Administration, and planning to launch the SOAR administration.

As we start to pivot our focus from one administration to the other, we know that there are some things that are constant such as Connection and Social Action. This year is a critical election year. It is important that we do as much as possible to get the vote out! As such there are some collaborative projects in which the Cluster IV Baselei agreed to participate. The first event is an IEO led initiative. We are planning a Stroll event on November 5<sup>th</sup>, following our scheduled chapter meeting. At 12:30 PM we will gather at the MLK monument for a Stroll to the Polls type of event. We are inviting GirlTrek and other organizations throughout Bergen County to participate. More information and a flyer will be forthcoming. Chapters throughout New Jersey will host similar walks at the same time that day.

There is also a phone bank which is being supported by the cluster. That event takes place on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the phone bank is to contact registered voters and remind them to vote. Information and directions will be circulated as it is received from the initiating chapter.

As we close out our year, we need to prepare for a Standards Evaluation sometime in the near future. As such, all 2021 & 2022 officers and committee chairmen are requested to complete the following:

Place all of your reports and information for 2021 and 2022 in your akaieo.org google drive. All of 2021 materials should be placed in a folder titled 2021 and this year's information in a folder titled 2022. Reports should be labeled with the year, month( numeric) and title of the committee (i.e., 2022 09 Basileus Report, or 2022 09 Membership). All 2021 should be in one folder and 2022 reports should be in another folder. This will facilitate our ability to sort reports for evaluations. Please make sure that you rename your files to conform with the requested format when you place them in the folders and drive.

If you had an event that included a flyer, please place the flyer within the drive with the date and event in the file name (i.e., 02 2022 Pink Goes Red, or 10 2022 GPH Endowment).

As we prepare for 2023, please consider how you would like to participate in the sorority. The committee sign-up sheet will be circulated for the next few weeks. Feel free to sign up for more than one committee and please indicate if you are willing to serve as committee or co-committee chairman. Sorors, we need all hands, on deck, and I am asking you to continue to work together to help improve the lives of members in our community.

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**October 2022 Graduate Advisor – Soror Natalie Cureton**

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Nu Kappa:

Nu Kappa participated with FDUs organization fair on September 14<sup>th</sup> and is planning several events for the semester. They attended the virtual Undergraduate Round Up on September 27<sup>th</sup> and held their first event called “Pillow Talk” on September 28<sup>th</sup> which followed the sisterly relations theme of our new initiatives. Nu Kappa decided to host a video contest to determine who will win one of two \$750 scholarship awards with the funds received from Soror Mary Bentley LaMar’s administration.

GAC:

The GAC met on September 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss IEO’s support of Nu Kappa. Mentors for the Nu Kappa members were identified to help the undergrad sorors continue to acclimate to the sorority, develop sisterly bonds, etc. All GAC members are invited/encouraged to join Nu Kappa’s meetings as much as possible so we can assist Nu Kappa with increasing their presence on campus.

Respectfully submitted...





*Soaring To Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood*

**Program Committee Report**

Gwendolyn Larry, Programs Chairman

Gail Smith, Baselius

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

The Program Committee met virtually on Thursday, September 15, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Soror Gwendolyn Larry, Program Committee Chairman, at 7:33 PM.

There were 33 Sorors present, including Yolonda Pickett, Valerie Moore Hamer, Nellie Jenkins, Shirley Myers Deering, Joyce Williams, Jacqueline Bennett-DePriest, Natalie Robinson, Tiffany Peoples-Kerr, Shannon Andino, Ellisa Clark-Rawls, Barbara Baker, Natalie McKenzie, Daniella Small-Bailey, Janiqua Green, Teri Harvey, Alecia Carter, Fahron Ebanks, Shelley Worrell, Alicia Chavis, Ann Bennett, Sharon Fields, Joanne Wynne, Ariel Curry, Frances Jelks-Brown, Jasmine Franklin, Shawanna Bailey, Myranda Barreau, Keshia Ali, Nyla Thomas, Kelsey Boyd, Renita Powell, Alexis Cobb, and Gail Smith, ex-officio.

The meeting agenda was reviewed and accepted as printed. Soror Nellie offered the devotion. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Soror Yolonda and accepted as read.

Soror Gwen reviewed the current International Program initiatives and provided the current lists of Sorors who signed up for each, but will still accept the Google Forms for Sorors who have yet to sign up. She would like for the subcommittees for each initiative to meet and develop a calendar of events through June 2023. Soror Gail reminded Sorors to read each initiative carefully because some are inward facing and some are outward facing, and this may not be obvious based on the names of each program.

Sorors working under the Strengthen Our Sisterhood initiative would work closely with the Sisterly Relations committee to develop activities.

Soror Nyla volunteered to chair Initiative #1 Strengthen Our Sisterhood . Our IEO Pods would continue as AKA Squads.

The International Pen Pals program with Sorors in Toronto would continue as **AKA Pals**, but this would also need to include engaging with Sorors in Cluster IV.

Soror Tiffany volunteered to lead **Random Acts of Sisterliness**. We are still in need of Sorors to volunteer for **“We Are One”** and **Leadership Development**.

Soror Alecia Carter volunteered to assist whoever chairs **Empowering Our Families**. An official chairman is still needed. Soror Nellie volunteered to lead Our Seniors, Soror Kelsey volunteered to lead the **Youth Leadership Institute**, and Soror Yolonda volunteered to lead **Mental Health Awareness**. A volunteer is still needed to lead **CHIPP**. Soror Shannon and Soror Jacqueline offered to attend the meeting from the Corporate Office that will further describe this initiative.

Sorors Valerie and Alicia Chavis will co-chair **Build Our Economic Wealth**. They have planned a program on **Trust Accounts** on 10/9/22 at 4pm. Supporting Women Entrepreneurs is a program that can build on our existing program. More information will be received about the **For Members Only™ Credit Union, Sister Circles, and Black Dollar Days**.

Soror Ariel volunteered to chair Initiative #4 **Enhance Our Environment**. Soror Janiqua volunteered to chair Initiative #5 **Advocate for Social Justice** and this initiative will work closely with the **Connections Committee** on programming regarding the election. Volunteers are needed to lead the various programs under each initiative. Sorors working on Initiative #6 **Uplift Our Local Community** will work closely with the Public Relations and Awards committees. A chairman for this committee is still needed.

The Bergen County Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., expressed an interest in working together on voter education and registration. Soror Gail will check with the Regional Director’s chief of staff to determine how this can be done within the current initiative.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- The trust account program will be held on 10/9/22 via Zoom. Check your email for the flier.
- “To Then From Now” the Christopher A Smith and IEO presents a musical concert that will be held on 10/30/22 at 4 PM at the Teaneck Presbyterian Church. Tickets will be \$20 per person. It was moved by Soror Valerie and seconded by Soror Jacqueline that the chapter would donate the remaining funds from The Arts Target to the Christopher Smith foundation. The motion carried with 24 votes.

Planners are needed for a voter registration drive. Soror Fahron volunteered to lead the chapter’s **Girl Trek** program and **Soror Sharon** volunteered to lead the food distribution program through Mount Olive Baptist Church. Sorors Valerie and Yolonda will work on developing a virtual breast cancer program with a Gynecologist and Fitness Instructor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.



**2022 October Standards Committee Report - Valerie Moore Hamer,**  
**Chairman**

The Standards Committee met on September 7, 2022. This meeting was reported on in the September Standards Report.

Subsequent meetings have been held with the retreat sub-committees. The sub committees are busy working to plan an engaging, informative and fun retreat.

Everyone should have received a save the date email for the retreat, being held on Friday, November 18th and Saturday, November 19, 2022. Friday will be a fun night with games, strolling and line dancing. Saturday we will take care of business. I expect that the cost of the retreat to sorors will be less than \$20.

Officers and committee chairs please follow the instructions from the basileus for your 2021 and 2022 reports..

Officers only, please complete your code of ethics and return it to Soror Alicia Chavis.

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**October 2022 Nominating Committee – Soror Maredia Dionne Warren**

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The members of the Nominating Committee met on Monday, September 26, 2022 to finalize the 2023-2024 officer slate to be presented at the October meeting. The slate is as follows:

Basileus	Soror Gail Smith
Anti Basileus	Soror Gwendolyn Larry
<i>Grammateus</i>	<i>Open</i>
Anti Grammateus	Soror Tanisha Russel Day
<i>Tamiochus</i>	<i>Open</i>
Epistoleus	Soror Tiffany Lawson
Ivy Leaf Reporter	Soror Tawayna Bailey Soror Samantha Wilson
Graduate Advisor	Soror Natalie Cureton
Pecunious Grammateus	Soror Regina Ladson
Anti Pecunious Grammateus	Soror Intisar Foster
Chaplain	Soror Janiqua Green
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Open</i>
Hodegos	Soror Minnie Adams
Philacter	Soror Nellie Jenkins

Candidates will also be able to be nominated from the floor at the October meeting. Candidates nominated from the floor must meet the qualifications for the respective office as listed in our chapter bylaws. The chapter will vote on all candidates at the November 2022 chapter meeting. The electronic voting process may be modified and/or simplified due to the candidate pool size. Our timeline will proceed as follows:

October Meeting- Presentation of slate, nominations accepted from the floor

November- Chapter voting

December Meeting- Installation of 2023-2024 officers

Respectfully Submitted,

The 2022 Nominating Committee

Soror Yolanda Blaize

Soror Alicia Chavis

Soror Deborah Jones

Soror Regina Ladson

Soror Maredia Dionne Warren (Chair)

Soror Shelley Worrell



## Finance Committee Report

10.1.22

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, September 28 at 8:04pm. Present at the meeting were Sorors Shelley Worrell, Mary Pickney, Valerie Hamer, Natalie Cureton, Gwendolyn Larry, Sharon Fields, Gail Smith and myself, Alicia Henderson.

- I. The committee reviewed the proposed budget for 2022/2023.  
(Review Operating Budget with general body)
  
- II. The committee discussed reimbursement related to matters involving two Sorors and their serving the chapter by ensuring that we had delegate strength at both NARC and the Boule.
  - A. Our Soror, a delegate for the chapter, became ill right before Boule. Because we have to submit names of delegates during registration and the names can not be substituted after registration, we lost our delegate strength and thus our voting power at Boule. Not only did we lose our delegate strength at Boule but our chapter Soror lost her non-refundable registration fee of \$400. ***The Finance Committee is recommending that we make an exception to reimburse our chapter Soror for 50% (\$200) of what the chapter would normally reimburse a Soror for serving as delegate for our chapter at Boule.***
  
  - B. Many of our chapter Sorors, in addition to serving our chapter, serve the sorority on a regional and national level as well. When such Soror attends conferences, the region or national will reimburse the registration cost for the conference. One of our sorors, who serves the region, attended NARC and her registration was reimbursed by the region. However, she incurred other conference expenses as she also volunteered to serve as a delegate for our chapter when we were short delegates in order to ensure that we were represented and had voting strength. ***The Finance Committee is recommending that we make an exception to reimburse our chapter Soror for conference expenses in the amount of \$210.***

This concludes the Finance Committee Report.

Sisterly,

The Finance Committee



September Scholarship Committee Report – Stacey Marques, Esq., Chairman

The Scholarship Committee had its monthly meeting on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 via Zoom and over twelve Sorors attended. The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Eighteen scholarship were awarded during the 2021-2022 cycle, seventeen awarded to traditional recipients based on merit and one awarded to an overcomer, Maylei Taylor. The Scholarship award was held jointly with the CAP program on June 5, 2022 at 3pm virtually.

Chase Jackson, one of the traditional recipients has contacted the committee requesting that his award be held in abeyance for one year. The following motions passed during the committee meeting:

1. Chase Jackson's scholarship award shall be held in abeyance for one year until Fall 2023 after which it shall be deemed forfeited.
2. All future scholarship applications shall include a clause giving IEO/ICSDP the exclusive right to decide on whether to grant any recipients request to hold scholarship checks in abeyance beyond the immediate cycle or whether failure to immediately accept shall be deemed forfeiture.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Submitted by,  
Soror Stacey Marques, Esq., Scholarship Committee Chairman



# Publicity Committee : Report

**Date:** October 1, 2022

**co-Chairs:** Soror [Aleaka Ince](#) and Soror Hollis Thomas

- Committee met Tuesday, September 13th at 6:30 pm via zoom link, with 8 attendees
- Agenda focused on creative brainstorming, project allocation, and the development of project related sub-committees; Social Media, Public Relations, and Photography. Our goal is to create space for Sorors to contribute in ways that feel manageable.
- SOCIAL MEDIA: Since the launch of our new engagement, Instagram has reached over 600 accounts, gained 5 new followers and each story has had close to 100 views. For Facebook, we have reached over 800 views across our last three posts.
  - Special request from our social media sub-committee: As you're gathering for GirlsTrek walks, please submit pictures and videos to [publicity@akaieo.org](mailto:publicity@akaieo.org) OR share on our GroupMe chat. We would like to compile and create a social video (reel) and post photos.
- October Events Covered:
  - **Trust Account Basics... How, When, and Why to Establish a Trust Account** (flier, social media, email marketing, and event recap article)
  - **To Then From Now... Christopher A. Smith Foundation Concert** (flier, social media, email marketing, and event recap article)
- Congratulations to our first Sisterly Spotlight! **Soror Theodora Lacey!**
  - Nominated by Madam Basileus
  - highlighted for your civic leadership and
  - over 65 years of service to Alpha Kappa Alpha (Pearl Soror)
  - If you have a sisterly spotlight, please email us at [publicity@akaieo.org](mailto:publicity@akaieo.org) and we send you the "Sisterly Spotlight Form"
- Committee meetings will be held every SECOND Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 pm



*Tota Epsilon Omega Chapter*  
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**Tamiouchos Report**  
**Finances as of October 31, 2022**

Summary of Accounts	Amount	Balance
<i>Program Acct Balance (2778)</i>		4600.70
<i>Operating Acct Balance (4215)</i>		40,126.10
<i>Savings Acct Balance (4428)</i>		5858.01
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,584.81</b>
<b>Programming (Grant) Account (2778)</b>		
Starting Bank Balance 10/1/22		2250.20
<i>Deposits &amp; Credits</i>		2350.50
<i>Withdrawals &amp; Debits</i>		
Monthly Fees		
Closing Bank Balance 10/31/22		4600.70
<b>Operating Account (4215)</b>		
Starting Bank Balance 10/1/22		44,435.25
<i>Deposits &amp; Credits</i>		74.17
Paypal	74.17	
<i>Withdrawals &amp; Debits</i>		
Checks Cashed		4,383.32
#4837JSD, Reimbursement	101.29	
#4838-NARC, 28	2800	
#4839-ET, Reimbursement	791.61	
#4840-AE, Reimbursemt	25	
#4841-ET, Reimbursement	55.42	
#4842-SW, Reimbursemt	610	
Closing Bank Balance 10/31/22		40,126.10

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**Finances as of October 31, 2022**

Summary of Accounts	Amount	Balance
<b>Savings Account (4428)</b>		
Starting Bank Balance 10/1/22		5857.96
<i>Deposits &amp; Credits</i>		0.05
Interest Earned	0.05	
<i>Withdrawals &amp; Debits</i>		0
Closing Bank Balance 10/31/22		5858.01
Outstanding Checks		
#4388	\$100	
#4435	\$50	
#4807, VOID		
#1514-1518, VOID		

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**2022 OCTOBER PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS REPORT**  
**SHARON FIELDS, FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

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**The purpose of this report provides a summary of monies received during the month of 2022 September.**

**EAF-Jar = \$232.00**

**EAF-Lacey Store = \$119.00**

**YWCA Donation = \$20.00**

**GRAND TOTAL = \$371.00**

**This ends the 2022 October Pecunious Grammateus Report.**

Table 1

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. IEO CHAPTER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
2022 PER CAPITA	\$3,125.00	\$750.00	\$250.00	\$125.00									\$4,250.00
2022 IEO DUES	\$3471.34	\$1,500.00		\$250.00	\$50.00	\$50.00							\$5,321.34
2022 EAF	\$270.00	\$70.00	\$20.00	\$10.00									\$370.00
2022 REACTIVATION	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$610.00										\$710.00
2022 Late Fee	\$37.50	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50									\$137.50
2023 Dues Payment Plan	\$85.00						\$18.72						\$103.72
2021 50th Anniversary Scarf	\$75.00				\$50.00								\$125.00
2021 Breast Cancer T-Shirt	\$32.00												\$32.00
PayPal Refund	\$8.87												\$8.87
2022 MIP Gifts		\$180.00	\$280.00	\$20.00	\$40.00								\$520.00
2022 AKA-IEO MIP				\$62,020.00									\$62,020.00
Bling Name Badge					\$381.00	\$99.00	\$15.00	\$27.00					\$522.00
Late to Chapter Meeting					\$2.00								\$2.00
EAF-Jar						\$203.03		\$67.00	\$232.00				\$502.03
Denim & Pearls Picnic							\$1,695.72	\$201.07	\$119.00				\$2,015.79
EAF-Lacey Store													\$0.00
YWCA-Donation									\$20.00				\$20.00
TOTAL	\$7,164.71	\$2,602.50	\$1,185.00	\$62,437.50	\$523.00	\$352.03	\$1,729.44	\$295.07	\$371.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,660.25