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Happy New Year

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*A Message From
Madam Basileus*

**Happy New Year Sorors of Tau Omega
and welcome to a new decade 2020!**

As your new Basileus I am filled with a spirit of excitement with great expectations for our chapter. We will be moving forward together planning programs of excellence and serving our community. Our newly appointed leadership team has already begun the work of Tau Omega and are prepared to launch programs of excellence.

Congratulations to all newly elected officers and committee chairwomen! You have answered the call to serve and I look forward to working with each of you in 2020. I thank all of our outgoing officers and committee chairwomen for your commitment and service.

The first chapter meeting will be held Sat, January 18th at 1PM. The day will start early with The Charitable Trust Annual Meeting at 11:30 AM - 12 Noon followed by "Reclaiming Our Precious Pearls" a mix and mingle at 12PM - 1PM. The Program Fair will be held during our fellowship after chapter meeting- please be sure to visit and join committees of your choice. This will be a robust meeting and I am asking all Sorors to arrive on time so we can adjourn our meeting in a timely manner.

Tau Omega will be capturing a new chapter picture for 2020. I am requesting all Sorors wear the Black Chapter blazer/ a black blazer, white top, and black bottom with an accent of pink and green (lapel pin, scarf, jewelry, etc). We will get into formation for our photo shoot after chapter meeting.



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A Message From *Madam Basileus*

Our chapter will be moving into the new decade digitally engaged. At our January Chapter meeting we will begin testing our new electronic sign in process and will be distributing pink and green key fobs for admission to chapter meeting. I would like to extend a warm thank you to our Technology Chair Meshawn DeCoteau and her committee for their leadership with this new chapter initiative. At each chapter meeting our "Tech Corner" will be open one hour prior to the start of chapter meeting to provide one on one training and address any questions. All Sorors are encouraged to use this resource as the committee rolls out the new technology.

The Leadership Summit was held on Saturday January 11th at the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel. The meeting theme was, "Prelude To Playing My Part."

Tau Omega was well represented by members of our executive board and we all had the opportunity to strengthen our operational skills.

I am available to conduct a group registration for the North Atlantic Regional Conference if you are interested please review the registration packet and list all the workshops and events you would like to attend. Your check should be made payable to Tau Omega Chapter, AKA.

Let's soar together and accomplish great things in 2020!

Sisterly,
Michelle B. Hardy

Basileus
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated



Important Events

**The 89th North Atlantic
Regional Conference
March 4-8, 2020
Hartford, CT**

**Cluster III Founders'
Day Celebration
February 29,
2020 at the
LaGuardia Plaza
Hotel**

**AKA Day @ The
Capitol
Sat Feb 15th -
Empire State Plaza
Convention Center**



TAU OMEGA CHAPTER MONTHLY AGENDA



Chapter Meeting Agenda- Saturday, January 18, 2020
11:30am – Tau Omega Charitable Trust Fund Inc. Annual Meeting
12pm – Reclamation – Mix & Mingle
1pm – Chapter Meeting
Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Community Center, First Floor

Presiding
Michelle B. Hardy, Basileus
Chapter Meeting Agenda

Call To Order
Meditation
Minutes (Corrections/Additions)
Announcements
Introduction of Visiting Sorors
Executive Committee Recommendations
Basileus Report
 Introduction of Officers and Committee Chairwomen
Nominating – NARC Delegates
Program Committee
Membership Committee
Finance Committee
95th Anniversary
Scholarship
AKA Connections
Ivy Leaf Reporter
Graduate Advisory Council
 Lambda
 Omicron Theta
Gadget
Hymn & Pledge
Program Fair
Chapter Picture
Fellowship

Soror Christine Dudley
Soror Kamilah Smith- 3min
Soror Chelsea B. Hardy- 2min
Soror L. Pepsi Parker – 5 min
Soror Kamilah Smith – 5min

Soror Michelle B. Hardy- 10min
Soror Sharon Bryant - 15min
Soror Valerie Henderson- 10min
Soror Melissa Forde- 5min
Sorors S McDade/K.Myrie10min
Sorors C Bryant/ N Jordan10min
Soror Audrey Myers 2min
Soror Malikka Karteron 2min
Soror Njeri J.-Smalls 2min

Soror Dorinda Hazel-Forde 2min
Soror Doris Mitchell 2min
Soror LaShawn Pepsi Parker

Program Chairs
Soror Regina Fleming



TAU OMEGA CHAPTER COMMITTEE UPDATES



First Anti-Basileus: Program Report

Greetings Sorors and a very Happy Founders' Day in advance! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are well rested for this program-packed year ahead. I look forward to working with each of you as we exemplify EXCELLENCE throughout this 112th year of Service to ALL Mankind!

Over the next month we will hold two events for our impact days: the MLK Day of Service and Pink Goes Red. We will also have two Reactivation Day events. As part of our continued efforts to partner with other organizations our MLK Day of Service will be in conjunction with the Wall Street Alphas (Kappa Xi Lambda) and the Harlem Alphas (Alpha Gamma Lambda). It will be held on January 20, 2020, at the Kennedy Center. We will be assembling care packages for the homeless from 10am-3pm for distribution to select drop-off centers. If you are unable to attend, please bring your donated items to January's chapter meeting.

Target 1 held their first meeting with 11 #CAP students on January 6 and will continue to hold meetings every Monday (except holidays). Please see Soror Sharon Cook if you're interested in participating and/or attending.

We will also hold our Program Fair at January's Chapter Meeting, so please come prepared to sign up for committees!

Please be on the look out regarding more information for our Pink Goes Red event. Sorors we ask that you show up and show out our community events because we would LOVE to see YOU there.

We have a very rigorous program calendar so let's get prepared to work smart, not hard!

Sorors please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, concerns and/or ideas. Thank you all so much for this opportunity to serve!

Respectfully submitted,

Soror Valerie M. E. Henderson

First Anti-Basileus

Program Chair

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TAU OMEGA CHAPTER COMMITTEE UPDATES



Second Anti-Basileus: Membership Report

Greeting Sorors,
Happy New Years and Happy Founders' Day!
I hope you all are enjoying 2020 thus far. I am honored to be serving as your new membership chair and look forward to working with you all.

Tau Omega will be hosting the Reactivation Day Mix and Mingle January 18, 2020 before chapter meeting at 12:00pm. All Sorors are encourage to attend as the event serves as an opportunity for inactive Sorors and active Sorors to get to know Tau Omega and possibly find a new home with in our chapter.

The 89th North Atlantic Regional Conference will take place March 4-8, 2020 in Hartford, CT. On time graduate registration is \$210 through January 27, 2020. Late registration is January 28 through February 3, 2020 and a \$100 late fee will apply. The Diamond/Golden/Silver Luncheon-Soror Recognition Form deadline is February 7, 2020.

NARC Chapter Gathering will be Friday March 6, 2020 (Location and Time TBA)

Future events:

Reactivation Community Service Event February 9, 2020 2:30pm to 4:00pm at the Harlem Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation 30 W 138th Street New York, NY 10037.

The event is for sorors only. Newly reactivate sorors and sorors looking for a chapter are encouraged to attend.

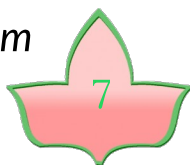
If you're interested in joining the MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, please see me before or after chapter meeting or contact me via e-mail.

Sisterly,

Soror Melissa Forde

Second Anti-Basileus
Membership Chairman

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Tau Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 2020 Fiscal Fitness Tips

The 2019 Administration of the Tau Omega Chapter welcomes many ways for its members to transfer funds. Please be considerate of our Financial Officers and submit any check requests **before the start of the meeting** or immediately following the business portion. Any requests made after the meeting has begun will be fulfilled at the next Executive Committee meeting or Chapter meeting.

2019 Membership Dues will be collected at every chapter meeting.

2019 Membership Dues can only be accepted if ****2018 Obligatory (\$200 to Tau Omega Charitable Trust, Inc.) has been paid FIRST****. Please contact Soror Jacqueline Thomas [Tacqueline@aol.com] if you need to arrange for payment of Obligatory monies. **DO NOT SEND IT TO THE PECUNIOUS GRAMMATEUS** nor to the **CHAPTER OPERATING ACCOUNT** as that will cause a delay in updating your financial status.

2019 Membership Dues (ratified at Oct 2018 Chapter Mtg)

Graduate	\$350.00	Undergraduate Transfer	\$175.00
Life Member	\$225.00		
Reactivation	\$370.00	Late Fee (after 12/31/18)	\$15.00 (\$7 for
Life Members)			
Chapter Officer	\$145.00		

Options for remittance of chapter dues, as well as other transactions decided by the various committees, include the following:

Online payments

In-person payments

Mailed payments

Online payments may be sent using the email address:
tauomegafinances@gmail.com

Chase Quick Pay

Sorors who bank with Chase Bank can remit funds to the chapter using the Quick Pay tool and the email address above. This option is **free**.

ClearXchange / Zelle

Sorors who bank with Bank of America, Citibank, Wells Fargo, and First Bank can remit funds to the chapter using their online payments tools and the email address above. This option is also **free**.



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PayPal

Sorors with or without a PayPal account can remit funds to the chapter using the email address above. This option includes a transaction fee equal to **2.9% of the total plus \$0.30**.

In-person payments may be made to the Pecunious Grammateus, Soror Karen Myrie, via check, cash or electronically.

Square Reader

Sorors can remit funds to the chapter electronically with a credit or debit card using the Square Card Reader. This option includes a transaction fee equal to **2.75% of the total**.

Mailed DUES (not Obligatory) payments should be payable to Tau Omega Chapter of AKA Sorority, Inc. & be sent to:

**Soror Karen Myrie
135 Ocean Pkway-Unit #3M
Brooklyn, NY 11218-2555
SkeeWeeMD@aol.com**

2017 (\$250) arrears and 2018 [\$200] Obligatory payments should be made payable to The Tau Omega Charitable Trust Fund, Inc. & sent to:

**Soror Jacqueline Thomas
Charitable Trust Financial Secretary
31 Sherman Avenue
Mt. Vernon, NY 10552-2008
Tacqueline@aol.com**

Sorors, PLEASE make the correct payments, payable to the correct entity, and give/send to the correct person.

Team Finance,
Soror Star McDade, Tamiouchos
Soror Karen Myrie, Pecunious Grammateus



Standards Committee Report

Greetings Sorors and a very Happy Founders' Day in advance! Happy New Years Sorors! The Standards Committee hope you had a wonderful 2019 holiday season.

2019 Tau Omega Chapter Self-Assessment

The Standards and Technology committee want to send a special thank to all Sorors that completed the 2019 Tau Omega Chapter Self-Assessment survey via JotForm. Thank you for helping us reduce our carbon footprint on the environment and going **GREEN!**

“Our goal during this administration is to assist chapters with transferring their Electronic Evaluations both internally and externally utilizing Microsoft 365 or other cloud-based storage licenses issued by Corporate Office, to assist with a more efficient chapter evaluation on an annual basis.”

Soror Brenda Lewis, Chairman
International Standards Committee

Soror Code of Ethics

Historically we have completed our Soror Code of Ethics during chapter meeting. We will send out our Soror Code of Ethics evaluation via online and not during chapter meeting. This will be beneficial for the following reason:

- 1) Typically, the Soror Code of Ethics is completed by officers but due to the transient nature of our chapter it best that we all review on an annual basis our Code of Ethics as a refresher and reminder of our commitment to our beloved sisterhood.
- 2) Allow us to better manage our record keeping and know which Sorors have participated and completed the Soror Code of Ethics. In the past we were unable to identify some of the signatures and names when we received hard copies of the Soror Code of Ethics.
- 3) We are going **GREEN** and reducing our carbon foot print.



Standards Committee Report

More details to come of when this survey is available and ready for dissemination.

Leadership and Regional Conferences

Sorors that are attending upcoming Leadership Summit and North Atlantic Regional Conference please consider attending workshops on Standards and Operations. This information will assist you and our chapter in operating more effectively and efficiently to ensure compliance to our sorority's policies and procedures.

Transition Reminder

Reminder for all outgoing 2019 officers and committee chairman please make that you complete and sign off on the Tau Omega Transition Form. This form must be completed in its entirety and provided to the incoming 2020 officer and committee chairman. Once this form is completed, please email an electronic copy to our Standards committee email for our records.

Need to get in contact with the Standards committee?

*Please email us at: Standards@akatauomega.com
Have a happy and healthy 2020 Sorors!*

*Respectfully Submitted,
Soror Micah O. Hasegawa
Standards Chairman*



TAU OMEGA CHAPTER MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS



TAU OMEGA CHARITABLE TRUST FUND, INC.

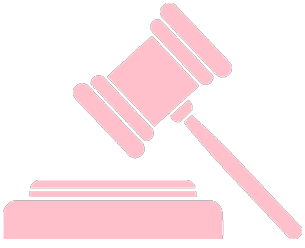
ANNUAL MEETING

- It is that time of year, when you can see where your money (donations) are going.
- Ask questions regarding how the Charitable Trust Fund is run and operated.
- Learn how to properly request money from the Fund, which is in your 2020 budget.
- Understand the correct paperwork which should be utilized in order to receive funds and the proper steps which need to be followed. Eg. Always going through Chapter/Executive Board for prior approval.
For staying within your committee's budget allowance.
- The meeting is short and consist and all committee chairs and/or representatives, who plan to get funds from the Charitable Trust Fund, should plan to attend.
At least one member from every committee should be there.

See you on **Saturday January 18th at 11:30 am,**
right before Reclaiming Pearls program, at Kennedy
Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Soror Rosalyn Graves Wilson
Tau Omega Charitable Trust Chairman





Parliamentary Corner

Familiarity with our documents enables each of us to function most effectively in the Sorority. To assist us in that regard each month we will have a “read-along” to review specific sections of the Corporate and Chapter Bylaws. Once read, if there are any questions or need for clarification, please email the Parliamentarian and a response will be provided in the next month’s newsletter.

The current versions of the documents are the 2018 Corporate Bylaws and April 2019 Chapter Bylaws. If you don’t have a copy please see me.

January Read-Along

Document	Article	Pages
Corporate Constitution	Article VII - Chapters	5
Corporate Bylaws	Article III - Chapters	21 -26
Chapter Bylaws	Article V - Membership	10 - 11

The current versions of the documents a Recommendations for amendments to the Chapter Bylaws or Standing Rules should be submitted to the Parliamentarian for consideration by the Bylaws Committee. When submitting proposed amendments please include the referenced Article, Section and current text, your recommendation for how the Article, Section should read and the rationale for the change.

Happy Reading!

Sisterly,
Wendy P. Malliet
Parliamentarian
Wpm102@gmail.com



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Application Updates

The Thelma Berlack Boozer Scholarship application is on line. Sorors please spread the word to high school seniors who live in Manhattan or attend school in Manhattan. The application is on the Tau Omega website. The final day for completed applications is Friday April 3, 2020.

A Note From Scholarship Recipient

I am expressing my sincere gratitude to all the members of Tau Omega committee for considering me for the spring 2020 semester scholarship. I appreciate the much needed help to my family and me since it would be financially burdensome without your support. I would like to wish everyone a healthy new year, abundance of blessings for 2020.

Silent Auction Update

We are giving the Chapter an opportunity to bid on three items that were not taken at our recent silent auction. All proceeds from the Silent Auction sales go to the Trust and help to fund the many community activities and scholarships that the Trust supports.

Auction Item Details:

1. Essence Cultural Festival 2020 July 4th Weekend in New Orleans.

A Pair of Tickets for three Nights of Entertainment Valued at \$2,000.00+ is being auctioned for a beginning price of \$1,000.00 increments have been reduced from \$100.00 to \$50.00. The lowest bid you can start off with is \$1,000.00 the next person who wants to out bid you only has to put \$1,050.00 The auction winner will receive, on essence stationary, a letter indicating entitlement to two vouchers good for three nights of outstanding entertainment. Soror Dana Baxter got this donation for us. Please make your checks out to The Tau Omega Charitable Trust Fund. This is a very nice gift to share with a special friend, or even to purchase for Valentine's Day gift that will be celebrated in July.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



Auction Item Details:

2. A week's Vacation on Martha's Vineyard

115 Manchester Avenue Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts

One week in 2020, to be negotiated with the owner, Soror Dorinda Hazel- Forde and her spouse, Dr. Ford , with the exception of August. August 2020 is not available. The house has four bedrooms, 3.5 baths, modern eat in kitchen, WiFi, washer dryer, air conditioning, a large deck and grill and television. The beach is ten minutes away by car. A maximum of eight people can occupy the property. Once you schedule your week you will have to pay a refundable \$400.00 security deposit directly to the owner. The winning bid does not include the security deposit which is paid to the owner up to one month before arrival. A copy of the lease will be available at Chapter meeting.

Opening bid \$ 1,500.00 Increments \$100.00

2. A week's Vacation on Martha's Vineyard

3. Soror Jonnie Marshall has donated one week at her vacation home at 69 Colonial Drive in Vineyard Haven Massachusetts. The owner is willing to negotiate a week in 2020 for the bid price which, goes to The Tau Omega Charitable Trust. The tenant will pay a \$200 security deposit directly to the owner. The deposit covers cleaning after the tenant leaves and any damages that may occur. A maximum of ten people may occupy the property. The split level house has five bedrooms, two baths (one on each level), modern kitchen, WiFi, television, is handicapped accessible, on site parking, downtown supermarkets are in walking distance, the beach is ten minutes away by car. A copy of the lease will be at Chapter meeting.

Opening bid \$1,600.00 Increments \$100.00


Thank you for your sisterly support,
Soror Audrey Williams Myers



TARGET NEWS

Target III is requesting each Soror to begin tracking their black dollar spend. Black Dollar 365 tracks both black owned business and Greek owned establishments along with the amount spent.


Sisterly Regards,
Soror Chante'
(LaChante)



TAU OMEGA CHAPTER OF
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
INVITES SORORS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO

DRUMFOLK BY STEP AFRIKA!

Hosted by the Target 4 - The Arts!



NEW VICTORY THEATER
209 WEST 42ND ST. NEW YORK, NY 10036
SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 AT 12PM
Tickets can be reserved at NewVictory.org using code **DFAKA20**
If you have any questions please email Soror Njeri at njerikhalea1908@gmail.com

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY SORORS!

- 7 – Regina Fleming
- 8 – Karen Myrie
- 9 – Shani Brown
- 11 – Melanie Walker
- 13 – Christine Dudley
- 15 – Haydee Brown
- 19 – Ruther Miller
- 19 – Jonelle Saunders
- 24 - Shaneka Morris
- 24 - Megan Wallace
- 25 – Ericka Stroble
- 26 – Wanda Jones
- 26 – Barbara Young
- 26 – Sherelle Princeton
- 30 – Kristin Rich
- 31 – Louise Davis Wilson
- 31 – Kim DeBerry



NEW MEMBERS

Introducing the ladies of F.A.T.E



Tau Omega would like to give a warm sisterly welcome to 24 new members

TAU OMEGA CHAPTER MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAU OMEGA IN THE COMMUNITY



Tau Omega spreading holiday cheer at the Harlem Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation!

TAU OMEGA CHAPTER MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SISTERLY RELATIONS



Sorors celebrate membership at our annual Holiday Party!

TAU OMEGA CHAPTER LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tau Omega 2020 Chapter Officers and Committee Officers

Officers

Officers	Name	Phone	Email Address
Basileus	Michelle B. Hardy	917-405-3818	michellehardy805@gmail.com
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Omicron Theta	Doris B. Mitchell	718 924 0292	dorisbmitchell@gmail.com
Membersat-large	Nicole Jordan	302 983 7180	ms.nicole.j.jordan@gmail.com
	C. Virginia Fields	917-558-3475	cvafields@aol.com
Historian	Doris Conner	212-927-8558	dorisrcaka1962@aol.com
Chaplain	Christine Dudley	917-816-3505	cdmd13@aol.com

Standing Committees

Executive	Michelle B. Hardy
Programs	Valerie Henderson
Membership	Melissa Forde
Finance	Star McDade
By-Laws	Wendy P. Malliet
Standards	Micah O. Hasegawa
Archives	Karen Myrie
Graduate Advisors :	
Lambda	Dorinda Hazell-Forde
Omicron Theta	Doris B. Mitchell
Nominating	Sharon Bryant
AKA Connections	Malikka Karteron
Fundraising	
95 th Anniversary	Choddie Bryant/Nicole Jordan
Pink Ice	Nicole Summers/Elizabeth Sumpster
Housing	TBA
Scholarship	Audrey Williams Myers
Sisterly Relations	Latoya Finney

Operations

EAF Chapter Captain	SharleneR. Forbes
Mentoring	Melissa Trotman
Proposals/Grants	Christine Dudley
Protocol	Doris Mitchell
Rituals	Sylvia Sandridge
Technology	Meshawn Johnson
Strategic Planning	C. Virginia Fields/Athena Moore
Risk Management	Janelle Mattews

Program Targets

Target 1: HBCU 4 Life: A Call to Action - Chairman : **Sharon Cook**
 Signature Program #CAP Co-Chairman **Carmen Neely**
 Co-Chairman **Chanelle Smalls**

Target 2: Women's Healthcare & Wellness - Co-Chairman: **Icilma Fergus Rowe**
 Co-Chairman: **Keisha Jones**

Heart Health Nutrition & Wellness Care for the Caregivers
 Breast Cancer Awareness & Prevention

Target 3: Building Your Economic Legacy - Co-Chairman: **Chante Robertson**
 Co-Chairman: **Choddie Bryant**

Personal Financial Planning and Asset Accumulation
 Credit Repair and Monitoring Operation AKA Assist
 Entrepreneurship and the Black Dollar 36 5

Target 4: The Arts! - Co-Chairmen: **June Townes/Kim Singleton**
 Salute to the Harlem Renaissance
 Salute to the Black Arts Movement

Target 5: Global Impact - Co-Chairmen: **Diane Foster/Deana Nelson**
 National Global Impact Day Soles 4 Souls Pillowcase Project

Global Assistance Activities Lions Club International
 Refugees in America Assistance Program (RAAP)

Organizational Liaisons

TBA

The Greater Harlem Chambers of Commerce:

NPHC: **Keisha Jones**

