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From The Desk of the Basileus



Hello Sorors!

Welcome to the November, 2018 edition of The Brooklyn Pearl!

Happy Anniversary Delta Rho Omega! Delta Rho Omega was chartered 71 years ago on November 15, 1947. Delta Rho Omega has a rich legacy of serving Brooklyn and leading with Power and Purpose and being Passionate about the mission and sisterhood of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

As we enter into the season of gratitude, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the areas in your lives that give you peace and happiness. I am grateful for God’s grace and the love of my family, sorors, and friends. I’m also grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for your willingness to serve and for continuing to carry the torch that was lit by our Charter Members 71 years ago.

Sorors, don’t forget to indicate your steps on the Facebook ‘Walking with the Basileus’ group page. In addition, please tally your steps from the last meeting and forward your total to Soror Sharon Fortune-Bowden (Pearl Team), Soror Wanda Berry-Joseph (Silver Team) and me (Golden Team) in order to receive recognition at the chapter meeting. Please note that your steps are your personal best as we all strive to maintain our health.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Cluster III conference on November 10, 2018. The deadline for registration is November 5, 2018. If you need assistance with registration, please see me at the November chapter meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy this season of gratitude with your family and friends.

Sisterly,

Soror Victoria W. Thomas

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” ~ John F. Kennedy



First Anti-Basileus' Message

Greetings Sorors,

In this season of gratitude, I want to share a huge 'thank you' to all who work with our programs in the Delta Rho Omega Chapter.

Gracias * Merci Beaucoup * Domo Arigato * Danke Shon

Sorors, we have been Exemplifying Excellence the Brooklyn Way and it's exciting. The program committee has been planning training sessions for our Chairs. The sessions will be helpful to all in and out of AKA. The first session will be a 'Wine Down Webinar' with Soror Shiara Robinson on November 28th, 2018 at 7:30pm. That's right, you can get this information without leaving your warm home. All committee chairs or a representative should be on this webinar.

The Program Committee has also taken on a program and it's the Pink Crawl. We will host this event on Small Business Saturday, November 28th, 2018 from 11-3pm. Sorors, we cannot wait to share the information with you. Some of the vendors are more excited than we are and are curating some of the wares JUST FOR US. Our very own Soror Tricia Lee (small business owner of Move Me 2 BK) has sponsored some of the goodies that you will receive on the day of the tour. The cost for the tour is \$10 and you can access the link on Eventbrite. Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration has offered the Business Solutions Center for the kick-off on and Rustik Tavern has graciously agreed to be our wrap up. Sorors, we are still getting community partners as I type these words.

The legacy of this awesome Chapter goes before it every time we engage with a community partner. They remember the service, they remember the commitment, and they remember the pink and green.

Happy Thanksgiving Sorors; may your season of gratitude be stuffed with goodness and grace.

Cheers

Soror Karen St. Hilaire

Program Chair

Second Anti-Basileus' Message



Greetings Sorors,

Happy Month of Thanksgiving!

I pray that your year thus far has been full of blessings and your heart if full of thanksgiving! And for those, whose year has not been so bright, I assure you that God can change your situation in the twinkling of an eye. Please be encouraged in knowing that your peace and blessings are on the way!

Last month, Membership went in search of our Lost Pearls and made strides to bring them home to Delta Rho Omega. This month, we are focusing on the Pearls that made Delta Rho Omega their home this year. Soror Marvelie Tribie, our New Member Coordinator, will be reaching out to all newly reactivated or transferred sorors to check-in on your transition into the chapter. She will contact all sorors who transferred or reactivate into the chapter this year via phone and/or email. You may also reach out to her directly at mtaka1908@aol.com. It is our goal that all sorors feel welcomed and continue to grow in Delta Rho Omega!

Let's also remember during this time our sorors who have lost a loved one this year. The holiday season can be hard after a loss. Reach out with a hug, a card, or a phone call. I'm sure the thought will be greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Sorors!

With sisterly love,

Soror Tiffanie Young

Membership Chair

November 2018 Hostess Committee

Soror Danielle Wilkins, Captain

Soror Kinshasa Best	Soror Carole Jenkins
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Greetings from the Hodegoi

As we prepare for the month of November, a month typically dedicated to giving thanks in American culture, let us remain in gratitude for the many blessings in our lives. No matter how big or small, we must recognize that each moment in our lives is a gift from God, a personal invitation to find joy and delight in those things that give us life and bring us happiness. It is important that we keep this gratitude in our hearts as we continue to live each day with purpose and intent. May this autumn season remind us of the many reasons we continue to say “thank you” with love and grace for all that we are and all that we have.

Soror Christina and Soror Deena

“For me, every hour is grace. And I feel gratitude in my heart every time I can meet someone and look at his or her smile.”

-Elie Weisel (1928-2016)

Happy Birthday Sorors!

- 11/5 Soror Denyce Holgate-Wilkins
- 11/8 Soror Jennaydra Jordan
- 11/9 Soror Kayona Walker-Hall
- 11/13 Soror Monique Holaman
- 11/19 Soror Sharon Fortune-Bowden
- 11/19 Soror Tytiana Reeves-Payne
- 11/20 Soror Jessica Martin
- 11/21 Soror Carla Greene-Felix
- 11/22 Soror Tanesah Francis
- 11/24 Soror Helen Drew
- 11/25 Soror Ellen McCatty
- 11/26 Soror Joan Tropnas
- 11/27 Soror Peta-Gayle White
- 11/27 Soror Patricia Weston-McNabb
- 11/29 Soror Keisha Creft



Thinking of you Soror...

Please continue to keep our Sorors in your thoughts and prayers:

- Soror Octavia Hill and her family in the passing of her uncle, Mr. Lucious A. Moss of Birmingham, AL.
- Soror Marlene Linen and her family as they mourn the loss of her newborn niece, born a few days ago.

Congratulations, Soror!!

- To Soror Brittney Sinclair on her new position as a Policy Analyst for the Department of Corrections...
- To Soror Jennaydra Jordan on her new position as a Financial Advisor with New York Life Insurance Company...
- To Delta Rho Omega Chapter for receiving an award from the Brooklyn Chapter of the United Nations Association for her continuous partnership in hosting UN Day and commitment to support the UN's global initiatives.

Sisterly Relations - November 2018

Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful...

AKA Flea Market – October 2018

Thank you to all Delta Rho Omega Sorors who participated in our DRO Flea market sponsored by the Sisterly Relations & EAF committees. We made \$279.00 in total: \$140 from the bags & tees and \$139 from the bake sale. Thank you Sorors Ayanna Oliver, Randa Henry-Jenkins, and Tamika Goodridge for selling and collecting money. A special thank you to Soror Eve Lane of PINK COCOA for the donations.

Gratitude Brunch - November 2018

In honor of Thanksgiving, the Sisterly Relations committee is hosting a “Gratitude Brunch.” We are thankful for our sisterhood. Our gratitude brunch will be on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 2:00 pm. Please RSVP to the Evite or at this Saturday’s chapter meeting.



**Gratitude Brunch: Thankful
for our Sisterhood!**

Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 PM

Delta Rho Omega Sisterly Relations Committee

Sweet Science
135 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn NY 11206

In honor of Thanksgiving, the
Sisterly Relations committee is hosting

A Gratitude Brunch: We are Thankful for Our Sisterhood

The cost is \$40 per person. Please RSVP your intent to attend by
no later than, Sunday, November 11, 2018.

Cash Payments can be made:

November 3, 2018 at Chapter Meeting

November 9, 2018 at BK9 (6pm - 9pm)

For your convenience, payments can also be made via:

Venmo - @Bunmi-Olosunde

Zelle Quick Pay - ZeMine@aol.com

If you have any questions, please reach out to:

Soror Kelly - KMarieMingo@gmail.com
Soror Bunmi - NoApologies1908@gmail.com

Sisterly,

Sorors Kelly-Marie and Bunmi

Alvin Ailey - December 2018

It's that time of the year again and we are gearing up for our annual Sisterly Relations trip to Alvin Ailey!!! This year, Alvin Ailey celebrates its 60th anniversary at New York City Center. The outing will take place on **Thursday, December 27, 2018**. The price of each ticket is \$70 per person. \$70 includes the price of your ticket and a pre-show gathering. All monies are due at this Saturday's chapter meeting. We are asking Sorors to pay during the social hour so we can turn all the money in. The committee is looking forward to this event as this show will have new numbers performed for the anniversary.



Brooklyn Nets – February 2019

African American Heritage Night

Friday, February 8th vs. Chicago Bulls

Pre-Game Bill Board Lounge Social

Lower Level seats begin at \$80

Upper Level seats begin at \$45

All seats will include a Brooklyn Nets Hoodie

Halftime Greek Showcase

All NPHC chapters are welcome

Each chapter in attendance will choose 1-2 members to join the Stroll showcase at Halftime.

- o Orgs will be graded based on crowd engagement
- o Winning organization to receive Brooklyn Nets Premium gift!




YOU'RE INVITED

African American Heritage Night

Brooklyn Nets vs. Chicago Bulls
Friday, February 8th | 7:30 PM

Pre-Game Bill Board Lounge Social
Halftime NPHC Greek Stroll Showcase

Please contact Corderius Seay @ (718) -942-9564 or
cseay@brooklynnets.com for further details.

WE GO HARD. 

Soror Spotlight: Carol-Ann Huggins



By: Soror Abimbola Kai-Lewis

Soror Carol-Ann Huggins coordinated several successful partnerships between Delta Rho Omega and organizations such as Operation Prom and the Office of Senator Kevin Parker. In this Soror Spotlight, she discusses the development of these collaborations. Moreover, Soror Huggins shares information about forthcoming linkages with Kings Plaza and NYU Langone Health. Her responses appear below.

Q: When and where were you initiated?
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A: I was initiated in the Alpha Mu Chapter – Brooklyn, NY in Fall 1991

Q: When did you join Delta Rho Omega? What attracted you to the chapter?
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A: I joined DRO in 2011. For many years, Sorors Sharifa and Josie encouraged me to reactivate. Since DRO is Alpha Mu’s sponsoring chapter, there are many familiar faces from my undergrad years, so joining was a no brainer.

Q: You have been an integral part in forming partnerships with Operation Prom and Senator Kevin Parker. How did these partnerships begin?
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A: The Operation Prom-Brooklyn partnership started with their first giveaway in 2013. They were looking for help with donations and seeking assistance on the day of the event. Sorors Antonia, Quintasia and Racheal and I had no idea what to expect. Nevertheless, we showed up and worked like crazy. We made a good impression and OP-Brooklyn’s Chapter Directors kept in touch. We are one of the few organizations with continued involvement. Just recently, one of the Chapter directors told me that she would be devastated if the chapter discontinued this partnership.

A: Representatives from Senator Parker’s office were in attendance at OP-Brooklyn’s first giveaway and invited us to do a sorority showcase at their Prom Event which was two weeks later. They loved our display and appreciated our volunteer efforts. They insisted that we participate the following year. Since 2013, that partnership has expanded to include Senator Parker’s Mammography Clinic, the Holiday Toy Drive, and Harvest Fest.

Sorors Octavia and Jennaydra had major roles in encouraging and supporting the formation of new committees.

Q: What was the initial goal of the partnerships?
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A: My goals for these partnerships are doing impactful service projects in areas of the Brooklyn community typically underserved by Greeks while minimizing the financial impact on the chapter.

Q: What are the key programs associated with Operation Prom-Brooklyn and Senator Parker’s office? How has Delta Rho Omega contributed to them?
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A: There are 2 programs with Operation Prom-Brooklyn:
-A Prom Wear Giveaway in the Spring which services close to 300 high schools seniors every year. DRO contributes dresses, shoes, suits and formal accessories through our Prom Wear Drive; and volunteers on preparation and event days.

A: -A Holiday Gift-Wrapping Fundraiser which raises money to offset costs associated with the Operation Prom-Brooklyn's free Prom Wear Giveaway such as clothes transport, table and clothes-rack rentals, and light refreshments on preparation day. Each December patrons of Kings Plaza Mall receive complimentary gift-wrapping services. The tips are immediately donated to Operation Prom-Brooklyn. Last year, we helped to raise \$5,400 and wrapped approximately 2,000 gifts. DRO contributes bows and wrapping paper and volunteers for about 1/3 of the gift-wrapping days.

There are 3 programs with Senator Kevin Parker's Office:

-A Prom Wear Giveaway in the Spring which services closed to 400 middle and high school graduates. DRO contributes dresses, shoes, suits and formal accessories through our Prom Wear Drive; and volunteers on preparation and event days.

-A Mammography Clinic which is a walk-in clinic that provides free mammograms to uninsured and underinsured patients. Prior to DRO joining the program, the services were provided on a weekday afternoon only. With our encouragement, Senator Parker's office expanded this program to include a Saturday. DRO provides refreshments for patients and assists the medical center staff and as needed.

-A Holiday Toy Drive provides toys to schools, day care centers, religious organizations, ad community associations throughout Brooklyn. Last year DRO donated almost 250 toys to this cause. This was a combined effort from the Committee's Toy Drive and donations from the Fundraising Committee's Ugly Sweater Party. Along with other sponsors, approximately 1,800 toys were distributed over the 2017 Holiday Season. DRO collects and donates toys; and volunteers to sort toys for distribution.

Q: What are some of the highlights from these partnerships? What are your most memorable moments?
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A: Highlights of the partnerships included appearances on News 12, Optimum Online, and NYC 25. There were also articles and mentions in New York Amsterdam News, Brooklyn Reader, Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Caribbean Life News and press releases on nysenate.gov

The best memorable moments are from the Prom Wear Giveaways, just seeing the graduates' faces when they find their perfect outfit makes it worth every second of the time commitment.

Other memorable moments include the Chapter being presented with a Proclamation and a Resolution sponsored by Senator Kevin Parker. These awards were received for the hard work of the all committee members who dedicate 200% to the service projects.

Q: How have these partnerships contributed to the larger community? How do you think we can we sustain them?
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Since forming these partnerships, DRO has contributed to the Brooklyn Community as follows:

- Provided 2,845 graduates with formal dresses, suits, shoes and accessories (2013-2018)
- It is estimated that both free Prom Wear Giveaways provide a savings of over \$425,000 per year to graduating students
- Helped generate approximately \$12,000 in funds donated to Operation Prom-Brooklyn (2013-2017)
- Collected and donated 5,912 school supplies (2015-2016)
- Collected 566 toys (2015-2017)
- Serviced 105 women at the Mammography Clinic (2015-2017)

I am currently working on new partnerships with Kings Plaza Mall and NYU Langone Health. DRO can both sustain and form new partnerships through increased chapter participation. With minimal financial contribution, we are recognized as event sponsors, so it is important that our current and potential Program Partners observe that the chapter is truly dedicated to community service projects. If at least 20 Sorors commit 3 to 4 hours to each service project, it would make a huge difference.

DRO Highlights

The Derby Affair: Day at the Races

Delta Rho Omega and the Ivy Rose Foundation partnered with Alpha Upsilon Omega Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated for The Derby Affair: Day at the Races.



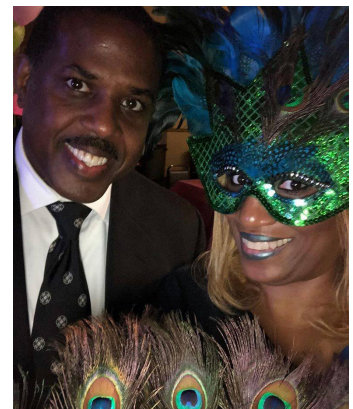
UNA - Celebration of UN Day

Delta Rho Omega was an honoree at the United Nations Association-Brooklyn Chapter UN Day Celebration on October 23, 2018.



AKAween

Delta Rho Omega ushered in Halloween with its annual AKAween celebration on Friday, October 26th.





WALKING WITH THE BASILEUS

Walk 8,000 steps per day with The Supreme Basileus and the Basileus!

- Use a fitness smartwatch or an activity tracker.
- Keep track of your daily steps.
- Create challenges with sorors to stay motivated.
- The soror with the most steps per month will get a prize at each chapter meeting.
- Contest begins September 1, 2018!
- When posting on the FB Group Walking With the Supreme please use the hashtags #DeltaRhoOmega and #PowerPurposePassion

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Delta Rho Omega Chapter

Presents
Getting to Know Your Documents Webinar

- Are you interested in having a general knowledge of the sorority documents?
- Are you interested in having a working knowledge of the rules that govern chapter operations?

PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- Review of sorority documents by Soror Victoria Thomas, Basileus
- Review of chapter documents by Soror Aisha Alleyne, Parliamentarian
- Question and Answer

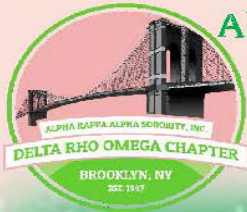
November 12, 2018
7:00 pm



eat drink and be
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GRATITUDE BRUNCH: THANKFUL FOR OUR SISTERHOOD!

HOST: Delta Rho Omega Sisterly Relations Committee
WHEN: Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 PM
WHERE: Sweet Science 135 Graham Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11206



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®

Delta Rho Omega Chapter-Brooklyn, NY

In Conjunction with State Senator Kevin Parker

Present A



Holiday Toy Drive!

Please donate new, unwrapped toys to help schools, charities, daycare centers and religious organizations put a smile on a child's face!

Donations of games, dolls, action figures, puzzles, cars, STEM sets, and much more are greatly appreciated.



For more information or to schedule a drop-off, please contact:

brooklynakas-2018toydrive@yahoo.com

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Delta Rho Omega Chapter



PINK CRAWL 2018

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

NOV 24



#shopbedstuy #powerpurposepassion #dropinkcrawl18

Register at www.aks-dro.org

November CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME
11/3/18	Social Hour/ Chapter Meeting	Monthly business meeting	YWCA 30 Third Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11217	Social Hour 2:00 - 3:00 pm Chapter Mtg. 3:00 - 6:00 pm
11/12/18	Getting to Know Your Documents Webinar		Online	7:00 pm
11/18/18	Sisterly Relations Committee Gratitude Brunch		Sweet Science 135 Graham Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11206	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
11/24/18	Pink Crawl		Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza 1368 Fulton Street Brooklyn, NY 11216	11:00 am

December CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TIME
12/6/18	Senator Kevin Parker's Holiday Toy Drive Prep Day		Senator Parker's office 3021 Tilden Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11226	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
12/8/18	Social Hour/ Chapter Meeting	Monthly business meeting	YWCA 30 Third Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11217	Social Hour 2:00 - 3:00 pm Chapter Mtg. 3:00 - 6:00 pm
12/27/18	Sisterly Relations Committee Alvin Ailey outing		New York City Center 131 W 55th Street, New York, NY 10019	7:30 pm - 11:00 pm

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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